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St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth 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.

GUIDED BY LOVE

Love, by its nature, is relational and directs us toward the good of the other. Pope St. John Paul II emphasized that without love, life becomes senseless.

When we are “guided by love,” we make decisions that reflect God’s plan for marriage and family. For inspiration, look to **St. Anne and St. Joachim, who as parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

modeled lives guided by love. July 26 is their feast day. In a time when childlessness was considered shameful, Anne and Joachim struggled for decades with infertility. The couple’s faith and perseverance granted them the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless Virgin Mary. They honored God by forming their daughter in the faith, preparing her heart for the coming of Jesus. As the grandparents of Jesus, Joachim and Anne represent the vital spiritual role of elders in passing on faith. They are powerful intercessors for couples, expectant mothers, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as aging people.

St. Anne and St. Joachim, pray for us!



OPEN TO LIFE

The Church teaches that married love is naturally open to the possibility of a new life. Married couples are stewards of the gift of fertility, even when they sadly cannot meet their desire to conceive. **Natural Family Planning (NFP) helps couples discern God’s plan for their fertility, respecting the sacredness of life while allowing them to cooperate with God in discerning the size of their family.**

Through fertility education, couples learn to identify the biological signs of peak fertility so they can choose to achieve or postpone the pregnancy. NFP respects God’s teachings that marriage be open to life.

To explore NFP, visit tinyurl.com/282m43jy



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.



“Tee” minus 6 weeks until the Knights’ Annual Golf Outing on Sunday, August 30th!

This year’s 9 hole golf outing will be held at Fox Lake Country Club with a dinner of Italian Beef, Roasted Chicken and Baked Ziti with salads and desserts to follow at St. Peter’s Parish Hall.

Sign-ups will begin next weekend!

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.



If you would like to donate or arrange for a donation pickup, please contact Dennis Wehrheim at cwehrheim@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

We truly appreciate your partnership in helping make this year’s outing a memorable success!



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COME
to you



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Rosary Ride

Join the Illinois Knights who Ride

On Saturday August 22nd
For our 2nd Annual Motorcycle Rosary Ride.

We will be stopping at the following Catholic Churches, prayer times listed.

We will pray a decade of the Rosary at each of the five stops asking God for an increase of vocation to the Holy Priesthood.

If you don't ride, that's ok, please come and pray with us. Following the rosary we will participate in Mass at St Elizabeth Ann Seton.

9:30 A.M.

St. Raphael The Archangel Catholic Church
40000 N US Hwy 45, Old Mill Creek, IL

1:45 P.M.

St. Patrick Catholic Church
15012 St Patrick Rd, Woodstock, IL

10:45 A.M.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
10519 N Main St, Richmond, IL

2:45 P.M.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
323 N Taylor St, Marengo, IL

12:00 P.M.

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church
2302 W Church St, Johnsburg, IL
Lunch will be provided

Mass at 4:00 P.M.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
1023 S McHenry Ave, Crystal Lake, IL
Pizza and Fellowship following Mass



To register go to

<https://signup.com/go/mmAUPfZ>

Or scan the QR code to register

There is no cost to register for the ride.



Who are we? We are a group of K of C members from throughout the state that ride motorcycles to help spread our faith.

If you would like to get involved with *The Illinois Knights who Ride* be sure to ask any one of our members at the event.

The Virtue of Hospitality

Hospitality, Explained!

When three strangers came to Abraham's tent at Mamre on a sweltering day, he rushed to offer them respite from the heat (Genesis 18:2-3).

When the prophet Elisha visited Shunem, a woman set aside a special room in her house for him, so that he would return and feel comfortable (2 Kings 4:10).

These Old Testament examples show people living out the law of welcoming the sojourner (Leviticus 19:33), a law that found fulfillment in the Christian mandate to "practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13) and show "brotherly love" (Hebrews 13:1-2).

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. Since the stranger, by nature, has no particular claim on our affections, the love we extend to him is true Christian love—love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing Heaven

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: *"I can't tell you for sure."* I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly—and cling wholeheartedly to—the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure—but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl—and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield—one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck—one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
7/25 - 8/2/2026

The Mass			For
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Edward Umbricht
Sun	8 am	†	Richard Kattner
	10 am		The Parishioners of St. Peter's Church
Tues	8 am	†	Sandra Reicher
Wed	8 am	†	Lee Ann Lord
Thu	8 am	†	Irving & Dolores Ellefsen
Fri	8 am	†	Lee Ann Lord
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Donna Kanelos
Sun	8 am		The Parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	John & Honor Green



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



**WITHOUT PRAYER
WE HAVE NEITHER LIGHT NOR STRENGTH
TO ADVANCE IN THE WAY
WHICH LEADS TO GOD.**

~ ST. ALPHONSUS Liguori

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/25 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Chris Chinni</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Deb Christian
Sunday 7/26 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Mary Seil <i>Cyndee Wehrheim</i> <i>Dennis Wehrheim</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Kathleen Harms <i>Dave Harms</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Heather Justen</i> <i>Tennille Cates</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Gordon
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/1 4:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Darien Martinez <i>Nettie Toms</i> <i>Kathie Toms</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Sean Gosselin Tom Stall
Sunday 8/2 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Peggy Mack	Sharon Ellicson <i>Tennille Cates</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Carol Rygiel</i> <i>Mike Rygiel</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Mike Wyatt Ron Hlavin

Homebound Ministers

July 26th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Seil, Laura Hamill, Julia Francis & Peggy Neuman

August 2nd: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Theresa Frer, Maria Sullivan & Stan Tinsley

Don't Forget to Register for Faith Formation

Our **AMAZING TEAM of teachers** are preparing for the upcoming Faith Formation year!

Classes are available for grades 1st - 8th and meet on Sunday evenings, on an alternating schedule, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration for our program is available on our St. Peter's Parish website StPeterCatholicChurch.org and is open until August 15th!

Contact Aimee Thomas at 815-342-6318 or at faithformationstpeters@gmail.com if you have any questions.

*The Sanctuary Lamp reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary.
The lamp burns from July 26th – August 2nd for Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk
A shining witness of our faith*



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
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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

Christ compares the Kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure—the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

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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PARISH CALENDAR

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

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

Monday, July 27th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 28th

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

Wednesday, July 29th

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

Thursday, July 30th

• **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, July 31st - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 1st

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

Sunday, August 2nd - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- What's Forrest Gump's password? *1forrest1.*
- I used to run a dating service for chickens. *But I was struggling to make hens meet.*
- If prisoners could take their own mug shots...*They'd be called cellfies.*
- Have you heard about those new corduroy pillows? *They're making headlines.*
- If a pig loses its voice...*does it become disgruntled?*



THE CATHOLIC CARTOON BY JOSHUA MASTERSON



"No, you weren't speeding --- I pulled you over so you could hear my confession."



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

Planning Meeting - Tuesday, July 28th

Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

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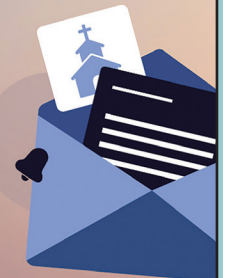
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