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St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second 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.



**Next weekend September 6th & 7th
St. Peter's Church will be having a "Reverse Collection"
immediately following Communion**

Instead of putting something into the offertory basket, will you please consider taking out one or two slips of paper? Each slip of paper lists a food item that the Food Pantry desperately needs to help feed our community.

**Saturday and Sunday, September 13th and 14th
The Helping Hands Food Pantry truck will be parked in front of St. Peter's
before and after all the Masses to receive your generous donations.**

**If you would like to purchase additional items.
The items listed below would be greatly accepted:**

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| Chili | Canned Corn | Cans of Spaghetti Sauce with meat |
| Rice-A-Roni | Flour (small bags) | Hamburger Helper (all kinds) |
| Boxes of Mac & Cheese | Baked Beans | Ramen Noodles |
| Beef or Chicken Broth | Crackers for Soup or Cheese | Salad Dressings (all types) |
| Peanut Butter (reg. sized jars) | Sugar (small bags) | Apple Juice in Bottles |
| Small Jars of Jelly | Pecans or Walnuts | Spaghetti |
| Instant Rice | Beef Stew in Cans (like Dinty Moore) | Cans of Tomatoes - diced |
| Canned Carrots | Canned Soups w/meat & vegetables | Cans of Tuna |
| Canned Green Beans | Apple Sauce | Fruit Snacks |

All food items will be gratefully accepted, but we kindly ask that no expired foods be donated.

Monetary donation will also be accepted to help purchase meat and produce.

Remember, when the world gets darker, our Christian Faith needs to shine brighter!

Thank you everyone for your support in helping our community grow in Faith!



Save the Date!

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

Spring Grove Fish Hatchery
Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

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,
please contact
Kathy at 847-682-5620



Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?

When Jesus turned and saw them following, He said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to Him, "Rabbi, where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see."

Perhaps this is the time for you to "come and see" what Jesus has to offer in the Catholic faith.

OCIA was designed to prepare adults to come into full initiation of the Catholic Church and be an integral part of the wonderful community of St. Peter's and the universal Catholic Church.

The OCIA Journey is for those:

- Never Baptized
- Baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholic, but not raised in the faith or received additional sacraments



We invite you to come and ask your questions about the Catholic faith and OCIA; to explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition, and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We invite you to inquire with no obligation.

To our parish family: Encourage and invite family members, friends, co-workers and others, to "come and see," and ask their questions about the Catholic Faith.

For more information, call Paul or Karyn Leali at 847-337-5043.

Classes start Sunday, September 21st immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Office.

SEX ED

The Diocese of Rockford cautions parents to **consider what our Illinois public schools teach our children about sex education.** In 2021, Illinois public schools adopted the National Sexual Education Standards for schools that teach sex ed. **These standards require children from kindergarten through 12th grade to receive instruction about gender identity, expression, and orientation.** The standards can cause **irreparable harm to children, are contrary to Church teaching on God's gift of sexuality, undermine parents' rights, and indoctrinate children to a particular social agenda.**

Learn more and find opt-out sample letters at www.rockforddiocese.org/life/current-life-issues/parental-rights.

Opt-out letters must be resubmitted each year!

For age appropriate, parent-led Catholic sex ed materials, check out Love Ed at loveed.com.



St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Meeting

Tuesday, September 2nd

Parish Hall

Rosary - 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for our First Meeting of the Season!

All are welcome!



Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, September 7th

After the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses!

Please join the Knights in welcoming St. Peter's Faith Formation Students who will be helping prepare a delicious breakfast for our parish family.

(As always a free-will donation is always appreciated!)



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC What Did You Expect?

Mini reflection: I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

What Did You Expect?

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well.

My work as a chef? Zero compensation, and my clientele are very rarely pleased with my efforts.

My role as a teacher, a maid, a chauffeur, a therapist—same deal. Ironically, these jobs consume so much of my time that I am constricted in my work as a writer—the only sphere where I do actually garner any earnings.

It is so easy to grumble about all of this, and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. Deep in my soul, I expect it.

That's a huge problem.

