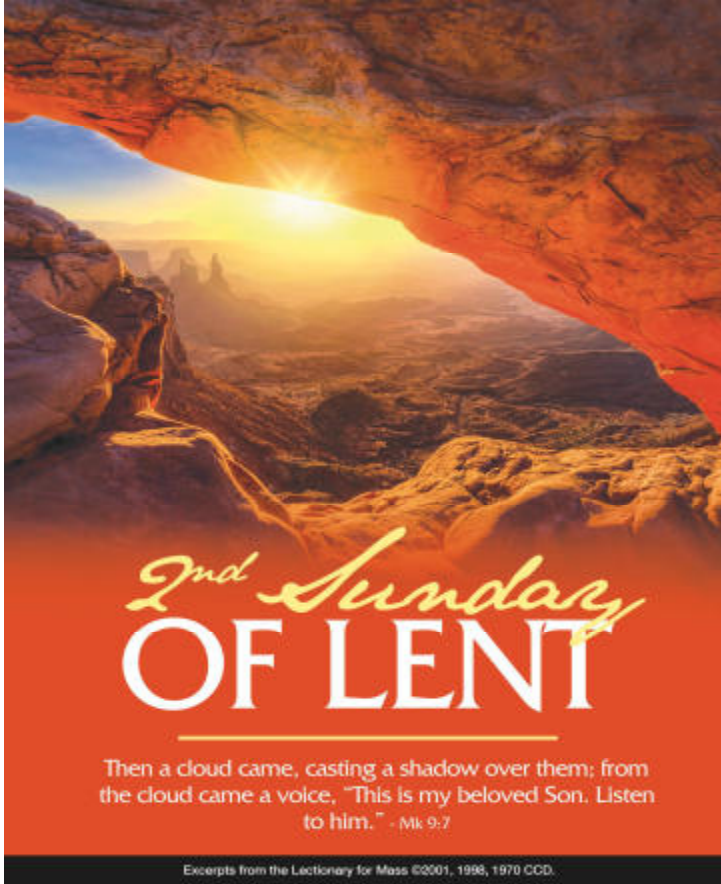


Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

Petersburg,



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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

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

RECONCILIATION

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





MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 6th & 7th

Sat. 4:00pm † John Standish

Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Parishioners

MASSES THIS WEEK—MARCH 1st - 5th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † Glenn Knous

Wed. 8:00AM † Catherine Canfield

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

First Reading:

God put Abraham to the test. (Gn 22:1)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading:

If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom 8:31)

Gospel:

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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Observances for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Thursday: St. Casimir

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent ©LPi

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

This past weekend we had more parishioners at Mass than we have had since we resumed public Masses this past June. It warmed my heart to see so many return to the Holy Mass and I hope it will continue.

This past weekend also saw the Rite of Election celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception where 55 men, women, and children were chosen by the Church to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at this coming Easter Vigil. Please remember them in your prayers as they continue in their journey of faith.

In these days of Lent, Mother Church calls us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. One very simple way we can increase in our prayer is to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. Deacon Roch will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. each Friday of Lent: March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. I hope you will make plans to attend.

The Stations of the Cross have a long history in the Church and were especially promoted by the Franciscans. They are a way for us to make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to meditate upon the sorrowful way our Lord walked for us on his way to the Cross. There is a great beauty to be found in the Stations of the Cross.

The confession of our sins is, of course, another important way to increase our prayer in Lent. Through a good examination of conscience, we can ask the Lord to help us see the many ways we fail to love both God and neighbor. By confessing these sins, we not only express our sorrow to the Lord for them and are reconciled with him, but we also receive grace to avoid these sins in the future, at least if we cooperate with his grace. To this end, I will be available to hear confessions from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on March 3rd, 17th, and 24th. I can also be available to hear confessions at other times at your request.

I sincerely hope you will take advantage for these opportunities for prayer to make of this Lent, as the Holy Father Pope Francis urges us, a time "to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit, and the love flaming from the merciful heart of the Father" (*Message for Lent 2021*).

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Daren



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. PETER

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm on March 5, 12, 19 & 26 at St. Peter.

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK, A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME. Mt. 25:35

What does the Gospel demand of us in living out this passage? Join Deacon Mick Palazzolo, and Helping Hand Director, Erica Smith as they help us understand how to respond to the needs of our neighbors who are chronically homeless. **Monday, March 1, 7:00PM at the Cathedral Atrium in Springfield.**

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.

PARISH MISSION: RENEWAL OF FAITH AND RETURN TO WORSHIP

LED BY MOST REV. CARL KEMME

MARCH 16, 17, AND 18, 2021, 6:30PM-8:30PM AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH, SHERMAN

Tuesday, 3/16/2021 Mass & Talk

Wednesday, 3/17/2021 Talk & Reconciliation

Thursday, 3/18/2021 Adoration & Talk

Event viewing locations are optional and seating is limited. Sign-Up is required. Sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ea9ad2ea1fb6-stjohn> Or call Parish Office 217-523-3816 to sign-up.

40 Cans of Food for Lent

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 church to help those less fortunate celebrate Easter. If you would like to have the donation picked up please contact Chuck Fagan at 632-7329.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY TITHE (FORMERLY ACSA)

GOAL \$24,989.00
Pledges (20) 3,145.74
Total Paid 3,415.74
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

FEBRUARY 21, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (22) & Loose Cash	\$2430.10	\$2802.00
Capital Campaign	85.00	
Catholic Times	10.00	
Votive Candles	3.00	
Central & Eastern Europe	200.00	
Catholic Charities	20.00	
Operation Rice Bowl	10.00	
Micro Food Pantry	200.00	

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE

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

March 7, 4:30PM-5:30PM, "GIFT" Class

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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