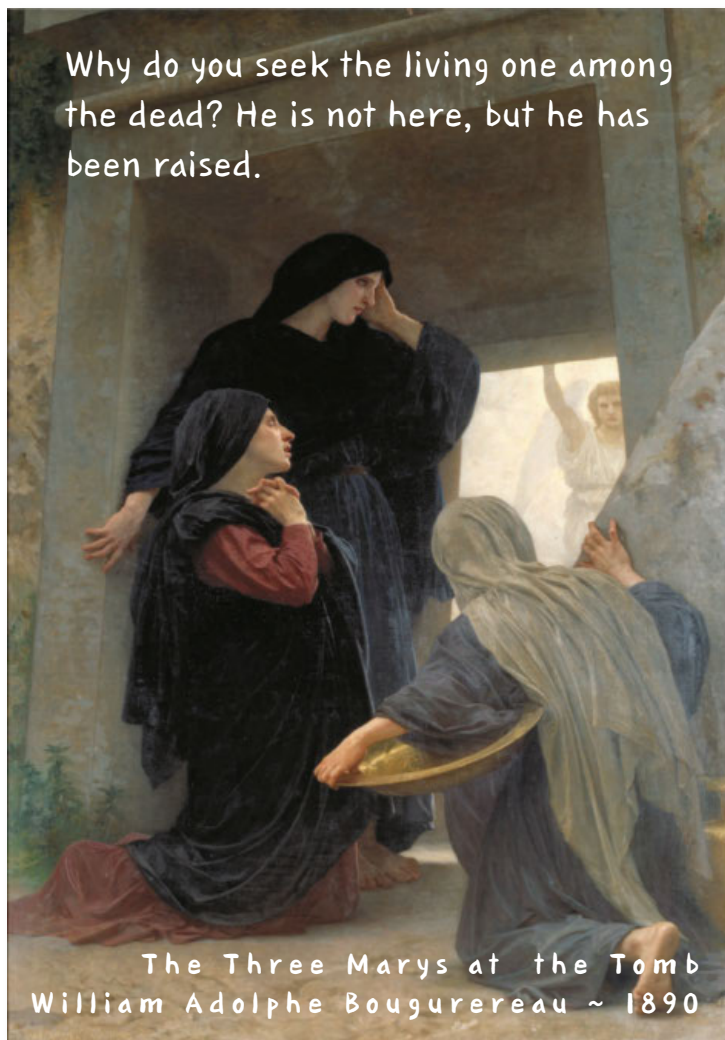




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Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.



The Three Marys at the Tomb
William Adolphe Bouguereau ~ 1890

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

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.

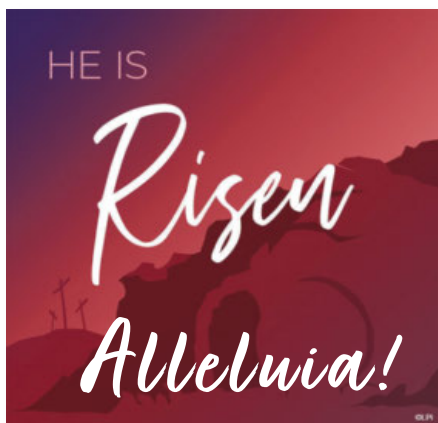
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Recognize that your Father in Heaven wants you to come home.



"The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is—trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive," Jesus told St. Faustina.

"Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me, because I pour all the treasures of My Graces into them. I rejoice that they ask for much, because it is My desire to give much, very much. On the other hand, I am sad when souls ask for little, when they narrow their hearts."

Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul

YOUR LENTEN ALMS

If you saved and are giving alms this Lent, may God bless you! This year, our chosen charity is the Wounded Warrior Project. We kindly ask you to return the Lenten banks, which were handed out on Ash Wednesday, as soon as possible. Simply hand them to an usher, when you come to Mass next weekend, and we will send it to our wounded warriors right away!



"Once as the tree of torture known—now the bright gate to Jesus' throne."
St. Peter Damian

Martha Koukol

became a registered member
and we're so glad she did!

