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Sunday, July 12, 2026

Fifteenth 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.

Attention All Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans

Meeting on Saturday, July 18th
9:00 a.m. — Noon

Please Mark Your Calendars!

There will be a meeting for all Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans, on Saturday, July 18th.

***Our day will begin with a prayer service in
the Church promptly at 9:00 a.m.***

From there we will move down into the parish hall for a light continental breakfast and fellowship.

***Fr. Burt and Deacon Mark
will be giving a reflection on the
liturgical roles within the Mass.***

The topic of discussion will be on the Liturgical roles as seen through the GIRM (*General Instructions of the Roman Missal*) of the Catholic Church.

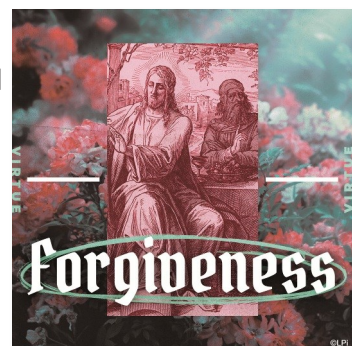
***A training session will be provided for the
various ministry roles within the Mass.***

***Ending our day in prayer, reflecting on the
liturgical roles of the Mass
within our own ministries.***

The Virtue of Forgiveness

Forgiveness, Explained!

The virtue of forgiveness is described to us in detail by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 18, when he tells Peter that he must forgive his brother “not seven times, but seventy-seven times” before relating the



parable of the unforgiving servant. Here we see that **exercising forgiveness is an absolute requirement of the Christian life.** What we have received from God through no merit of our own, we must likewise extend to others.

Forgiveness is love in action—and as is the case with most virtues, if we find it hard to practice, that means we’re doing it right. The Catechism says that forgiveness “bears witness that...love is stronger than sin” (CCC 2844) and points out that it “is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense; but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession.” (CCC 2843)

Mark Your Calendars

***St. Peter’s Annual Golf Outing
Sunday, August 30th***

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
More Information to Come!*



Who are the Incorrupt Saints?

“*Incorrupt*” saints are those whose bodies have been found to resist normal decomposition, either wholly or in part, without deliberate human preservation. Some, such as St. Bernadette Soubirous, appear remarkably well preserved, while in other cases only certain parts of the body, such as St. Vincent de Paul’s heart, remain incorrupt.

The Church regards incorruptibility not as proof of sainthood, but as a possible sign of a person’s holiness. These extraordinary cases also serve as reminders of the future glory promised to all believers. The human body possesses a unique dignity and is destined to share in God’s glory through the resurrection of the dead (CCC997). ***Mary’s bodily Assumption into heaven offers a glimpse of the destiny to which all the faithful are called.***

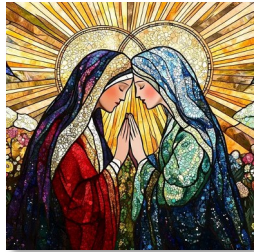
For this reason, the Church has long venerated the bodies and relics of the saints. Such veneration, including that of incorrupt bodies, is intended to be reverent and prayerful. ***By encountering these remarkable witnesses of faith, we are inspired to imitate their virtue and draw closer to Christ. When we honor the saints, we ultimately honor the God whose grace transformed their lives.***

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.

Your Summer Soul-Care Checklist

Summer brings a welcome change of pace. While routines may take a break, our faith doesn't have to. Here are seven simple ways to stay rooted in God's presence and make this summer spiritually fruitful.

- 1. Begin every journey with prayer.**
Before heading out, take a moment to entrust your plans to God. Pray the Guardian Angel prayer and ask for protection, wisdom, and peace throughout your travels and activities.
- 2. Wear reminders of your faith.**
A Crucifix, Miraculous Medal, Scapular, or Rosary bracelet can do more than complete an outfit. These sacramentals serve as quiet reminders of who you belong to and what you value.
- 3. Adopt a saint for Summer.**
Choose a saint to be your spiritual companion for the season. You may discover that the saint you choose has something to teach you exactly when you need it.
- 4. Let creation lead you to the Creator.**
A brilliant sunset, a mountain view, or even flowers blooming in a neighbor's garden can become moments of prayer. When beauty captures your attention, let it lift your heart and mind to God, the source of all beauty and goodness.
- 5. Look for opportunities to serve.**
Summer may offer additional flexibility. Use it to love your neighbor in practical ways. Help with yardwork, spend time with someone who appears lonely, offer encouragement to a colleague.
- 6. Keep your soul in training.**
Athletes know that strength comes through discipline. Spiritual strength is no different. Choose a sacrifice or habit that challenges you. Limit social media, wake up earlier for prayer, or attend an extra Mass during the week. Even small acts build up the heart for greater things.
- 7. Remember the 1-1-1 Rule.**
*A simple rhythm can keep you faithful throughout the Summer: **Pray (at least) once a day. Attend Mass once a week. Go to Confession once a month.** These three practices provide a steady anchor, even amidst the looser structure of summer.*



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 or 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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Gardener and the Soil

I began writing this piece by googling “*how do you make soil fertile?*” which should tell you everything you need to know about my own abilities as a gardener.

