

## Sunday, October 19, 2025 Twenty-Ninth 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**

<u>Tuesday - Friday</u>: 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.

## Prayer Shawl Weekend - Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. These lovingly 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 the comfort of a 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 up one!



# 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

### Calling all neighbors and local businesses

Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove is in need of your CLEAN USED or UNUSED plastic grocery bags.

We need plastic bags to pack food for our clients. If you can help us out in any way, we would be extremely grateful! Helping Hands is located in Spring Grove at 2020 Rt. 12, Unit B. A collection box is located near the front door for drop-offs at any time. Or our normal business hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for drop-offs as well. *Thank you.* 

God Bless You All, from Northern Illinois Helping Hands Food Pantry, Spring Grove

## **Bible Study is Back!**



After the summer rest, we will begin again with:

## 33 Days to **Eucharistic Glory**

A book that celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by

Catholic Evangelist Matthew Kelly.

"This is a time for Catholics to envision bold possibilities... as those who believe, don't leave." - Matthew Kelly

Please join us for this study. We will be offering a morning session and an evening session.

Tuesday mornings
November 4 - December 16
from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. led by
Kathleen Van Ella & Sharon Ellicson

Wednesday evenings November 5 - December 17 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. led by *Traci Stevens* 

Please call the Parish Office to register



The annual Diocesan Appeal is a very important one because our parish benefits so much from the ministries it supports!

It would be tough for us without your assistance! In addition to that, 100% of all donations we receive over the target amount, comes back to St. Peter's! Thank you for helping your pastor to never ask to dig deeper into your pockets!

God who sees all, will surely reward you for your generosity.

Deanna Adduci

## The Truth About **Abortion**Abortion does not save women's lives. & **Women's Health**

Abortion is the direct and intentional

**Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

### Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

killing of a child in the womb.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has <u>already died</u>.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a *living* child with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

#### Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.** 

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Ectopic pregnancies**

result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit <u>www.hopeafterabortion.org</u> for more information.

## The Faith Formation students will be selling caramel apples after all Masses on the weekend of October 25th & 26th

They will be selling plain, peanut and sprinkle

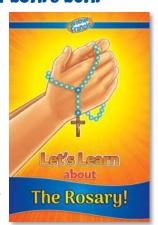
Affy Tapples

for \$4.00 per apple.

The proceeds from this taffy apple sale will help pay for a set of 12 books by Brother Francis called

<u>Let's Learn about the Rosary</u>!

Be sure to stop-by after Mass and enjoy a yummy Affy Tapple!



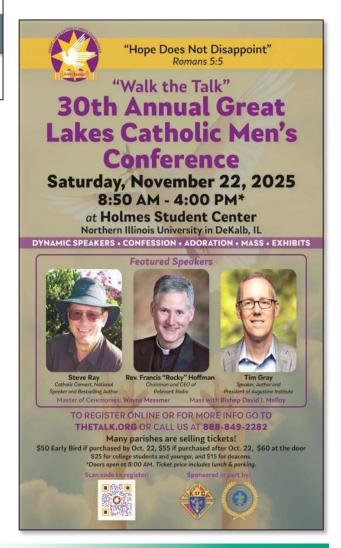
## Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all the widow in Luke's Gospel. We are vulnerable. We feel small in the estimation of the world. We feel ignored. But Jesus is telling us to be bold in prayer, to bring our needs before the judge who will always hear our case.



Jewel Foods in Spring Grove has already begun their **TURKEY BUCKS Drive** for Helping Hands Food Pantry. The Drive runs through Thanksgiving into Christmas. All money collected will help purchase holiday dinners for people in need in our community.

Please help us make the holidays a joyous season for all of our clients. Every financial donation that you make will mean so much to our families! May your holidays be filled with great blessings and joy! God Bless you all!



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC The Prayers We Don't Say

Mini reflection: In the same way that a judge cannot go looking for conflicts to mediate, God will not force his way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God?

It has always confused me: why a judge?

Jesus could have compared prayer to the subject who requests a gift of his king. He could have compared it to the child who asks a favor of a parent. But in the parable of the widow and the judge, Jesus compares prayer—specifically constant, unwearying prayer—with the marginalized person who doggedly pursues her claim through an unforgiving legal system.

It's not a rosy or reassuring picture. So what is he trying to tell us?