**Welcome, Martha, and
Happy Easter!**

Welcome

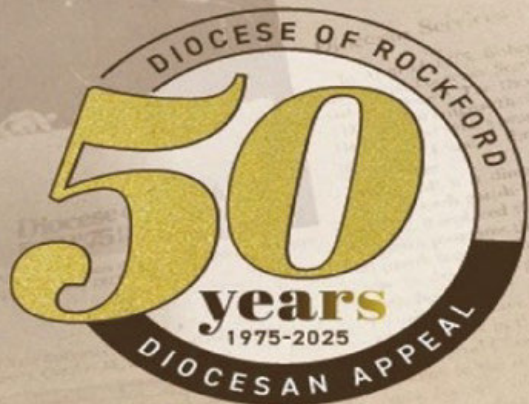
If you are looking for a spiritual home in which you can love God and serve your neighbor, we would love to welcome you, too!

Just call the parish office at 815-675-2288, and Laura will be happy to register you.



May 1st is the perfect day to make a pilgrimage, throughout our diocese, for this Jubilee Year of Hope! We will board our chartered VanGalder bus and depart from St. Peter's at 7:30 a.m. We will travel to all eight of the diocesan locations, praying the rosary and playing Catholic Trivia along the way! Did you know that pilgrims on this journey will be granted a Jubilee Plenary Indulgence? To learn more about this special grace, visit the Diocese of Rockford website.

Your cost is only \$12 for lunch. Everything else is covered by St. Peter's! So, reserve your seat today by calling the Parish Office at 815-675-2288.



It's everyone's favorite time of the year! No, not Spring. Not Easter either. Its' time for Father Joe's annual talk on stewardship and the Diocesan Appeal! This year, St. Peter's target amount is \$53,529. This is an important appeal for us because it supports diocesan ministries on which our little parish relies. And the funds raised also support Catholic Schools, the formation of our future priests, deacons and lay leaders, Catholic Charities, and outreach programs that feed the hungry and provide shelter for people who are homeless.

Should we fail to raise that amount, the remaining balance would be taken from our parish savings. But on the other hand, 100% of any amount we raise over and above that target amount, will come back to St. Peter's to use for our own ministries, maintenance of our own facilities, and taking care of families who have fallen on hard times.

In the meantime, look for Fr. Joe's letter in your mailbox, and may God bless you for your participation in the important appeal!

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS



7th Annual Spring Bunco Ladies Night Out
Friday, May 2nd, 2025 – Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
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Registration Forms will be available on St. Peter's Website
and at the church entrances

As a parishioner, if you'd like to donate to this event, we're welcoming any gift cards that we can add to the raffle baskets, it is completely OPTIONAL. But if you feel so inclined, please drop them off in the parish office no later than April 24th, 2025. We appreciate your valued support as always!



Did you get a tax refund from the government and you don't know what to do with it? Why not give the entire amount to this year's Diocesan Appeal, which is only two weeks away? If that doesn't grab you, why not give half to the annual Appeal and spend the other half on a wonderful pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey! Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul and allow his epistles to come alive for you! Celebrate daily Mass with Fr. Paul Stein and sing long as Craig Colson leads us. This pilgrimage leaves Chicago on October 8th and returns on the 18th, and it does include a 3-day cruise around the Greek Isles. For more information, scan the barcode found on the posters near all the church doors, or contact Craig at craig.colson@gmail.com

(Practicing) Catholic THE SEARCH

Mini Reflection: Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

The Search

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: *God*. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him—somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs. It's a comforting fact, really—a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. *Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?*

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend—the disciple whom he loved—ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him—in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. *He's left us*, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong. There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him. Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
4/19/- 4/27/2025

| The Mass | | For | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|-----------------------------------------|
| HOLY SATURDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | | | |
| | 7:45 pm | † | Chester Bahrke |
| EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | | | |
| | 8 am | † | Robert Schaffner |
| | 10 am | † | Mark Mucek |
| Tuesday - Wednesday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m. | | | |
| Tues | 8 am | † | Ted Bednarz |
| Wed | 8 am | | 90 th Birthday of Toni Crane |
| Thur | 8 am | † | Greg Zito |
| Fri | 8 am | † | Arnold & Isabelle May |
| DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | | | |
| CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M. | | | |
| | 4 pm | † | Bruno & Genevieve Witek |
| | 8 am | † | Rita Chinni |
| | 10 am | † | Peter Keim |

