

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Petersburg,



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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 27th & 28th

Sat. 4:00pm † Intentions of Parishioners

Sun. 8:00am † Stewart Family

### MASSES THIS WEEK

February 22nd - 26th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † Scott North

Wed. 8:00AM † Lynn Serena

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.*



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2021

### First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

### Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

### Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

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### Observances for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Tuesday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent ©LPi

## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

I was looking forward to being back among you last weekend for the celebration of the Holy Mass, but the severe winter weather altered those plans. While I will not be with you on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (I will be at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election as part of my duties as Director of the Office for Divine Worship and the Catechumenate), I will be with you – weather permitting – on February 21<sup>st</sup>. I am looking forward to returning to something of a regular routine and am grateful for your prayers for me.

As the extreme cold and wind continue to keep us at below average temperatures, the coming of the season of Lent can provide us some hope because Lent itself means Spring. The days of Lent are meant to be for us a time for a new springtime of the heart, for new growth in our spiritual lives.

As we enter into these holy days of Lent, in his Message for Lent 2021, the Holy Father Pope Francis invites us to “renew our *faith*, draw from the ‘living water’ of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.” We can do so, he says, through “the path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.”

We sometimes are tempted to look upon Lent as a sad time, as a time when we give up what makes us happy. More than this, though, Lent is meant to be a path toward true happiness because, as Pope Francis says, “The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.”

May we each embrace these days of Lent as a time to draw ever closer to the Lord, taking advantage of the opportunities and invitations the Lord gives to us so that we might truly experience a new springtime of the heart!

Peace and Joy,  
Fr. Daren

## 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: Those who contribute to all the special collections that support the spiritual and physical needs of people all over the world.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FRIDAY'S DURING LENT  
FEBRUARY 19 & 26  
MARCH 5, 12, 19 & 26  
7:00PM AT ST. PETER**

#### **LENTEN REGULATIONS:**

**ABSTINENCE**—Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

**FAST**—Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. But liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed.)

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. May this holy season be a time of spiritual renewal for each of us.

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 27TH & 28TH**

Catholic Charities has a rich, 96-year history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Because of your continued prayers and generosity, thousands of people received food, assistance with medicine, rent and utilities, counseling service, legal assistance, Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance, clothing, diapers, hygiene products and more. Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you—donors, staff, volunteers, board members and organizations coming together to fulfill the mission. We ask that you continue to support Catholic Charities as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need. Envelopes in monthly packets.

#### **WORD AMONG US**

To help you journey through Lent. Lenten issues of the Word Among Us are available in the south entrance of the church.

### **40 Cans of Food for Lent**

Once again, this year the Sangamon Valley council of the Knights of Columbus of St Peter 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 been 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**        3,190.74  
**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**

<b>FEBRUARY 14, 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
Envelopes (22) & Loose Cash	\$6043.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	35.00	
Catholic Times	55.00	
Votive Candles	1.00	
Central & Eastern Europe	50.00	
Catholic Charities	130.00	
Operation Rice Bowl	230.00	
Micro Food Pantry	100.00	

#### **"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE**

February 21, 4:30PM-5:30PM, GIFT CLASS

February 28, 4:30PM-5:30PM, FAMILY NIGHT

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.



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