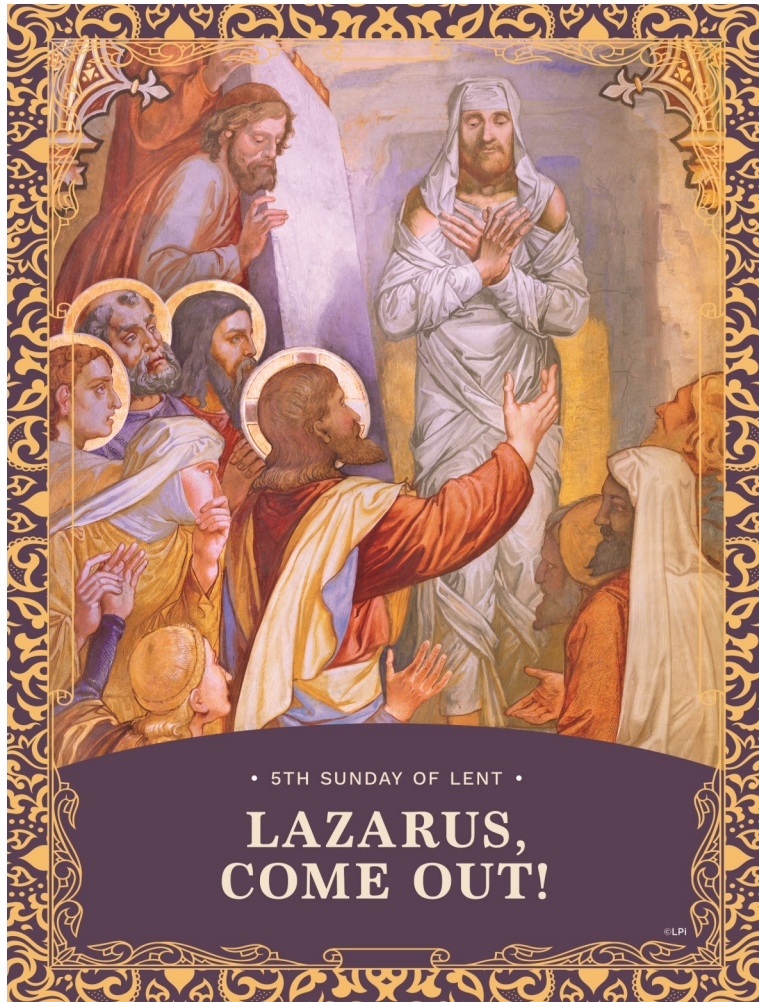




St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, March 22, 2026 5th 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.

Lenten Reconciliation "Be Reconciled" Wednesday, March 25th

The Season of Lent is a wonderful time to celebrate the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation, the proclamation of God's great love for us through the forgiveness of our sins.



Confession Times:

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Or, call the parish office to make and appointment with Fr. Burt.

Beginning

The Bible begins with the words, "In the beginning..." The universe had a beginning, and human life also has a beginning.

Modern advancements let us see the development of a tiny person at conception. This month, we observe the **Annunciation on Wednesday, March 24th**, in which the angel Gabriel reveals to Mary that she will conceive the Son of God. After her "yes" to God, Mary visits her relative Elizabeth, who is six months pregnant. By this time, Mary has conceived Jesus in her



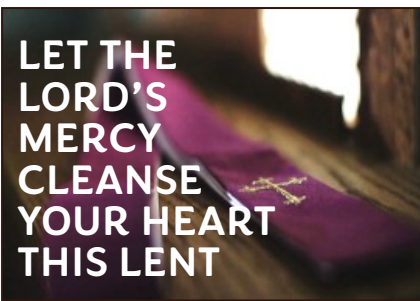
womb through the Holy Spirit. Jesus can't be more than a few weeks old at the **Visitation**. Back then, a baby wasn't considered alive or "ensouled" until the mom could feel the baby moving. But when Mary arrives, John the Baptist leaps inside Elizabeth's belly, acknowledging Christ's divinity but also the humanity of the *as-yet* unborn Messiah. Baby Jesus would have been too young and small to make any sensible movements, but the Baptist points to the Lord's presence in utero! ***It is part of our faith to know that life begins at conception and to defend that beautiful life!***

The Stations of the Cross Friday, March 27th - 7:00 p.m.



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

Encounter each agonizing redemptive step 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 IS OFFERED ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT FROM 6:30 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.

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RE M I N D E R :

**EASTER HOLIDAY
BULLETIN SUBMISSION**

**BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH
(EASTER SUNDAY)**

ARTICLES DUE: THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

Fridays
SOUP

Lenten Suppers

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 as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Panera's Bread Program

St. Peter's Church has decided it will no longer be participating in the Panera Bread Program. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this program successful over the years by picking up or delivering the bread to St. Peter's.



