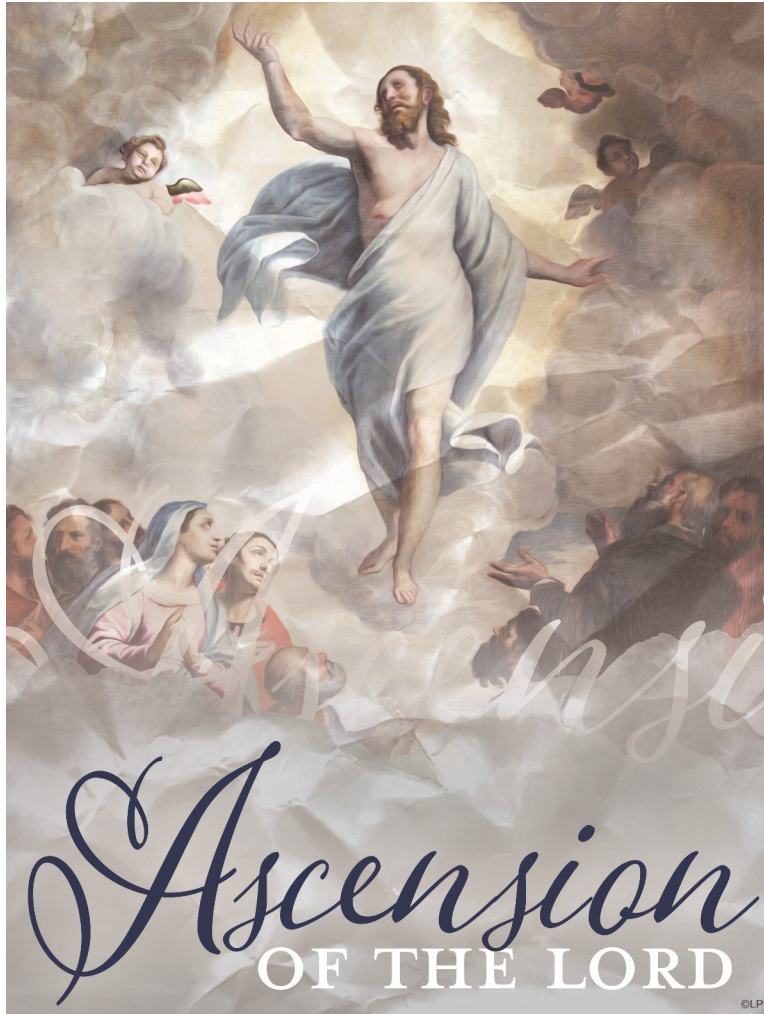




St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Ascension 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.

*Last Saturday, 7 young parishioners
received their First Holy Communion!*



From left to Right:

**Everett Bringer, Scottie Fitzgerald, Sawyer Cates, Rev. Burt H. Absalon,
Raiden Schwab, Charlotte Seyller, Riley Thelen & Emily Davis**

*A special thanks to their teachers: Jacqui Wold and Emerson Wold and to all
the Prayer Pals who have been praying for the children this year.*

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your positive response to last week's Diocesan Stewardship video. We appreciate the feedback from those who enjoyed seeing how these donations benefit both the diocese and our own community.

Our goal this year is \$50,930. Any funds raised exceeding this amount will be returned directly to our parish to support our local needs. To date, we have received pledges and donations from 36 families, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

If you have already donated, please look for a confirmation receipt in your mailbox soon. If you have yet to participate, you may make your pledge online, by mail, or by placing your pledge card in the collection basket. *Additional pledge cards are available in the main entry of the church if needed.*

Thank you again for your generosity.

**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**

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Peter's 2026 Rummage Sale
June 11th - 13th

Help is needed starting at 4:00 pm
Friday, June 5th through
Saturday, June 13th

On Friday, June 5th, we will be moving tables in the parish hall and putting up two or three canopies in the parking lot.

Drop Off/Donations

Saturday, June 6th - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 7th - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, June 8th - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, June 9th - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(No donations accepted after 3:00 pm)

Nothing will be accepted on Wednesday, June 10th

Accepting all items (new and used) in working condition.

These items will not be accepted

NO mattresses, computers or monitors, TVs, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, **damaged** furniture, recliners, couches, large china hutches, infant car seats, cribs and other infant products restricted by law, snow blowers, lawn mowers, car tires, exercise equipment, paint, solvents, chemicals or other liquids.

If in doubt contact Connie 224-392-1940
or Denise 815-347-2527

Sale Dates

Thursday, June 11th - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday, June 12th - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 13th - 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Please consider helping us for a few hours or all day. We box/bag everything that is not sold starting at 11:00 am. The Helping Hands Recycling Truck will be at St. Peter's at 11:00 am to pick it all up.

Many hands make light work!

**For more questions or questions please contact:
Connie Otsuka, 224-392-1940 or
Denise Wahls, 815-347-2527**

Receive...

The Body and Blood of Christ

With the return of the offering of the Precious Blood of Christ at our parish, it's good to be reminded of the proper way to receive the Sacrament:

"It is not permitted for the faithful to take the consecrated Bread or the chalice by themselves.... When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister."

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 160)

That's right, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we do not take them. When receiving the Body and Blood, be careful to wait for the minister to offer them to you, saying, "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ", then before consuming them, you respond, "Amen".



Virtues, Explained!

Loyalty,

Pope Paul VI, in *Ecclesia Suam*, considered "loyalty, perseverance and self-sacrifice" to be the distinguishing marks of a Christian in a modern world that increasingly embraces relativism.

