

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

Petersburg, IL



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

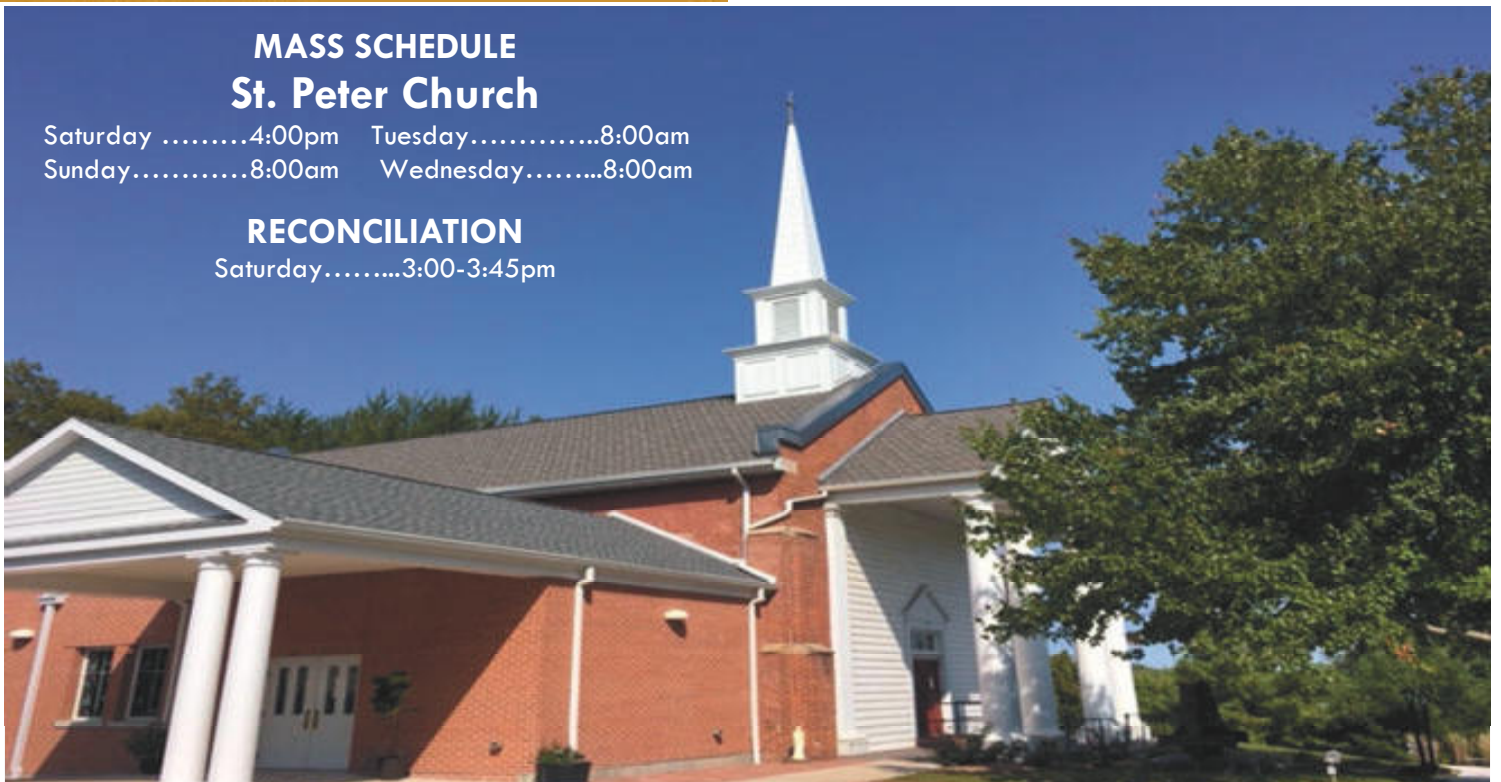
**St. Peter Church**

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

Sunday.....8:00am    Wednesday.....8:00am

**RECONCILIATION**

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





## MASS INTENTIONS

### MARCH 13th & 14th

Sat. 4:00pm † Lynn Serena

Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Parishioners

### MASS THIS WEEK—MARCH 8th - 12th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † Msgr. Tom Holinga

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.*

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 7, 2021

### First Reading:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

### Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

### Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

### Gospel:

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” (Jn 2:19)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE 3RD WEEK OF LENT

