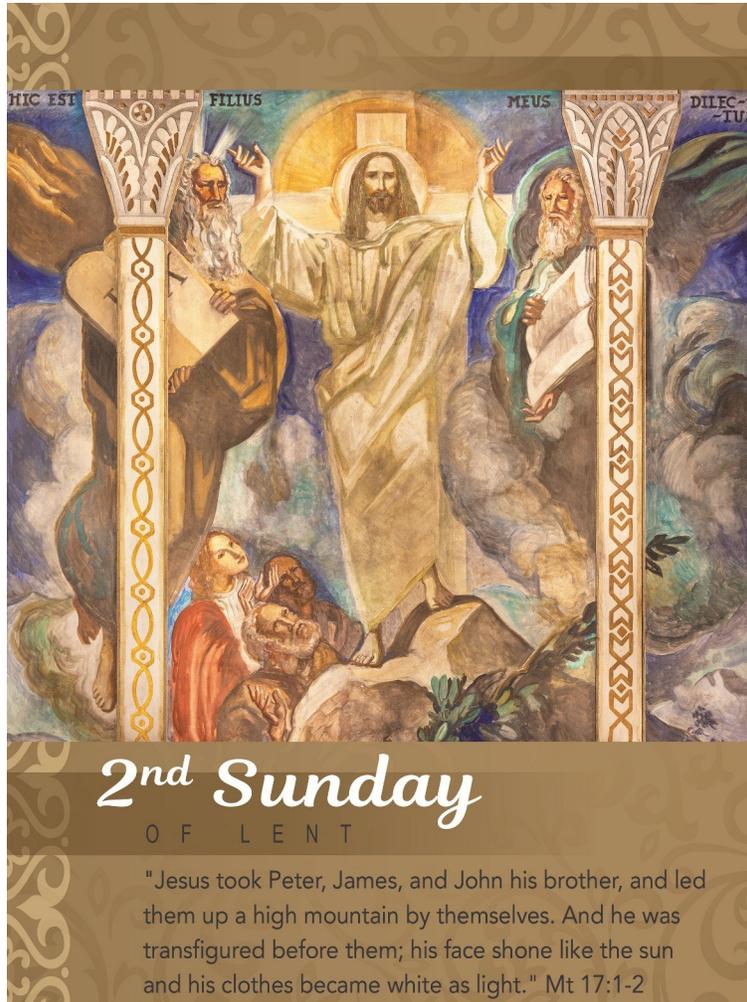




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2nd Sunday

O F L E N T

"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Mt 17:1-2

Sunday, March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent

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.

Lent

Lent is a time to slow down and reorient ourselves to God. During Lent, we are called to grow closer to Him. As a spouse or parent, our penitential acts can also help us grow closer to each other and our families. *When we*



pray together as a married couple, we strengthen both our relationship with God and with each other. Consider praying as a couple in the morning or evening, getting more structured with prayer, or dedicating more time to devotions this Lent. *Praying as a family* helps model prayer to our children. Consider praying a daily family rosary, which will help everyone enter the mysteries of Christ's life. During Lent, we typically fast from foods or beverages or from things that distract us from God. When we sacrifice such distractions, we can then devote that time to *being more present to our spouse or children*, making memories, and praying with them. During Lent, we also try to boost our almsgiving. *Give alms as a family*, serving those in need, teaches Christian stewardship and brings the family together.

St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd

Business Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

Since the Parish Lenten Mission begins at 7:00 p.m. we will be starting the SPWM Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd.



Please note: NO Rosary!

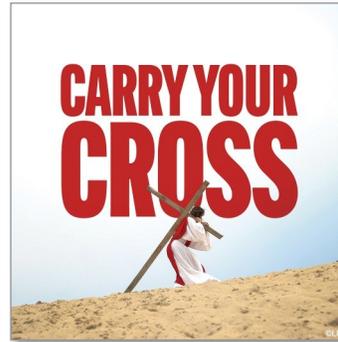
After the meeting, everyone is welcome to join Fr. Sherry in the Church for the Parish Lenten Mission.

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

"Go forth," God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. ***We must go forth.***

Via Dolorosa, or The Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent!



Unite your own suffering with Christ's and feel the depths of His mercy and love

Walk with Jesus, step-by-step as He journeys towards His Cross and we pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



**THE SEASON OF LENT IS A TIME OF
REPENTANCE & RENEWAL**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
WILL BE OFFERED ON FRIDAYS DURING
LENT FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 P.M. OR
Every Saturday all year
from 3:00 until 3:45 p.m.**

*Or call the Parish Office
to schedule an appointment.*

*"The confessional
is not a
TORTURE CHAMBER,
but the place in which
the Lord's Mercy
MOTIVATES US
to do better."*

- POPE FRANCIS

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**St. Peter's Women's Ministry
Keeping Families Covered**

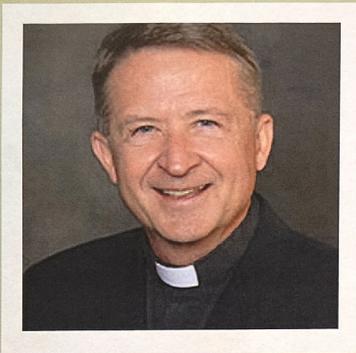
**Senior Diaper Drive the weekends
of March 7-8 and March 14-15**

Please consider purchasing and donating
a package of senior diapers.

