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"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
May the Peace of the Lord be with you!**

My name is Fr. Burt H. Absalon. It is my joy to present myself to you as your new pastor effective August 7th, 2025. I was ordained a priest by Bishop Doran on May 19th, 2001. Prior to my priestly ordination I was a Youth Minister and a transitional Deacon at St. Patrick Parish in Dixon, Illinois. I finished the final half of my seminary studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. The first half of my Priestly Formation was Philosophy studies in a Jesuit University and seminary in the Philippines, the country I was born and raised in. I come from a cradle Catholic family of eleven children. I have nine brothers and a sister. We grew up on an island called Negros Occidental, an hour by plane south of Manila.



My first three years as a priest were at St. John Neumann Parish in St. Charles, IL as Parochial Vicar and as a Theology teacher at St. Edwards Catholic High School in Elgin, IL. Then I was assigned for the next four years as an assistant principal of Aquin Catholic High School and Pastor of two parishes: St. Mary and St. Joseph, all in Freeport, IL. Then I spent four and a half years as Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Loves Park, IL. Prior to coming here, I spent a good 12 years as Pastor of St. Mary in Woodstock, IL. Now my present assignment is the famed St Peter's Church of Spring Grove. I am honored that Bishop Malloy has assigned me to this parish, which I have heard so many good things about. I've heard of your strong and vibrant faith and your love for your priests, reasons that make it easy for me to welcome this new assignment whole-heartedly.

This appointment represents a new chapter in my priestly life and ministry and I am humbled to take it on. It is my hope to build on the great legacy of faith that you have built through the years with your previous pastors, especially with Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk. I am grateful beyond words for him and for what he has been able to do here these last fifteen years. Without doubt, Msgr. Joe's leadership, stewardship, and personal care have brought a new vitality to St. Peter's, which will have a lasting impact on the life of the parish.

I know that with your help we can build on the gift of faith and the accomplishments of the priests and parishioners who have gone before us. Let us make them and the Lord proud of what we are going to accomplish together as the present generation of St. Peter's Church of Spring Grove.

May the Lord in His love and mercy bless you all.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,
Fr. Burt Absalon, Pastor



The Solemnity of Mary's Assumption, Friday, August 15th is a

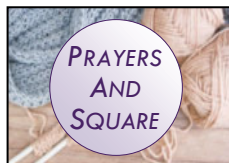
Holy Day of Obligation

A holy day of obligation for the faithful, this solemnity commemorates the event of Mary, the Mother of God, being taken body and soul into Heaven. Our Blessed Mother, uniquely preserved from original sin, was also specially preserved from the bodily corruption experienced after death here on earth. ***The Assumption reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination.***

In honor of Our Lady,
Masses will be celebrated at
8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Prayer & Squares

We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 14th at 1:30 pm in the Church Hall.



Prayers & Squares members use their fiber art skills to create shawls and blankets, which are donated to anyone in need of a warm embrace. We would like to invite you to join your hands with ours. If you don't currently know how to crochet or knit, we are happy to provide materials and help you learn along the way.

Save the Date!

2025 National Friends of the Poor Walk Saturday, September 27th

Spring Grove Fish Hatchery

Walk begins at 10:00 am

In honor of St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day.

Hosted by St. Peter's and St. Joe's SVdP Society.

Be on the lookout for more details.

**We look forward to walking with you
in support of those in need!**

If you're interested in volunteering
or becoming a sponsor,
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Kathy at (847) 682-5620



Kids Choir

Attention all singers!

The Kids Choir would LOVE to have your child participate Sunday morning August 17th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass!

Our Next Practice and Choir Mass:

Practice:

Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Choir:

Sunday, August 17th at 10:00 a.m. Mass

Contact Person:

Brian Wrightson 630-440-7261 or
music.stpeter@gmail.com



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC Are You Talking To Me?

Mini reflection: We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

Are You Talking To Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the *others*.

