

Welcome to the Catholic Community of  
**ST. PETER PARISH**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Petersburg,



**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**St. Peter Church**

Saturday .....4:00pm    Tuesday.....8:00am  
Sunday.....8:00am    Wednesday.....8:00am

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

February 20th & 21st

Sat. 4:00pm † James Lutchka

Sun. 8:00am † Intentions of Parishioners

### MASSES THIS WEEK

February 15TH - 19TH

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. NO MASS

ASH WEDNESDAY

*Liturgy of the Word, Communion & Distribution of Ashes*

*(Please call the Office 632-7118 to sign-up)*

Wed. 8:00AM & 6:00PM SERVICES

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*

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

### First Reading:

He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp. (Lv 13:46)

### Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Ps 32)

### Second Reading:

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)

### Gospel:

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:42)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day;

Valentine's Day

Monday: Presidents' Day

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

## GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©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: All essential workers: teachers, healthcare workers, police, firemen, street departments, store clerks, etc.



# Ash Wednesday

## 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

Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. Envelopes are in monthly packets.

## WORD AMONG US

To help you journey through Lent, which begins February 17th. Lenten issues of the Word Among Us are available in the south entrance of the church.

## TODAY'S MISSAL

Today's Missals are available in the south entrance of the church. You can take missals home and bring to mass with you. Please do not leave in pews.

## 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. 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 or [Darrell.roll@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Darrell.roll@sbcglobal.net)

## 40 Cans of Food for Lent

Once again, this year the Sangamon Valley council of the Knights of Columbus of St Peters and Holy Family Catholic Churches are sponsoring their eighth annual 40 Cans of Food for Lent campaign. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent to help those less fortunate celebrate Easter. Due to the pandemic the food last year was distributed to people via different churches in the community. The generosity of both parishes over the last eight years has be terrific and we hope this year will be another super year. If you would like to have the donation picked up please contact Chuck Fagan at 632-7329 or contact the parish hall.

## PARISH COMMUNITY TITHE (FORMERLY ACSA)

GOAL	\$24,989.00
Pledges (18)	3,145.74
Total Paid	<u>3,190.74</u>
Goal Balance	21,798.26

## HELP US MEET OUR PARISH GOAL

Any contribution amount would be greatly appreciated. If each household could contribute \$104.12 towards the Parish Community Tithe we can meet this assessment without it affecting our current budget. Thank you to all households that have already contributed. Make checks payable to the Diocese of Springfield and write Parish Community Tithe on memo line.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

FEBRUARY 7, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (22) & Loose Cash	\$3682.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	20.00	
Catholic Times	105.00	
Votive Candles	1.00	
Latin America	10.00	

## "GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

### KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE

February 14, **NO GIFT PROGRAM**

February 21, 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](mailto:twobells32@hotmail.com) to make a prayer request.



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