



St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Blessing for Mother's Day

Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.



For mothers: *fill them with joy and blessing.*

For those who have lost children: *hold them in their sorrow.*

For those who have hoped for children: *surround them with Your love.*

For those who have lost a mother: *may they know Your comfort.*

For those carrying difficulty on this day: *bring them consolation.*

Bless all women this day.

Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story.

Amen.

Parish Life Note - May 2026

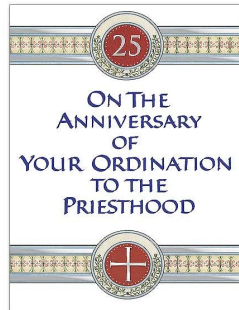
MOTHERHOOD

Being open to relationships means being vulnerable, opening ourselves to love as well as heartache. A mother's heart is particularly vulnerable as she remains receptive to God's will for her family. The solitary nursing mom may crave intellectual stimulation, some sort of interaction with her peers, especially someone who understands what she is going through. The empty nester may ache to fill what feels like a gaping hole left by their adult children. The mom who lost her child before birth or at any age carries an unspeakable sorrow. This Mother's Day, let's remember our debt to our own moms and let us pray for those mothers suffering loneliness and sorrow.

Mark your calendars!

Rev. Burt H. Absalon
25th Anniversary of
Ordination to the
Priesthood

We will be celebrating as a parish on the weekend of May 16 & 17 after each Mass downstairs in the Parish Hall.



Were you unable to schedule a photoshoot time for your family to be included in the 2026 St. Peter's Parish Directory?

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our professional photography dates for our new parish directory. ***If your family missed getting a professional photograph taken and you would still like to be included, you are able to submit a photograph to the parish office.*** For \$15 you can have your photograph included in the new directory and receive a copy of the new parish directory once it is ready.

Prayer & Squares

Meeting May 14th at
1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall



We will gather next on Thursday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Since we will not be able to meet in June while the hall is being prepared for the St. Peter's Rummage Sale, May is a perfect opportunity to stop by, meet the group, and see what this ministry is all about. We create handmade shawls and blankets to offer warmth and prayerful support. Beginners are warmly welcomed, and supplies are provided.

Please join us!

LIFE DOESN'T COME WITH
A MANUAL, IT COMES WITH A
MOTHER



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! ©LPi

St. Vincent de Paul Orientation Saturday, May 23rd

If you have been thinking of joining St. Vincent de Paul ministry, now is the perfect time to take the leap!

St. Peter's is hosting the required Ozanam Orientation workshop on Saturday, May 23rd. This session

begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at around 3:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul is a network of friends, inspired by gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

We would love to have you join us!

The Ozanam Orientation is the training you will need to start on this path.

Please consider attending to learn more.

Contact Ardie Arnold at Ardiearnold@gmail.com
or call him at 847-530-6468



Go Evangelize

Prayer, Invitation, Witness, Accompaniment

The Apostles accompanied one another in their community of faith, and they walked with those who had recently responded to God's call to know the truth, as we see with the newly baptized in Samaria. In our lives today, the value of accompaniment cannot be underestimated.

In our busy world when it is easy to feel disconnected and alone, being with one another is a powerful way to be a vessel through which Christ proclaims His promises to never leave us.

By sitting with another in a time of grief, listening to the questions of a friend who is struggling, or rejoicing with a friend in response to good news, we accompany each other through life's ups and downs. Sometimes accompaniment consists of proclaiming the Good News of Christ's love and thereby helping others to have the courage to do the same.

In whatever ways we are called to accompany another in their journey of faith, we do so with the promise that Christ is doing the same for us.



Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars, the rummage sale dates are set. **The fun starts Friday, June 5th through Saturday, June 13th.** This is a parish-wide event. We need everyone to pitch in. One of the many reasons to volunteer is that it's fun to work together with your fellow parishioners AND, if you see something you like, you may purchase it ahead of time. Come and work with a smile and leave with a pile. Check the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please call Denise at 815-347-2527 or Connie at 224-392-1940.

**SATURDAY
MAY 16**



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**Prayer
For
Vocations**



Lord Jesus, The Good Shepherd Who never leaves His flock untended, may the young people of St. Peter's and throughout the world, hear Your call and follow Your voice as they discern their vocations in life. Lovingly bless the Rockford Diocese and Your entire Church with holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women, and through their ministry, lead us and all souls to heaven.

Lord God, we trust in You!
We pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

THE CHRIST YOU SEE

Mini-reflection: We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept a responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

“What if you are the only version of Christ someone sees today?” a friend once asked me.

My blood ran cold. Jeez, I thought. That would be... really unfortunate.

