



St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



Sunday, November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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.



On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (AMS), thank you to all those who contributed to the National Collection for the AMS last week. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear. Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and military chaplaincy.

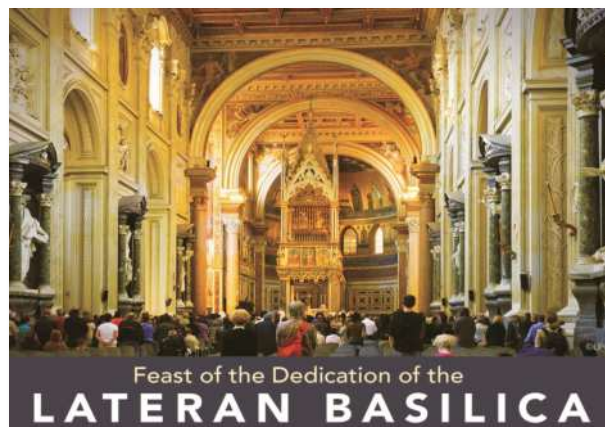
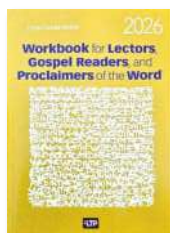
To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection

ATTENTION, LECTORS!

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

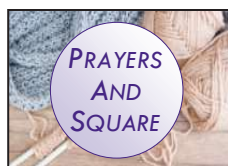
*Thank you for your dedication
to being wonderful proclaimers
of God's Word!*



Did you know there are churches in Rome older than St. Peter's? St. John Lateran is one of four major basilicas in the Eternal City, and it is by far the oldest. The land was donated by an ancient Roman family to the Emperor Constantine, who in turn gave it to the Church. For hundreds of years, St. John Lateran was the "Mother Church." Popes lived on the grounds through the 14th century. The church itself suffered from pillaging by invaders, fires, and earthquakes. It has been restored and rebuilt five times since the 300s. On this feast, we remember more than a building. We celebrate the resiliency of our faith. ***Though trials may come in our parishes, personal lives, and the world, the Church endures through the grace of Jesus Christ.***

Prayer & Squares

**We meet on the second Thursday
of each month. Our next meeting
is Thursday, November 13th at
1:30 p.m. in the Parish 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.

Last Weekend for Donations Drive For P.A.D.S.

November 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**

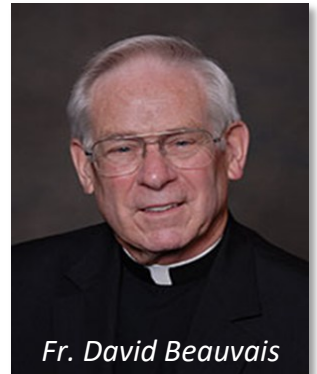
Donations will be collected in boxes provided in the Narthex. **Thank you for your generosity!**

World Day of the Poor – Live Online Event

November, 9th – 7:00 p.m.

Building Hope and Changing Lives

Support of Hope for Haitians by Catholics in the Rockford Diocese is changing lives in Haiti! Join Chris Weickert and Fr. David Beauvais for a special 45-minute live online conversation ahead of the World Day of the Poor.



Fr. David Beauvais

Learn how support from Catholics in the Rockford Diocese helps families in Haiti achieve dignity and opportunity through the work of Hope for Haitians – work that reflects Pope Leo's call to live out both charity and solidarity with the poor.

This session will include updates on current projects, discussion of Pope Leo's recent Apostolic Exhortation on Love for the Poor, and insights into how Hope for Haitians addresses the root cause of poverty.




Bring your questions! A live chat will let you engage directly with the presenters. **Scan the QR code below or visit:**

hopeforhaitians.org/update to register.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

"You are the temple of God," Paul tells us. But in today's Gospel we see how easily even temple areas become corrupted. Jesus, purged the greed and selfishness from our hearts. To make them fit dwellings for the Holy Spirit to make its home.




"Hope Does Not Disappoint"
Romans 5:5

"Walk the Talk" 30th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference


Saturday, November 22, 2025
8:50 AM - 4:00 PM*
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Many parishes are selling tickets!
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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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC Modern Money-Changers

Mini reflection: It matters why you do something, not just how you do it. Are we allowing our worship to transform us, or are we only concerned with transforming our worship?

The “liturgy wars” are something of a hot topic in contemporary Catholic circles.

Latin chant or guitar hymns? Communion on the tongue or in the hand? Chapel veils or bare heads? Surplice or alb? It’s giving me a headache just writing it all out.

I don’t mean to say that none of this matters. The worship of the Almighty God, especially in the context of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, is no trifling matter. It is good for people to be concerned about whether or not their worship is pleasing to God. I am happy that Catholics care enough about these things to have an opinion.

I’m not going to say where I fall on this spectrum of liturgical sensibility (the headache intensifies thinking of the emails I would get). And I won’t pretend it’s not something I feel passionate about, in my own way.

