



# St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



Sunday, May 11, 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

## 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.



In honor of this Jubilee Year, St. Peter's Parishioners visited 8 different pilgrimage sites across northern Illinois! The trip lasted all day and afforded pilgrims to see churches they have never seen before! We even visited with Sr. Mary, a cloistered nun from Corpus Christi Monastery in Rockford, and that was a joy for all of us! ***Thank you, Traci Stevens, for planning and organizing such a wonderful day!***

**We are happy to welcome three new families to St. Peter's!**

*Ryan & Megan Stoxen and their daughters, Rylee and Emma*

recently registered, as did

*Nancy & Bruce Rodewald.*

Our third new family to register is

*Armando Triana & Kristen Helgemo and their son, Mond.*



The Lenten Almsgiving of caring parishioners enabled St. Peter's to send \$5,962.50 to the Wounded Warrior Project. If you have not yet turned in your banks, we kindly ask that you mail your donation directly to: 4899 Belfort Rd., Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL. 32256



## You Are Not Alone

**"My sheep hear My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." — John 10:27**

Life is filled with stress, challenges, and times of great trouble. From school finals to health battles to major transitions, the weight of these moments can feel overwhelming. Yet today's readings remind us of a deeper truth: We are never abandoned. In Revelation, John sees a vision of the saints who have *"survived the time of great distress."* Their survival isn't just physical—it's spiritual. They remain in God's hands, held by His love and strengthened by His presence.



Stress has the power to reveal, clarify, and purify. It shows us what we truly value, in whom we trust, and it refines our hearts for God. Like the disciples in Acts who faced persecution with joy, we are called to interpret stress through the lens of faith. Jesus assures us, *"No one can take them out of My hand"* (John 10:28). Even in difficulty, we belong to Him.

Whatever you're facing today—trials, uncertainty, or grief—remember: You are not abandoned, you are not alone, and you do not have to be afraid. Trust in the Lord's presence, and keep moving forward, knowing that nothing given to God is ever wasted.

### Why Do We Do That?

#### Catholic Life Explained

##### Question:

*I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?*

##### Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange.

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**You're Invited!**

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Dr. Linda Couri, former  
Planned Parenthood  
employee

## RUMMAGE SALE


**Mark your calendars, the rummage sale dates are set. The fun starts Friday, June 6 through Saturday, June 14.** This is a parish wide event.

We need everyone to pitch in. One of the many reasons to volunteer is it's fun to work together with your fellow parishioners, AND, if you see something you like you may purchase it ahead of time. Come and work with a smile and leave with a pile. Check the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

**If you have any questions, call  
Denise at 815-675-2526 or  
Connie at 815-675-2463.**

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the Rosary  
every day,  
to bring peace  
to the world  
and the end  
of the war."*

Words spoken by our  
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC We Don't Follow Strangers

**Mini Reflection:** I don't have all the answers to the questions I would love to ask Christ. *"Why is this happening? Where are you taking me? What comes next?"* But the beautiful thing is, I don't actually need those answers. I know him. He's got my hand. Wherever we're going is where I want to be.

### We Don't Follow Strangers

I get a little crazy when it comes to my kids' safety. We've probably had a few too many conversations that could be entitled *"What to Do If Mommy Loses You At the State Fair"* or *"Don't Trust People Just Because They Smile At You."* Am I making them paranoid? Possibly. But that's something they can sort out later with their therapists.

Because here's the bottom line of it all—I don't want to instill a fear of strangers into my kids, but I do want them to understand that you can't always trust people you don't know (heck, you can't always trust the people you *do* know, but that's another therapy-provoking conversation we can have when they're older).

If someone says, *"Hey, follow me,"* and we don't know them, it's not always a great idea to comply. First, we have to ask questions. *"Where are you taking me? Why are we going? Who else will be there?"*

But if someone we know and love and trust says, *"Hey, follow me,"* we don't even think twice, and we don't need to ask any questions. We know wherever we're going is a safe place for us because we have a relationship with the person doing the leading. We feel comfortable putting ourselves in their care.