There will be collection bins inside the front and side
entrances of the church for your donation.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity,
and in caring for our seniors.*

**Eucharistic Lenten
Mission
with Father Robert Sherry**



Father Sherry was ordained in 1966 by Bishop Loras Lane. He served in many Rockford Diocesan parishes and as the Diocesan Vocation Director. From 1982-89 he worked at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Some of you may be familiar with Father Sherry, who was the founding pastor of the Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry and served there for 23 years.

Since his retirement, Father has traveled the globe with Cross Catholic Outreach inspiring people to become closer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and on fire with love for our Catholic faith and the poor.

*March 2 and 3
7:00-8:00 p.m.*

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Nightly Themes

- God's Great Gift to Us
- Our Little Gift to God



PLAY BALL!!!

Attention St. Peter's Athletes

We are starting softball again in April and are looking for players who would like to come out and have some fun with fellow parishioners and share fellowship with neighboring churches.

Games are played Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. at the township (behind the Moose Lodge) or other nearby parks.

Anyone who is interested can contact Tom Boettjer at 773-875-3976



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?**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THREE TENTS

Mini reflection: It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check—we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why—"What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?"—I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled—he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

So build three tents, strong and durable shelters for the Truth to dwell. But build them in your heart. And then, the Transfiguration won't be just an event, something that happened at a certain time and a certain place. It'll be a reality that lives within us all. And we will bear it with us wherever we go.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
2/28/ - 3/8/2026

The Mass		For	
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>			
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat	4 pm	†	Donald Wehrheim, Jr.
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	†	Pat Higgins
Wed	8 am	†	Mark Jahnke
Thur	8 am		Girl Scouts living & deceased
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat	4 pm	†	John Popelka
Sun	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
	10 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church

Be Reconciled

Come to confession March 25

Wednesday

St. Peter's

9:00 am - 11:00 am
12:00 - 2:00 pm
3:00 - 5:00 pm
6:00 - 8:00 pm

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 2/28 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Denise Wahls Chad Franckowiak
Sunday 3/1 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Mary Seil <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> (Choir)	Vince Desecki Paul Leali
10:00 am	Nettie Toms	Deacon Mark <i>Kathie Toms</i> (Choir)	Stan Tinsley John Ellicson
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 3/7 4:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark <i>Nettie Toms</i> (Choir)	Deb Christian Rich Wirch
Sunday 3/8 8:00 am	Carol Magnine	Eddie Wells <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> (Choir)	Tom Fanella Chad Franckowiak
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Jean Hlavin <i>Sharon Ellicson</i> (Choir)	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

Homebound Ministers

March 1st: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Deacon Mark, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman, Stan Tinsley & Steve Besetzny

March 8th: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Theresa Frer, Maria Sullivan, Julia Francis, Eddie Wells & Steve Besetzny

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
February 22nd – March 7th 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
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Phyllis Ehlers
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Larry Meyers
Barbara Miller
Norma Moretti
John Mueller
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Jim Nowicki
John & Sandra Paleka
Debbie Schaff
Dorothy Scichowski
David Thomas
Valerie Thompson
Robert Tolomeo
Grace Wesinger
Fred Zahn

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If you or a loved one wish to continue to be on
the prayer list, please contact the
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815-675-2288

If you know someone who is sick and asking for
prayer, but they are not registered members of our
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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1st - 2nd Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm
- OCIA Class - Parish Office Upstairs Classroom - 9:00 am

Monday, March 2nd - Parish Office Closed

- Lenten Parish Mission - Fr. Robert Sherry - Church - 7:00 pm
- SVdP Meeting - Parish Office Upstairs Classroom - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 3rd

- Lenten Parish Mission - Fr. Robert Sherry - Church - 7:00 pm
- SPWM Meeting - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 4th

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm**
- 33 Days Eucharistic Glory, Study Group - Parish Hall - 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 5th

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

Friday, March 6th - Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, March 7th

- 33 Days Eucharistic Glory, Study Group - Parish Hall - 9:30 am
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**
- SPWM - Diaper Drive Collection

Sunday, March 8th - 3rd Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- SPWM - Diaper Drive Collection
- Faith Formation Classes - 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th - 5:30 pm
- OCIA Class - Parish Office Upstairs Classroom - 9:00 am



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- ◆ Click on **View Timeslots** for the day of your choice
- ◆ Scroll down to the time you'd like and click **Reserve Time**
- ◆ Type in all applicable info
- ◆ Scroll down and click on **Reserve Appointment**

You will get a confirmation of your date and time. Please allow 45 minutes for your session. If you have 6 or more in your group, please schedule 2 slots and allow 60 minutes.



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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