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Respect Life Sunday

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Sunday, October 5, 2025
Twenty-Seventh 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 Washington, DC in 1994 Mother Teresa said that we fight abortion by teaching the mother what love really means: *"to be willing to give until it hurts... So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child."*

Gustave Thibon has said that the true God transforms suffering into violence. The woman tempted to have an abortion will transform her suffering into violence unless she allows love to transform her, and make her willing to give herself away. The Eucharist gives both the lesson and the power. Mom is to say *"This is my body, my blood, my life, given up for you my child."*

Sandi Wesinger was celebrated as St. Peter's Catholic Woman of Inspiration at a dinner held at Holy Apostles Church in McHenry on Sunday, September 21.

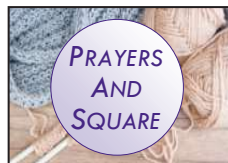
She is pictured with Fr. Burt and Bishop Malloy, who presented her with her award.



Congratulations, Sandi and thank you for being an inspiration of service for your fellow parishioners.

Prayer & Squares

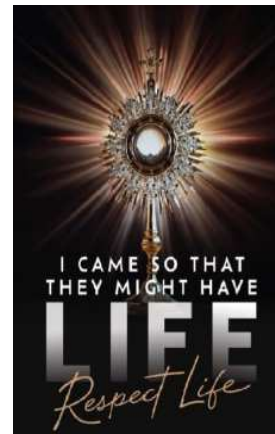
We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the Church Hall



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.

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.



JOIN THE 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.

Last Call!

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

The Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove is always looking for volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Deb Christian at christiandeb@comcast.net for more details.

St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Our Next Meeting is

Tuesday, October 7th in the Parish Hall

The St. Peter's Women's Ministry will be hosting their monthly meeting on Tuesday night, October 7th beginning with the rosary at 6:45 p.m. and the business meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Remember to bring non-perishable items for the food pantry if you so choose.

All are welcome!



St. Peter's
Women's Ministry



"Man should tremble, the world should vibrate, all Heaven should be deeply moved when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest."

– St. Francis of Assisi



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

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**OUR ANNUAL PUBLIC SQUARE
ROSARY RALLY**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AT 2:30 PM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

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Bring the whole family!

*"The Rosary is the weapon
for these times!"*

– St. Padre Pio



Blessing of 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.**

Stig-ma: *n.* a mark of shame or discredit: stain

Stig-ma-ta: *n.* bodily marks or pains resembling the wounds of the crucified Jesus



Stigma remains the leading barrier preventing individuals from seeking treatment for mental illness. On average, those who do seek help wait 11 years after the onset of symptoms. (NAMI)

We turn to St. Francis, who bore the sacred wounds of Christ, and ask for his intercession: May he help us break down the stigma surrounding mental illness and addiction and bring healing and hope to all who suffer in silence.

Saint Francis's Prayer Before the Crucifix

Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out Your holy and true command. Amen.

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**"IT IS NOT 'PROGRESSIVE'
TO TRY TO RESOLVE
PROBLEMS BY ELIMINATING
A HUMAN LIFE."**

– POPE FRANCIS

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Father Who Knows What You Want

Mini reflection: “Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith—that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please. But easy faith isn’t faith at all.

It’s easy to give your kid what he’s asking for. It’s hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there’s nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he’s grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants—whether he realizes it or not—is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn’t, but either way, you’ll be here. You’ll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you’ll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he’s ready to eat it.

“Increase my faith.” I’ve said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith—that’s what I’m asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn’t faith at all, and faith that you aren’t strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, “Sure, kiddo, here you go,” and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won’t hand me something I’m not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul—and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He’s offering. It’s not what I asked for, after all.


But it’s what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
10/4/- 10/12/2025

The Mass			For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
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
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Vinny Popelka
Wed	8 am		Scholle - Sompel Family
Thur	8 am	†	John & Christine Wiedmann
Fri	8 am	†	John & Christine Wiedmann
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/> and for the parishioners of St. Peter's Church

1. One day, Jesus walked into a bank and asked to put something in the bank. The teller asked Him what He wanted to put in the bank, and Jesus replied, “A **DEPOSIT OF FAITH!**” 
2. What do you call a deacon, a priest, and a bishop asking for food at a restaurant?.....**HOLY ORDERS!**
3. A priest dies and finds himself at the pearly gates with St. Peter. St. Peter asked him how he died. “Well, I died during Mass actually,” the priest answered. St. Peter was flabbergasted. “During Mass? What happened?” he asked. The priest replied, “I’m not entirely sure, but I think one of my parishioners must have misunderstood me. He was asking for an aid to help him focus during the liturgy, and I told him to use a **MISSAL.**”

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
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 Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Deacon Mark <i>Mary Seil</i> (Choir)	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms
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
Homebound Ministers October 5th: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Nancy Piggot, Theresa Frer, Mary Seil & Steve Besetzny October 12th: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deacon Mark, Bev Schmitt, Eddie Wells & Paul Serio			



Ladies Come Join Us!



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/](https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/il-mchenry/)
Sponsored by Magnificat, Mary ~ Mother of the Eucharist, McHenry IL Chapter

Keynote Speaker
Cindy Govekar

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God, Help us to hear Your voice, especially when You speak on behalf of the voiceless, the overlooked, and the forgotten. Keep our ears attuned, and work through us in a way that loves, blesses, assures, supports, and strengthens LIFE. Amen.

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
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Denise Meyers
Larry Meyers
Barbara Miller
Norma Moretti
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.



Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org

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)

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Grief Support Group

Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)

Prayers & Squares

Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



PARISH CALENDAR

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**

Monday, October 6th - Parish Office Closed

- **SVdP Mtg. - 1st Floor Parish Office Conference Rm - 7:00 pm**

Tuesday, October 7th

- **SPWM Mtg. - Parish Hall - 6:45 pm**

Wednesday, October 8th

- **Grief Support - Parish Office Upstairs Class Room - 4:00 pm**
- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, October 9th

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

Friday, October 10th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 11th

- **K of C - Polish Dinner - Parish Hall - 5:00 pm**
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

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

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

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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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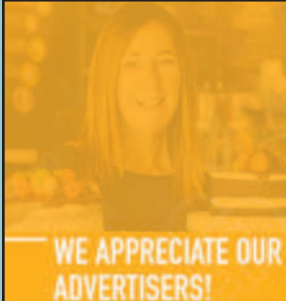
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