The world cannot accept the Holy Spirit, Christ tells us, because the world cannot see and know the Holy Spirit (John 14:17). But the world can see us. The world can know us. In this way, we accomplish the Great Commission: we go forth, and we make disciples of all nations. In all that we are and all that we do, we offer an explanation for our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We face a unique situation, 2,000 years after the Resurrection, because our mission field is full of people who have already heard about Christ.

And they have *zero* interest, thanks-and-please-get-off-my-porch.

This Christ they’ve seen? He puts himself first. He’s suspicious of other people. He’s not interested in mixing with the wrong crowd. He’s been known to lie, to abuse trust, to protect himself.

Here’s the problem: they haven’t seen Christ at all. They’ve only seen Christians.

It’s easy to blame the obvious culprits: the priest consumed in public scandal, the parish trustee who stole from the coffers. But these are only larger versions of the same failure of which I am guilty each time I shiver at the thought of someone associating my behavior, my words, and my attitude with my Savior.

I am not Christ. I am nowhere close. But I am fortunate enough to be a member of his Body.

We all fail, of course. Every apostle, every saint, every bishop, every priest, every man and woman in the pews: we are all broken. We are all in need of redemption. When we accept that redemption, however, we also accept responsibility. Because now, we become what the world sees of Christ.

Am I ready to be the only version of Christ someone sees today?

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
5/9 - 5/17/2026

The Mass		For	
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sat	4 pm	†	Donald Wehrheim
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter’s Church
	10 am	†	Alexander & Jean Skokowski
Tues	8 am		Lorenzo Roehrich
Wed	8 am	†	Martina Higgins
Thur	8 am	†	Bergsma - Miller Families
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
Sat	4 pm	†	Maureen Graf
Sun	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
	10 am		The parishioners of St. Peter’s Church



Daybreak Hope: The Healing Heart

Are you or someone you know carrying the weight of grief, loss, or emotional pain?

Daybreak Hope: *The Healing Heart ministry* offers spiritual healing, hope, and renewal through faith.

Program Details: St. Peter’s is offering faith-based support for anyone grieving a loss.

Program Dates: May 28 – December 10

Meeting Information: We will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Meetings will take place in the Parish Office.

Our first meeting will be an information session on May 28th at 3:00 p.m.

The cost is Free, but registration is required.

To register, please call the Parish Office : (815) 675-2288

“The daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death’s shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

— Lk 1:78-79

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saturday 5/9 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms <i>Darien Martinez</i> <i>Marge Ladner</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Tom Stall
Sunday 5/10 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Chris Chinni <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Peggy Mack	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Cyndee Wehrheim</i> <i>Dennis Wehrheim</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Wyatt Ron Hlavin
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
Saturday 5/16 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley <i>Joanne Prato</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Nettie Toms</i> <i>Kathie Toms</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Denise Wahls Rich Wirch
Sunday 5/17 8:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Nancy Piggot <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Eddie Wells</i> <i>Chris Chinni</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Jean Hlavin <i>Heather Justen</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Sharon Ellicson</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

Homebound Ministers

May 10th: Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

Deacon Mark, Julia Francis, Mary Seil & Steve Besetzny

May 17th: The Ascension of the Lord

Nancy Piggot, Peggy Neuman, Maria Sullivan & Don Piggot



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
May 3rd – May 16th for
† *Witek & Snarski 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	Trudy Krieger
Christel Beyerlein	Larry Lord
Patty Brown	Caroline Madson
Deb Cooke	Denise Meyers
Deacon Eugene Damian	Larry Meyers
Phyllis Ehlers	Barbara Miller
Kathleen Van Ella	Norma Moretti
Robert Fenrich	John Mueller
Carol Flatley	Kevin Murray
Gail Gagnon	Carole Nowicki
Glenn Geske	Jim Nowicki
Lynn Geske	John & Sandra Paleka
Rosalie Geraci	Sam & Claire Pintacura
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.



PARISH CALENDAR

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

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Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)

Prayers & Squares

Connie Otsuka 224-392-1940



Sunday, May 10th - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day

- 1st Way Mother's Day Flower Sale - After All Masses

Monday, May 11th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 12th

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

Wednesday, May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

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

Thursday, May 14th

- Prayers & Squares - Parish Hall - 1:30 pm

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, May 15th - Parish Office Closed

- SPWM - Bunco - Annual Ladies Night Out - Parish Hall - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 16th - Armed Forces Day

- Fr. Burt's 25th Ordination Celebration
Parish Hall - After 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, May 17th - The Ascension of the Lord

- Fr. Burt's 25th Ordination Celebration
Parish Hall - After All Masses

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Gentleness reminds us to treat ourselves with care.

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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, April 28th
Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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