But too often I find myself sniffing dismissively at the “other camp,” the folks who are drawn to a different style or tradition. Too often I see them sniffing dismissively back to me. We are, both groups, obsessed with the form of a thing—so much so that we risk forgetting the function of it.

And when I stop to think about it, I wonder if Jesus shouldn’t crack the whip at us all, the modern money-changers of the temple, who have allowed worship to become a transaction (I offer x sacrifice, I am rewarded with y feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction).

I look at the Gospel today, and I can see the purpose of the money-changers. It could be argued that, in a way, they were facilitating the laws of Moses, making possible the temple sacrifices stipulated by God.

But it matters *why* you do something, not just *how* you do it.

What good is any act of worship, if at its conclusion we do not more closely resemble the One before whom we kneel?

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
11/8/- 11/16/2025

The Mass			For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA			
Sat	4 pm	†	Leo & Sarah Walsh
Sun	8 am	†	Thomas & Gertrude Walsh
	10 am	†	<div>Richard Maziarz</div> <div>The parishioners of St. Peter's Church</div>
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Edward Urbaniak
Wed	8 am	†	Brian Hoskins
Thur	8 am	†	Edmund Escobar
Fri	8 am	†	John & Honor Green
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Carol & Ann Walsh
Sun	8 am	†	<div>Leo & Sarah Walsh</div> <div>The parishioners of St. Peter's Church</div>
	10 am	†	Richard Maziarz

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.



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
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 <i>Jacqui Wold (Choir)</i>	Tom Straley Mike Wyatt

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Homebound Ministers

November 9th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Deacon Mark, Peggy Neuman, Theresa Frer, Eddie Wells & Steve Besetzny

November 16th: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

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.



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
Gina Gugala
Anthony Hodnik
Patricia Hodnik
Christopher Hautala
Joseph Keim
Nancy 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**.

Marian Central Theatre Presents



Adults: \$10
Students: \$7
Senior Citizens: \$7

Friday, November 14; 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 15; 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 16; 2:00 pm

Marian Central's theater students are thrilled to share a heartwarming comedy with their Fall Production "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. You'll fall in love with these quirky characters in this gem of a show featuring Mrs. Savage, a widowed millionaire recently dropped off by her children at the asylum Home.

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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Grief Support Group

Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)

Prayers & Squares

Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 9th - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- K of C - Breakfast - Parish Hall - After All Masses
- 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

Monday, November 10th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, November 11th - Veterans Day

- Morning Bible Study - Parish Hall - 9:00 am
- K of C - Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 12th

- Grief Support Group-Parish Office 1st Floor Conference Rm- 3:30 pm
- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**
- Evening Bible Study - Parish Hall - 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 13th

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

Friday, November 14th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 15th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, November 16th - 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 - 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th - 5:30 pm

A Night Prayer

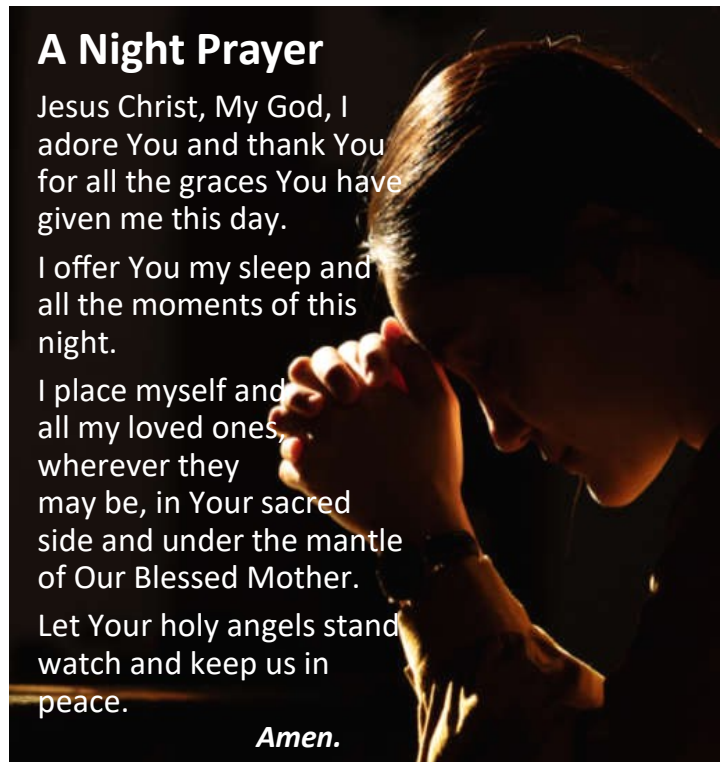
Jesus Christ, My God, I
adore You and thank You
for all the graces You have
given me this day.

I offer You my sleep and
all the moments of this
night.

I place myself and
all my loved ones,
wherever they
may be, in Your sacred
side and under the mantle
of Our Blessed Mother.

Let Your holy angels stand
watch and keep us in
peace.

Amen.





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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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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