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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.

Who Is Mary Magdalene?

Question:

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene.

I've heard a lot of stories about her, but who was she really?

Answer:

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met

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MARY MAGDALENE

Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.

ST. Peter's Church Woman of Inspiration 2025

It is a great honor and pleasure to announce

Sandi Wesinger as St. Peter's Church of Spring Grove's Woman of Inspiration. Sandi always responds to our parish needs. When we needed altar servers, she stepped in to help. When we needed lectors, she was always there for us. When we needed help broadcasting our Sunday masses for the homebound, her



answer was of course "yes" again. Not only is she always helping Saint Peter's church; she is also an amazing mother and a doting daughter. Sandi is one of those people who lives the old saying "I am third" God is definitely first in her life. All others come next, whether they be family, friends or strangers—it's Sandi's needs that come last. But the truth of the matter is, she never talks about herself. And that's another thing that so many people find inspiring. We couldn't be more proud to call her this year's Woman of Inspiration for St. Peter's Church of Spring Grove.

HELP NEEDED PRO-LIFE BOOTH MCHENRY COUNTY FAIR - July 30th

It is that time of year again for the McHenry County Fair in Woodstock, and the McHenry County Pro-Life Office will be having a booth at the fair.

St. Peter's is to man the booth on Wednesday, July 30th from 6:00 pm until closing at 10:00 pm. I am asking for several volunteers to help me man the booth during that time. If you are able to assist me, please call the Parish Office at 815-675-2288 and leave your name and phone number. If you do volunteer, a ticket will be texted to your phone so you can get into the fair free of charge. Thank you in advance for your time for this worth while endeavor to help save the life of an unborn child.

~ Deacon Mark Raz ~

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" – people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, His Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.



Step Out and Let Christ Meet You Where You Are

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (Matthew 14:28). St. Peter showed remarkable courage when he stepped out of the boat in the middle of a storm. While God may sometimes call us to follow Him in dramatic or difficult moments, more often He invites us in the quiet, ordinary circumstances of daily life—to step out of what's comfortable and meet Him in our prayer, our relationships, and our service.

Prayer: The greatest challenge in deepening your prayer life is often just beginning. Start with a Gospel passage, read slowly, reflect, respond, and rest in God's presence. Light a candle. Sit in front of an icon. Play sacred music. Let beauty draw your heart to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your desire, focus, and love for God. Step out of the boat and you'll find Christ waiting.

Relationships: The virtues—patience, self-control, fidelity, honesty—aren't just about personal growth; they're about loving others well. Show kindness to someone who frustrates you. Have a real conversation with someone with whom you disagree. Forgive, even if it's undeserved. These small choices shape us into Christ's likeness.

Service: "... the Son of Man came... to serve" (Matthew 20:28). Loving service doesn't require grand gestures. True holiness is forged in everyday acts: give away a piece of clothing you love but don't need. Help with the dishes, even when it's not your turn. Offer a break to a tired parent by watching their children. When service flows from love, it transforms both the giver and the receiver—and conforms our hearts to Christ's.

Three Saints Who Understand the Struggle of Addiction

When it comes to addiction, a few saints in particular show us that the path to healing is not only possible —it can even be holy ground.

Addiction can feel like a cage with no key—whether it's a craving, a compulsion, or a cycle that keeps looping back. The shame, isolation, and powerlessness that come with it aren't just psychological; they can weigh heavy on the soul. But holiness isn't about never falling.

It's about what we do next.

The Church doesn't offer saints as superheroes, but as companions. And when it comes to addiction, a few saints in particular show us that the path to healing is not only possible—it can even be holy ground.

St. Mark Ji Tianxiang: The Addict who Never Gave Up.

A respected Chinese doctor in the 1800s, Mark Ji Tianxiang became addicted to opium after being prescribed it for an illness. He tried for years to break free. He prayed, confessed, fasted—but nothing seemed to change.

Eventually, his priest refused him absolution, believing he wasn't truly repentant. For 30 years, Mark was barred from receiving the sacraments. And still, he kept going to Mass. He kept praying.

When the Boxer Rebellion erupted, Mark was arrested for being Christian. Offered freedom if he renounced his faith, he refused. He was executed alongside his family in 1900, choosing Christ in the end—even after a lifetime of struggle.

Mark's life shows us that addiction doesn't cancel out faith. You can be weak and saintly at the same time.

