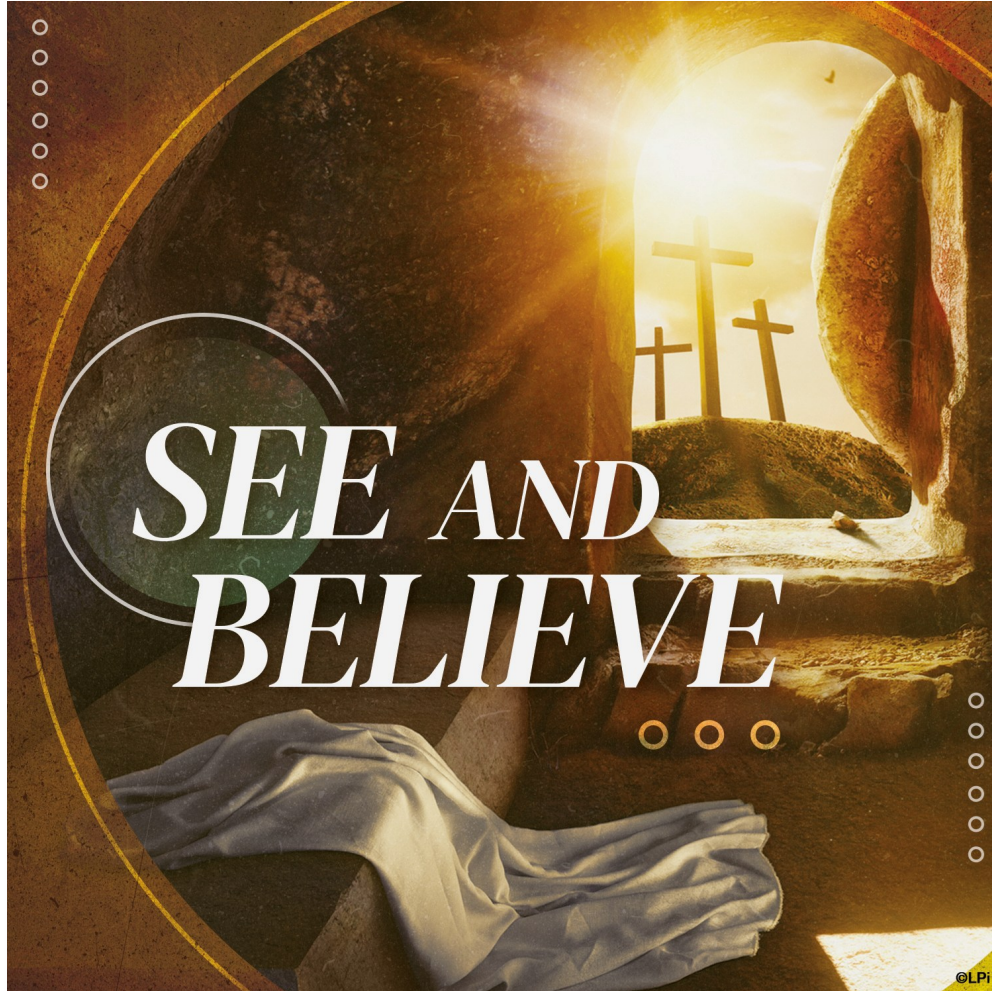


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St. Peter's Church
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Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

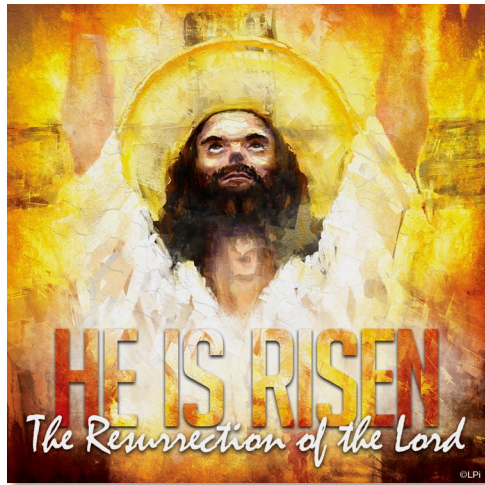
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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