Divine Mercy Sunday

“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

Diary of Saint Faustina, 699

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Ushers |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| EASTER VIGIL | | | |
| Saturday 4/19 7:45 pm | Karyn Leali | Deacon Mark <i>Paul Leali</i> (Choir) | Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry |
| EASTER SUNDAY | | | |
| Sunday 4/20 8:00 am | Cyndee Wehrheim | Dennis Wehrheim | Dennis Wehrheim Mike Wyatt |
| 10:00 am | Peggy Mack | Mike Rygiel <i>Carol Rygiel</i> (Choir) | Rich Yager Tom Fanella |
| DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | | | |
| Saturday 4/26 4:00 pm | Jacqui Wold | Deacon Mark | Phil Webb Denise Wahls |
| Sunday 4/27 8:00 am | Eleanor Murphy | Chris Chinni | Vince Desecki Ron Hlavin |
| 10:00 am | Sandi Wesinger | Nettie Toms <i>Mary Seil</i> (Choir) | Mike Wyatt Mike Gordon |
| Homebound Ministers April 20th: Easter Sunday - (No Homebound) April 27th: Divine Mercy Sunday Deacon Mark, Kathleen Van Ella, Maria Sullivan & Steve Besetzny | | | |

An angry wife was complaining about her husband spending so much time at the bar, so one night he took her along. "What'll ya have?" he asked. "Oh, I don't know. The same as you, I suppose," she replied. So, the husband ordered a couple of Jack Daniel's and threw his down in one gulp. His wife watched him, then took a sip from her glass and immediately spit it out! "Yuck, that's nasty poison," she sputtered! "I don't know how you can drink that stuff!" "Well, there you go," cried the husband. "And you think I'm out enjoying myself every night."



Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
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† **Witek & Snarski Families**



May this light which reminds us of
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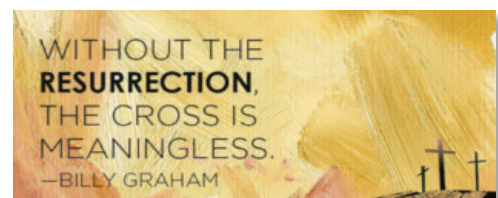
PRAYER REQUESTS

**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:**

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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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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20th - Easter Sunday

- **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Masses**
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Monday, April 21st - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 22nd

- Morning Bible Study - Parish Hall - 9:00 am
- K of C - Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 23rd

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

Thursday, April 24th

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

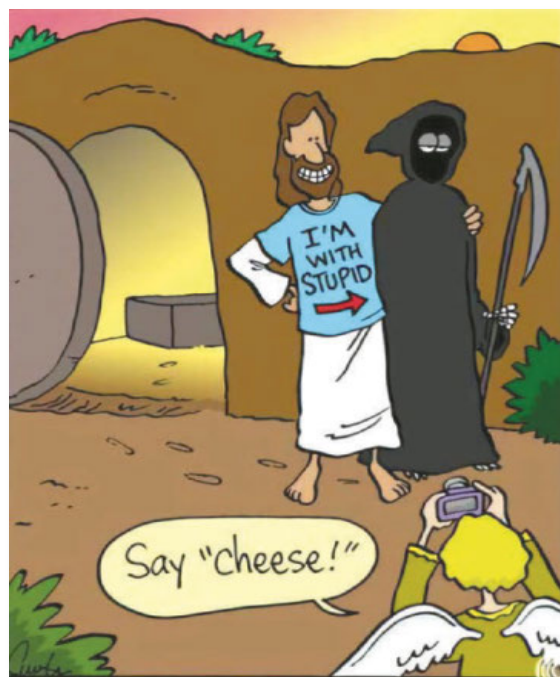
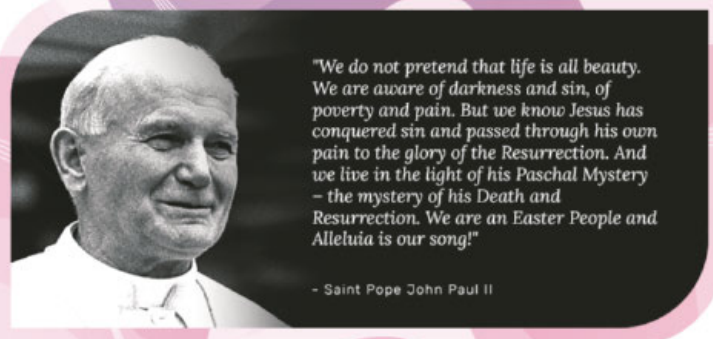
Friday, April 25th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 26th

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

Sunday, April 27th - Divine Mercy Sunday

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





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.

ANOIDTING 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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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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