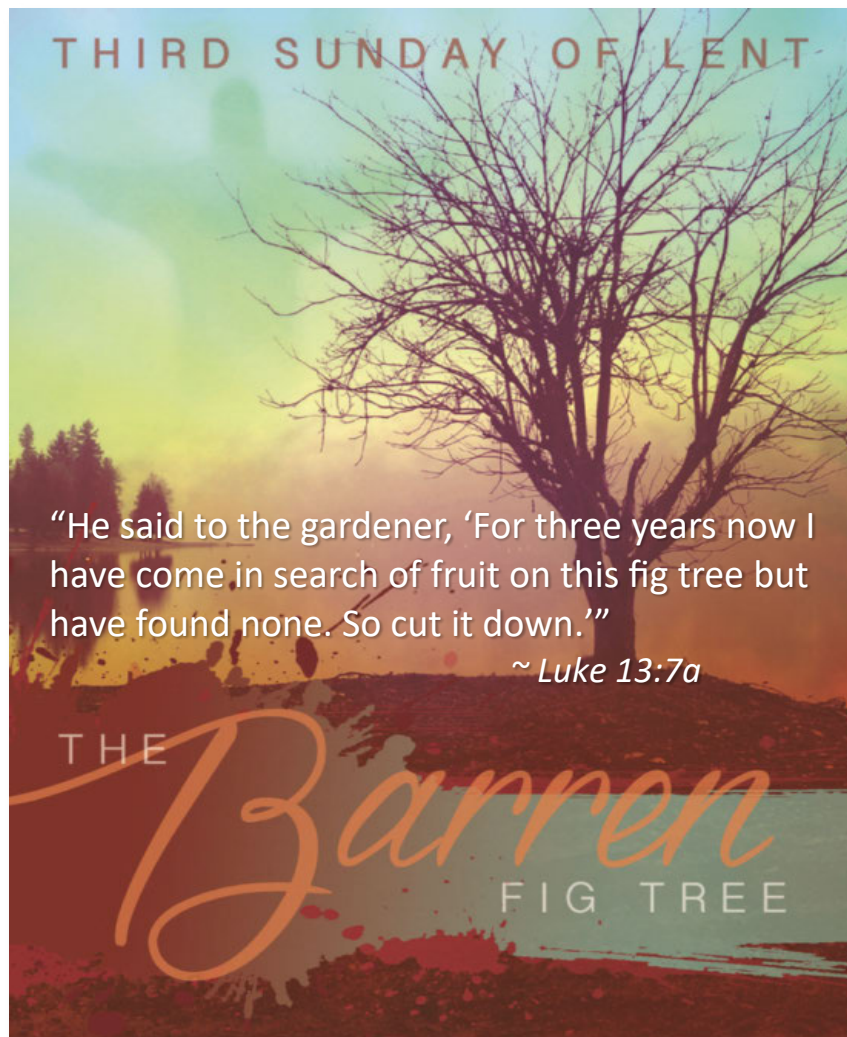


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# St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent

**ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT**  
As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.

## **Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

## **Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

## Come, Kneel Before the Lord!

Throughout the year, but particularly during Lent, there are devotions and opportunities to draw closer to Jesus! We have daily Mass and bible studies for adults. We pray a Rosary for Spiritual Warfare, every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the church, and you can also join us for a simple supper of Soup and Salad at 6:00 p.m.



on Fridays. Afterward, pray the Stations of the Cross, with our pastor, beginning at 7:00 in the church. But Father Joe also encourages us to participate in one hour of Eucharistic Adoration between 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:45 a.m. on Sunday. An hour of quiet Scripture reading and reflection, in a beautiful setting, just absorbing the beauty of the Real Presence of Christ, will be the best 60 minutes of your week!

The church feels welcoming with lit candles and soft lighting on the Monstrance with Our Lord. Feel the peace of His presence in the quietness of our church. Nothing will be demanded of you, and you don't have to think about anything in particular! It is another opportunity to have an intimate and silent conversation with Jesus every Saturday night. Yes, the quietness of gazing on His love and being gazed back by Him will bring a *"peace that surpasses all understanding."* If you would like more information, call Fr. Joe at 815-675-2288 or Carrie Shannon at 815-687-6734.



