

Welcome to the Catholic Community of
ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

Petersburg, IL



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CALLED

Then he called them.
So they left their father
Zebedee in the boat along
with the hired men and
followed him. - Mk 1:20

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

Saturday4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

RECONCILIATION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

January 30th & 31st

Sat. 4:00pm Intentions of Parishioners

Sun. 8:00am † Betty Rodier

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

January 25th—January 29th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. NO MASS

Wed. NO MASS

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 God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

(Jon 3:10)

Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel:

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mk 1:15)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF

JANUARY 24, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week ©LPi

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

Given the mitigations under which we live because of the pandemic, it would make sense that the turning of the calendar from day to day would feel as if it turned more slowly. I do not know about you, but this is not the case for me. In fact, life for me has gotten far busier somehow during the quasi-shut-down, so much so that I know the beginning of Lent will be here before we know it if we do not pay close attention.

The season of Lent, of course, begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 17th. Ash Wednesday is always a day that puzzles priests because more people – usually - come to Mass on Ash Wednesday than do on any given Sunday. It remains to be seen if this will be the case this year (I suspect it will, and I welcome this).

Given this scenario, two opportunities will be available here at St. Peter's for the reception of ashes as a sign of repentance from sin. Because Deacon Roch Magerl is assigned "to assist the pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Petersburg," and *not* the pastor of St. Augustine's in Ashland, I have asked him to help ease my burden on Ash Wednesday and am very grateful he has agreed. He will preside over a Liturgy of the Word with the Imposition of Ashes and the Distribution of Holy Communion for you on **Ash Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.** (if this long title confuses you, think of a Communion Service with ashes). **Sign-up at these liturgies will be required** because of the number of people we anticipate coming.

The Holy See recently modified the rubrics for the imposition of ashes because of the pandemic. In the United States of America, the usual practice is to receive ashes on the forehead in the sign of a cross. In order to lessen the possibility of the spread of the virus, Robert Cardinal Sarah, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, has directed, in part, that this year "the Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything." The ceremony will look rather different for us, but it will actually put us in keeping with the practice that is observed throughout most of the rest of the Universal Church and that was observed throughout most of the history of the Church. The reception of ashes is not meant to be a sign from us to others; rather, they are meant to lead us to a deeper sorrow for our own sins and to a stronger resolve to avoid them in the future. This slight modification in the rite can be a welcome opportunity for us to focus not on the ashes themselves, but on our need for true repentance.

But before we get to the beginning of Lent, we will celebrate one of my favorite days of the year: the Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, whose liturgical memorial is observed on February 3rd. Because not everyone can attend Mass on his actual feastday, the Blessing of Throats, through the intercession of Saint Blaise, will be given at the of the Holy Mass on January 30th and 31st, the weekend closest to his memorial.

Peace and Joy,
Fr. Daren

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus recognize the following families as the Family of the Month for November and December 2020, respectively: Chuck and Mary Jane Fagan, and David and Bettie Churchill. Congratulations!

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 Capitol.

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.

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.

ATTENTION OUTSTANDING DIOCESAN CATHOLIC FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding Catholic female high school seniors who exemplify SDCCW's mission, values of leadership, faith and service. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications have been sent to each parish. Applications are due March 30th.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This weekend is the collection for the Church of Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to this special collection. To learn more visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Envelopes in monthly envelope packet.

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 17, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (24) & Loose Cash	\$2630.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	35.00	
Votive Candles	2.50	
Catholic Times	105.00	
Solemnity of Mary	5.00	
Micro Food Pantry	200.00	

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE

January 24, 4:30pm-5:30pm

January 31, 4:30pm-5:30pm

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELPING HANDS

The Knights of Columbus Helping Hands Program is to help those that need a hand with various tasks – minor chores, repairs, food and other needs – all you must do is ask – ask for you or a neighbor in need! Call Chuck Fagan (632-7329) to request assistance.



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