


Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

Petersburg, IL



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KINGDOM

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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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



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH

Sat. 4:00pm † Sarah Elizabeth Crow

Sun. 8:00am † Intentions of Parishioners

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Sept. 28th — October 2nd

Mon., NO MASS

Tues., 8:00am † Glenn Knous

Wed. 8:00am † Lynn Serena

Thu. NO MASS

Fri. NO MASS

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.

New Parishioners

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

Baptism

Anyone interested in having their infant baptized is asked to attend a pre-baptismal class. Call the Parish office 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) Faith Formation

Contact Monique Sullivan (217-971-1704) to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith or to join the Catholic Church call the Parish Office.

Prayer Requests

St. Peter Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish. Contact Meggann Bell by E-mail at (twobells33@hotmail.com) to make a prayer request.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (24) & Loose Cash	\$2148.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	20.00	
Capital Campaign	225.00	
Votive Candles	5.00	
Micro Food Pantry	25.00	

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that “it was the thought that counts.” I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, “it was the thought that really counts.” Really!?! I don’t think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don’t you? Don’t pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/September 27, 2020

First Reading: If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalms: Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

Gospel: “When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” (Mt 21:32)

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Special Observances the week of September 27, 2020

Sunday:	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Arch angels
Wednesday:	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday:	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

'GIFT' FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM K-7th GRADE BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 4:30-5:30PM, at St. Peter Parish Center. Children should bring their own mask. Sanitizer will be provided and social distancing will be observed. Call Monique 971-1704 with any questions or concerns.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AT QUINCY UNIVERSITY

Quincy University has announced the establishment of two new scholarships: the Diocesan Scholarship and the Bishop's Scholarships. Applicants for the \$500.00 Diocesan Scholarship must belong to a parish in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, apply and be admitted to Q.U. before March 15th, and submit a letter from their parish; applicants for the \$10,000 Bishop's Scholarship must belong to a parish in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, apply and be admitted to Q.U. before March 15th, and submit a statement detailing their involvement in the Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.quincy.edu/apply.

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 from 2:00pm-3:30pm 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Local Communities Donated Over \$2,400 to the Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" Fund Drive

Council 5754, extends our deepest gratitude to the our Parishioners and local communities of Petersburg, Ashland, Athens, and Greenview, and surrounding areas, for your most gracious donations on Friday and Saturday (September 18 – 19) in support of our Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Drive - we extend our appreciation for your heartfelt support, especially during these challenging times, and your donations will help support our children of special needs.

Support to Women's Centers during Pregnancy and Motherhood

The Knights support two centers: The First Step Women's Center in the Fall and the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) of Springfield in the Spring. During October 4 thru November 8, 2020 we will collect donations for the Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign for the Women's Center – donations will directly impact deciding mothers, with the intent to rescue more lives: toward a choice of Choosing Life! Your donations will support handicap accessible exam tables, tests, vitamins, and other needed items. As you recall, in the past we helped purchase a mobile van and ultrasounds to help with consultations. You can give in three ways; by filling a bottle (see Parish Center), by envelopes you receive (through Mail or from Parish Center) or give on-line at: <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/5014711/> or at CultureOfLifeSpringfield.org. For assistance contact: Darrell Roll, St. Peters Parish Liaison at Darrell.roll@sbcglobal.net or 217-632-0198.

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

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 640,869
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$ 9179.36

Thank you to all who support this campaign. If you would like more information contact the parish office at 632-7118.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with Pope Francis. With roots in the early Church, through the Middle Ages and down to today, Peter's Pence is a sign of unity with the Pope and a source of support for the activities of the Holy See, as well as for the Holy Father's charitable relief efforts around the world. In September and October 2018 for example, violent earthquakes and a tsunami in Indonesia killed 1,500 and injured thousands more. On the island of Sulawesi, the Mount Soputan volcano erupted hours after the earthquake, further endangering people already affected by the first disaster. Your generosity to the Peter's Pence

Collection facilitated much-needed support for victims of the Indonesian catastrophes. Pope Francis responded with a contribution of \$100,000 to be distributed to those in areas most affected by the disaster, with a prayer that "the Lord comfort them and support those working in the rescue efforts" (Angelus, September 30, 2018). Your contributions support the works of the Holy See and help Pope Francis fulfill his prayer that the Church will reach out with acts of mercy. Please join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe and prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. For more information about the collection, please visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2020 WE WILL RAISE A HOLY ROAR FOR THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The 10th annual Prayer in the Public Square Rosary Rally, 12PM-1PM at the Illinois State Capitol Building, 2nd and Capitol Streets, in front of the Lincoln Statue.

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.** Call Claudia McEvers (632-2337) with questions.



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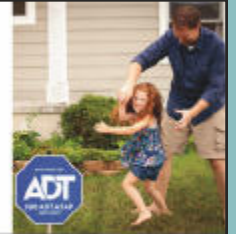
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