

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

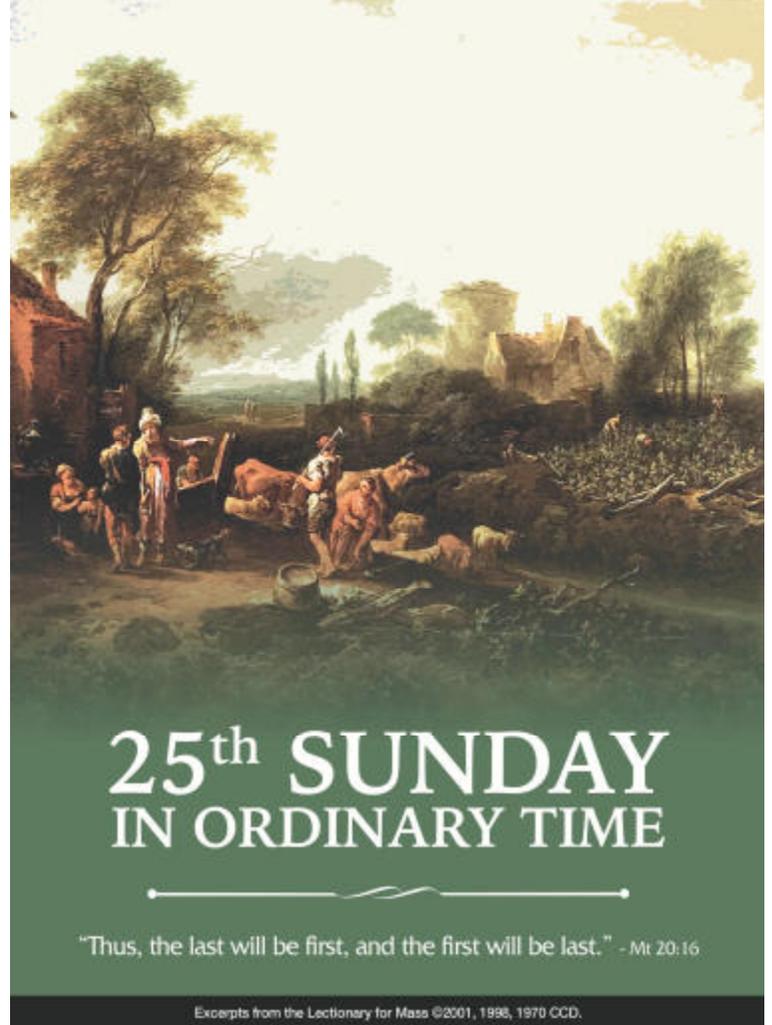
Notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound. Communion is available.

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 20, 2020 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 9/21 NO MASS
 Tuesday, 9/22 8:00am NO Mass
 Wednesday, 9/23 8:00am. NO MASS
 Thursday, 9/24 NO MASS
 Friday, 9/25 NO MASS
 Saturday, 9/26 4:00pm † Sue Fagan
 Sunday, 9/27 8:00am † Earl Pillsbury

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/September 20, 2020

First Reading:

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

Gospel:

“Take what is yours and go.” What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Mt 20:14-16a)

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Observances for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Catechetical Sunday
 Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 Saturday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
 Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God’s wisdom and God’s ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God’s presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn’t square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that’s okay.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (32)& Loose Cash	\$2433.54	\$2802.00
Building Fund	20.00	
Capital Campaign	60.00	
Votive Candles	8.50	
Holy Land	100.00	
Micro Food Pantry	150.00	

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

The 2020 theme is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel and an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Thank you to all of our Catechists who share their Catholic Faith with our children as volunteers for the "GIFT" program, "Growing in Faith Together". We also thank Monique Sullivan for her coordination and leadership of the "GIFT" program.

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

The Life Chain Prayer Witness in Springfield is October 4, 2020. (the alternate National Date is November 1st this year.) Please mark your calendar and come out and pray to end abortion on the streets of MacArthur, Stevenson Dr. near Little Flower Church, Sangamon Ave. near St. Aloysius Church and at Planned Parenthood on Bruns Lane & Jefferson St. Signs may be picked up on the routes.

The Knights of Columbus sponsoring Tom Hegna, presenting "Don't Worry, Retire Happy!"

The Illinois General Agencies will be hosting a virtual benefit night in October. Our incredible guest speaker Tom Hegna will present valuable information to all Catholic families in our parishes and communities. We are asking all councils to invite members and non-members to register for this upcoming event – more in a later announcement.

Our guest speaker will be Tom Hegna. When it comes to retirement, many consider Tom Hegna to be THE retirement income EXPERT! He has helped countless individuals through his PBS television special, seminars, and best-selling books. Today he is known throughout the world as The Retirement Income Expert.

This benefit night is scheduled for October 21st at 6:30 pm Central time. It will last approximately 1 hour. We will announce more later, click on the link and listen to Tom's short message at: <https://youtu.be/BBRb9EarUIM>

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.

COVENANT NETWORK-CATHOLIC RADIO

Tune in to 88.1FM, or listen on our Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at OurCatholicRadio.org. Daily schedule includes the Mass, Rosary, Angelus at noon, Divine Marcy Chaplet and other prayers to remind you of saints and feasts during the day. Join our Question and Answer Call in Shows to keep you grounded in Faith.

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

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 640,644
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$ 9179.36

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.

GOOD & EVIL

Question: IF God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us! ©LPi

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!

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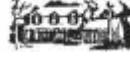
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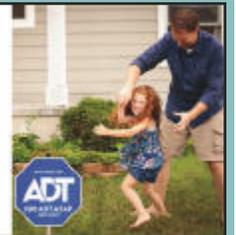
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