

Sunday, November 2, 2025 All Souls' Day

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

<u>Saturday</u>: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.







This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese <u>for</u> the Military Services, not <u>of</u> the Military Services. This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families—including those from our own parish. Please give generously. *To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection*

SPIRITUAL MERCY

Our faith offers us seven Corporal Works of Mercy and seven Spiritual Works of Mercy as guides on how to live faith more fully. One of the Spiritual Works is to pray for the living and the dead. This is intercession, praying for others and not ourselves. November is the month in which Catholics will especially intercede for the faithful departed, even going to pray for the dead at cemeteries. The Church teaches that we pray, give alms, and do works of penance for the purification of the souls of the dead, so that they may pass through Purgatory and enter Heaven (CCC 1032). This month especially, let's take up the Spiritual Work of Mercy of praying for our deceased loved ones.







Diocese of Rockford's Life and Family Evangelization (LiFE) Office

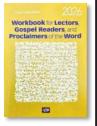
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ATTENTION, LECTORS!

The new 2026 Lector Workbooks are here!

Please stop by the Sacristy, check off your name from the list, and take home your new workbook.

Thank you for your dedication to being wonderful proclaimers of God's Word!



Mark Your Calendars

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, November 9th



After the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses!
Gather your family, friends, neighbors
for a wonderful breakfast cooked
by your Knights.

(As always a free-will donation is always appreciated!)

St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 4th Rosary - 6:45 p.m.

Business Meeting - 7:10 p.m. - Parish Hall

The St. Peter's Woman's Ministry will be hosting their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4th,

beginning with the rosary at 6:45 and business meeting at 7:10.

We will be learning to make tie blankets with the Prayers & Squares Ministry. Remember to bring non-

perishable items for the Food Pantry if you so choose. *All are Welcome*.

Donations Drive For P.A.D.S.

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. (*Providing Advocacy Dignity and Shelter*) 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!

Thank You from Prayers & Squares

The Prayers & Squares Ministry would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all parish members who visited the parish hall during the weekend of October 18-19. Thanks to your generous spirit, over 100 handmade shawls and afghans—each graciously blessed by Fr. Burt—were taken to provide comfort and warmth to those facing illness, grief or personal hardship.

Each item was lovingly crafted by our group members over the past year as a symbol of care and compassion—a tangible reminder that no one walks alone. Whether you selected a piece for yourself or to share with someone in need, your participation helps us fulfill our mission of offering a "warm embrace" through prayer and service.

We couldn't do this without you!

If you feel called to join us, Prayers & Squares meets the second Thursday of each month.

Our next gathering is Thursday, November 13th.

All are welcome!



HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION
All Articles Need to be Submitted by Noon!

Bulletin for Sunday, November 23rd
Articles Due: Friday, November 14th

Bulletin For Sunday, November 30th
ARTICLES DUE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

Dear Brothers in Christ, it is that time of the year again for the Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference. It will be held on Saturday, November 22nd at the Campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, from 8:50 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year I will be going to the conference, and I am inviting all men from the parish to join me. Join us for an inspiring day intended to strengthen your commitment to God, family and neighbor.

Conference features inspirational speakers, Fr. Rocky from Relevant Radio, along with Dr. Tim Gray, lunch, Mass with our own Bishop David Malloy, optional Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation and more.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from the website for the Great Lakes Men's Conference: **TheTalk.org.**

There will be other announcements in the future as to the time and place we will be meeting for our carpooling to the event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through the Church office.

In Christ,

Deacon Mark Raz

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for making the AFFY TAPPLE sale a HUGE SUCCESS!

Not only did the profit cover our new rosary books, we have a bit of money to set aside for our next Faith Formation Family Night.

Special thanks to the Rog family for picking up the





apples at the factory in Niles, IL.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC The Semicolon

Mini reflection: I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence—*she lived, she died*—using for ink the very dirt that fills my grave. The dust from which I was created.

