

## Sunday, November 16, 2025 Thirty-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.

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

# PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

## If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.





# BLEST ART WILL BE AT ST. PETER'S SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> AFTER ALL MASSES

## VISIT THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES IN THE PARISH HALL

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem & Palestine.



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#### Check out their website: BlestArt.com

Cash, checks, and all major credit cards will be accepted.

## Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion—and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what He promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with Him until the end?



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

Bulletin For Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>
ARTICLES DUE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

Bulletin For Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>
ARTICLES DUE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>



## St. Peter's ADVENT Wreath

The season of Advent begins in just two weeks.

We are looking for faithful parishioners who would be honored to begin our weekend Masses by lighting the candles of our Advent Wreath. Will you signup to light a candle? Signup sheets will be posted in the Church Narthex. Simply choose which Mass you will be attending. Please **PRINT** your **FULL NAME** and **PHONE NUMBER**. And you will receive a reminder call from the Parish secretary, Laura, on the Thursday before your scheduled week.



# Fall Cemetery Cleanup

A friendly reminder that its that time of the year once again for **Fall cemetery clean up**.

All items/memorials not permitted according to the grave decorations policy which grantees received upon purchase of a grave/niche, will be removed. This includes, but is not limited to: flower pots, shepherd hooks, artificial flowers, benches, solar lights, statuary, garden decorations and in-ground flower beds. Should family members want to take those items to use in their own gardens or homes, we respectfully ask that they be removed prior to November 25th. Otherwise, we will need to discard them for you. Everyone's cooperation helps keep our maintenance costs manageable and our cemetery looking beautiful!

He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Luke 21: 8-9

# **Christmas Food Drive for Families in Need**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is organizing a Christmas food drive to support local families in need, and we warmly invite you to join us in spreading

Christmas cheer to those less fortunate in our community.

SVdP will provide lists of different food and household items for you to purchase, which will come together as meals and supplies that will help each family.



Here's how you can get involved:

- Weekend of November 22/23: You can check out a 'shopping bag' containing a list of needed food items. Each bag costs roughly \$30 to fill. These bags will be paired with several other bags to ensure families receive fulfilling meals and essential supplies. Bag check-out will be available in the Parish Hall after each Mass.
- Weekend of December 6/7: Final dates to return your filled bags. SVdP will be on hand to collect your filled bags after all the Masses. You can turn them in earlier at the Parish Office or in the vestibule at church.
- December 13: SVdP will deliver the food to families in need, ensuring they have a joyful Christmas.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support! If you have any questions, please reach out to the Parish Office or Kathy at 847-682-5620.

Men of St. Peter's, the Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference is on Saturday, November 22, in De Kalb Illinois at Northern Illinois University. For those who have expressed a desire to attend this conference, we will be meeting here at Chur



conference, we will be meeting here at Church at 6:30 am and carpooling to the conference. We will be stopping for breakfast on the way to the conference. The conference starts at 8:50 am and runs to 4:00 pm. If you are planning on attending with us, please call the office and let me know, so we can get a count and plan accordingly. The speakers at this year's conference will make it a very informative and holy day. Please join us.

Tickets still can be purchased at TheTalk.org
In Christ, Deacon Mark Raz

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC Two Things Can Be True At Once

Mini reflection: Love and hate. Hope and fear. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something.

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful—I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

"What's wrong?" my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

"She's—going—to—die—someday," I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

"Ohhh, honey." I'll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. "I think you might be tired."

Ten years later, it's a memory we laugh about. I hadn't slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It's funny. It's absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something—even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



## WEEKENDS 11/15/- 11/23/2025

The Mass			For			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.						
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Sat	4 pm	†	Carol & Ann Walsh			
Sun	8 am	Ť	Leo & Sarah Walsh			
			The parishioners of St. Peter's Church			
	10 am	†	Richard Maziarz			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.						
Tues	8 am	†	Tom Koncan			
Wed	8 am	†	Anthony D'Andrea			
Thur	8 am	†	Edmund Escobar			
Fri	8 am	t	Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church			
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE						
Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church			
Sun	8 am	†	Raymond & Veronica Green			
	10 am	†	Joanne Drinka			
			The parishioners of			

**Don't forget that 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.



St. Peter's Church

Every financial donation that you make will mean so much to our families!

May all your holidays be filled with blessings and joy! **God Bless you all!** 

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers				
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time							
<b>Saturday 11/15</b> 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Chris Chinni Joanne Prato (Choir)	Phil Webb Gary Miller				
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11/16</b> 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Deacon Mark	Dennis Wehrheim Sean Gosselin				
10:00 am	Peggy Mack	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Stan Tinsley Rich Yager				

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>11/22</b> 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11/23</b> 8:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Tom Fanella Paul Leali
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Deacon Mark Mary Seil (Choir)	John Ellicson Mike Wyatt

## Homebound Ministers

November 16<sup>th</sup>: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deanna Grandt, Nancy Piggot, Mary Seil, Maria Sullivan & Julia Francis

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Christ the King

Peggy Neuman, Paul Serio, Stan Tinsley, Steve Besetzny & Kathleen Van Ella

## St. Peter's Women's Ministry Annual Bake Sale

The weekend of November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
After all the Masses!

Save some time and get Thanksgiving sweets and pies at our bake sale.

There will be a variety of baked goods from our talented parishioners.



If you would like to donate baked items,

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from November 16<sup>th</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Joan Boettjer Patty Brown Deb Christian Deacon Eugene Damian Phyllis Ehlers Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley George Keim Glenn Geske Lvnn Geske Gina Gugala Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Christopher Hautala Joseph Keim Nancv Klein Ronald Klein

Martha Koukol Larry & LeeAnn Lord Caroline Madson 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
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)

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Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



## PARISH CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- OCIA Parish Office Upstairs Class Room 9:00 am
- SVdP Meeting Parish Hall 11:00 am
- Faith Formation Classes 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

• Morning Bible Study - Parish Hall - 9:00 am

### Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - Parish Office Closed Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am
- SPWM Bake Sale Parish Hall

#### Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - Christ the King

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- SPWM Bake Sale Parish Hall After All Masses
- NO Faith Formation Classes

#### Question:

#### Why do Catholics call priests Father?

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells His followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Cor 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.



## **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

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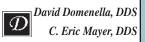


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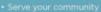
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