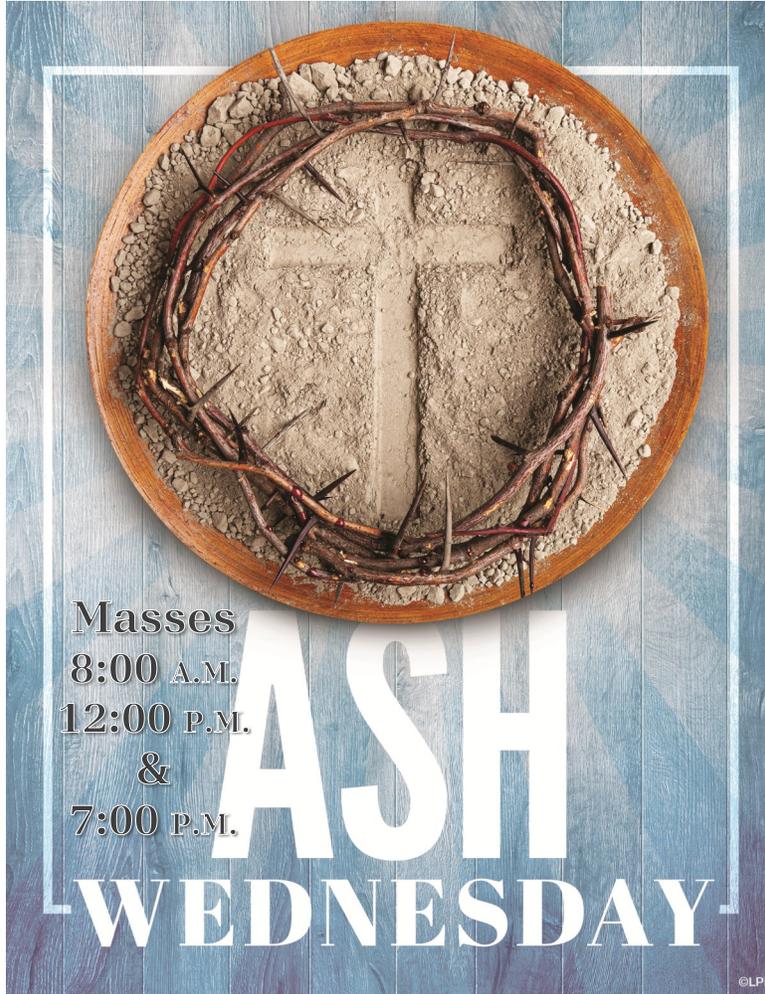


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St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, February 15, 2026 Sixth 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.



BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

Masses Celebrated

8:00 a.m. Noon 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, as well as all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- **Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.**

Prepare for Lent with our four-part video series called **"How to Lent."**

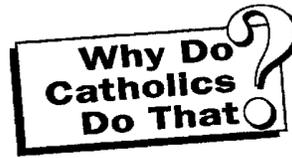


This series explores the scriptural origins of Lent and its desert imagery. It explains the pillars of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. It challenges you to think beyond your usual Lenten sacrifices to something that will genuinely help you grow in your faith.

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Why do Catholics give up meat on Fridays in Lent?

Abstaining from meat on Fridays in Lent is not merely a rule, but a reverent sacrifice rooted in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday. By giving up something we enjoy but do not need, we unite a small, bodily sacrifice to His offering on the Cross.

This "prayer of the body" strengthens the prayer of the soul, training our hearts in discipline and gratitude. It keeps our focus on Christ and serves as a quiet, outward sign of faith. For the same reason, the Church encourages Friday penance throughout the year.

Save-the-Date

On Monday and Tuesday,
March 2nd and 3rd
at 7:00 p.m. in the Church



St. Peter's will be hosting
**Fr. Robert Sherry for a two-day
Lenten mission on the Eucharist.**

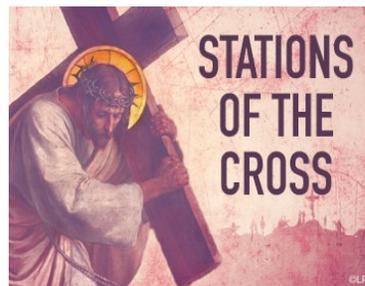
Fr. Sherry will be guiding us through our Catholic belief in the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.**

Come and listen to a wonderful speaker and renew your understanding of Christ in the Eucharist.

