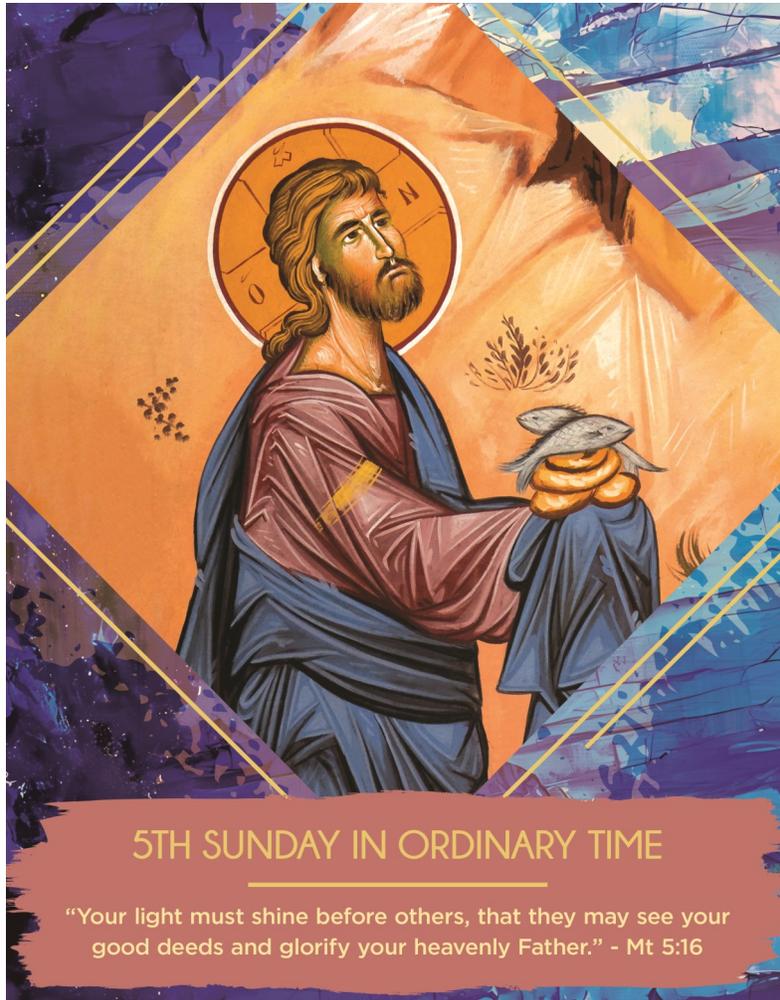




St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, February 8, 2026

Fifth 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.

Parish LiFE Note - February 2026

SACRIFICIAL

St. Valentine's Day is a time that many celebrate love by sharing sweets and decorating things in bright pink. The man after whom the romantic holiday is named died a red martyr's death. A third-century Catholic priest, Valentine's tale portrays a man unafraid of government punishment, even death. In secret, he married Roman soldiers and their lovers at a time when marriage for these soldiers was forbidden. Valentine died a martyr, refusing to renounce his faith in Jesus. He had self-sacrificial love for both his Lord and his flock. St. Valentine models what selfless love should be like. It should give and not count the cost. Because love, genuine love, will cost us, and we will stand ready to give of ourselves.



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RETURN YOUR USED PALMS

They will be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday



Last Weekend
February
14th - 15th

Collection bins will be available in the vestibules

Mark Your Calendars

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, February 15th



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

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

Save-the-Date

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



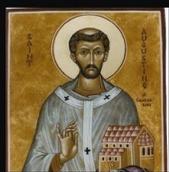
St. Peter's will be hosting
Fr. Robert Sherry for a two-day
Lenten mission on the Eucharist.

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



Since God is the highest good, He would not allow any evil to exist in His works unless His omnipotence and goodness were such as to bring good even out of evil.