That's why it's so important to Christ that we know him. That we have a relationship with him. That we trust him.

Because we don't follow strangers, do we?

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~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



**WEEKENDS**  
**5/10/- 5/18/2025**

The Mass		For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.		
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
	4 pm (1)	† Norman Paterson
	(2)	† Thomas Koncan
	8 am	† Deceased Members of Latocha Family
	10 am	Lorenzo Roehrich
<b>No daily Masses Tuesday, May13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, May16<sup>th</sup>.</b> <b>In the absence of our pastor, pray harder for more vocations to the priesthood.</b>		
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
	4 pm	† Pat Higgins
	8 am	† Frank Lecinski
	10 am	† Richard Maziarz

## How Can I Make a Consecration to Mary?

The Marian Consecration, or *Total Consecration to Mary*, is a devotion dating back to the 1700's introduced by St. Louis de Montfort. It involves entrusting one's life to Jesus through the Blessed Mother. This practice has been highly praised by many saints and popes, including Pope St. John Paul II.

Marian consecration does not involve worshipping Mary or treating her as divine. Instead, it acknowledges that Mary, as Christ's mother, always leads us to her Son. Mary serves as a bridge, guiding us closer to Jesus by the safest and most direct route.

On the Cross, Jesus gave His mother to humanity, saying, *"Behold your mother"* (John 19:26-27). St. John Paul II saw this as an invitation to deeper intimacy with Christ by drawing closer to the one closest to Him on earth.

Many who practice the consecration experience a deeper, more transformative prayer life, drawing closer to both Mary and Jesus.

*(Note: Catholic websites like EWTN and the National Shrine of St. Louis de Montfort provide free downloadable versions and instructions.)*

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
<b>4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>Saturday 5/10</b> 4:00 pm	Darien Martinez	Kathie Toms	Chad Franckowiak Deb Christian
<b>Sunday 5/11</b> 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Jeff Miller Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark <i>Nancy Piggot (Choir)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms
<b>5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
<b>Saturday 5/17</b> 4:00 pm	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Phil Webb
<b>Sunday 5/18</b> 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Bill Ledger	Tom Fanella Dennis Wehrheim
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel (Choir)</i>	Rich Yager
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>			
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>			
Deacon Mark, Georgene Keim, Steve Besetzny & Mary Seil			
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>			
Maria Sullivan, Kathleen Van Ella, Peggy Neuman & Eddie Wells			

## Why Do We Do That?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### (continuation)

He was asked to believe—on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream—that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her. Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, *"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd."*

Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup> for

† **Kathleen Witek**

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



## We would love to Pray for you!

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:**

Marguerite Baranov  
Debra Cooke  
Deacon Eugene Damian  
Sandy Devine  
Phyllis Ehlers  
Robert Fenrich  
Tina Fosnacht  
Carol Flatley  
Glenn Geske  
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Gina Gugala  
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Carole Nowicki  
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Vinny Popelka  
Debbie Schaff  
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Nash Scichowski  
Ray Starzec  
Gloria Strzelczyk  
David Thomas  
Barbara Ullrich  
Mark Vallango  
Grace Wesinger  
Fred Zahn

**The individuals who are on our prayers list will continue to be on our prayer list for six months.**

If you or a loved one wishes to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours.  
**815-675-2288**

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**.



**Website:** StPeterCatholicChurch.org

**Email:** SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

**Office Hours:** Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - noon,  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk

**Deacon:** Mr. Mark Raz

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am
- SPWM - Mother's Day Flower Sale

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Grief Support - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Rm - Parish Office - 3:30 pm
- Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

**Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am
- SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am

## BBQ Dinner

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—Saint Francis of Assisi





## 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](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**

## KNIGHTS' CORNER

### WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

## Knights of Columbus

Business Meeting - May, 13<sup>th</sup>

Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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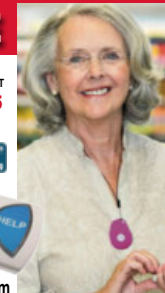
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