Why not use this Lent to get closer to Christ by studying the Gospel of St Luke? The Gospel of Luke Bible Study begins again on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (no joke), and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Studies will continue each Tuesday morning or Wednesday evening through April 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. Whether you are returning from the last study or registering as a new participant and need study materials, call Laura in the Parish Office at 815-675-2288. Your fee is only \$25 because St. Peter's is covering 50% of the cost!

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, St. Peter Parish is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the seven diocesan parishes, as well as Corpus Christi Monastery in Rockford, which Bishop Malloy has designated as *"gathering points for pilgrims."* This is ideal for those of us who cannot travel to Rome! *So, mark your calendars for May 1<sup>st</sup>!* Immediately following morning Mass, we will board a comfortable VanGalder bus and travel nearly 300 miles across northern Illinois. At each stop, pilgrims will have the chance to pray, celebrate reconciliation, and earn a plenary indulgence. St. Peter's is happy to pay for the bus. Lunch is on you!

*More details to follow, but in the meantime, save the date!*



"Without God, there could be no American form of government or an American way of life. Recognition of the Supreme Being is the first—the most basic—expression of Americanism. Thus, the Founding Fathers saw it, and thus, with God's help, it will continue to be."

*~ President Eisenhower ~*



## Friends in Need

St. Vincent de Paul refers to those seeking help as "Friends in Need." Our members from St. Peter's and St. Joseph's in Richmond come together to support those in our community, listening to their needs, providing assistance and connecting them with resources.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishes, we helped 143 individuals and families in 2024, providing \$29,295 in assistance for utilities, car payments, rent, medical expenses, and more. This doesn't include the generous gifts of gas and grocery cards donated at Christmas. These are often a lifeline for those in need.

We currently have 10 members and are looking for additional caring individuals to join us. If you'd like to help and join us in our passion to make a difference, please contact us at [stpeters.svdp@gmail.com](mailto:stpeters.svdp@gmail.com). If you'd like to donate, you'll find a SVdP box at the back of the church.



*Thank you for your generosity and please keep SVdP and Friends in your prayers.*

God just blessed St. Peter's  
with 3 new members!

We are happy to welcome

**Scott & JoAnne Achter and Lori Achter,**

And we're glad they took the time to register!

*Welcome*

Catholics during Lent.



St. Peter's Women's Ministry would like to thank all of our parishioners for their generosity and support of this year's Senior Diaper Drive.



*Keeping Families Covered was extremely grateful for our overflowing truckload of diapers.*

## Know Your Catholic Faith

Christians really do have the Catholic Church to thank for the Bible! Most people don't realize that it was Pope Damasus I, who canonized scripture at the Council of Rome in 382 AD. Nor do they know that chapter numbers were then added by Catholic Bishop Stephen Langton, of Canterbury, in the year 1080 AD. Then, in the year 1560, verses were added in the Geneva Bible! And did you know that the first bible to be printed was by a Catholic, Johannes Gutenberg, in the year 1455? **So, next time someone comes up to you and says that "their church" has the bible, set them straight!**

"Read assiduously and learn as much as you can. Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods, let it be resting on the sacred Page."

— St. Jerome (4th Century)



## (Practicing) Catholic The Patient Gardener

**Mini Reflection:** What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't—doesn't—give up on us. *"Give me more time,"* he says to the Master. *"I can still fix this one."*

### The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing.

*"Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"*

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds—they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't—doesn't—give up on us. *"Give me more time,"* he says to the Master. *"I can still fix this one."* ~ **Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman**

### Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let Him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let Him save us?



