

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

Petersburg, IL

PARISH INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

New Parishioners

We welcome you to St. Peter Church and invite you to call the Parish Center to register.

Baptisms

Anyone interested in having their infant baptized is asked to attend a pre-baptismal class. Call the Office (632-7118) to register.

Matrimony

Couples planning to marry are to contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick

Notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound. Communion is available.

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

Contact Monique Sullivan (971-1704)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith or to join our Catholic faith call 632-7118.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GROW

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" - Mt 13:30

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

Saturday4:00pm	Tuesday.....8:00am
Sunday.....8:00am	Wednesday.....8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm

JULY 19, 2020 16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 7/20 NO MASS
 Tuesday, 7/21 8:00am † Dr. Robert Schafer
 Wednesday, 7/22 8:00am. † Glenn Knous
 Thursday, 7/23 NO MASS
 Friday, 7/24 NO MASS
 Saturday, 7/25 4:00pm † Intentions of Parishioners
 Sunday, 7/26 8:00am † Alexis Pillsbury

Please note Dispensation from Mass is still allowed. Those planning to attend weekend Masses should sign-up by calling Fr. Daren at: (217-321-1109) or (dzehnle.dio.org). We will keep the same schedule from week to week.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 19, 2020

First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

Gospel:

'Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."' (Mt 13:30b)

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Observances for the week of July 19, 2020

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
 Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious
 Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
 Saturday: St. James, Apostle
 Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

July 12, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (46) & Loose Cash	\$3936.00	\$2885.00
Building Fund	150.00	
Capital Campaign	285.00	
Votive Candles	2.50	
Retired Priest	20.00	

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) Do you have a friend or relative who would like to inquire about the Catholic Church? Sessions include church history, sacraments, understanding the mass, etc. Please call the office to register or for more information (632-7118). Journey of Faith Inquiry sessions begin in September.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

St. Peter Church will be collecting school supplies.
Glue Sticks White Glue (4oz) Pencil Boxes
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Crayons (24) Fiskar Scissors Post It Notes
Kleenex Erasers Highlighters

A full donation list can be found on facebook:

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email sent through flocknotes. Donations can be placed in the container marked (School Supplies located in the south entrance of St. Peter Church.)

Monetary donations can be made out to the Central IL Services, NFP. Call the Parish Office (632-7118 or Ann Smith (632-7723 if you have any questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELPING HANDS

The Knights of Columbus Helping Hands Program is to help those that need a hand with various tasks: minor chores, repairs, food and other needs – all you must do is ask – ask for you or a neighbor in need! Call Bill Stone (632-0190) to request assistance.

CALLING FOR STORIES....Articles, stories, photos and drawings are being accepted for the Catholic Times Respect Life edition. The theme for the 2020-2021 Respect Life program is: **Live the Gospel of Life:** to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps. Email Donna Moore (dmoore@dio.org) for more details. Article must be submitted by August 15th.

DIOCESE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

go to (dio.org)

Bishop Paprocki's Current Column

Dive Deep Podcast

Spiritual Resources

Diocese Video's

Online Mass Listing



PLEASE INFORM THE PARISH OFFICE

(632-7118 or stpeter234@sbcglobal.net) WITH ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION.

BUILDING ON THE PAST.....

INTO THE FUTURE

NEW ADDITION UPDATE

Total Construction Cost \$ 655,928

Amount received to date \$ 639,484

Diocesan Loan Balance \$ 10,841

Amount received includes Capital Campaign donations and Diocesan Investments, all Fundraisers and Memorials. Construction expenses include Construction Contractors and supplies, windows, pavers, and landscaping expenses. Thank you to those who have supported this campaign. If you would like more information contact the parish office at 632-7118.

Question:

Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer:

For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Regardless of what we choose to do, the real value in all of this is to see a reflection of Good Friday in each Friday, to remember the self-giving love of Jesus, and to honor that love through some sort of sacrifice or act of mercy. ©LPi



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