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. John of God, Religious

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

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## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

Looking ahead, I realized it would be necessary to celebrate two Masses on Easter Sunday in both St. Peter's Parish and in St. Augustine's, which is more Masses than canon law allows a priest to celebrate in one day. With this in mind, and cognizant that my strength is still not quite up to speed just yet (though it is coming back to me), I asked Father Seth Brown if he would be able to celebrate the Triduum and Easter here at St. Peter's. I'm delighted to see he agreed to do so. This will allow me to keep an eye on strength by reducing the need to travel back and forth and will allow both parishes to celebrate each of the moving liturgies of Holy Week.

The schedule for the Easter Triduum and for Easter Sunday here at St. Peter's will be as follows:

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
6:00 p.m.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion  
3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday  
8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Because of our limited seating capacity (capped at 58 people per liturgy), sign-ups for each of these liturgies will be required. To sign-up for one or all of these liturgies, please contact Lisa Reeves by sending an e-mail to: [stpeters234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpeters234@sbcglobal.net) or by calling (217) 632-7118. I thank you in advance for cooperation.

His Holiness Pope Francis will be in Iraq this weekend (March 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) to visit and pray with our brothers and sisters who have suffered so much under the persecution of the Islamic State. In advance of the Holy Father's visit, His Beatitude Louis Raphael Cardinal Sako, Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans, wrote the following prayer:

**Lord our God, grant Pope Francis health and safety to carry out successfully this eagerly awaited visit. Bless his effort to promote dialogue, enhance fraternal reconciliation, build confidence, consolidate peace values and human dignity, especially for us Iraqis who have been through painful “events” that affected our lives.**

**Lord and Creator, enlighten our hearts with Your light, to recognize goodness and peace, and to realize them.**

**Mother Mary, we entrust Pope Francis' visit to your maternal care so that the Lord may grant us the grace of living in full national communion, and to cooperate fraternally to build a better future for our country and our citizens. Amen.**

Please join me in praying this prayer throughout this weekend for the success of Pope Francis' visit as he seeks to strengthen his brothers and sisters in the faith (cf. Luke 22:32).

Peace and Joy,  
Fr. Daren

## REST IN PEACE

May they have rest and peace in their eternal life in God's kingdom.

Wayne Bussa, funeral was celebrated this Saturday, March 6th.

Ben Gaston, funeral was celebrated this last Friday, March 5th.

## CONFESSIONS

Fr. Daren will be available to hear confessions on Wednesday March 17th & 24th, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Fr. Daren is also available to hear confessions at other times at your request.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. PETER

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

## 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.

## SUFFERING AS A MEANS OF HEALING AND SPIRITUAL MATURITY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH & 24TH, 7:00PM  
CATHEDRAL ATRIUM, SPRINGFIELD

Jesus calls every one of us to follow him. While we try to follow this call, our utter rejection of suffering impedes our genuine experience of love – because suffering and love are mysteriously inseparable that a rejection of one is a denial of the other. Hence, Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical letter, Spe Salvi, states that “it is when we attempt to avoid suffering by withdrawing from anything that might involve hurt, when we try to spare ourselves the effort and pain of pursuing truth, love, and goodness, that we drift into a life of emptiness, in which there may be almost no pain, but the dark sensation of meaninglessness and abandonment is all the greater.

## 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. 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 28, 2021

ACTUAL NEEDED

Envelopes (25) & Loose Cash \$2650.00 \$2802.00

Building Fund 65.00

Catholic Times 120.00

Votive Candles 4.00

Central & Eastern Europe 250.00

Catholic Charities 175.00

Operation Rice Bowl 125.00

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

March 7, 4:30PM-5:30PM, “GIFT” Class

March 14, 4:30pm-5:30PM, “GIFT” Class

## 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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