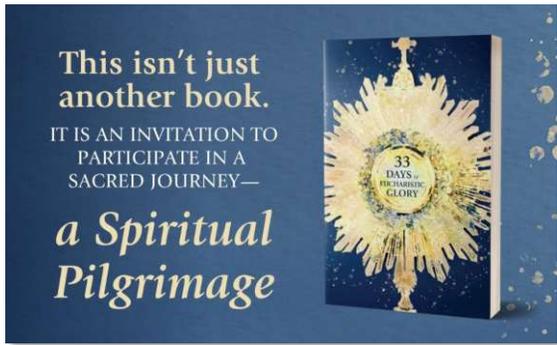
Hope to see you there.

In Christ, Deacon Mark

The Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent!



Walk with Jesus as He journeys towards Calvary as we pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



Take the Journey This Lenten Season

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory is an incredible journey that awaits you this Lent—an *invitation to participate in a spiritual pilgrimage!*

This journey will lead you to the essence of what it truly means to be Catholic. This journey will change your life in a most marvelous way. ***This Lent you may give up something, but I encourage you to step out and take this journey with other parishioners to find Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.***

We are offering to the St. Peter's community, the opportunity to study Matthew Kelly's book, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory."

If you were not able to sign up for the 33 Days of Eucharistic Glory this weekend, no problem; just call Laura at the parish office and she will have someone from the team give you a call. You will then be able to choose a time and place that best suits your situation. Each of the 6 study groups will meet one time per week to facilitate how everyone is progressing in the material.

In Christ, Deacon Mark

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus does not want us to live within the law—He wants the law to live within us. God's law, fulfilled by His Son, is rich soil. We must let it nourish the words and the decisions of our Christian life—only then will it flow forth into the world.

Prayer Pal Sunday

On February 22nd the children who are preparing for their 1st Holy Communion will be asking for a Prayer Pal.

What is a Prayer Pal, you ask?

A Prayer Pal is a person or family who promises to pray for their "pal" as they learn about and celebrate their Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion.

At the end of 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 22nd Fr. Burt will call the children forward. If you are interested in being a Prayer Pal Fr. Burt



will ask you to stand. Each child will have a card attached to a loaf of bread. The children will walk to a person who is standing and hand them their card and their bread. The card contains a picture and information about your pal. In addition to praying for your pal we encourage you to "connect" with your pal and their family. If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Pal be sure to attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, February 22nd.



Soup and Salad Fridays

Every Friday night during Lent, various parish ministries will host a soup and salad dinner in the parish hall.

A "no cook" Friday dinner for moms and dads.

Cost: Free

Who's Invited: All Parishioners and Families

Time: 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Enjoy a tasty bowl of soup, salad, and a variety of breads with your Parish Family.

Then, we'll journey together in the footsteps of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

**Food, Faith, and Family...
What could be better?**

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE CARPENTER AND THE LAW

Mini reflection: The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raga*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily. Over time, it becomes too much to bear. And that board—that law, that heart—it’ll break. Just you wait.

My husband and I couldn’t believe our luck: our new house had a deck. It was more than a couple of broke millennials had ever dared to dream. Lounging in our patio furniture drinking coffee and watching the cars drive past, we felt like Kennedys at Hyannis Port. We had arrived.

Well, until it started falling apart.

To be fair, my husband knew this was going to happen all along, because he’s a person who uses words like “joist” and “weight-bearing” correctly. He took one look at the deck at the open house and knew it wasn’t up to code. “We’re going to have to reinforce this at some point,” he told me. “Whatever!” I replied, daydreaming about twinkle lights and porch parties.

Sure enough, our second summer in the house, he had to rip the rotting surface boards off. The biggest issue was that the joists were too far apart; when we stepped on the boards, they bowed and almost cracked, lacking adequate support beneath. But we weren’t going to redo the whole deck—we’re not *actually* Kennedys. We (okay, *he*) simply ripped the surface boards off, added the necessary joists, and replaced the decking with newer, better, stronger wood.

Simply put, my husband did not come to abolish the deck, but to fulfill it.

The law of Moses was like a good deck, admirably built. You could say “*Raga*,” your heart filled with anger, and the law didn’t break. But that anger treads heavily on boards not adequately supported. Over time, the anger becomes too much to bear. And that board—that law, that heart—it’ll break. Just you wait.

