

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

Petersburg, IL



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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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 20th & 21st

Sat. 4:00pm Intentions of Parishioners

Sun. 8:00am † Rita Stark

MASSES THIS WEEK—MARCH 15th - 19th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † Glenn Knous

Wed. 8:00AM † Shawn Goetz

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.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT/MARCH 14, 2021

First Reading:

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
(Ps 137)

Second Reading:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

Gospel:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent;

Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

As you know, the law of the Church requires Catholics who are between the ages of 14 and 60 to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. What you may not know is that the law of the Church also requires us to abstain from meat on every Friday unless we perform another act of penance on the Fridays outside of Lent.

What you may not also know is the law of the Church states that "abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday" (Code of Canon Law, canon 1251, emphasis mine). This coming Friday, March 19th, is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary. As such, Catholics are not required to abstain from meat on this coming Friday; you may, of course, abstain from meat this Friday if you wish, but you may also enjoy a steak or hamburger in honor of the Patron of the Universal Church if you wish.

The *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* describe a solemnity as "among the most important days" (III.11). On solemnities, the Gloria is sung (even during Lent), three readings from the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed, the finest vestments, music, and liturgical items are to be used, and six candles may be placed on or near the altar.

The Church has long celebrated the example of Saint Joseph, which shines out so clearly that the Church accords his liturgical memory with the highest honors. The *Directory on Popular Piety* describes why the Church so emphasizes and honors Saint Joseph:

The virtues of St. Joseph have been the object of ecclesial reflection down through the centuries, especially the more recent centuries. Among those virtues the following stand out: faith, with which he fully accepted God's salvific plan; prompt and silent obedience to the will of God; love for and fulfilment of the law, true piety, fortitude in time of trial; chaste love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, a dutiful exercise of his paternal authority, and fruitful reticence (219).

This Friday, in the Year of Saint Joseph, let us all look to the father of Jesus and ask him to teach us how to follow Jesus ever more closely by imitating the virtues found in Joseph. Let us all go to Joseph as we strive to root out sin from our lives and become Saints.

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Daren

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 19 & 26 at St. Peter.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

PARISH MISSION:

Renewal of Faith & Return to Worship
led by the Most Reverend Carl
Kemme, current Bishop of Wichita and
former SJV Pastor, is scheduled for

March 16, 17, and 18, 2021

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Seating is Limited and Sign Up is Required

Sign up at the link below:

<https://bit.ly/37Eihl2>

KNIGHT'S SPONSORED WEBINAR:

"PAY CHECKS AND PLAY CHECKS"

MARCH 23, 6:30 PM

The Knights will sponsor "Pay Checks and Play Checks" retirement webinar with renowned Speaker, Retirement Expert Tom Hegna, sharing his approach to "enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live!" Opened to the Parish community. As this will be well attended, pre-register early at www.Kofc.link/hegna for a virtual webinar. Also, our Council **will host the event at St. Peter Parish Center** (at the same time) for those who do not have or want to mess with the computer.

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc. Drive Thru Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Tuesday, March 30th, 4:30-6:30PM

Christ the King Parish Center, Springfield
Nelson's Catering is preparing the meal which includes a ½ grilled chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes and dinner role with butter. Tickets are \$10 and orders must be placed by Friday, March 26th at 12:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://nelsonscatering.com/pregnancy-care-center>. Meals may also be ordered and donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you for helping to support the services at the Pregnancy Care Center as they celebrate 42 years of service.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY TITHE

(FORMERLY ACSA)

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| GOAL | \$24,989.00 |
| Pledges (20) | 3,145.74 |
| Total Paid | 3,615.74 |
| 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

| March 7, 2021 | ACTUAL | NEEDED |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Envelopes (34) & Loose Cash | \$3991.00 | \$2802.00 |
| Building Fund | 235.00 | |
| Catholic Times | 35.00 | |
| Votive Candles | 3.00 | |
| Easter Flowers | 80.00 | |
| Micro Food Pantry | 100.00 | |
| Operation Rice Bowl | 20.00 | |

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE

March 14, 4:30pm-5:30pm, "GIFT" Class

March 21, 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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