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 woldj22@yahoo.com

Universal Church Directories

Parish Album - Photo Scheduling

Wednesday, April 22 - Open Spots

Thursday, April 23 - **Filled**

Friday, April 24 - **Filled**

Saturday, April 25 - **Filled**

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- ◆ 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.

Remember to Return Your Lenten Almsgiving "CRS Rice Bowl"

The Holy Season of Lent is a special time of personal and spiritual growth. It's a time to reflect deeply on ourselves and others. *The spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving guide us as we strengthen our relationship with God and our neighbors.*

Our world faces urgent needs as more families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste struggle with hunger and poverty.

The Catholic social teaching principle of solidarity teaches us that we are one human family. Because we are connected, the joys and challenges faced by our sisters and brothers affect us too.

"Bring Lent to Life with CRS Rice Bowl" for those who face challenges of basic needs for daily survival. Let us grow in understanding through our almsgiving of what our sisters and brothers face each day – and discover how God is calling us to respond.

The bank will say an extra prayer for you if you would kindly exchange your coins for paper money or a check before turning in your Rice Bowl.

Please don't keep them waiting! Simply hand your Rice Bowl to an usher upon entering the Church.

God Bless You!



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHAT LAZARUS WANTED

Mini reflection: Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

“It must be so crazy, being God,” one of my friends said in high school. “Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?”

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God’s omnipotence. It’s understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. “Oh God, thy sea is so great,” goes the old fisherman’s prayer. “And my boat is so small.”

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. “This illness is not to end in death,” he tells his companions. “But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn’t know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered—“Lord, let your will be done”—he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
3/21 - 3/29/2026

The Mass		For	
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>			
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Sat	4 pm	†	Don 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	†	Ann Desantis Kattner
Wed	8 am	†	Pedro Bendiola
Thur	8 am		Scholle & Sompel Families
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD			
Sat	4 pm	†	Clarence & Mildred Shastal
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	Jean Slovnik



Theme: *The Joyful Life*
Bring a Friend!

A Ministry to Catholic Women



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
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saturday 3/21 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Marge Ladner <i>Susan Straley</i> (Choir)	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
PALM SUNDAY			
Saturday 3/28 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms (Narrator) Peggy Mack (Speaker)	Heather Justen <i>Kathie Toms</i> (Choir)	Deb Christian Rich Wirch
Sunday 3/29 8:00 am	Deacon Mark (Narrator) Cyndee Wehrheim (Speaker)	Deacon Mark <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> (Choir)	Tom Fanella Chad Franckowiak
10:00 am	Ardie Arnold (Narrator) Sandi Wesinger (Speaker)	Jean Hlavin <i>Nancy Piggot</i> (Choir)	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

Homebound Ministers

March 22nd: 5th Sunday of Lent

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

March 29th: Palm Sunday

Maria Sullivan, Julia Francis, Peggy Neuman, Stan Tinsley & Steve Besetzny



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

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
March 22nd – April 4th for
† Stanley Stack &
Christine Wiedemann
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	Mark & Kim Krakowski
Christel Beyerlein	Larry Lord
Patty Brown	Caroline Madson
Deb Cooke	Denise Meyers
Deacon Eugene Damian	Larry Meyers
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Robert Fenrich	Norma Moretti
Carol Flatley	John Mueller
Gail Gagnon	Carole Nowicki
Glenn Geske	Jim Nowicki
Lynn Geske	John & Sandra Paleka
Gina Gugala	Carol Sasse
Anthony Hodnik	Debbie Schaff
Patricia Hodnik	Dorothy Scichowski
Christopher Hautala	Bev Schmitt
John Jindra	David Thomas
Joseph Keim	Valerie Thompson
Nancy Klein	Robert Tolomeo
Ronald Klein	Mark Vallango
Martha Koukol	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.

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)

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 23rd - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, March 24th

- K of C - Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm
- 33 Days Eucharistic Glory, Study Group - Parish Hall - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, March 25th

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

Thursday, March 26th

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

Friday, March 27th - 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 28th

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

Sunday, March 29th - Palm Sunday

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

Virtue of Faith, Explained!

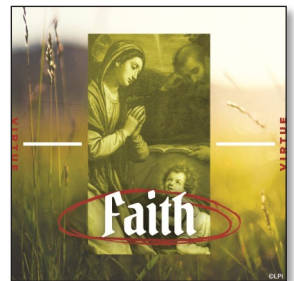
"Nobody reaches God's presence until he has learned to believe that God exists, and that he rewards those who try to find him." (Hebrews 11:6)

So how do we learn to believe?

Through the theological virtue of faith—which is ***"man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man."*** (CCC 26). ***Faith, then, is embarking on the journey to find God.***

By faith ***"man freely commits his entire self to God. For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God's will."*** (CCC 1814)

But it is not enough for faith to simply be within us, as a lit match burns in a dark room. We are compelled to fan those flames. ***We must encourage them with the complementary virtues of hope and love, and we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding so that our faith will grow and strengthen.***





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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Planning Meeting - Tuesday, March 24th

Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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