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St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



Sunday, September 7, 2025
Twenty-Third 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.



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:

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!

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 is intended 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.

On Saturday, August 30th
our beloved brother in Christ,
Donald Wehrheim, Jr.
was received into his Lord's hands

*In Christian charity, pray
for his eternal rest
and for the consolation
of the Wehrheim family.*



Eternal rest grant unto **Don**, O Lord, and let
your perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*



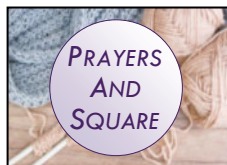
Reminder

Eucharistic Minister's to the Homebound
Meeting with Fr. Burt
Sunday, September 14th - Parish Hall - 11:15 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers
Meeting with Fr. Burt
Sunday, September 21st - Parish Hall - 11:15 a.m.

Prayer & Squares

We meet on the second Thursday
of each month. Our next meeting
is Thursday, September 11th at
1:30 p.m. 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.



Kids Choir

Attention all singers!

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

 **Starting 1st Grade and Up** 

Next Practice and Choir Mass:

Practice:

Thursday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Choir:

Sunday, September 21st at 10:00 a.m. Mass

Contact Person:

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



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
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



***Be on the lookout in next weekend's bulletin
for instructions on how to register.***

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC How To Hate The Christian Way

Mini reflection: For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much—for whom love is a legacy and a commandment—it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden—maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world—and even to other people—supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
9/6/- 9/14/2025

The Mass		For	
CONFESIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm		Scholle - Sompel Family
Sun	8 am	†	Elizabeth Johnson
	10 am	†	Ann DeSantis Kattner
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Roberta Ellsworth
Wed	8 am		Members of St. Vincent de Paul
Thur	8 am	†	Mary Ellen Malloy
Fri	8 am	†	Richard & Marcella Marsh
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Sat	4 pm	†	Edward Umbricht
Sun	8 am	†	Raymond Spiecker, Jr.
	10 am	†	Marianne Russell

According to the Cyberbullying Research Center 55% of students (ages 13-17) report that they have experienced cyberbullying at some point in their lifetimes.

LET US PRAY FOR STUDENTS
DO NOT RETURN EVIL FOR EVIL, OR INSULT FOR INSULT; BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, A BLESSING, BECAUSE TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED, THAT YOU MIGHT INHERIT A BLESSING. 1PETER 3:9

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NEVER FORGET

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 9/6 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Phil Webb Rich Wirsch
Sunday 9/7 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Chris Chinni	Sean Gosselin Jeff Miller
10:00 am	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark <i>Jacqui Wold</i> (Choir)	Mike Wyatt Stan Tinsley
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Saturday 9/13 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Denise Wahls Gary Miller
Sunday 9/14 8:00 am	Peggy Mack	DeAnne Besetzny	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark <i>Heather Justen</i> (Choir)	John Ellicson Ron Hlavin
Homebound Ministers			
September 7th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Theresa Frer, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman & Eddie Wells			
September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross			
Kathleen Van Ella, Bev Schmitt, Thomas Gough & Deanna Grandt			



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 7th – September 20th for

† **Edward Umbricht**

May this light which reminds us of
Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary
Welcome him 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
Joan Boettjer
Deb Christian
Deacon Eugene Damian
Phyllis Ehlers
Robert Fenrich
Carol Flatley
George Keim
Glenn Geske
Lynn Geske
Gina Gugala
Anthony Hodnik
Patricia Hodnik
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Nancy Klein
Ronald Klein
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Larry & LeeAnn Lord
Caroline Madson
Denise Meyers
Larry Meyers
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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.**

“TO ONE WHO HAS FAITH, NO EXPLANATION IS
NECESSARY. TO ONE WITHOUT FAITH, NO
EXPLANATION IS POSSIBLE.

— Saint Thomas Aquinas

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

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Grief Support Group

Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)

Prayers & Squares

Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



PARISH CALENDAR

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**

Monday, September 8th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 9th

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

Wednesday, September 10th

- **Grief Support Group - Parish Office 1st Floor Conference Rm - 4:00 pm**
- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, September 11th

- **Prayers & Squares - Parish Hall - 1:30 pm**
- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, September 12th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 13th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**
- **Helping Hands Food Pantry Truck Collection - After 4:00 pm Mass**

Sunday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Helping Hands Food Pantry Truck Collection - After All Masses**
- **Homebound Ministers Meeting w/ Fr. Burt - Parish Hall - 11:15 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm**



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With the medical and legal aspects in healthcare today, and all its advances, it is imperative to understand the end-of-life decisions available to you that are both moral and medical.

Come and join us as we discuss important end-of-life decisions which affect you and your family.

Bonnie Quirke RN, who will lead a panel of experts, as they discuss the health and faith-based implications of advanced directives, otherwise known as Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare. (POA)

Saturday, September 13, 2025

9:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Cook Memorial Library - Libertyville, Illinois

Free Parking Available

RSVP: Bonnie Quirke @ 847.644.8456





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.

ANOIDING 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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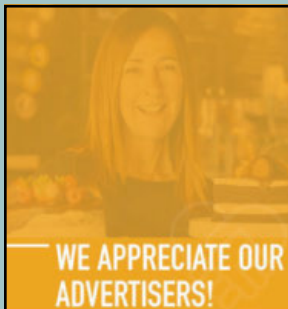
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