Divine Mercy

April 12 is Divine Mercy Sunday

While this newer liturgical celebration focuses on Jesus' words and devotions revealed to the nun St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Christians have long recognized mercy as one of God's chief characteristics. In Hosea 6:6, God says, **"For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings."** Later, Jesus reiterates this same sentiment in the Gospel of Matthew. Our God is always a God of mercy. No matter how dark the sin, God stands ready to forgive. Catholics are called to mirror this mercy—in our homes, our friends, our work, and our wider world. *How ready are you to forgive those who need your forgiveness? Are you as ready as God is ready to forgive you?*



St. Peter's Women's Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who donated to the "Senior Diaper Drive." We were able to deliver to Keeping Families Covered in McHenry, over 65 packages of hygiene products for our seniors.

Thank You

Universal Church Directories

Parish Album - Photo Scheduling

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- Thursday, April 23 - **Few Spots**
- Friday, April 24 - **Few Spots**
- Saturday, April 25 - **Few Spots**

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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.

Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a Parish Directory. Families will be able to view their photographs immediately and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. ***Our Parish Directory truly will not be complete without you!***

St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th

Rosary - 6:45 p.m.

Business Meeting to follow
Parish Hall

We will have a special guest this month. Fr. Glenn Fontana will be sharing some relics from his collection.

All are Welcome!



The Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove is always looking for volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

If interested, please contact Deb Christian at christiandeb@comcast.net for more details.



EUCCHARISTIC Ministers

Dear St. Peter's Parishioners,

If you attended Mass over the Easter season you would have noticed that we are going back to the distribution of both the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, we are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Homebound Ministers who bring Jesus to our shut-ins.



We are in need of three Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for each Mass during the weekends (*Saturday evening and both Sunday Masses*). Please prayerfully consider becoming an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Homebound Minister**. Many Ministers have told me it brings them the most profound joy they have experienced in their lives.

If you can help, please **contact Sharon Ellicson at 815-258-5033** or **Steve Besetzny for Homebound Ministers at (steve.besetzny@gmail.com)**.

May God Bless you and your family during this Easter Season.

*In Christ,
Deacon Mark Raz*

Please Return Your Lenten Almsgiving "CRS Rice Bowl"

We kindly ask that you return your CRS Rice Bowl bank to the church the next time you come to Mass.



The faster we return our Lenten Alms, the faster it will be put to good use to bring aid to families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who face challenges of basic needs for daily survival.

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

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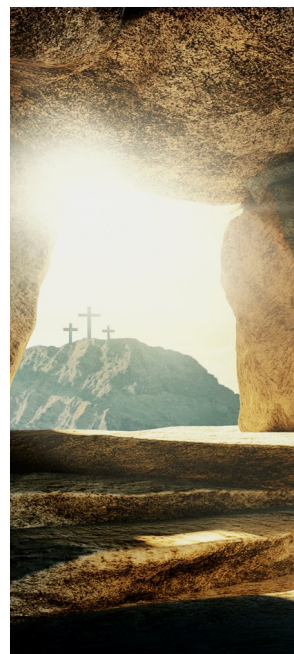
GROW AS A DISCIPLE

PRAY, STUDY, WITNESS, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate the Lord's resurrection, the pinnacle of the Church's entire liturgical year. As disciples, we know that Christ's resurrection is not something that happened to

Him alone; His resurrection offers us the promise that all who believe in Him will one day rise with Him. But the new life Christ promises is not something we have to wait for the next life to experience! Everything we have been doing throughout Lent to prepare for today's celebration also gives us a foretaste of the fullness of life we will share with Him at our own resurrection.

By God's grace, we have been inwardly renewed by Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our minds and hearts have been lifted from the things of earth to the things of heaven. As disciples of the risen Christ, let us continue to "seek what is above," deepening our own participation here and now in the life He won for us through His Cross and glorious resurrection.