Unlike a king or a parent, a judge has strictly drawn lines which he cannot, under any circumstances, cross. He can only help people who bring their case to court. Even good, earnest judges cannot render justice if charges are not brought.

God is all-powerful. But that doesn't make Him a meddler. He will not force his way into our problems. What would be the point? What is our life on earth for, if it is not to teach us how to turn willingly to God, in every instance—adoration, gratitude, need?

Today, I sat down and made a list of problems I don't pray about. When I was done, I looked at the list and asked myself: why not? Why don't I pray about these things? Some are huge issues over which I have absolutely no control, and prayer feels futile. Some are small grievances I never even considered mentioning to God.

If I prayed about them all, my life would be totally consumed by prayer. Constant, unwearying prayer. The kind of prayer Jesus calls me to in the parable of the widow and the judge: continual surrender of myself to the mysterious, limitless power of God.

Praying that way could make me tired. The widow was tired, too—but she kept bringing her charges. She got justice. And her judge wasn't even a nice guy.

So say the prayer. Bring the charges. Our judge is one who wants to help, but He won't overstep His bounds.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



### WEEKENDS 10/18/- 10/26/2025

The Mass			For			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.						
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 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary The parishioners of St. Peter's Church			
	10 am		Chester & Katazina Urbaniak			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.						
Tues	8 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht			
Wed	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel			
Thur	8 am		In Celebration of Gerald & Joan Bodden's 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary			
Fri	8 am	†	John & Honor Green			
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Sat	4 pm	†	Richard Kattner			
Sun	8 am	†	Thomas & Gertrude Walsh			
	10 am	t	Rev. Lawrence Urbaniak  The parishioners of St. Peter's Church			

#### **Donations Drive For Pads**

On the weekends of November 1st and 2nd and 8th and 9th the St. Peter's Women's Ministry will be collecting items for P.A.D.S. They have provided a list of items that they are particularly in need of. *These items include:* 

- Q-Tips
- Shaving Cream (men's and women's)
- Foam Earplugs (used for sleeping)
- Mustard
- BBQ Sauce
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Travel Size Shampoo and Conditioner
- Instant Coffee
- Instant Tea Bags

Donations will be collected in boxes provided in the Narthex.

Thank you for your generosity!

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							
<b>Saturday</b> <b>10/18</b> 4:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark Susan Straley (Choir)	Phil Webb Gary Miller				
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10/19</b> 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Eddie Wells	Paul Leali Tom Fanella				
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Carol Rygiel Mike Rygiel (Choir)	Stan Tinsley Tom Straley				

#### **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>10/25</b> 4:00 pm	Darian Martinez	Chris Chinni	Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10/26</b> 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Deacon Mark	Dennis Wehrheim Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Marge Ladner Heather Justen (Choir)	Mike Wyatt Rich Yager

## Homebound Ministers

October 19<sup>th</sup>: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

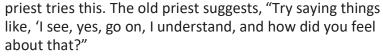
Deanna Grandt, Julia Francis, Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer & Eddie Wells

October 26<sup>th</sup>: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Seil, Kathleen Van Ella, Stan Tinsley, Peggy Neuman & Steve Besetzny

A new priest is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks an older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears several confessions, then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions.

The old priest suggest, "Cross your arms over your chest and rub your chin with one hand." The new



The new priest repeats those things, trying them out. The old priest says, "Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, 'No way! What happened next?"

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from October 19<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> for

#### † Steven Michael Umbricht

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome him 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 Martha Koukol Joan Boettjer Larry & LeeAnn Lord Patty Brown Caroline Madson Deb Christian Denise Meyers Deacon Eugene Damian Larry Meyers Phyllis Ehlers Barbara Miller Robert Fenrich Norma Moretti Carol Flatlev John Mueller George Keim Carole Nowicki Glenn Geske Jim Nowicki Lvnn 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

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.



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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### PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- Deacon Mark Celebration Parish Hall After All Masses
- Prayers & Squares Give-Away Parish Hall After all Masses
- OCIA Parish Office Upstairs Class Room 9:00 am
- Faith Formation Classes 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

## Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed

• SVdP Meeting - on Zoom - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 21st

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, October 24th - Parish Office Closed Saturday. October 25<sup>th</sup>

- Faith Formation Family Fellowship Parish Hall After Mass
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am

#### Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm



## Saturday, November 8

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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

## KNIGHTS' CORNER WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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