The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
8/9/- 8/17/2025

The Mass		For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.		
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat	4 pm	† June Baumann
Sun	8 am	† Jeannette Walters & David Kornacki
	10 am	Tom & Margaret Boettjer (35th Wedding Anniversary)
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.		
Tues	8 am (1)	† Kay Jarmoluk
	(2)	† Daniel Domenella
Wed	8 am	† Blessed Michael McGivney
Thur	8 am	† Tom Koncan
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)		
Fri	8 am	† Geraldine Stack
	7 pm	Monsignor Joseph Jarmoluk
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat	4 pm	David & Kathleen Harms
Sun	8 am	† Ray Starzec
	10 am	† John Jr. & Karen Rygiel

St. Peter's Annual Golf Outing

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
All Proceeds Benefit 1st Way Life Center

Sunday, August 17th at Noon

Fox Lake Country Club

\$100 per person, includes:

- 9 holes with cart
- Brat and beverage before tee-off
- Dinner (dinner only—\$35 per person)
- Children under the age of 12—Free

Deadline for Registration forms
Wednesday, August 13th



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/9 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Denise Wahls Rich Wirsch
Sunday 8/10 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny	Larry Hauser Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Marge Ladner <i>Mary Seil (Choir)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Friday 8/15 8:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Stan Tinsley
7:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Kathie Toms <i>Nettie Toms (Choir)</i>	
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/16 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Heather Justen <i>Marge Ladner (Choir)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Phil Webb
Sunday 8/17 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Nancy Piggot	Larry Hauser Jeff Miller
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Deacon Mark <i>Sharon Ellicson (Choir)</i>	Rich Yager John Ellicson
Homebound Ministers August 10th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer, Thomas Gough & Steve Besetzny August 17th: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon Mark, Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot & Paul Serio			

105,007 PEOPLE DIED OF DRUG OVERDOSE IN 2023. (CDC)
NEARLY 600,000 E.D. VISITS IN A YEAR ARE FOR NON-FATAL DRUG OVERDOSE (SAMHSA)

"DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU. WHOM YOU HAVE FROM GOD? YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN. FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT AT A PRICE. THEREFORE HONOR GOD WITH YOUR BODY." 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20

Need HELP now, call or text 988 (SAMHSA)


In Auschwitz, Maximilian Kolbe, after volunteering to die for another, was held in an underground bunker without food or water. After two weeks, he continued to live so the guards injected Maximilian with carbolic acid, causing a painful death. His feast day is August 14th. St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron of those who face addiction, PRAY for us.

Brought to you by Catholic Charities Mental Health Ministry Rockford Diocese

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from August 10th – August 23rd for

† Kornacki Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them 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	Caroline Madson
Deb Christian	Denise Meyers
Deacon Eugene Damian	Larry Meyers
Phyllis Ehlers	Barbara Miller
Robert Fenrich	Norma Moretti
Carol Flatley	John Mueller
Glenn Geske	Carole Nowicki
Lynn Geske	Jim Nowicki
Gina Gugala	Vinny Popelka
Anthony Hodnik	Debbie Schaff
Patricia Hodnik	Dorothy Scichowski
Joseph Keim	David Thomas
Nancy Klein	Robert Tolomeo
Ronald Klein	Grace Wesinger
Martha Koukol	Fred Zahn
Larry & LeeAnn Lord	

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
 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)

Pastor: Rev. Burt H. Absalon

Deacon: Mr. Mark Raz

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Grief Support Group

Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)

Prayers & Squares

Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 11th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, August 12th

- **K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, August 13th

- **Grief Support Group - Parish Office 1st Floor Conference Rm - 4:00 pm**

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

Thursday, August 14th

- **Prayers & Squares - Parish Hall - 1:30 pm**

- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, August 15th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 16th

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

Sunday, August 17th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**

- **Faith Formation Teacher Meeting - Parish Hall - 5:30 pm**

"If it is 'daily bread,' why do you take it once a year? Take daily what is to profit you daily. Live in such a way that you may deserve to receive it daily. He who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year."

— St. Ambrose of Milan



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Fr. Burt 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 Fr. Burt 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 Fr. Burt 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 Fr. Burt.

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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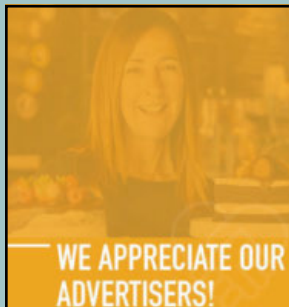
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