And when it does, you’ll see why: there wasn’t anything beneath, holding it up.

So God sent a carpenter to reinforce the law. The Carpenter crafted joists from prudence, fortitude, justice and temperance—strong virtues that can withstand a lifetime of battery, if properly maintained.

And the law still holds.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
2/14/ - 2/22/2026

The Mass		For	
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>			
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	June “June Bug” Baumann
Sun	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
	10 am		The parishioners of St. Peter’s Church
<i>Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.</i>			
Tues	8 am	†	Mark Boettjer
ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH			
Wed	8 am	†	Don & Georgia Kalinoski
	12 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
	7 pm		Father Burt
Thur	8 am		Peter Keim
Fri	8 am	†	Edward Umbricht
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Popelka Family
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter’s Church
	10 am	†	Diana Kula

Why do people who live in Greece hate waking up at dawn?

Because “Dawn’s” tough on grease.

Why are spiders so smart?

Because they can find everything on the web.

What do you call a twitching cow?

Beef jerky.

What did the icy road say to the car?

Wanna go for a spin.



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 2/14 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Deacon Mark <i>Joanne Prato</i> (Choir)	Deb Christian Rich Wirch
Sunday 2/15 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Nancy Piggot <i>Mary Seil</i> (Choir)	Tom Fanella
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Nettie Toms <i>Kathie Toms</i> (Choir)	Ron Hlavin Chad Franckowiak
ASH WEDNESDAY			
Wednesday 2/18 8:00 am	Peggy Mack	Dennis Wehrheim (**Ashes**)	Tom Fanella Richard Wirch
12:00 pm	Mary Yager	Deacon Mark (**Ashes**)	Deb Christian
7:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Mike Rygiel (**Ashes**) <i>Carol Rygiel</i> (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 2/21 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Dennis Wehrheim <i>Jacqui Wold</i> (Choir)	Sean Gosselin Gary Miller
Sunday 2/22 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Deacon Mark <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> (Choir)	Dennis Wehrheim Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Joanne Prato	Heather Justen <i>Jean Hlavin</i> (Choir)	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

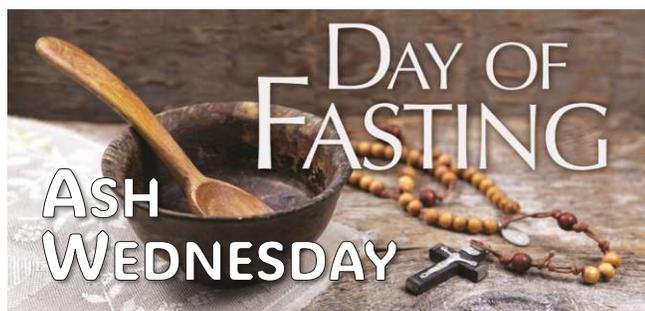
Homebound Ministers

February 15th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deanna Grandt, Maria Sullivan, Nancy Piggot, Peggy Neuman & Steve Besetzny

February 22nd: 1st Sunday of Lent

Deacon Mark, Kathleen Van Ella, Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer & Julia Francis



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from February 8th – February 21st 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
Christel Beyerlein
Patty Brown
Deb Cooke
Deacon Eugene Damian
Phyllis Ehlers
Robert Fenrich
Carol Flatley
Glenn Geske
Lynn Geske
Gina Gugala
Anthony Hodnik
Patricia Hodnik
Christopher Hautala
Joseph Keim
Nancy Klein
Ronald Klein
Martha Koukol

Mark & Kim Krakowski
Larry 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
Fred Zahn

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.



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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15th - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **K of C Breakfast - Parish Hall - After 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses**
- **OCIA - Parish Office Upstairs Class Room - 9:00 am**
- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**
- **NO Faith Formation Classes**

Monday, February 16th - Parish Office Closed

- **Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm**

Tuesday, February 17th

Wednesday, February 18th - Ash Wednesday

- **Masses Celebrated at 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm**
- **No Spiritual Warfare Rosary**

Thursday, February 19th

- **33 Days Eucharistic Glory, Study Group - Parish Hall - 10:00 am**
- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, February 20th - Parish Office Closed

- **Soup/Salad Supper - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm**
- **Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:00 pm**

Saturday, February 21st

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

Sunday, February 22nd - 1st Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th - 5:30 pm**



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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

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