I remember seeing a packet of seeds in the store one summer as a child and convincing my mother to buy them. They were delphiniums, which bloom into a beautiful cone shape if you know what you’re doing. Alas, I didn’t. I chose for my garden a particularly dry spot of earth right next to my backyard playset, scattered the seeds, congratulated myself, and went on my merry way. I returned occasionally to water the area, but only when I remembered to.

Nothing grew, not even a little sprout. I was more than heartbroken—my faith was shaken. I had planted these seeds! I had watered them! (*A little.*) There was sunlight! All my childhood books and rhymes said this was all you needed. Was it all a lie?

Of course it wasn’t a lie. Seeds need soil, sunlight, water, and oxygen—good soil, adequate sunlight for whatever the plant is, and consistent water.

So what seeds need more than anything is a gardener. (*At least, delphiniums do.*)

When I hear the parable of the rich soil and the rocky ground in the Gospel of Matthew, I often miss the point. I think Jesus is trying to give me a message about how I should be. “*Be better.*” That’s what I think he’s telling me.

I forget that I am only the soil. I cannot enrich myself; all my efforts to do so will come to nothing. What he is telling me is to ask the gardener: “*Make me what I need to be.*”

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

CALLED BY NAME
SUMMER EVENING SERIES
A VOCATION'S OFFICE INITIATIVE

WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 16TH
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY, ROCKFORD
WHO: MEN DISCERNING AND ALL FAITHFUL

7:00 P.M. HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
FEAT. TALK BY FR. JACK REICHARDT
8:00 P.M. HANG OUT WITH SEMINARIANS






WEEKENDS
7/11 - 7/19/2026

The Mass			For
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
Sun	8 am		The Parishioners of St. Peter’s Church
	10 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
Tues	8 am	†	Eileen Boecher
Wed	8 am	†	Robert Kula
Thu	8 am	†	John Drinka
Fri	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Donald Wehrheim, Jr.
Sun	8 am	†	The Coffey Family
	10 am		The Parishioners of St. Peter’s Church



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/11 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms <i>Marge Ladner</i> <i>Chris Chinni</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Sean Gosselin Tom Stall
Sunday 7/12 8:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Nancy Piggot <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Sharon Ellicson <i>Carol Rygiel</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Tennille Cates</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Wyatt Tom Straley

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/18 4:00 pm	Stan Tinsley	Mary Seil <i>Joanne Prato</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Lisa Bringer</i> <i>Darien Martinez</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirsch
Sunday 7/19 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny <i>Cyndee Wehrheim</i> <i>Dennis Wehrheim</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Heather Justen <i>Carol Rygiel</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

Homebound Ministers

July 12th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deanna Grandt, Kathleen Van Ella, Nancy Piggot & Don Piggot

July 19th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer & Steve Besetzny

It's that time of year again for the McHenry County Fair in Woodstock, and the McHenry County Pro-Life office will again have a booth.

St. Peter's is to man the booth on Wednesday, August 5th, from 6:00 p.m. until closing at 10:00 p.m. I am asking for several volunteers to man the booth during that time.

I will be at the booth also. If you are able to assist, please call the office and leave your name and phone number. **If you do volunteer, a ticket will be text to your phone so you can get into the fair without paying for a ticket.** Thank you in advance for donating your time for this worthwhile endeavor to help save the life of an unborn child.

~ Deacon Mark Raz

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
July 12th – July 25th for
† Scholle - Sompel 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
Christel Beyerlein
Mary Bresolin
Deb Cooke
Kathleen Van Ella
Carol Flatley
Gail Gagnon
George Gemberling
Rosalie Geraci
Glenn & Lynn Geske
Patricia Hodnik
John Jindra
Joseph Keim
Ron & Nancy Klein
Martha Koukol

Mark & Kim Krakowski
Trudy Krieger
Caroline Madson
Barbara Miller
Norma Moretti
Kevin Murray
Sandra Paleka
Sam & Claire Pintacura
Carol Sasse
Debbie Schaff
Dorothy Scichowski
David Thomas
Mark Vallango
Cyndee Wehrheim
Grace Wesinger

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

Our hearts are fertile ground for the Word of God, but we must be careful gardeners. Be conscious of what damages and depletes the soil of your heart. Pay attention to what nourishes it, so that the goodness of the Word can bloom forth into the world.

Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org

Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12th - 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 13th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 14th

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

Wednesday, July 15th

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

Thursday, July 16th

• **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, July 17th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 18th

• **Extraordinary Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors & Altar Servers Meeting - Begins in Church at 9:00 am**

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

Sunday, July 19th - 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Sharing Your Faith

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. ***How do I share my faith?***

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! ***Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit.*** Have faith in God because he has faith in you!



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

KNIGHTS' CORNER

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

Knights of Columbus

Business Meeting - Tuesday, July 14th

Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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