"The follower of Christ is not pliant and cowardly, but loyal and strong," he wrote.

The virtue of loyalty is closely linked to the virtue of obedience, wherein we freely submit ourselves to rightful authority. As Catholics, we are called to be loyal to our bishops, to Scripture and Tradition, to the teaching authority of the Church (*the Magisterium*), and to the Christian way of life.

Loyalty is distinct from admiration for a person or institution, and even from respect. Admiration and respect can be rightfully earned and rightfully lost. Virtuous loyalty does not swerve from its object, and it flows forth from the one who gives it.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHEN WORDS FAIL

Mini reflection: We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. But saying the words isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there, inviting the Spirit to move among them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Unleash them.

I love words (*obviously; I'm a writer*).

But sometimes, words are like teeny, tiny cages. They enclose and confine and restrict our understanding of supernatural realities that are, by their nature, bigger than language.

We do the best we have, with the words that we have, to express who God is. We use terms like "Father" and "Son" because they are the most accurate. But often, without really noticing, we give the words too much weight, and we find ourselves thinking of Jesus as a human son and the Creator as a human father, with all the implications those particular words carry for different people.

That's why I love hearing Christ speak to God the Father in the Gospels. These one-sided conversations (*at least from our viewpoint*) pull back the curtain just a little on the breathtaking intimacy that exists between the two. Our misunderstandings of their relationship—framed by our own human experience of fathers and sons, of time and place, of creation and death—are shattered.

"Now glorify me, Father, with you," Jesus says, "with the glory that I had with you before the world began."

Before the world began.

In our collective imagination, too often we imagine Jesus as being connected—tethered, really—to a certain time and place: the Incarnation, and all that came after. But let's not get confused: the Incarnation means that the Son became flesh, and dwelt among us. The Incarnation does not mean that the Son *became*.

The Son was. From the very beginning, He was. Begotten, not made. Consubstantial.

We say these words every week in the Creed. But saying them isn't enough. We have to take them into the silence of our hearts and hold them there. We have to invite the Spirit to move among them. Rearrange them. Liberate them. Unleash them.

Only then will we understand what words fail to explain.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
5/16 - 5/24/2026

The Mass		For	
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
Tues	8 am	†	Frank Lecinski
Wed	8 am	†	Daniel Domenella
Thur	8 am		Scholle & Sompel Families
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Sat	4 pm	†	Clarence & Mildred Shastal
Sun	8 am		The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families



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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 at 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
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
Saturday 5/16 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley <i>Joanne Prato (Choir)</i> <i>Nettie Toms</i> <i>Darien Martinez (Precious Blood)</i>	Denise Wahls Rich Wirch
Sunday 5/17 8:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Nancy Piggot <i>DeAnne Besetzny (Choir)</i> <i>Eddie Wells</i> <i>Chris Chinni (Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Jean Hlavin <i>Heather Justen (Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Sharon Ellicson (Precious Blood)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms
PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Saturday 5/23 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Marge Ladner <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Chris Chinni (Precious Blood)</i>	Sean Gosselin Deb Christian
Sunday 5/24 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	DeAnne Besetzny <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>Heather Justen (Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Jacqui Wold Susan Straley <i>Jean Hlavin (Choir)</i> <i>Carol Rygiel</i> <i>Mike Rygiel (Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Gordon Tom Straley

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
May 17th – May 30th for
† Stanley & Genevieve Stack
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:

<p><i>Marguerite Baranov</i> <i>Christel Beyerlein</i> <i>Mary Bresolin</i> <i>Deb Cooke</i> <i>Kathleen Van Ella</i> <i>Carol Flatley</i> <i>Gail Gagnon</i> <i>Rosalie Geraci</i> <i>Anthony Hodnik</i> <i>Patricia Hodnik</i> <i>John Jindra</i> <i>Joseph Keim</i> <i>Martha Koukol</i> <i>Mark & Kim Krakowski</i></p>	<p><i>Trudy Krieger</i> <i>Caroline Madson</i> <i>Barbara Miller</i> <i>Kevin Murray</i> <i>Sam & Claire Pintacura</i> <i>Carol Sasse</i> <i>Debbie Schaff</i> <i>Dorothy Scichowski</i> <i>Bev Schmitt</i> <i>David Thomas</i> <i>Mark Vallango</i> <i>Grace Wesinger</i> <i>Fred Zahn</i></p>
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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**.

Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week
Eternal life. Jesus tells us, is about knowing God. It's not about power or accomplishment. It's not earned or won. It's not a prize, and it's certainly not a finish line. It's a relationship—one that is ours to begin. How will we know God this week?

Homebound Ministers
May 17th: The Ascension of the Lord
Nancy Piggot, Peggy Neuman, Maria Sullivan & Don Piggot
May 24th: Pentecost Sunday
Deanna Grandt, Kathleen Van Ella, Stan Tinsley, Laura Hamill & Steve Besetzny


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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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Sunday, May 17th - *The Ascension of the Lord*

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**

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

• **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**

Monday, May 18th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 19th

Wednesday, May 20th

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

Thursday, May 21st

• **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, May 22nd - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, May 23rd

• **SVdP - Ozanam Orientation - Parish Hall - 8:00 am**

Sunday, May 24th - *Pentecost Sunday*

• **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**

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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

KNIGHTS' CORNER

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

Knights of Columbus

Planning Meeting - Tuesday, May 28th

Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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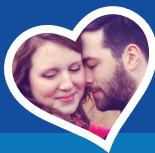
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