

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# ST. PETER PARISH

Petersburg, IL

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Contact Information

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### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday .....8:00 am—4:00 pm

### Pastor

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Lisa Reeves.....801-8443

### Director of Faith Formation

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Ann Bova .....652-5495

## 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

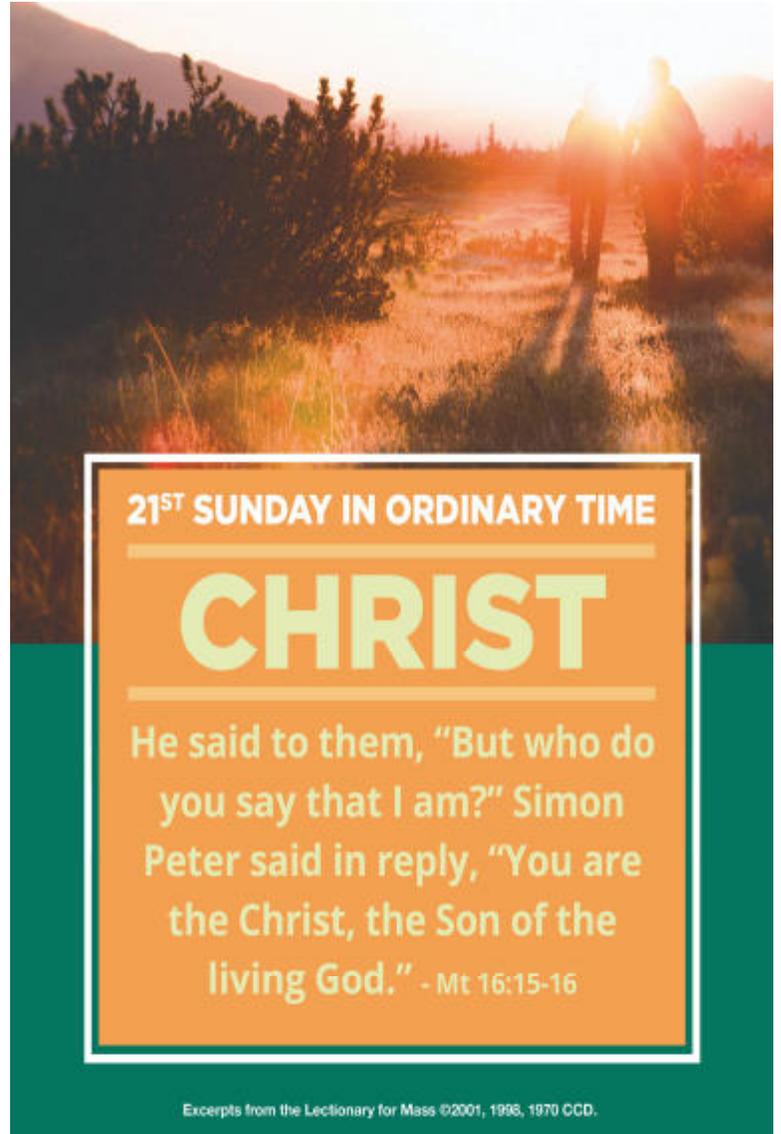
Notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound. Communion is available.

### 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

Saturday .....4:00pm      Tuesday.....8:00am  
Sunday.....8:00am      Wednesday.....8:00am

### Reconciliation

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

AUGUST 23, 2020 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 8/24

NO MASS

Tuesday, 8/25

8:00am

† Megan & Nick Reeves

Wednesday, 8/26

8:00am.

† Glenn Knous

Thursday, 8/27

NO MASS

Friday, 8/28

NO MASS

Saturday, 8/29

4:00pm

† John & Mary Margaret Murphy

Sunday, 8/30

8:00am

Intentions of Parishioners

*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. We hope you understand and have patience with the changes.*

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/August 23, 2020

### First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

### Psalms:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

### Gospel:

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)

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## Observances for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
Thursday: St. Monica  
Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist  
Next Sunday: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

## ROOTED IN FAITH-GROUNDED IN LOVE

**ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT.....To all those who clean the pews after each mass and help the parish follow the COVID-19 guidelines.**

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

August 16, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (25) & Loose Cash	\$1365.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	15.00	
Capital Campaign	115.00	
Votive Candles	3.00	
Joann Neumann Memorial	75.00	



## BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

### Congratulation on the Baptism of

Amelia Elizabeth Dunkel daughter of William Dunkel and Sara Burkhart

John David Schirding son of Christopher and Jennifer Schirding.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULT (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.

## CALLED & GIFTED

**A charism is a spiritual gift granted by the Holy Spirit that gives a Christian a special empowerment to bring God's redeeming love into the world.**

### Charisms

- Cannot be inherited from our parents.
- Are supernaturally empowered. Received at baptism.
- Are profoundly and directly connected with our relationship with God, often experienced as a form of prayer, and grow in power and purity as our relationship with God grows.
- Are directly and immediately dependent upon grace — while natural talents are retained regardless of one's relationship with God.
- Can be used for God's purposes and to serve others, not to meet our own needs or for evil.
- Natural talents can be used not only for our own benefit but for evil or for purposes that do not have God's redeeming work at the center.

If you are interested in participating in Small group charism discernment, (social distancing respected) contact Vicki Compton at the Cathedral, 522-3342 or [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org).

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## BUILDING ON THE PAST..... INTO THE FUTURE NEW ADDITION UPDATE

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 640,084
<b>Diocesan Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 11,179</b>

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.

## Priestly Ordination of Men

### Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

### Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church's faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history. ©LPI



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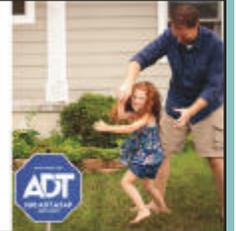
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