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland—cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence—she lived, she died—using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members—Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words she died but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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 blessings and joy! **God Bless you all!**



WEEKENDS 11/1/- 11/9/2025

The Mass

For

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Sat	4 pm	†	Kristin Popelka
	8 am	†	Carol & Ann Walsh
Sun			The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	Marianne Russell

Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.

Tues	8 am	†	Tom Koncan	
Wed	8 am	†	Tina Fosnacht	
Thur	8 am	†	Vinny Popelka	
Fri	8 am		Scholle - Sompel Family	

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Sat	4 pm	†	Leo & Sarah Walsh
Sun	8 am	t	Thomas & Gertrude Walsh
		†	Richard Maziarz
	10 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church

Faith Formation Family Night

We gathered for our first
Family Night of the year on
Saturday, Oct. 25th after Mass.
Families enjoyed dinner,
pumpkin carving, crafts and
even smores on a fire pit
outside. A GREAT BIG THANK
YOU to the Knights of
Columbus for hosting the
event, Bill and Julie Ledger for
donating pumpkins and Stade's
Farm Market for donating
pumpkins and corn! A
wonderful evening with
wonderful families!





Lectors	Ministers	Ushers	
ALL SOULS' DAY			
Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Denise Wahls Rich Wirch	
Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Sean Gosselin Tom Fanella	
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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Saturday 11/8 4:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry
Sunday 11/9 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Tom Straley	Mary Seil Jacqui Wold (Choir)	Tom Straley Mike Wyatt

Homebound Ministers

November 2nd: All Souls' Day

Steve Besetzny, Bev Schmitt, Julia Francis, Thomas Gough & Mary Seil

November 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Deacon Mark, Peggy Neuman, Theresa Frer, Eddie Wells & Thomas Gough

Did You Know?

You can now conveniently make your weekly tithing donations using a credit card.

All you have to do is go to our website: www.stpetercatholicchurch.org

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you will be taken to our online credit card payment page.

There you enter the amount you would like to give and a description such as: Sunday envelope, utilities, Holy Day, etc.



Then click donate or pay here and you will be taken to a page to enter your credit card information.

Once you have entered your credit card information, click submit payment.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from November 2nd – November 15th for † Scholle - Sompel Families

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them 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.



It is that simple

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, November 2nd - All Souls' Day

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- SPWM P.A.D.S. Donation Collection
- OCIA Parish Office Upstairs Class Room 9:00 am
- Faith Formation Classes 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th 5:30 pm

Monday, October 27th - Parish Office Closed

• SVdP Meeting - Parish Office Conference Room - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 28th

- Morning Bible Study Parish Hall 9:00 am
- SPWM Meeting Parish Hall 6:45 pm

Wednesday, October 29th

- Spiritual Warfare Rosary Church 6:00 pm
- Evening Bible Study Parish Hall 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 30th

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, October 31st - Parish Office Closed Saturday, November 1st

- SPWM P.A.D.S. Donation Collection
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am

Sunday, November 2nd - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- SPWM P.A.D.S. Donation Collection
- OCIA Parish Office Upstairs Class Room 9:00 am
- Faith Formation Classes 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th 5:30 pm



Learn how to help women in unplanned, crisis pregnancies choose life at the abortion facility!

SIDEWALK ADVOCACY

Basic Training

The next upcoming training session is

Saturday, November 15, 2025

9am to 4pm

Sidewalk Advocates for Life offers a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding sidewalk advocacy method that seeks to reach a woman's heart and fill her needs so she can confidently choose life!

Sidewalk advocates are needed to counsel at the abortion facility at 4236 Maray Dr., Rockford, IL. Once trained, you will be able to sign up to advocate outside this facility. SAFL offers training, support calls, sidewalk advocacy literature, prayer support, and more. To register for the next training, visit www.rockforddiocese.org/life/sidewalk-advocates-for-life/ or follow the QR code below. Workbook, light breakfast, and lunch are included. Your \$20 registration fee will help defray our costs. Trained advocates can attend for free as a refresher (please bring your training manual). For more information, email life@rockforddiocese.org or call 815-399-4300 ext 377.





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

Knights of Columbus

Business Meeting - November 11th Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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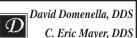
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