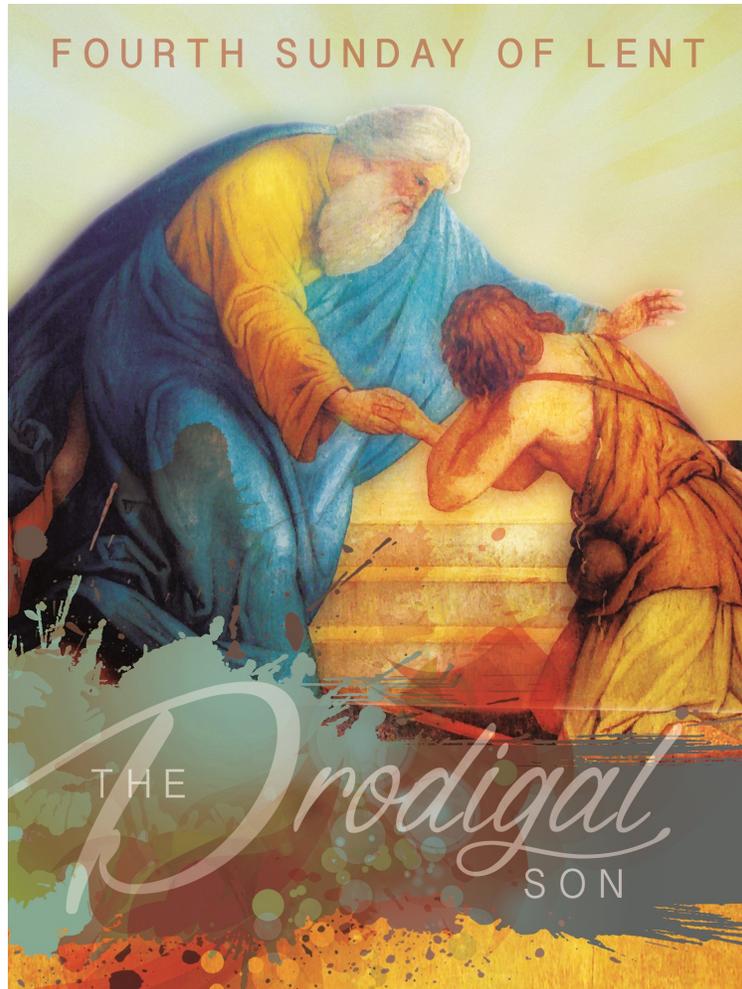




St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



Sunday, March 15, 2026

“Laetare” (Rejoice) - 4th 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)

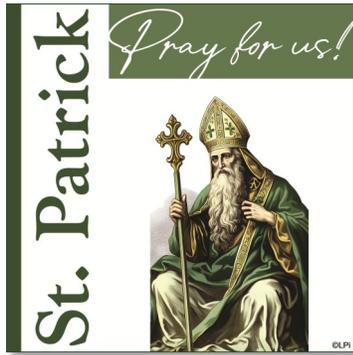
Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage on March 17th, St. Patrick is a well-known saint around the world.



St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

Model Man

Every year, in Lent, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19th**. Since the day is a solemnity, we break with our intense penitence and truly celebrate! Joseph is one of the few men described in the Bible as “righteous.” To be a righteous man means to be a man whose strength rests in God. Joseph was outstanding in virtue, which is exactly why he was chosen to be the foster father of the Messiah. He is as exemplary for modern men as he was for the men of antiquity. Joseph obeyed God’s commands sent him by an angel. He labored hard, with honesty and humility. And he never hesitated to do what was best for Mary and Jesus. The Litany of St. Joseph recognizes him as the “Glory of home life, Pillar of families, Terror of demons,” and “protector of Holy Church.” Men are called to live their earthly lives in courage and virtue like he did.



St. Joseph, model of man of family life, pray for us!

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 merciful love

Encounter each agonizing redemptive steps that Jesus walks towards Calvary as we unite our sufferings and pray the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.



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.

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!

RE M I N D E R :

EASTER HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

ALL ARTICLES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH (PALM SUNDAY)

ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH (EASTER SUNDAY)

ARTICLES DUE: THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

What does Jesus mean when He talks about taking up our Cross?

Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, His way of allowing us to participate in His saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the Cross, God's will for Jesus—the way in which He destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the Cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the Cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with Him through death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection" (Romans 6:5).



We need volunteers and donations!

Check the donation baskets and fillable egg bags at the Church entrances.

Donations are due back to the Church or Parish Office by March 30th

Call or email Jacqui Wold if you are able to help

847-209-0551

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Photo Scheduling

Thursday, April 23

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

- ◆ Go online to www.ucdir.com
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- ◆ Type in Church Code **IL461**
- ◆ Type in Password **photos1**
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- ◆ 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.



Fridays
SOUP
& SALAD

Soup and Salad Fridays

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.

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.

"Your accumulated offenses do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies..."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

SENT

Mini-reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the *whole other side of town*, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at—"Ooh! Aah!"—and move on from there. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples—a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
3/14 - 3/22/2026

The Mass		For	
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>			
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - "LAETARE" (REJOICE)			
Sat	4 pm	†	Clarence & Mildred Shastal
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	John & Elizabeth Rygiel
<i>Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.</i>			
Tues	8 am	†	June "June Bug" Baumam
Wed	8 am	†	Don & Georgia Kalinoski
Thur	8 am	†	Stanley J. Stack & Christine Wiedemann
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat	4 pm	†	Don Wehrheim, Jr.
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	Diana Kula

Theme: *The Joyful Life*
Bring a Friend!

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Our Speaker: Rev. Sean E. Grismer
Parochial Administrator at St. Mary Catholic Church in Woodstock, IL & St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hartland, IL "Dose of the Ghost" Facebook Podcast on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays

Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, April 18, 2026
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Location:
St. Mary Catholic Church
Parish Hall
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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 3/14 4:00 pm	Susan Straley	Chris Chinni <i>Joanne Prato</i> (Choir)	Sean Gosselin Gary Miller
Sunday 3/15 8:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Deacon Mark <i>Nancy Piggot</i> (Choir)	Dennis Wehrheim Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel</i> (Choir)	Mike Gordon Tom Straley

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 3/21 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Marge Ladner <i>Susan Straley</i> (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls
Sunday 3/22 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Eddie Wells <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> (Choir)	Vince Desecki Paul Leali
10:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Deacon Mark <i>Jean Hlavin</i> (Choir)	Stan Tinsley John Ellicson

Homebound Ministers

March 15th: 4th Sunday of Lent

Nancy Piggot, Deanna Grandt, Peggy Neuman, Don Piggot & Stan Tinsley

March 22nd: 5th Sunday of Lent

Deacon Mark, Mary Seil, Theresa Frer, Eddie Wells & Steve Besetzny

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
March 8th – March 21st for

† **Danny Michelotti**

May this light which reminds us of
Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary
Welcome him 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
Gail Gagnon
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Lynn Geske
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Nancy Klein
Ronald Klein
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Larry Lord
Caroline Madson
Denise Meyers
Larry Meyers
Barbara Miller
Norma Moretti
John Mueller
Carole Nowicki
Jim Nowicki
John & Sandra Paleka
Carol Sasse
Debbie Schaff
Dorothy Scichowski
Bev Schmitt
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**.

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

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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Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15th - 4th Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **K of C - Breakfast - Parish Hall - After All Masses**
- **SPWM - Diaper Drive Collection**
- **OCIA Class - Parish Office Upstairs Classroom - 9:00 am**
- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm**

Monday, March 16th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, March 17th

- **33 Days Eucharistic Glory, Study Group - Parish Hall - 8:00 pm**

Wednesday, March 18th

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

Thursday, March 19th

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

Friday, March 20th - Parish Office Closed

- **Soup/Salad Supper - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm**
- **Stations of the Cross - Church - 7:00 pm**
- **Confessions - Church - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

Saturday, March 21st

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

Sunday, March 22nd - 5th Sunday of Lent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **OCIA Class - Parish Office Upstairs Classroom - 9:00 am**
- **NO Faith Formation Classes**



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



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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WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

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Planning Meeting - Tuesday, March 24th
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