

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.



St. Peter Church

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

Reconciliation

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

JULY 26, 2020 17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 7/27 NO MASS

Tuesday, 7/28
8:00am NO MASS

Wednesday, 7/29
8:00am. NO MASS

Thursday, 7/30 NO MASS

Friday, 7/31 NO MASS

Saturday, 8/1
4:00pm † Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, 8/2
8:00am † Rita Stark

Due to parishioners not communicating when they were not going to attend Mass, beginning the weekend of August 1st & 2nd, the sign-up for mass will be abolished and attendance at Mass will be on a first come, first seated basis. If you arrive for Mass after we have already reached our seating limit of 58 people, you will not be able enter for that Mass. This is not the outcome that we were hoping for. We hope you understand.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading:

“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.” (1 Kgs 3:9a)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Mt 13:44)

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Observances for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Martha
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

GOSPEL MEDITATION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God’s kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside. ©LPi

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ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT.....Thank you to all who share their gifts and talents through the Liturgical Music Ministry at our weekend liturgies.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

July 19, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (26) & Loose Cash	\$2200.00	\$2885.00
Building Fund	40.00	
Capital Campaign	170.00	
Votive Candles	2.50	
Windows	25.00	

REST IN PEACE MSGR. TOM HOLINGA

Lord God, you chose our brother Fr. Tom to serve your people as a priest and to share the joys and burdens of their lives. Look with mercy on him and give him the reward of his labors, the fullness of life promised to those who preach your holy Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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
#2 Pencils	Colored Pencils (12)	Pens
Crayons (24)	Fiskar Scissors	Post It Notes
Kleenexes	Erasers	Highlighters

A full donation list can be found on facebook:

www.facebook.com/St.Peter.Menard.County/ or

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.

COVID 19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety,
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all. For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity. For public officials and decisionmakers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

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BUILDING ON THE PAST.....

INTO THE FUTURE

NEW ADDITION UPDATE

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 639,484
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$ 11,179

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 light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred.

When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPi



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