Celebrate

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad" our psalm tells us. Today is the Solemnity of solemnities the Feast of all feasts! Take some time to rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us through His death and glorious resurrection. Today nothing else should be on our "to do" list other than to celebrate well!

MOTHER TERESA

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHILE IT IS STILL DARK

Mini-reflection: I go to church—to Catholic Mass, specifically—for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as *spiritual* but not *religious*, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “*Why do you believe what you believe?*” it usually comes out as “*Why do you go to church?*”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “*while it was still dark.*” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church—to Catholic Mass, specifically—for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again. ~ *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*



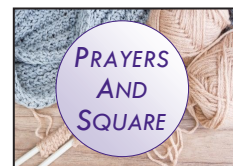
WEEKENDS
4/4 - 4/12/2026

The Mass			For
HOLY SATURDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
Sat	4 pm	†	Donald Wehrheim, Jr.
EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
Sun	8 am	†	Edward Kawa
	10 am	†	John & Honor Green The parishioners of St. Peter’s Church
Tues	8 am	†	Robert & Bernadine Boyke
Wed	8 am	†	Don Miller
Thur	8 am	†	Joy Alison Smith
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased members of the Green & Walsh Families
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY			
Sat	4 pm	†	Stanley Tinsley
Sun	8 am	†	Anthony D’ Andrea The parishioners of St. Peter’s Church
	10 am	†	Jean Slovnik

Prayer & Squares

We meet on the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is April 9th at

1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



The members of Prayers & Squares use their God given talents to serve one another through their ministry. They knit and crochet shawls and blankets that are for individuals who are in need of a warm reminder of God’s love. We invite you to be part of this wonderful ministry of giving. Beginners are warmly welcomed, and all the materials and instructions are provided to create these beautiful blankets and shawls.

Prayerfully consider joining us at our next meeting on April 9th at 1:30 pm and see if God is calling you to this ministry.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
EASTER VIGIL			
Saturday 4/4 7:30 pm	Bill Ledger	Deacon Mark <i>Paul Leali</i> <i>(Choir)</i> Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls
EASTER SUNDAY			
Sunday 4/5 8:00 am	Peggy Mack	Deacon Mark <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>(Choir)</i> Marge Ladner Heather Justen <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Larry Hauser Sean Gosselin Chad Franckowiak
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark Cyndee Wehrheim <i>(Kids Choir)</i> Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Deb Christian
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY			
Saturday 4/11 4:00 pm	Stan Tinsley	Deacon Mark <i>Susan Straley</i> <i>Chris Chinni</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Rich Wirch Sean Gosselin
Sunday 4/12 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Eddie Wells <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> <i>Nancy Piggot</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Larry Hauser Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Heather Justen <i>Marge Ladner</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Sharon Ellicson</i> <i>Darien Martinez</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

Homebound Ministers

April 5th: Easter Sunday - No Homebound

April 12th: Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone.

So, we must ask ourselves: why?

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
April 5th – April 18th for
† **Arnold & Isabelle May Family**
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	Larry Lord
Christel Beyerlein	Caroline Madson
Patty Brown	Denise Meyers
Deb Cooke	Larry Meyers
Deacon Eugene Damian	Barbara Miller
Phyllis Ehlers	Norma Moretti
Robert Fenrich	John Mueller
Carol Flatley	Kevin Murray
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
Mark & Kim Krakowski	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

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Sunday

- **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Masses**
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Monday, April 6th - Parish Office Closed

- Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm
- SVdP Meeting - Parish Office Conference Room - 6:45 pm

Tuesday, April 7th

- SPWM - Meeting - Parish Hall - 6:45 pm

Wednesday, April 8th

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

Thursday, April 9th

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

Friday, April 10th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 11th

Sunday, April 12th - Divine Mercy Sunday

- Faith Formation Classes after 10:00 am Mass
Parent Meeting/Breakfast



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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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