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YOUR FAITH
HAS SAVED
YOU.

— LUKE 17:19 —

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Twenty-Eighth 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.

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

Answer:

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. ***The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism."*** It is an outward sign of our Faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in His presence. We will want to be fed by Him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our Faith. ***If this is true, why would we ever stay away?***



Prayer Shawl Weekend - Oct. 18th & 19th in the Parish Hall after ALL MASSES!

The members of the Prayer & Squares ministry have been working hard all year and will have a large selection of Prayer Shawls and Blankets available for give away after all Masses on the weekend of October 18th & 19th in the Parish Hall. These loving crafted items are handmade for the purpose of giving them to someone who might be grieving, in pain, or just need comfort for any number of reasons. While wrapped in your favorite Prayer Shawl/Blanket you will experience a comfort of warm embrace and a sense of peace. If you or someone you know could use one—or several—please stop by the Parish Hall after all Masses and take what's needed.

Don't miss your opportunity to pick one up!

Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Read the full version at usccb.org/endoflifecare.

We are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when loved ones approach life's end, we may not know how to provide compassionate care. Surround your friend or family member with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives" (*To Live Each Day with Dignity*, USCCB).

The dying process is a sacred time.

Learn about these 10 tips at usccb.org/endoflifecare.

1. Invite God in.
2. Listen.
3. Inform yourself.
4. Be steadfast in compassion.
5. Help them achieve closure.
6. Provide opportunities for resolution.
7. Reminisce.
8. Provide a peaceful atmosphere.
9. Show tenderness.
10. Bear their transition patiently.

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Romans 5:5

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Choir:

Sunday, October 19th at 10:00 a.m. Mass

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The Knights conducted their 27th annual Tootsie Roll drive on the last weekend of September. Our members were on Winn Road and Main Street receiving driver's generous donations. Three families representing our Faith Formation youngsters worked at Jewel, and were very successful in receiving the coins and dollars from Saturday morning shoppers. **Because of the work and generosity of many people, we will be distributing over \$3,100 to worthy local agencies in support of intellectually challenged youth and adults.**

Many thanks to all who gave and participated!



Monday, October 13



**Indigenous
Peoples' Day**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Your Faith Has Saved You

Mini reflection: I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

Your faith has saved you. These are the words I pray I will hear when my heart stops beating, when the last breath has left my lungs.

We hear Jesus say these words, or words like them, several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak in a crowd, to the men who testify to their belief that he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks.

These are some of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, because they illustrate so beautifully what salvific faith is—and what it is not.

It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply *believing*. Yes, Christ is my Savior. Yes, the Church is his bride. Yes, this doctrine is true, that dogma is infallible, so on and so forth.

I believe!

Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good.

The lepers had faith—so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith—so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith was sufficient to motivate these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, ***"Thank you. Now what?"***

I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me?

If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about an arm that is reaching for the hem of a garment, a voice that says ***"I believe"*** or a knee that is bent in gratitude.

He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
10/11/ - 10/19/2025

The Mass			For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.			
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Stanley J. Stack
Sun	8 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht
	10 am	†	Deceased Members of St. Peter's Women's Ministry <hr/> The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Georgia Bauer
Wed	8 am	†	Vinny Popelka
Thur	8 am	†	Bob Popelka
Fri	8 am	†	Edward Umbricht
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Ben May Family
Sun	8 am		In Celebration of Dennis & Cyndee Wehrheim 21 st Wedding Anniversary <hr/> The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am		Chester & Katazina Urbaniak



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 10/11 4:00 pm	Carol Magnine	Kathie Toms	Phil Webb Rich Wirsch
Sunday 10/12 8:00 am	Steve Besetzny	DeAnne Besetzny	Sean Gosselin Chad Franckowiak
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Deacon Mark <i>Mike Gullifor</i> (Choir)	Mike Gordon John Ellicson
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 10/18 4:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark <i>Susan Straley</i> (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak Gary Miller
Sunday 10/19 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Eddie Wells	Paul Leali Tom Fanella
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel</i> (Choir)	Stan Tinsley Tom Straley
Homebound Ministers October 12th: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon Mark, Bev Schmitt, Eddie Wells, Paul Serio & Peggy Neuman October 19th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deanna Grandt, Julia Francis, Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer & Eddie Wells			



Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we have Faith, we call out to God and we beg Him for healing. But when our Faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
October 5th – October 18th for

† **Stanley J. Stack**

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
Patty Brown
Deb Christian
Deacon Eugene Damian
Phyllis Ehlers
Robert Fenrich
Carol Flatley
George Keim
Glenn Geske
Lynn Geske
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Patricia Hodnik
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John Mueller
Carole Nowicki
Jim Nowicki
John & Sandra Paleka
Debbie Schaff
Dorothy Scichowski
David Thomas
Valerie Thompson
Robert Tolomeo
Grace Wesinger

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.



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Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

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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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Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **NO Formation Classes**

Monday, October 13th - Parish Office Closed

- **Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm**

Tuesday, October 14th

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

Wednesday, October 15th

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

Thursday, October 16th

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

Friday, October 17th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 18th

- **Prayers & Squares - Give-Away - Parish Hall - After Mass**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, October 19th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Prayers & Squares - Give-Away - Parish Hall - After all Masses**
- **OCIA - Parish Office Upstairs Class Room - 9:00 am**
- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th - 5:30 pm**

St. Teresa of Ávila | Feast Day October 15

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the *"Way of Perfection"* and *"The Interior Castle,"* have helped generations of believers.



St. Teresa of Ávila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.



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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