



Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ (Laetare)

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.

Do You Use Holy Water?

It's unfortunate that many Catholics use Holy Water only for dipping their fingers into when they come into church, without realizing it's true power. Holy Water is a sacramental, meaning it is a powerful instrument of God's grace! When Msgr. Joe blesses the Holy Water used at St. Peter's, he prays an ancient blessing asking for protection, purification and spiritual strength wherever it is sprinkled. In fact, St. Theresa of Avila said, "Nothing drives away the devil more effectively than Holy Water." Here are suggested ways to use it in your homes.



- Bless yourself every morning and night.
- Sprinkle it around your home for protection.
- Bless your children before they sleep.
- Use it during spiritual attacks; it is a weapon against evil.

So, next time you come to Mass, bring a plastic Holy water bottle or a clean mason jar and fill them to the rim! The Blessed water can be found in the large metal urn, just to the right of the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



St. Peter's Church will be taking a Bus tour To celebrate the 2025 Jubilee! Come along and be a Pilgrim of Hope!

Date: May 1st
Cost: \$12
Departure time: 7:30 a.m.
Return to St. Peter's: 5:00 p.m.

Only 52 seats available on our VanGalder bus, so reserve your spot today by calling the parish office at 815-675-2288. We will be traveling to all eight of the diocesan locations in one day of faith, community and fun! Boxed lunch and snacks will be provided as well as rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. and some Catholic trivia while we travel. Did you know that if you make this pilgrimage, you will be granted a Jubilee Plenary Indulgence? It's true! See the Diocese of Rockford website for more information about this special grace!

In Christian charity, pray for the eternal rest of

Judy Reidel,

whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, March 21st

And kindly pray for the repose of the soul of **Glenn Pontious.**

laid to rest on Saturday, March 29th

Eternal rest grant unto **Judy and Glenn**, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*.





ALL ARTICLES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH (PALM SUNDAY)

ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

(EASTER SUNDAY)

ARTICLES DUE: THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH



Our Congratulations and Best Wishes go to

Zach & Lauren Rygiel,
Joined in Marriage
on March 22nd!

The Dangers of Assisted Suicide in Illinois

The 104th IL General Assembly is considering legalizing physician assisted suicide in the state through **Senate Bill 9** and **House Bill 1328**. Our Catholic faith and common sense dictate that we must oppose this legislation.

- Assisted suicide is the act of intentionally helping a person end his or her life, usually with a doctor prescribing the drugs to do so.
- It is immoral to hasten or facilitate ending any human life.
- A better way forward is to expand the number and availability of palliative care programs in Illinois.
- The American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and dozens of medical groups oppose assisted suicide.
- · Physician assisted suicide is suicide.

HOW TO HELP:

Visit <u>www.rockforddiocese.org/life/opposing-assisted-suicide</u> to learn how to actively oppose this legislation.

As believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?

Pope St. John Paul II



St. Peter's Women's Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, April 1st in the Parish Hall

Rosary - 6:45 p.m.
Business Meeting - 7:15 p.m.
Please join us on Tuesday, April 1st
for our next SPWM Meeting.

We will be holding elections for new officers, and planning for Bunco after our meeting.

Save the Date!

Knights of Columbus
Shrimp Boil
Saturday, April 12th



In the Parish Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Suggested Offering: \$20 per person.

Reservations Required by Wednesday, April 9th to reserve your seat!

Contact Lee M. Jones at L.Jones@mchsi.com



St. Peter's Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2025

When: Saturday, April 19th

Where: St. Peter's Parish

(We will start on the front lawn.)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

What: egg hunt, crafts, refreshments, visit/pictures with the Easter Bunny & Prizes



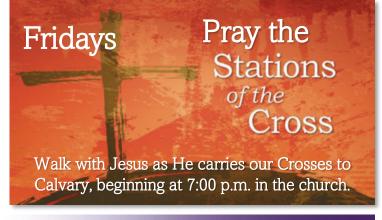
We need volunteers and donations!
Check the donation baskets and fillable egg bags at the Faith Formation entrances and at the Church entrances.

