

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Petersburg, IL



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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MASS SCHEDULE

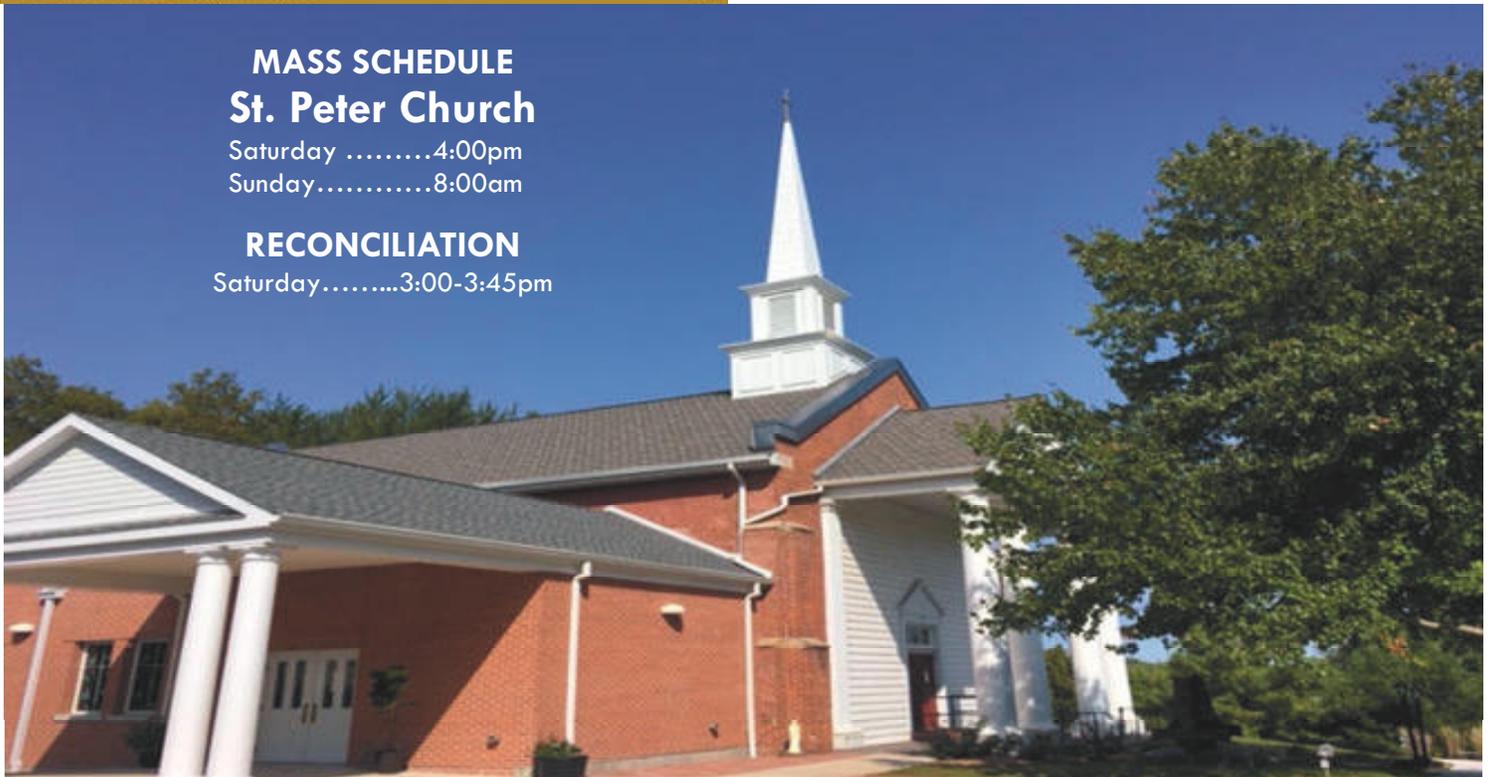
St. Peter Church

Saturday4:00pm

Sunday.....8:00am

RECONCILIATION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

February 13th & 14th

Sat. 4:00pm Intentions of Parishioners

Sun. 8:00am † Stewart Family

MASSES THIS WEEK

February 8TH - 12TH

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 7, 2021

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)

Second Reading:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani;
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be. ©LPi

ROOTED IN FAITH—GROUNDED IN LOVE— ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute: Volunteers who are greeters, lectors and wipe down the pews after each mass. Those who clean the church, laundry the linens and change the church environment for each liturgical season. For all who support the church and other charitable needs through their donations.

**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:** ashes will be sprinkled on the head instead of the usual sign of the cross on the forehead and no words will be spoken. **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. Envelopes are in the monthly packets.

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!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

January 31, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (25) & Loose Cash	\$4243.25	\$2802.00
Building Fund	350.00	
Catholic Times	55.00	
Votive Candles	3.55	
Latin America	150.00	
Micro Food Pantry	125.00	

**“GIFT” FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM
KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE**

February 7, 4:30pm-5:30pm

February 14, **NO GIFT PROGRAM**

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.

PARISH MISSION

**RENEWAL OF FAITH AND RETURN TO WORSHIP
LED BY MOST REV. CARL KEMME**

AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY IN SHERMAN

Mass followed by Lecture

Tuesday, March 16th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Lecture followed by Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 17th, 6:30-8:30pm

Adoration followed by Lecture

Thursday, March 18th, 6:30-8:30PM

Sign-up is required for this Parish Mission.

Call the Parish Office 217-523-3816 to sign-up.



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