In my defense, I don't think this is a very uncommon thing. I think, if we're being really honest, we all expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We want our day to go smoothly. We expect these things as a matter of course; we feel entitled to them, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. *I worked so hard. I gave so much. What was it all even for?*

But what if we expected absolutely nothing?

When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it.

Think about that for a minute. What does that even look like—no possibility of payment?

I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more—and more happily, more lovingly—when I cook and clean and drive and write and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me—it's actually hoping no one does.

It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
8/30/- 9/7/2025

The Mass		For	
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Kay Jarmoluk
Sun	8 am		Frank & Pat Leali
	10 am	†	June Baumann
<i>Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.</i>			
Tues	8 am	†	Pedro Bendiola
Wed	8 am	†	Tony Amor
Thur	8 am	†	Doris & Mickey Osborn
Fri	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm		Scholle - Sompel Family
Sun	8 am	†	Elizabeth Johnson
	10 am	†	Ann DeSantis Kattner

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

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Pope Leo XIV set September 7, 2025 as the date to canonize the Catholic Church's first millennial-era saint, Carlo Acutis.

Stop by our self guided exhibit of over 50 Eucharistic miracles. Collected from over 20 countries by Blessed Carlo Acutis. All verified and approved by the Catholic Church. Come witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested himself throughout the centuries and how these miracles are visible proof of His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

St. Bede Faith Formation Center
36399 N. Wilson Rd.
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Friday, September 5
9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday, September 6
9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, September 7
9:00am - 3:00pm

All Faiths Are Welcome

If your Parish would like to display this Church approved exhibition of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, please call 847-587-2251. To view the full list, please visit <https://www.miracolieucharistici.org/en/Liste/list.html>

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/30 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry
Sunday 8/31 8:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Larry Hauser Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel (Choir)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 9/6 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Phil Webb Rich Wirch
Sunday 9/7 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Chris Chinni	Sean Gosselin Jeff Miller
10:00 am	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark <i>Jacqui Wold (Choir)</i>	Mike Wyatt Stan Tinsley

Homebound Ministers

August 31st: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Bev Schmitt, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough

September 7th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theresa Frer, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman & Eddie Wells

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from August 24th – September 6th for
 † **Richard & Marcella Marsh 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	Larry & LeeAnn Lord
Joan Boettjer	Caroline Madson
Deb Christian	Denise Meyers
Deacon Eugene Damian	Larry Meyers
Phyllis Ehlers	Barbara Miller
Robert Fenrich	Norma Moretti
Carol Flatley	John Mueller
George Keim	Carole Nowicki
Glenn Geske	Jim Nowicki
Lynn Geske	Debbie Schaff
Gina Gugala	Dorothy Scichowski
Anthony Hodnik	David Thomas
Patricia Hodnik	Valerie Thompson
Joseph Keim	Robert Tolomeo
Nancy Klein	Don Wehrheim, Jr.
Ronald Klein	Grace Wesinger
Martha Koukol	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 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**.



Ladies Come Join Us!



Prayer Breakfast

Saturday
October 11, 2025
9AM - NOON
Early-Bird RSVP - \$30

Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1023 McHenry Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Online: [Magnificat-Ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/](https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/)
Sponsored by Magnificat, Mary ~ Mother of the Eucharist, McHenry IL Chapter



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.



“FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU DON’T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE.
 — Martin Luther King, Jr.



PARISH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, August 31st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 1st - Parish Office Closed - Labor Day

• **SVdP Meeting - Parish Office 1st Floor Conference Rm - 7:00 pm**

Tuesday, September 2nd

• **SPWM Meeting - Parish Hall - 6:30 pm**

Wednesday, September 3rd

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

Thursday, September 4th

• **Children's Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, September 5th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 6th

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

Sunday, September 7th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

• **K of C Breakfast - After All Masses in Parish Hall**

• **Children's Choir 8:00 am Mass**

• **Faith Formation Students - Backpack Blessing at 8:00 am Mass**

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Saturday, September 20th

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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.

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 - September 9th
Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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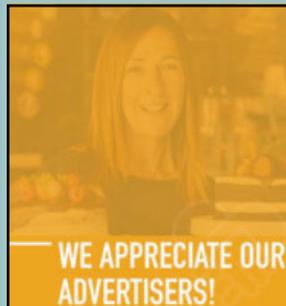
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