Donations are due back to St. Peter's by April 8th.

Call or email Jacqui Wold if you are able to help

847-209-0551

woldj22@yahoo.com



(Practicing) Catholic The Apology

Mini Reflection: God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

The Apology

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion—not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. Why are you doing this? some people would ask. God doesn't need this.

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



The Mass

WEEKENDS 3/29/- 4/6/2025

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CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	t	Earl Miller
Sun	8 am	t	Thomas Koncan
	10 am	t	Thomas J. Koncan
Tues	8 am	†	Maggie Arseneau
Wed	8 am		Complete Healing for Pope Francis
Thur	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
Fri	8 am		Scholle-Sompel Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 2:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	t	Deceased Members of the Ben May Family
Sun	8 am	†	Mike Hagi
	10 am	t	Dan & Joe Vucovich



Join us before praying the Stations of the Cross for a simple Lenten Supper and fellowship Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

Putin dies and goes to hell, but after awhile, the devil allowed him one day back on earth. So, he stops at a bar in Moscow and asked the bartender, "Is Crimea ours?" "Yes," the man responded. "Is Donbas?" asked Putin. "That's also ours," said the bartender. "How about Kiev?" "Ours!" Putin was so happy and before going back to hell, he asked, "How much do I owe you?" "5 euros," said the bartender.



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	
LAETARE SUNDAY				
Saturday 3/29 4:00 pm	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls	
Sunday 3/30 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Eddie Wells	Paul Leali Vince Desecki	
10:00 pm	Joanne Prato	Carol Rygiel Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Rich Yager Mike Gordon	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT				

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Saturday 4/5 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Denise Wahls Rich Wirch		
Sunday 4/6 8:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Deacon Mark	Tom Fanella Sean Gosselin		
10:00 pm	Stan Tinsley	Marge Ladner Mike Gullifor (Choir)	Jeff Miller Tom Straley		

Homebound Ministers

March 30th: 4th Sunday of Lent

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

April 6th: 5th Sunday of Lent

Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman, Georgene Keim & Thomas Gough

PLAY BALL!!!

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 p.m., 7:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. at the township

(behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks.

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

One Wonders.

What would happen if Elon Musk bought
Planned Parenthood?
Would people start burning abortion clinics?

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 23rd through April 5th 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:

Marquerite Baranov Kevin Bauer Deb Christian Debra Cooke Phyllis Ehlers Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley George P. Gemberling Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Edward Johnson Diana Kattner Joseph Keim Nancy Klein Ronald Klein Lawrence Lord Caroline Madson Deborah Maliszewski Maria Maziarz Denise Meyers Larry Meyers

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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.

A priest, a minister and a rabbit entered a clinic to donate blood. The nurse asked the rabbit, "What's your blood type?" "I'm probably a type-O," said the rabbit.

Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 30th - 4th Sunday of Lent

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- Faith Formation Classes: Grades 1/2 & 3/4 5:30 pm

Monday, March 31st - Parish Office Closed Tuesday, April 1st

- Morning Bible Study Parish Hall 9:00 am
- SPWM Meeting Parish Hall 6:45 pm

Wednesday, April 2nd

- Spiritual Warfare Rosary 6:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study Parish Hall 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 3rd

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, April 4th - Parish Officed Closed

- Soup & Salad Supper Parish Hall 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 5th

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

Sunday, April 6th - 5th Sunday of Lent

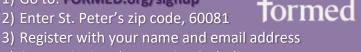
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- Faith Formation Classes: Grades 5/6 & 7/8 5:30 pm



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PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

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

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.

ANOINTING 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

KNIGHTS' CORNER WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting - Tuesday, April 8th Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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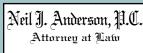
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