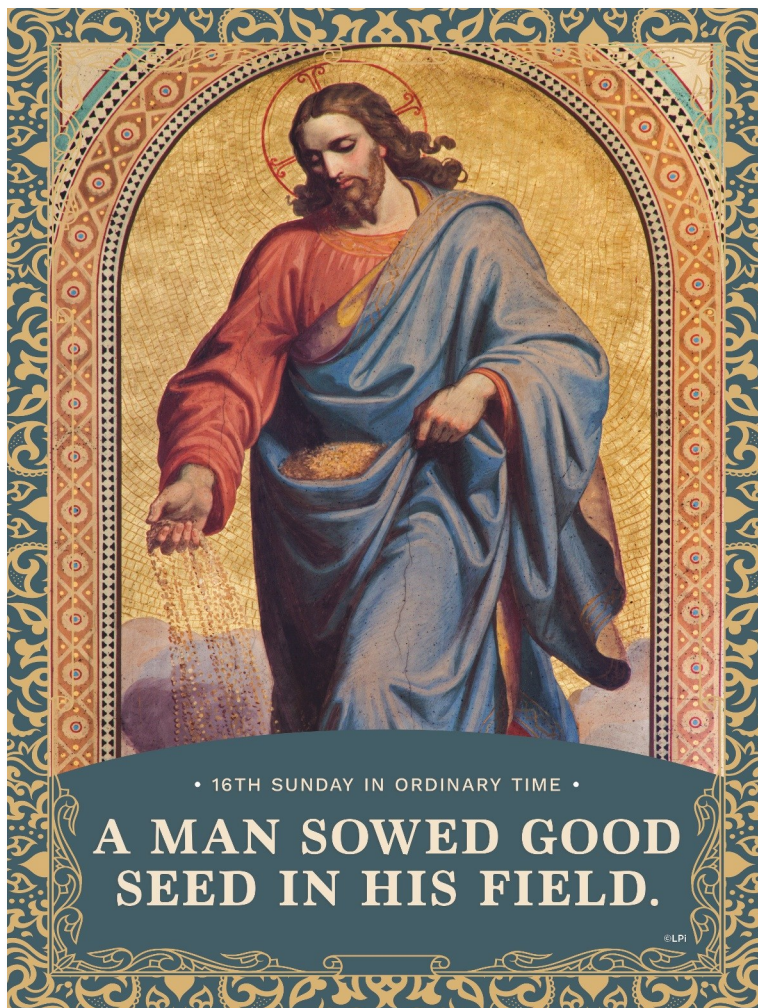


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Sunday, July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

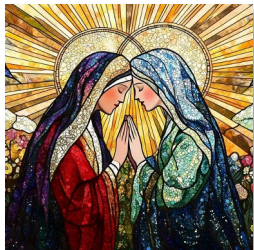
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

Last Opportunity to Nominate Your Choice for the 2026 St. Peter'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 who 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.

Thank you

St. Peter's Rummage Sale was a complete success! **Our profit this year was over \$6,700.**

Many thanks to the volunteers who were there to set up, the people who donated their gently used items, the sorters, 'pricers', cashiers, baggers and everybody who helped through the week. Also, the volunteers who were there to bag and box everything not sold and load the truck, thank you! We couldn't have done it without you.

If you are looking for something fun to do around the second week of June 2027, please consider volunteering. We can always use more help.

May God Bless you all.

*The Rummage Sale Committee
Sue, Jean, Connie and Denise*



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



"Tee" minus 7 weeks until the Knights' Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, August 30th!

Shhhhh, Sneak Peek: This year's outing will be held at Fox Lake Country Club

Additional event details and registration information will be shared soon.

As we prepare for another great event, we are seeking raffle basket and gift certificate donations. Your generosity helps make our raffle a success and supports the important work of the Knights.

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We will post the second half of the donor names next week.

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May God bless you for your kindness to St. Peter's Parish.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Weeds We Need

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. *"It's for the pollinators,"* I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions *"weeds,"* but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical *"weeds"* in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread—these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart—the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
7/18 - 7/26/2026

The Mass		For
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
Tues	8 am	† Deceased Members of the Green & Walsh Families
Wed	8 am	† Melvin & Patricia May
Thu	8 am	Popelka Family
Fri	8 am	† Matthew J. Scholle
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat	4 pm	† Edward Umbricht
Sun	8 am	† Richard Kattner
	10 am	The Parishioners of St. Peter's Church



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.

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~ Deacon Mark Raz

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Sunday 7/19 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny <i>Cyndee Wehrheim</i> <i>Dennis Wehrheim (Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Heather Justen <i>Carol Rygiel (Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/25 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Chris Chinni (Precious Blood)</i>	Denise Wahls Deb Christian
Sunday 7/26 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Mary Seil <i>Cyndee Wehrheim</i> <i>Dennis Wehrheim (Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Sharon Ellicson <i>Lisa Bringer (Choir)</i> <i>Heather Justen</i> <i>Tennille Cates (Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Gordon

Homebound Ministers

July 19th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Maria Sullivan, Theresa Frer & Steve Besetzny

July 26th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Seil, Laura Hamill, Julia Francis & Peggy Neuman

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*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into
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Grace Wesinger

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If you or a loved one wish to continue to be on
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If you know someone who is sick and asking for
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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, July 20th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 21st

Wednesday, July 22nd

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

Thursday, July 23rd

• **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, July 24th - Parish Office Closed

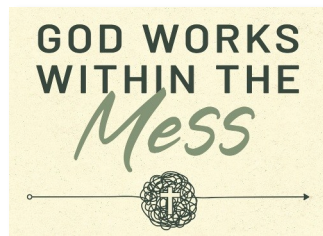
Saturday, July 25th

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

Sunday, July 26th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"**



That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir



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:
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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.

ANOIDTING 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.

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