

Welcome to the Catholic Community of
ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

Petersburg, IL



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOLY ONE

He cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" - Mk 1:24

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

Saturday4:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am

RECONCILIATION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

February 6th & 7th

Sat. 4:00pm † John Murphy

Sun. 8:00am † Intentions of Parishioners

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

February 1st - 5th

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:

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. (Dt 18)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life

Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop

Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed. ©LPi

PRAYER DURING A HEALTH CRISIS

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.

THANK YOU FROM FR. DAREN

Fr. Daren would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern during his battle with COVID-19. He is home from the hospital and feeling better as he works to rebuild his strength. Please continue to pray for him.

HEY, FATHER! ...Live!

FEBRUARY 10TH @ NOON

Join Fr. Daren Zehnle and Father Jeremy Paulin as they answer your questions about Catholicism LIVE! Watch by going to facebook.com/diospringfield or Youtube.com/diospringfield. Send your question early or during the broadcast to theyfather@dio.org or text it to 217-203-5100.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH ASHES – FEBRUARY 17TH, 8:00AM & 6:00PM

Deacon Roch Magerl will preside over a Liturgy of the Word and the Distribution of Holy Communion for our parish on Ash Wednesday. **Please Note: Sign-up at these liturgies will be required because of the of people we anticipate coming.** Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the south entrance of the church or call the parish office.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE

This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation.

2021 YOUTH SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONSHIP

Council 5754 will host a local competition for the Spelling Bee Championship to be held on Saturday, February 20th 2021, at 2:00 pm at New Salem Roots at 14305 St. Hwy 97, Petersburg, IL 62675.

Registration (with parent approval) begins at 1:30 pm.

Event is open to all boys and girls up to the age of 16, but not before the State Finals in April. Event will follow COVID protocols – mask, social distancing. Winners progress through local, regional competitions (TBD). The State Finals will be held in early April 2021.

A new kindle (paperwhite 32GB) will be awarded to the top winner. Spelling Bee competitions enrich our youth and prepare them for a brighter future!

No study guides will be provided for this year's competition. For additional information, contact Darrell Roll, Spelling Bee host, at [\(217\) 632-0198](tel:2176320198) or Darrell.roll@sbcglobal.net

SPRINGFIELD RIGHT FOR LIFE - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 9:00AM

519 NORTH BRUNS LANE, SPRINGFIELD

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki will offer kickoff prayers for 40 Days for life. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil to end abortion that happens on the sidewalk in front of the abortion facility next door, and it runs through March 28th. We will also pray for the success of our new sonogram machine made possible by generous donations from our supporters. Bishop Paprocki will be able to bless our new Sonogram Machine and team! Please join us for this special kick-off event for 40 Days for Life!

BUILDING ON THE PAST..... INTO THE FUTURE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Capital Campaign. Your generous donations will serve many generations to come. We also thank our Capital Campaign Committee. The new addition of the church could not have happened without the dedication of the Capital Campaign Committee.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

January 24, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (15) & Loose Cash	\$1105.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	20.00	
Votive Candles	1.50	
Latin America	165.00	
Micro Food Pantry	50.00	

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE

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

Call Monique, (971-1704) with 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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