**WEEKENDS**  
**3/22/- 3/30/2025**

The Mass		For
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.		
Sat	4 pm	† Richard Lorang
Sun	8 am	† Ann DeSantis Kattner
	10 am	† Thomas Koncan
Tues	8 am	Peace in the Middle East
Wed	8 am	Healing for Pope Francis
Thur	8 am	For all of the sick in our Parish
Fri	8 am	† Earl Miller
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)</b>		
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.		
Sat	4 pm	† Earl Miller
Sun	8 am	† Thomas Koncan
	10 am	† Thomas J. Koncan

# Reconciliation

**Living Lent More Intently**  
**St. Peter's Lenten Confessions are**  
**Every Saturday: 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.,**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**& 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**or call Fr. Joe at 815-675-2288**  
**for an appointment**

*The Dalai Lama walks into Tammy's Pizza and asks, "Can you make me one with everything?"*

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
<b>Saturday 3/22</b> 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Maureen Terry Phil Webb
<b>Sunday 3/23</b> 8:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Chris Chinni	Sean Gosselin Dennis Wehrheim
10:00 pm	Darien Martinez	Deacon Mark <i>Mike Gullifor</i> (Choir)	Dave Harms Kathlene Harms

<b>LAETARE SUNDAY</b>			
<b>Saturday 3/29</b> 4:00 pm	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Chad Franczowski Denise Wahls
<b>Sunday 3/30</b> 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Eddie Wells	Paul Leali Vince Desecki
10:00 pm	Joanne Prato	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel</i> (Choir)	Rich Yager Mike Gordon

## Homebound Ministers

### March 23<sup>rd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Georgene Keim, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman & Steve Besetzny

### March 30<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Deacon Mark, Kathleen Van Ella, Maria Sullivan & Paul Serio

## Attention St. Peter's Athletes

We are starting softball again in April and are looking for players who would like to come out and have some fun with fellow parishioners and share fellowship with neighboring churches.

Games are played Monday evenings at 6:30 pm,  
7:30 pm or 8:30 pm at the township  
(behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks.

**Anyone who is interested can contact  
Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976.**

**Thank you for your time and PLAY BALL!**

Fridays

Pray the  
Stations  
of the  
Cross

As we journey with Jesus on His way to Calvary,  
beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> for

† **Arnold & Isabelle May Family**

May this light which reminds us of  
Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary  
Welcome them into eternal peace.



**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into  
your hands, all fellow parishioners  
we know and love, who are ill or injured  
and in need of Your healing touch.  
Jesus, be with them all, especially:**

Marguerite Baranov  
Kevin Bauer  
Deb Christian  
Debra Cooke  
Phyllis Ehlers  
Deacon Eugene Damian  
Sandy Devine  
Robert Fenrich  
Carol Flatley  
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Gloria Strzelczyk  
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If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit **StPeterCatholicChurch.org** and **after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.**



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**Confessions:** Sat. 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. (or by appointment)

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**

**Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

• K of C Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

• **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

**Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed**

• Soup & Salad Supper - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm

• Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

• **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**

• **Faith Formation Classes: Grades 1/2 & 3/4 - 5:30 pm**



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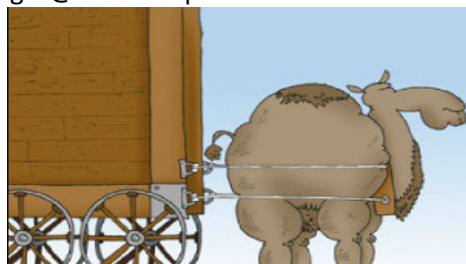


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**MARRIAGES** - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

**HOLY COMMUNION** - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

**REGISTRATION** - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at [StPeterCatholicChurch.org](http://StPeterCatholicChurch.org)

**HOSPITAL VISITS** - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling 815-675-2288

**FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS** - are to be made in consultation with Father.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK** - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

**Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call 815-675-2339**

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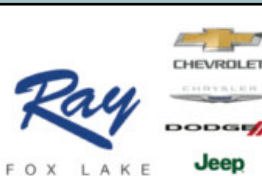
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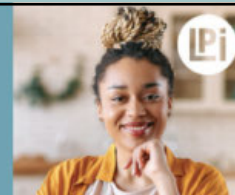
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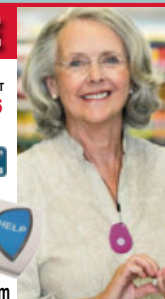
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