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OF SPRING GROVE, IL



Sunday, September 28, 2025
Twenty-Sixth 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.

**SCAM
ALERT**

Don't Be Fooled!

Several parishioners have received text messages and emails from "Fr. Burt" asking for gift cards or financial help.

Please do not fall for this SCAM!

Fr. Burt never has, nor will he ever ask for money for his personal use. If you have received or receive similar messages in the future, simply block and delete the phone number or email.

THANK YOU!

We are extremely grateful to all the Parishioners of St. Peter's Church in Spring Grove for the remarkably successful Food Drive.

Your generous food donations and monetary gifts will greatly benefit numerous individuals in our community.

God Bless you all.

Thank you yo much!

Northern Illinois Helping Hands Food Pantry.



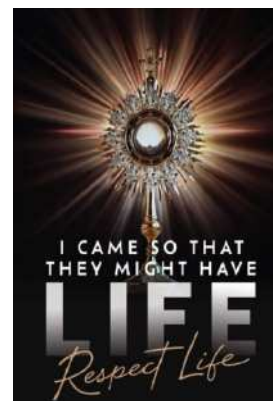
BLESSING OF THE PETS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, we will be having the traditional blessing of pets!
Bring your furry, feathery or scaled friends, along with your pooper scooper, and meet Fr. Burt in front of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at noon.

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**Priesthood Sunday
Pray for Our Priest!**



NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 5th

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Richmond, IL

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of Pro-Life individuals, standing for 60 minutes, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 11th

Polish Dinner

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus

Suggested Offering:

Adults: \$25

Children Under 14: \$10



Space is limited

Reservations Required by Wednesday, October 8th

For more information, contact Lee Jones

L.jones@mchsi.com

815-675-1264 or 815-403-8122



Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (*such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment*).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “*endured separation, divorce, or abandonment... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.*” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 242) Moreover, he continues,

“The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (AL, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “*not a prize for the perfect,*” but “*a powerful medicine and nourishment*” (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

IT'S TIME FOR
**OUR ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE
ROSARY RALLY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 2:30 PM
OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE.
PLEASE BRING A LAWN CHAIR.

Bring the whole family!
“The Rosary is the weapon
for these times!”
— St. Padre Pio

INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND AN HOUR ONE-TO-ONE WITH JESUS

Our Adoration Team is in need of someone to cover the 3:00 - 4:00 a.m. time slot. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Carrie Shannon at 815-687-6734.



Thursday, October 2nd
Memorial of the Holy
Guardian Angels



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Snow Days and Second Chances

Mini reflection: The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us.

Yesterday morning, my kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house to make a few important phone calls.

Fool. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, which dictates that as soon as you dial a phone number, a bomb of irritation and neediness explodes within the heart of your loudest child. Sure enough, as soon as the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly. Horror of horrors, he had snow in his boot.

I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. I gave him The Look. He started to scream.

Well, needless to say, the phone call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was cut short. He begged for a second chance, but I explained to him that life doesn't always give you second chances. The phone call was over. Ruined. I couldn't get it back.

But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside.

My son is young right now. I give him lots of second chances because second chances help him learn. Second chances are the training wheels of life.

I dread the day when the training wheels come off, and I can't save him from his bad decisions. I think every parent does.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word—and God respects us too much to do that.

My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
9/27/- 10/5/2025

The Mass			For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
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
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Vinny Popelka
Wed	8 am	†	Tom Koncan
Thur	8 am	†	Ann DeSantis Kattner
Fri	8 am	†	Hank & Mark Boettjer
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Eugene Jakubowski
Sun	8 am	†	Tom Connolly & parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am		Current: St. Peter's Women's Ministry Members



I think that you have some serious Faith issues!

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 9/27 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Phil Webb Rich Wirsch
Sunday 9/28 8:00 am	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark	Sean Gosselin Jeff Miller
10:00 am	Joanne Prato	Sharon Ellicson <i>Marge Ladner (Choir)</i>	John Ellicson Stanley Tinsley
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 10/4 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Heather Justen	Denise Wahls Maureen Terry
Sunday 10/5 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Nancy Piggot	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Deacon Mark <i>Mary Seil (Choir)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms
Homebound Ministers September 28th: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon Mark, Julia Francis, Maria Sullivan, Paul Serio October 5th: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Nancy Piggot, Theresa Frer, Mary Seil & Steve Besetzny			



Ladies Come Join Us!



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





Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
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Online: Magnificat-Ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/
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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
 September 21st– October 4th for
 † **John & Kristin Popelka**

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	John & Sandra Paleka
Gina Gugala	Debbie Schaff
Anthony Hodnik	Dorothy Scichowski
Patricia Hodnik	David Thomas
Joseph Keim	Valerie Thompson
Nancy Klein	Robert Tolomeo
Ronald Klein	Grace Wesinger
Martha Koukol	

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.



“What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation.”
 — Saint Francis of Assisi

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 28th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **OCIA - Parish Office Upstairs Class Room - 9:00 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm**

Monday, September 29th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 30th

Wednesday, October 1st

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

Thursday, October 2nd

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

Friday, October 3rd - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 4th

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

Sunday, October 5th - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **OCIA - Parish Office Upstairs Class Room - 9:00 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th - 5:30 pm**


"Hope Does Not Disappoint"
Romans 5:5

"Walk the Talk"
30th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, November 22, 2025
8:50 AM - 4:00 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.

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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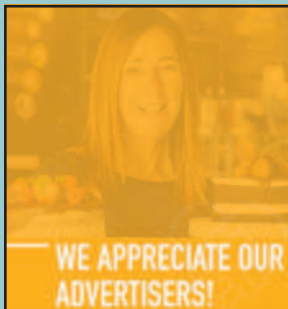
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