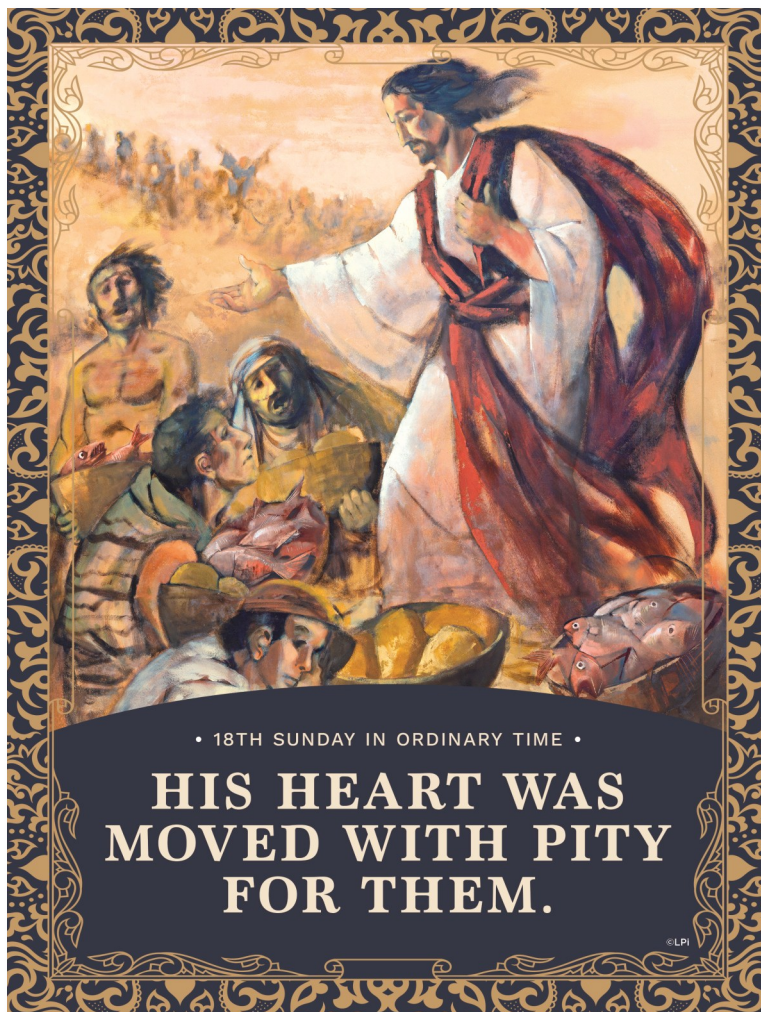


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• 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

**HIS HEART WAS
MOVED WITH PITY
FOR THEM.**

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Eighteenth 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.



**The Assumption
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saturday, August 15th
In honor of our Lady,
Mass will be celebrated
at 8:00 a.m.**



Last Opportunity to Register for the 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 5 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 this weekend!

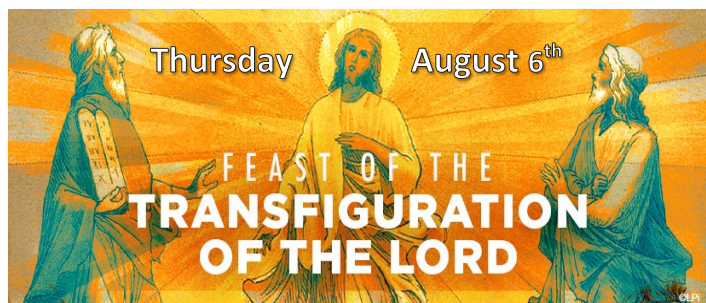
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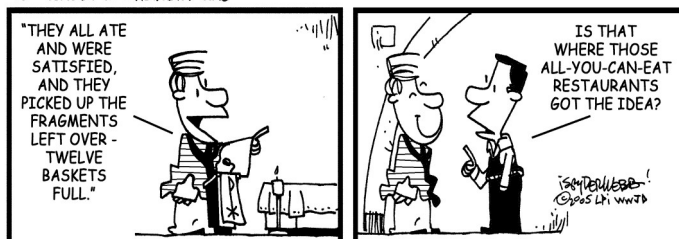
If you would like to donate or arrange for a donation pickup, please contact Dennis Wehrheim at cwehrheim@gmail.com.

**Thank you for your continued
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*We truly appreciate your partnership in helping make
this year’s outing a memorable success!*

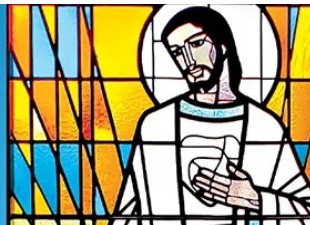


18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





I WILL
COME
to you



2026
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Appeal

Scott & Joanne Achtor
Shawn & Megan Gosselin

David & Kathleen Harms
Kelly Metcalf

Stan & Lorrie Tinsley
Kathleen Van Ella



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

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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.