St. Monica:

The Mother who Never Stopped Hoping.

We usually remember Monica as the Mother of St. Augustine, the Doctor of the Church whose famous conversion came after years of rebellion. But what's often overlooked is that Monica herself battled a disordered attachment to alcohol. Augustine himself says so in some passages in "Confessions."

As a young woman, she began drinking secretly—a pattern that could have spiraled deeper. It didn't thanks in part to a rebuke from a household servant that shook her. (Continue on page 6)

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC Martha's Burdens

Mini reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aguinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha—perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I quess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet. God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS 7/19/- 7/27/2025

The Mass			For				
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.							
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time							
Sat	4 pm	†	Michael Frer				
Sun	8 am		Carol Flatley & Mark Vallango				
	10 am	t	Jerry & Kristina Tomaszewski				
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.							
Tues	8 am	t	For the Souls in the Sanbourn - Orvis Cemetery				
Wed	8 am	†	Melvin & Patricia May				
Thur	8 am		John Mueller				
Fri	8 am	†	Matthew J. Scholle				
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time							
Sat	4 pm	†	Ted & Dee Trzaskowski				
Sun	8 am	†	Richard Kattner				



10 am

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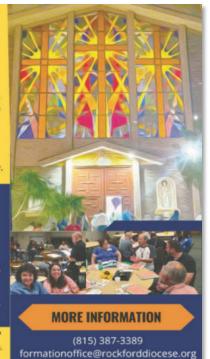
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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time							
Saturday 7/19 4:00 pm	Stan Tinsley	Deacon Mark <i>Mary Seil</i> (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirch				
Sunday 7/20 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny	Dennis Wehrheim Larry Hauser				
10:00 am	Nettie Toms	Heather Justen Kathie Toms (Choir)	Mike Gordon Rich Yager				

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7/26 4:00 pm	Darien Martinez	Marge Ladner	Denise Wahls Gary Miller
Sunday 7/27 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Deacon Mark	Jeff Miller Tom Fanella
10:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Ron Hlavin John Ellicson

Homebound Ministers

July 20th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maria Sullivan, Bev Schmitt, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough

July 27th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Mary Seil, Theresa Frer & Steve Besetzny

Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Don't wait until the Last Moment to enroll!
Faith Formation is open for enrollment! Make sure to visit the education tab on our parish website!
Information and registration is available for the 2025 - 2026 Faith Formation year.

Come Join our Faith Formation Team!

Are you interested in getting involved with Faith Formation at St. Peter's? We are looking to grow our Faith Formation team. We would love to have parishioners volunteer for various aspects of our program. Activities may include assisting in the classroom, preparing and sharing a craft or helping to plan a family faith fellowship event. If you have a love for children and would like to share our faith, we can find a spot for you on our team.

Contact Aimee Thomas at 815-342-6318 to setup a time to talk

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from July 13th through July 26th for

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May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome her 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:

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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 wish 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED Every Saturday

is offered <u>Every Saturday</u> from 3:00 until 3:45 p.m.

Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.



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)

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 21st - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 22nd

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

Wednesday, July 23rd

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 24th

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, July 25th - Parish Office Closed Saturday, July 26th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am
- Sunday, July 27th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am

(Continued—Three Saints Who Understand...)

Monica didn't just abandon the habit—she turned her whole heart toward God.

Her later life was marked by deep prayer, fasting and tireless intercession for her son. It took 17 years of persistent hope before Augustine turned to faith.

Monica teaches us that healing often begins with honesty—and that change, while slow, is always possible.

St. Camillus de Lellis:

The Gambler who Became a healer.

Camillus was tall, hot-tempered, and addicted to gambling. He lost everything—money, jobs dignity—and even wound up homeless. Eventually, a leg wound forced him into a hospital where the poor were treated like burdens.

That hospital became the place of his conversion. Tired of wasting his life, Camillus devoted himself to caring for the sick—founding a religious order that served the ill with gentleness and respect.

He still battled his temper. He still carried his wounds. But he let his pain drive him to serve others. Camillus proves that the very parts of us we wish we could hide might become the way God heals the world.

Addiction doesn't make you unlovable. It doesn't disqualify you from grace. These saints—wounded, waiting and walking the long road—show us that God stays close, even in the mess. Especially in the mess.



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

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Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting - July, 22nd Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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