

Welcome to the Catholic Community of
ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

Petersburg, IL



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" - Jn 1:38a

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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

January 23rd & 24th

Sat. 4:00pm † Sue Fagan & Intentions of Parishioners

Sun. 8:00am † Jack Stewart

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

January 18th—January 22nd

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † All Souls

Wed. 8:00AM † Msgr. Tom Holinga

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 to enter for that Mass. We hope you understand and have patience with the changes

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First Reading:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for you servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Thursday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend I have some very happy news to share with you: because of your financial generosity to St. Peter's Parish, we have now paid off the loan we received from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois to help cover the costs of the church addition. This makes me very happy! Lisa and I will be working on a final report concerning the costs of this project.

Now that this debt is off of our records, I hope to be able to begin building some funds in our savings account. This will then allow us to begin working on the rectory to handle several maintenance issues that need to be addressed. My hope is that, once this work is done, I will be able to begin spending the night in the rectory here on the evenings before I have mass here in the morning. All in good time.

On a different matter altogether, this coming week is expected to be a tumultuous one throughout these United States of America. The *Roman Missal* – the book containing the prayers and texts for the Holy Mass – contains several prayers that we might pray with our families as we implore the Lord for peace.

For example, one of the prayers for a Mass "In Time of War or Civil Disturbance" prays,

O God, merciful and strong,
who crush wars and cast down the proud,
be pleased to banish violence swiftly from our midst
and to wipe away all tears, so that we may all truly
deserve to be called your children. Through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever
and ever.

Another prayer from the Mass "For Promoting Harmony" prays,

O God, who have taught your Church
to keep all the heavenly commandments
by loving you and loving our neighbor,
grant us a spirit of peace and grace,
so that your entire family
may be devoted to you wholeheartedly
and united in purity of intent.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Let us also not forget to invoke the intercession of Saint Joseph, the Terror of Demons, and the intercession of our patron, Saint Peter, the Prince of the Apostles. It is Saint Peter who tells us, "Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17).

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Daren

REST IN PEACE

We remember in prayer and sympathy the family and friends of James Leathers whose funeral was on January 13th.

RESPECT LIFE RALLY

Springfield Right to Life's annual Respect Life Rally will be held at 2pm on Sunday, January 24th at Calvary Church at 1730 West Jefferson in the parking lot. Stay in your vehicle and tune in on your radio to hear our pro-life speakers inspire our community to "let the walls fall" as they did in Jericho! We will then continue our rally at the Illinois State Capitol building by driving around the Capital.

CATHOLIC TIMES ISSUES WITH POSTAL SERVICE

Catholic Times is aware of several locations in our diocese that have not received their *Catholic Times* recently or have been getting the magazine late. Unfortunately, it is out of our control as the U.S. Postal Service is responsible for mailing our magazine. You can always read the latest edition of *Catholic Times* for free by visiting ct.dio.org. The online version flips just like a magazine. You can also subscribe to receive the online edition of *Catholic Times* to your inbox for free by going to: ct.dio.org/subscribe.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA

9 Days for Life (January 21-29, 2021) is a novena for the protection of human life. Participants can receive novena prayers each day by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages at: [9 Days for Life](http://9DaysforLife.com). Each day there is a daily intention accompanied by a short reflection and suggested action to help build a culture of life. Please promote this novena in your parish.

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE AND HOPE

The Diocesan Campaign for Justice and Hope (DCJH) is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 funding cycle. Organizations and projects that focus on changing and improving the conditions of low-income people within the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are eligible to apply for a DCJH grant. The deadline for submitting a grant application is February 22, 2021. Early submission is encouraged so any deficiencies on the application can be corrected prior to this deadline. Details about the grant is located at: www.dio.org/dcjh/home.html. Or interested applicants can call the Office for Pro-Life, Missions, and Special Ministries 321-1161.

Share Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Envelopes are in the monthly packets.

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

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 643,257
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$ 0.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

January 10, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (24) & Loose Cash	\$1373.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	50.00	
Capital Campaign	50.00	
Votive Candles	3.50	
Catholic Times	75.00	
Solemnity of Mary	5.00	

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE NO CLASS THIS WEEK DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

Call Monique, (971-1704) with any questions or concerns.

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 (twobells32@hotmail.com) to make a prayer request.

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



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