

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

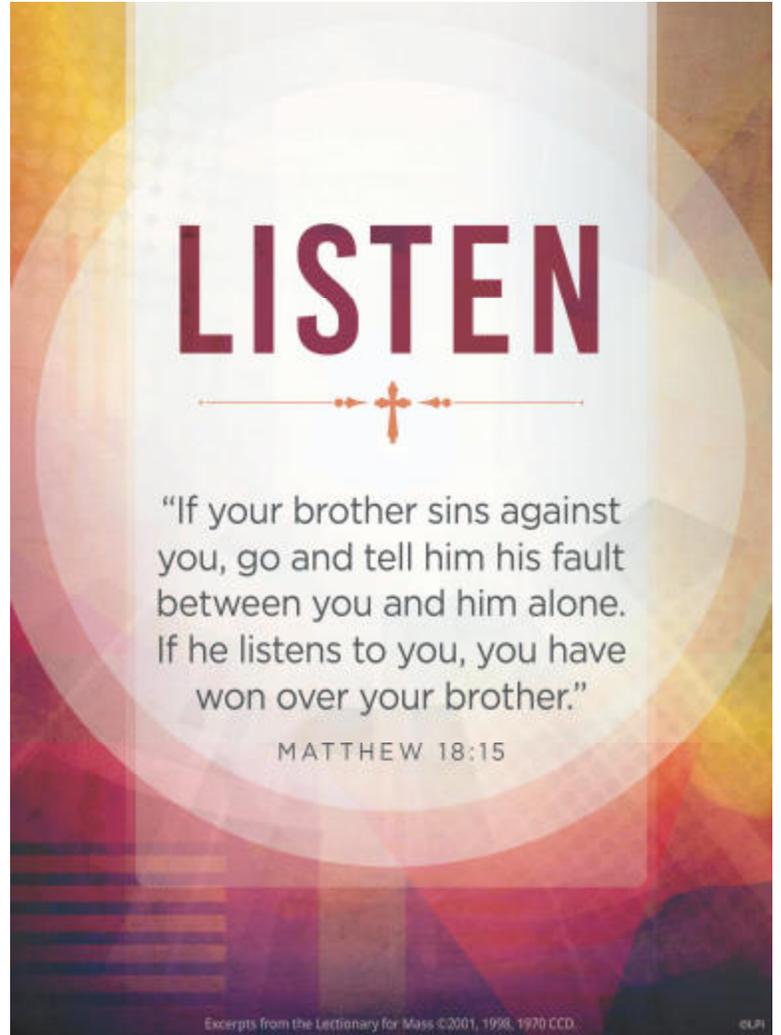
Notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound. Communion is available.

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.



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

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

Sunday.....8:00am Wednesday.....8:00am

Reconciliation

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 9/7 NO MASS
Tuesday, 9/8 8:00am † Glenn Knous
Wednesday, 9/9 8:00am. † John Standish
Thursday, 9/10 NO MASS
Friday, 9/11 NO MASS
Saturday, 9/12 4:00pm † Rev. Msgr. Tom Holinga
Sunday, 9/13 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.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

First Reading:

If you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Rom 13:9a)

Gospel:

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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Observances for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Friday: Patriot Day
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed. ©LPi

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

August 30, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (26) & Loose Cash	\$3167.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	\$50.00	
Votive Candles	2.00	
Capital Campaign (Windows)	\$25.00	



MICRO FOOD PANTRY

"Take What you want, give what you can."

St. Peter Church would like to fill the shelves at the Micro Food Pantry located at the former Family Video Entrances.

Food and monetary donations can be placed in the food pantry baskets in the back and south entrances of St. Peter Church or at the parish office. **Write checks to St. Peter Church with memo Micro Food Pantry.**

Please pray for those suffering with food insecurity during these difficult times. Call Claudia McEvers (632-2337) with questions.

SIU EDWARDSVILLE STUDENTS FOR LIFE

This pro-life student organization on campus values all human life from conception to natural death. If you know any SIUE students invite them to email (sivesfl@gmail.com) to join this pro-life group.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARRIAGE ON TAP STL, TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 7-8PM This will be a virtual session.

Marriage on Tap offers an evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith but is open to all married couples. This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is offered at no cost. RSVP's are required: send your names to marriageontapstl@gmail.com

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventative measures precluded the normal celebration of Holy Week in which the Holy Land collection is normally received.

The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education, and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The celebration that commemorates the discovery of the Relics of the Cross by Saint Helen also marks a new beginning of public worship in Jerusalem, with the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the Passion to which many peoples are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began."

I am writing to ask for your financial support of this collection as an act of mercy and charity. I know that I can count on your generosity. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

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

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 640,084
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.



Choosing Organ Donation

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer:

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86).

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2020 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPEAL

2020 marks 37 years of support for Catholic education through the Catholic Schools Appeal, benefiting the Springfield parish elementary schools and Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. Traditionally, the Catholic Schools Appeal kicks off during the first weekend of May in Springfield and area parishes. With the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, Appeal organizers decided to postpone the Appeal until September. A one-time mailing will be sent to homes this month. Thank you for your Consideration! Jennifer Bettis, Director of Advancement, Sacred Heart-Griffin High School.



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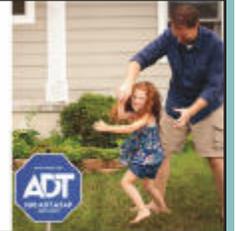
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