

Welcome to the Catholic Community of
ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021



**3rd SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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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

APRIL 24TH & 25TH

Sat. 4:00PM Intention of Parishioners

Sun. 8:00AM † Imogene Sanders

MASSES THIS WEEK—APRIL 19TH - APRIL 23RD

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † Glenn Knous

5TH, 6TH & 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

(FAMILY & SPONSORS ONLY)

Wed. 6:00PM † William Sullivan

Thu. NO MASS

Fri. NO MASS

In celebration of the 2021 Year of St. Joseph the Litany of St. Joseph will be prayed after each daily 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 people, you will not be able to enter for that Mass. We hope you understand.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER /APRIL 18, 2021

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name.” (Lk 24:46-47)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

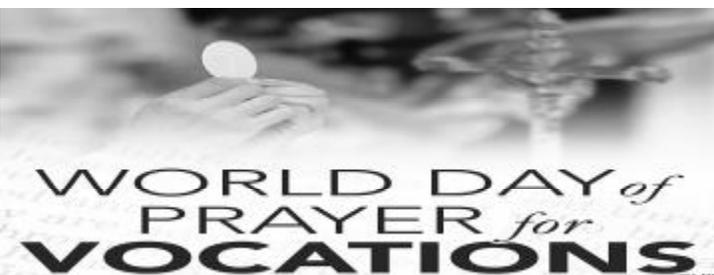
Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George, Martyr;
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations ©LPi



MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

I know the announcement I made this past weekend of my coming departure as the Pastor of St. Peter's Parish came as a surprise to many of you, but I am very grateful for the expressions of gratitude and prayers that so many of you shared with me after the Masses; your kindness is much appreciated! We will still have a few more weeks together before I return to The Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, Illinois for my summer studies; let us seek to make the most of them.

This past Wednesday evening we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion with some of our younger parishioners and this coming Wednesday we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our fifth, sixth and seventh graders. It is very good to be able to celebrate these Sacraments again! Please keep these young people in your prayers as they receive the strengthening grace of the Holy Spirit to bear witness to Jesus everywhere they go!

One of the most common questions I am asked in relation to the Sacrament of Confirmation involves the choosing of a "Confirmation Saint," whether it is necessary and why we do it. While doing so is not required, it is a long-standing custom in the Church. The purpose behind choosing a "Confirmation Saint" is to choose a particular Saint as a patron, one with whom a member of the faithful feels a special connection and one whose prayers a member of the faithful desires. At the same time, we should strive to imitate the virtues of our "Confirmation Saint" so that we, too, will one day be brought into the heavenly kingdom. After all, the goal of the Christian life is that each of us become Saints.

Let us keep one another in prayer, asking the Lord to strengthen his grace within us that, relying on the gift of the Holy Spirit we received in Confirmation, we might all be more closely conformed to the heart of Jesus Christ.

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:

- ◆ For all those who volunteer in our "GIFT" program and prepare our children for celebrations of sacraments.
- ◆ For all children, parents and families who participate in the "GIFT" program and continue to grow in faith.
- ◆ For those who continue to share their gifts of time and talent and treasure in the parish and community.

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION AT ST. PETER

Wednesday, April 21st, 6:00pm, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade
Confirmation Liturgy attendance will be limited to family
members and sponsors of those receiving the Sacrament of
Confirmation.



SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following 4th Grade
Students who celebrated the Sacraments of
Confirmation and First Communion .

Avery Breedlove **Phoebe Hacke**

Alexander Heavner **Liam Noel**

Keston Simmons

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY THE SACRAMENTS BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON TUESDAY, APRIL 20TH, 8:30AM ST. PETER PARISH CENTER

All adults are invited to attend. Anyone with questions can
call Carol Muller (217-341-1772). Social distancing
guidelines will be followed.

HARD TOPICS WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 21, 28, 7:00PM CATHEDRAL ATRIUM

St. Peter, once wrote to his persecuted brothers and sisters
back in Asia Minor these tremendous words: "in your hearts
honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to
make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for
the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and re-
spect." Have you been persecuted for something your
Christian faith asks you to do? Are you uncertain how to
respond to arguments nowadays levied against Christ, the
Church, or the Sacraments? Are you, or someone you know,
unconvinced by the Church's teachings? Join Fr. Dominic
Rankin for a conversation on those "hard topics" over which
we find our faith challenged: Jesus' resurrection, the Eucha-
rist, purgatory, Mary ... the Pope, the scandals, Galileo ... a
male priesthood, cohabitation on, contraceptives on, gen-
der... all these topics and more will be candidly discussed,
all questions will be received, and we will come away with
our Hope renewed in Christ!

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION APRIL 24TH & 25TH

Your contribution supports the bishops of the United States
call to embrace an approach to criminal justice that takes
into account the dignity of crime victims and their families,
communities and offenders. The diocese's Catholic
Restorative Justice Ministries program works to fulfill the
bishops' vision through various activities that include
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personnel and inmates. When you participate in the appeal,
you join in the Church's healing mission of mercy to all.
Envelopes in monthly envelope packet.

PARISH COMMUNITY TITHE (FORMERLY ACSA)

GOAL **\$24,989.00**
Pledges (24) **3,145.74**
Total Paid **4,430.74**
Goal Balance **\$20,558.26**

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

April 11, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (43) & Loose Cash	\$5587.00	\$2802.00
Easter Sunday	610.00	
Building Fund	75.00	
Votive Candles	6.75	
Micro Food Pantry	200.00	
Easter Flowers	110.00	
Good Friday (Holy Land)	50.00	
Seminarians	125.00	

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM KINDERGARTEN – 7TH GRADE

April 18, "GIFT" Class, 4:30pm-5:30pm

April 25, "FAMILY NIGHT: 4:30pm-5:30pm

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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