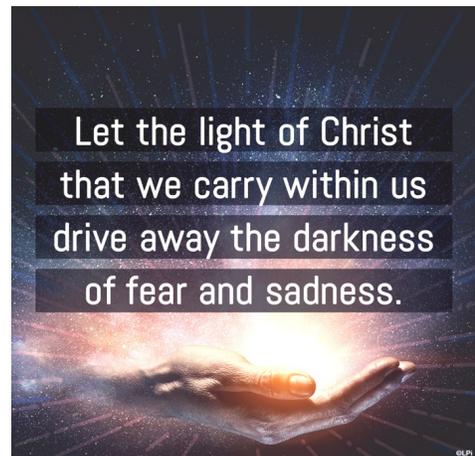
~ St. Augustine ~

Prayer & Squares

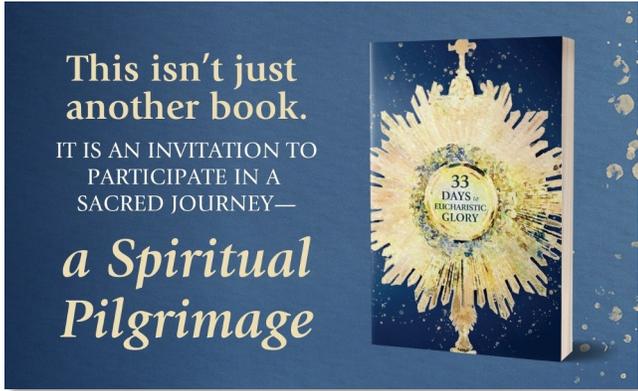
We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is February 12th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



Prayers & Squares group uses knitting and crochet to create comforting shawls and blankets for anyone in need of a warm reminder of God's love. We invite you to be part of this ministry. Beginners are warmly welcomed, and all materials and instructions are provided.



Let the light of Christ that we carry within us drive away the darkness of fear and sadness.



33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

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 Eucharistic 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 a week to facilitate how everyone is progressing in the material. It looks like each group will meet at different times and places. So, if you did not sign up you still have a chance.

In Christ, Deacon Mark

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

Salt without flavor is no longer salt. Light that illuminates nothing is no longer light. As Christians, we must be what we have been made to be. So think about it, carefully: what stands between you and being who you were made to be?

Parish LiFE Note - February 2026

MARRIAGE

"Among the vocations to which men and women are called by God, marriage is one of the noblest and most elevated," writes Pope Leo XIV. Marriage is noble, a Sacrament which, like Baptism, is called to be lived out daily with fidelity and love. Pope Leo has reminded the faithful that marriage lived faithfully is a path to holiness. He offers Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin as exemplars of the married life. They show that sanctity in the family is not just possible, but that they are integral to each other. Through the graces God offers in this Sacrament and the submission of the two spouses' wills to the Will of God, husband and wife grow in holiness. Marriage is life-changing; its fruits are eternal.



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Soup and Salad Fridays Begins Friday, February 20th

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 pm

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 pm in the church.

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

BE SALTY

Mini reflection: The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. The greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show *evidence* of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they *should* be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
2/7/ - 2/15/2026

The Mass		For	
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>			
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	James Urbaszewski
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	Diana Kula
<i>Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.</i>			
Tues	8 am	†	Thomas Sanders
Wed	8 am	†	Joseph & Mildred Vavrina
Thur	8 am		Jim & Carole Nowicki (65th Wedding Anniversary)
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
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



National Marriage Week 2026
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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 2/7 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Denise Wahls Chad Franckowiak
Sunday 2/8 8:00 am	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> (Choir)	Vince Desecki Paul Leali
10:00 am	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms <i>Chris Chinni</i> (Choir)	Stan Tinsley John Ellicson
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 Chad Franckowiak
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Nettie Toms <i>Kathie Toms</i> (Choir)	Ron Hlavin Mike Gordon

Homebound Ministers

February 8th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Theresa Frer, Mary Seil, Stan Tinsley & Steve Besetzny

February 15th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Joan Boettjer

Patty Brown

Deb Cooke

Deacon Eugene Damian

Phyllis Ehlers

Robert Fenrich

Carol Flatley

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Gina Gugala

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Patricia Hodnik

Christopher Hautala

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Nancy Klein

Ronald Klein

Martha Koukol

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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

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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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8th - 5th 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, February 9th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 10th

- **K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, February 11th

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, February 12th

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

Friday, February 13th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, February 14th

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

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**

SAVE THE DATE!

EMMAUS WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday - Sunday, March 6th - 8th



(image: Robert Zünd, Gang nach Emmaus [Public domain])

WALK WITH US What a life-changing spiritual gift for your wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, daughter, friend, or YOURSELF! Come and let Jesus reveal himself to you as he did to the two on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35.

This is a retreat given by women for women ages 22 to 99+.

We will learn how to recognize Jesus in our everyday lives, through witness, small group sharing and reflection time. Many women have experienced tremendous healing, and lifting of burdens, an increase of love, joy, peace, understanding and a new sense of belonging.

When: March 6 - 8, 2026

Where: Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Campus, Woodstock, IL

Cost: \$180 (meals, housing, materials); scholarships available

Applications are available at the St Joseph Church Ministry Center, 101 Church St, Harvard, or text/call Sue at 815-482-3602.



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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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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