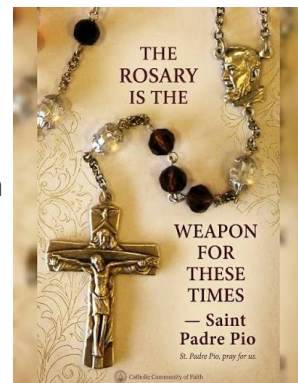
Spiritual Warfare Rosary Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

We know the power of prayer. Scripture teaches us to turn to God in prayer, and in her apparitions, Mary continues to call us to pray. The saints also prayed faithfully, and many prayers have been answered through their intercession.

There is so much in our lives and in our world that need prayer. The Rosary is a very powerful prayer. As we pray it, we meditate on the four sets of Mysteries and reflect on the life of Jesus—from His birth, through His ministry, to His death and resurrection.

Father spoke about the battle between good and evil—not only within us, but throughout the world. Wars, murders, addictions, anxiety, homelessness, hunger, and human trafficking are only a few of the many struggles we see and hear about every day. These realities remind us that this battle is present in our homes, towns, cities, and across the world.

Each week in the bulletin, we see that a Spiritual Warfare Rosary is prayed on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the church. When more people come together in prayer, we can stand against evil and ask God to bring peace to our homes, towns, cities and the world.



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 Aimme Thomas at 815-342-6318 or at FaithFormationStPeters@gmail.com if you have any questions.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Miracles We Don't See

"Why aren't there miracles anymore?"

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sun-dance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink, and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God—for him!—and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

"His heart was moved with pity," we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity—this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

***What a miracle. No details, no explanation.
No dancing sun. But what a miracle.***

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
8/1 - 8/9/2026

The Mass			For
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
Tues	8 am	†	Deceased Members of the Kattner Family
Wed	8 am		David & Kathleen Harms (43 rd Wedding Anniversary)
Thu	8 am		Tom & Margaret Boettjer Anniversary
Fri	8 am		Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of the Popelka Family
Sun	8 am	†	Jeannette, Walter & David Kornacki
	10 am		The Parishioners of St. Peter’s Church

The Virtue of Respect

Respect, Explained!

Respect, as defined in the Oxford Dictionary, means a feeling of admiration for someone's good qualities or achievements.

This is also how we understand respect in terms of Catholic virtue. Let's consider that: the Catechism tells us that *"man must...respect the particular goodness of every creature"* (CCC 339) in God's world. ***So what are the admirable qualities shared by each and every creature?***

There is only one, and it's quite simple: the Creator himself. Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the *"everyday form of reverence."*

Respect is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing. Respect for those made in God's image flows from our primary respect for God himself. Because of this, it is particularly important that we, as Christians, show respect for those segments of society that only we will recognize as being sacred: the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the stranger.

If we do not respect them, who will?

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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
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/8 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley <i>Mary Seil</i> <i>Marge Ladner</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirsch
Sunday 8/9 8:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Chis Chinni <i>Nancy Piggot</i> <i>DeAnne Besetzny</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Darien Martinez <i>Sharon Ellicson</i> <i>(Choir)</i> <i>Deacon Mark</i> <i>Heather Justen</i> <i>(Precious Blood)</i>	Stan Tinsley John Ellicson

Homebound Ministers

August 2nd: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Theresa Frer, Maria Sullivan & Stan Tinsley

August 9th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kathleen Van Ella, Mary Seil, Peggy Neuman & Steve Besetzny

Save the Date!

Join us for the 2026 National Friends of the Poor® Walk



Saturday, September 26th

in honor of St. Vincent de Paul's Feast Day



Spring Grove Fish Hatchery

Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

Hosted by St. Peter's and St. Joe's SVdP Society

More details to come!

We look forward to walking with you in support of those in need!

If you're interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please contact Kathy at 847-682-5620.



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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
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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

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, He didn't create only what was needed—there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

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

Monday, August 3rd - Parish Office Closed

• **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Tuesday, August 4th

Wednesday, August 5th

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

Thursday, August 6th

• **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, August 7th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, August 8th

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

Sunday, August 9th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

• Wanna hear a joke about paper? Never mind.
It's tearable.

• A panic-stricken man explained to his doctor, "You have to help me, I think I'm shrinking." "Now settle down," the doctor calmly told him. *"You'll just have to learn to be a little patient."*



• What do you call a bundle of hay in a church?
Christian Bale.

• A ship carrying red paint and a ship carrying blue paint collide in the middle of the ocean.
Both crews were marooned.

• What is a guitar player's favorite Italian food?
Strum-boli.

• How does cereal pay its bills? *With Chex.*





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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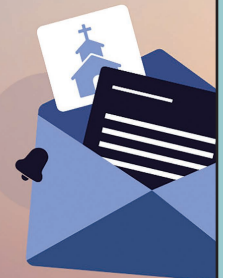
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