

# Sunday, September 21, 2025 Twenty-Fifth 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.

# In honor of St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day - The 2025 National Friends of the Poor Walk Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. - Spring Grove Hatchery

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

## FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK

# **Registration Form**



Every Day, Right Here in Our Community, People Struggle to Make Ends Meet.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Peter's and St. Joe's** works tirelessly to support individuals and families in need—providing emergency food, keeping utilities on, and helping prevent eviction.

The **Friends of the Poor® Walk** is a national event created to raise awareness and vital funds for this mission. This year, we'll join hundreds of communities across the country in walking together to fight poverty and uplift our neighbors.

Location: The Spring Grove Fish Hatchery

Date: September 27, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM

Or you can complete this form:

Registration: \$10 per participant

The first 75 people to register receive a free t-shirt. T-shirt size:\_\_\_\_\_

start your fundraising or to Donate:

Use this QR Code or Link to Register to Walk and

https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/SpringGrove/SvdpFriendsOfThePoorWalk





Fr. Burt has volunteered to walk and would love to get some Sponsors!

Name:		
Phone:	Emai	
Registration Total:	(\$10 per person)	

- Please make check out to St Vincent de Paul Society
- Mail to: St Peter's Church, PO Box 129 Spring Grove, IL 60081 or
- o Drop into the offertory basket at mass.

\*\*On the day of the Walk, we would ask each person to bring food items to help stock the *Helping Hands Food Pantry* in Spring Grove. Here is a list of the most needed items:

Canned Veg Soups Pasta Mac N Cheese
Canned Fruit Chili Pasta Sauce Tuna Cans
Peanut Butter / Jelly Mac N Cheese Canned Pasta Meals Chicken Cans

If you have any questions, please email stPeters.svdp@gmail.com or text 847-682-5620.

We appreciate your support and generosity.

National Council of the United States, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

# Save the Date!

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>
Polish Dinner

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Suggested Offering:

Adults: \$25 Children Under 14: \$10

Space is limited
Reservations Required by Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

For more information, contact Lee Jones
L.jones@mchsi.com
815-675-1264 or 815-403-8122



# Attention!

Carpet installation begins this week September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Weekday 8:00 a.m. Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Hall



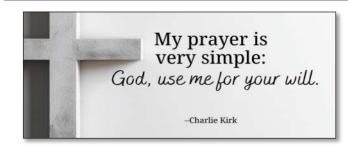
# GOSPEL MEDITATION—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he *wants* us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir



# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC God and Mammon

Mini reflection: Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones.

Dealing with money is unpleasant.

You might be good at dealing with money (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me).

But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. Money is something akin to—it corrupts by touch, it seems. But unlike witchcraft, you can't avoid money altogether. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health.

Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance we have to strike of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the highest, remotest mountaintop, but the human condition would follow us there.

We would still feel doubt. We would still feel pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin.

And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money.

Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



## WEEKENDS 9/20/- 9/28/2025

The Mass			For			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.						
	NUSAKI PKATEU AT 3.30 P.IVI.					
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Sat	4 pm	†	Janet Ann Harrington			
Sun	8 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht & parishioners of St. Peter's Church			
	10 am	†	June Bauman			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.						
Tues	8 am	†	Edward Kawa			
Wed	8 am	†	Vinny Popelka			
Thur	8 am	†	Deborah Carol Duvall			
Fri	8 am		The Witek Family (Living & Deceased)			
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Sat	4 pm	†	John & Kristin Popelka			
Sun	8 am	†	Michael Frer			
	10 am		Jadwiga Clarke & Chris Bukowiecki & parishioners of St. Peter's Church			

Charity means loving God for who He is and loving others the way we love ourselves. St. John Paul II once said, "Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent." Charity doesn't always mean

taking care of the poor, but it's one of the many ways in which we offer charity to those around us. The feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Patron of Charitable Societies, is celebrated on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Father Vincent always helped the impoverished. The St. Vincent de Paul Society,



named in his honor, continues this legacy of charity.

The Rockford Council of the Society offers financial assistance, resources, and hope to those in need.

Learn more about the local efforts at sydprockfordcouncil.org

Are you in temporary need because of a loss of a job or illness? Please, email St.Peters.svdp@gmail.com Or call 815-675-2288 and leave a message.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers		
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
<b>Saturday 9/20</b> 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Deacon Mark Nettie Toms (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry		
<b>Sunday 9/21</b> 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Nancy Piggot	Larry Hauser Tom Fenella		
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Mike Wyatt Tom Straley		

#### **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 9/27</b> 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Phil Webb Rich Wirch
<b>Sunday</b> <b>9/28</b> 8:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Deacon Mark	Sean Gosselin Jeff Miller
10:00 am	Joanne Prato	Sharon Ellicson Marge Ladner (Choir)	John Ellicson Stanley Tinsley

# Homebound Ministers

September 21<sup>st</sup>: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nancy Piggot, Deanna Grandt, Don Piggot, Stan Tinsley/Steve

September 28<sup>th</sup>: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Julia Francis, Maria Sullivan, Paul Serio





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/ 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.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from September 21<sup>st</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup> for

### † John & Kristin Popelka

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

Marguerite Baranov Joan Boettier Deb Christian Deacon Eugene Damian Phyllis Ehlers Robert Fenrich Carol Flatlev Georae Keim Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Gina Gugala Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Joseph Keim Nancy Klein Ronald Klein Martha Koukol

Larry & LeeAnn Lord Caroline Madson Denise Meyers Larry Meyers Barbara Miller Norma Moretti John Mueller Carole Nowicki Jim Nowicki Debbie Schaff Dorothy Scichowski **David Thomas** Valerie Thompson Robert Tolomeo 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 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.

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

— Saint Angela of Foligno

Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org
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Office Hours: Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - noon,

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- Children's Choir 10:00 am Mass
- SVdP Meeting Parish Office Conference Room 11:00 am
- OCIA Meet & Greet Parish Office Upstairs Class Room 11:00 am
- Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans...
   Meeting w/ Fr. Burt Parish Hall 11:15 am
- Faith Formation Classes 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

# Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parish Office Closed Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Wednesday, September 24th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

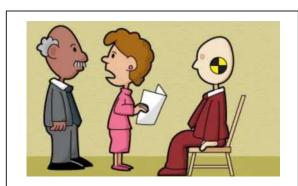
• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

# Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

- SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk Spring Grove Hatchery 10:00 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am

#### Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- OCIA Parish Office Upstairs Class Room 11:00 am
- Faith Formation Classes 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm



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## **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.

**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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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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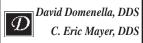
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