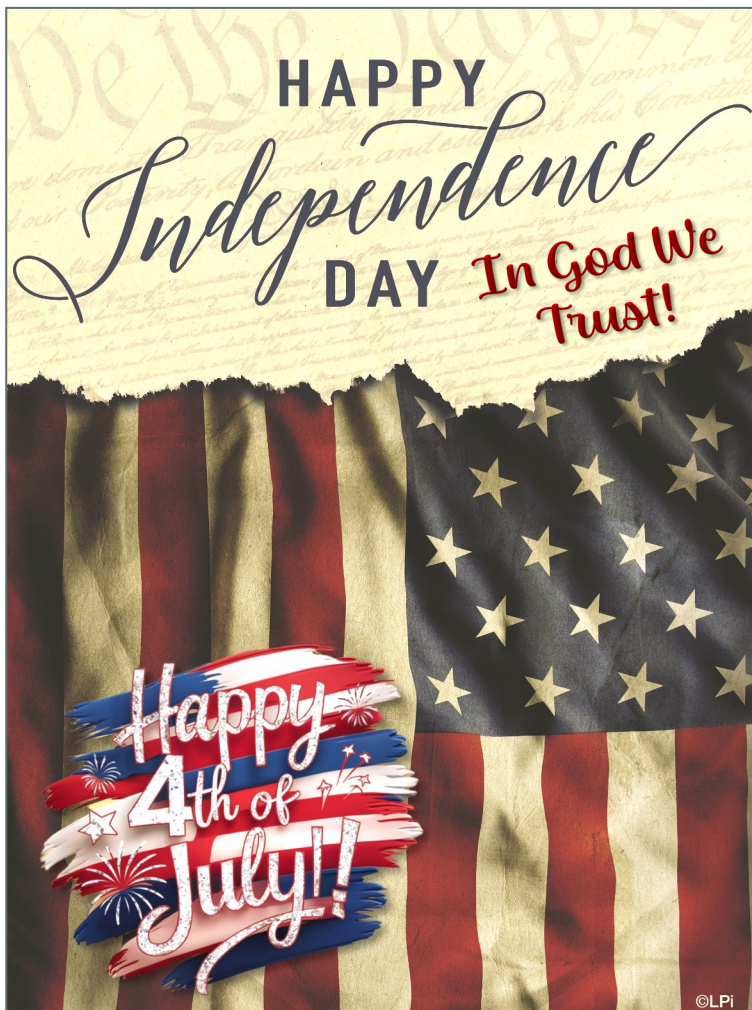




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Sunday, June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

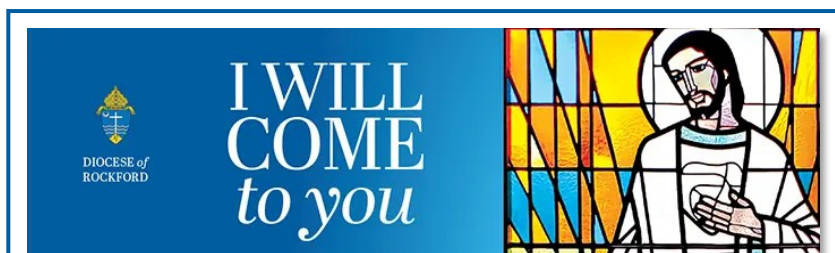
Are you and your spouse celebrating a special milestone anniversary in 2026?

Couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 or more years of marriage in 2026 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley on Sunday, August 16th at 2:30 p.m., celebrated by Bishop David Malloy.

A reception with celebration cake will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization office welcomes your registration by August 3rd.
815-399-4300 ext. 377 or

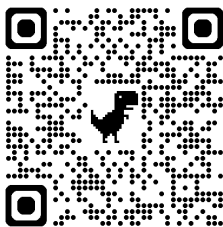
www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary

Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.



A Huge Thanks

We sincerely appreciate the 82 families who have made pledges and payments to our annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal. We have not yet met our target of \$50,930. Last year 160 families helped us reach our goal and we even received a generous refund. Every dollar you pledge and pay over the target is returned to the parish for parish upkeep and improvements. If you have not yet made your pledge, there are extra pledge cards in the entryway of church or you may go online and make your pledge by using QR code below.



**You loved the original!
You loved the sequel!
Now see the third chapter
of the saga!**

Yes! The Knights of Columbus and the Women's Ministry have teamed up again to screen a movie at the historic Antioch Theater, and the best part is that it is completely FREE!



This year we'll be watching Angel Studios, "David," an animated movie about the life of King David.

Free popcorn and drinks will be provided with admission.

The event will be on Monday, June 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Antioch Theater located at 378 Lake St. in Antioch.

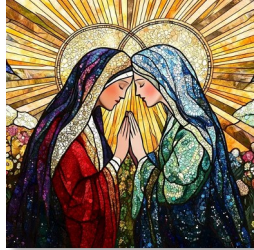
If you wish to see the movie, email Stan Tinsley at superstinsley92@gmail.com to register and we'll see you there!



**McHenry Deanery Council
of Catholic Women**
St. Peter's Parish - 2026
Nominee for the Woman of Inspiration

**It's time to nominate this year's
Woman of Inspiration!**

Each year the McHenry Deanery Council of Catholic Women, holds an Awards Ceremony honoring those women who inspire and encourage us with their amazing gifts, service and love for God.



Who can be nominated? Any woman at St. Peter's that serves or volunteers, who you think is outstanding!

Nomination forms are located in the narthex and the parking lot church entrance.

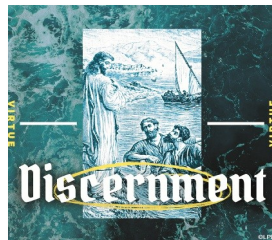
Get Your Nominations In!

Please return forms either to the parish office or place them in the collection basket no later than Monday, July 20th.

Virtue of Discernment

Discernment, Explained!

We most often hear the term "**discernment**" when a man or woman prayerfully considers a religious vocation. This is a helpful context in which to think of the virtue of discernment, which all Christians are called to develop, lay and religious alike.



When a person hears a "**call**," they cannot simply go—they must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea of becoming a priest, a sister, a missionary, a husband, a wife—the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment, which "*unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good... when in reality its fruit is death,*" says the Catechism. (CCC 2846)

We run this background check of discernment on our feelings, our intentions, and our inclinations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through a diligent regimen of prayer and reflection. "*The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*" is highly regarded as a useful tool for spiritual discernment.

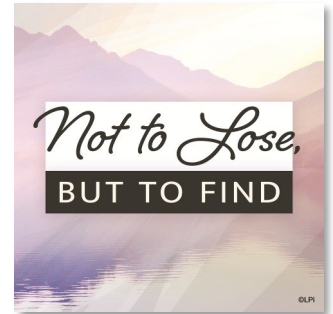
Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

(Matthew 10:37-38)



Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange—almost insane—this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ's claim on my love is absolute? Are you?

Over the years, I've learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find... everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.

— Father John Muir

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.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS OFFERED Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 p.m.

Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Receiving

Mini reflection: It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least the Jesus presented to us by pop culture. But it's harder to receive God the Son, consubstantial with God the Father who sent him—the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

I receive a lot of junk mail. I'm on a bunch of people's asking-for-money lists, and so were the people who owned this house before me, and when you put it all together, it results in quite the pile of paper accumulating on my counter.

I leave it there because, while I have received this mail, I don't want to *receive* it. Do you see the difference? To really receive someone or something, you have to look at it, assess it, make space for it. Accept it. Decide it will have a place in your home or your life or whatever, and give it that place.

It's what the righteous woman did with Elisha. She received him. She had a room all ready, waiting for him, even when he wasn't there.

But I refuse to receive the junk mail. I don't have space for it, in my head or on my counter, so after a day or two, I just throw it away without looking through it.

"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me," Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew.

But what does that mean, exactly?

It's easy to receive Jesus, or at least to receive the Jesus presented to us by modern imagination—that laidback hippie who lets anyone sit at his table, no questions asked. But it's harder to receive the Christ, God the Son, who is consubstantial with God the Father who sent him.

Ah, yes, God the Father—maybe you've heard of Him? He's the one from the Old Testament who says and does a bunch of things that make modern people uncomfortable.

That's a little more of a challenge, isn't it? Takes a little bit more thought. A little more assessment. A little more making-space.

Can we do it? Well, we have to find a way. Because for the record, laidback hippie Jesus doesn't exist. And Old Testament God makes a lot of sense, if you give Him a little thought. If you make a little space.

So make the space. Receive.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
6/27 - 7/5/2026

The Mass		For
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat	4 pm	† Nancy Stack
Sun	8 am	† Richard Kattner The parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	† Frank & Joel Slovnik
Tues	8 am	† Kathy Witek
Wed	8 am	† Jack Lindblom
Thu	8 am	† Brian Hoskins
Fri	8 am	† Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
FOURTH OF JULY		
Sat	8 am	† Robert & Diana Kula
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat	4 pm	† Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
Sun	8 am	† Deceased Members of the Rygiel & Kula Families
	10 am	† The parishioners of St. Peter's Church



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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 6/27 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley <i>Lisa Bringer</i> <i>Tennille Cates</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Sean Gosselin Rich Wirch
Sunday 6/28 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Cyndee Wehrheim <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>Paul Leali</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Marge Ladner <i>Jacqui Wold</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Stan Tinsley Ron Hlavin
 FOURTH OF JULY 			
Saturday 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Fr. Burt <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Chad Franckowiak
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/4 4:00 pm	Peggy Mack	Jean Hlavin <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Nettie Toms</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Deb Christian Rich Wirch
Sunday 7/5 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Nancy Piggot <i>Marge Ladner</i> <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Paul Leali Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Heather Justen <i>Lisa Bringer</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Carol Rygiel</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

Homebound Ministers

June 28th: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman, Laura Hamill & Steve Besetzny

July 5th: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer & Stan Tinsley

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
June 28th – July 11th 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:*

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Mary Bresolin
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Grace Wesinger

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If you or a loved one wish to continue to be on
the prayer list, please contact the
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If you know someone who is sick and asking for
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parish family, please allow us to solicit support for
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**after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply
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Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

Whoever receives the one sent in Christ's name
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stillness of your soul? Receive them. Receive Him.

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Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28th - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 29th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, June 30th

Wednesday, July 1st

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

Thursday, July 2nd

- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, July 3rd - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 4th

- **Fourth of July - 8:00 am - Mass**



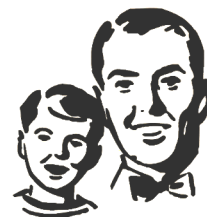
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, July 5th - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



- My wife asked me the other day where I got so much candy. *I said, "I always have a few Twix up my sleeve."*
- How do cows stay up to date? *They read the Moo-spaper.*
- What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a unicycle and a poorly-dressed man on a bicycle? *Attire.*
- I hate my job—all I do is crush cans all day. *It's soda pressing.*
- Where do pirates get their hooks? *Second hand stores.*
- Of all the inventions of the last 100 years, the dry erase board has to be *the most remarkable.*
- In America, using the metric system can get you in *legal trouble.*



Dad Jokes



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.

ANOIDING 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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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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