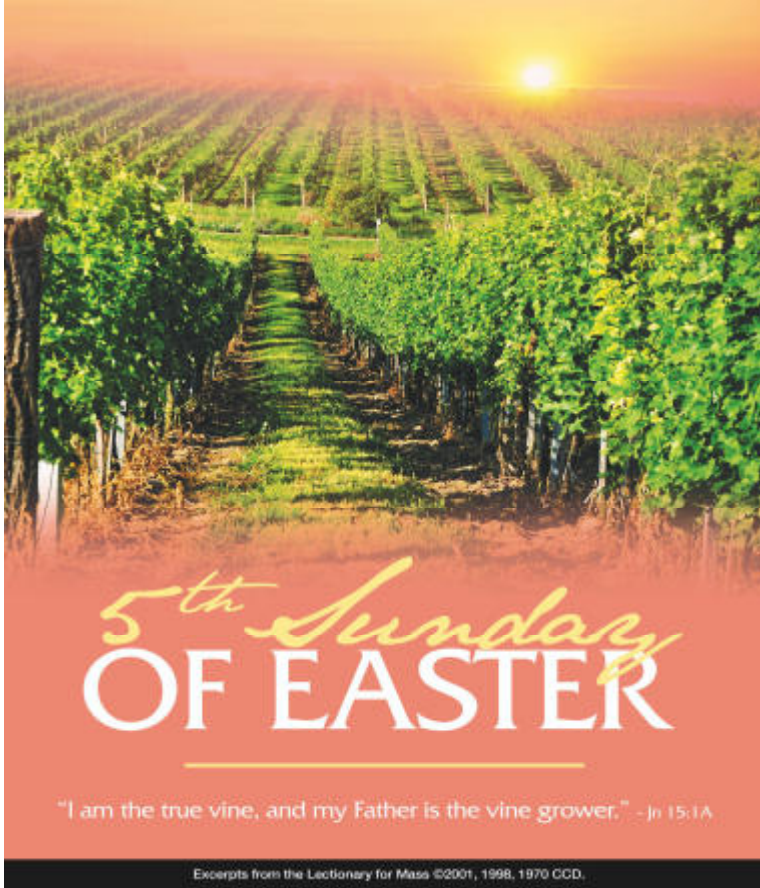


Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

Petersburg, IL



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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

### MAY 8TH & 9TH

Sat. 4:00PM Intentions of Parishioners  
Sun. 8:00AM † Rita Stark

### MASS THIS WEEK—MAY 3RD-MAY 7TH

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00AM † Glenn Knous

Wed. 8:00AM † John Standish

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 people, you will not be able to enter for that Mass. We hope you understand.*

### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MAY 2, 2021

#### FIRST READING:

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)

#### PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22) Or Alleluia.

#### SECOND READING:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

#### GOSPEL:

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” (Jn 15:5)

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#### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2ND.

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

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## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

Given the current Year of Saint Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis, Bishop Paprocki has given permission for the memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker to be celebrated throughout this weekend to help foster devotion to the Protector of the Church.

In his Apostolic Letter in which he proclaimed the Year of Saint Joseph, the Holy Father reflected on the meaning of work in our lives. He said:

Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor.

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfillment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new “normal” from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

Let us not forget to seek the intercession of Saint Joseph in whatever work we undertake.

I will be away from the parish this coming weekend to teach a liturgical practicum to our men in formation for the permanent diaconate. This will be the second session I have had with them. They are a fine group of men who will, God willing, be ordained as deacons on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please remember them and their families in your prayers in these coming weeks as they prepare for lives of service in the Church. Please keep me in your prayers, as well, that I may be an effective teacher for them.

Peace and Joy,

Fr. Daren



**PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS  
BEGINNING MAY 8TH & 9TH**

**3:30PM BEFORE 4:00PM MASS  
7:30AM BEFORE 8:00AM MASS**

Bring your own Rosary. Rosaries will be provided if you do not have one.

Call Carol Mueller (209-499-4239) if you like to volunteer to lead the Rosary Prayer Service before Mass.

**TUESDAY ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY  
VIDEO SERIES: THE SACRAMENTS BY  
BISHOP ROBERT BARRON  
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.

**GRIEF SHARE**

Cathedral parish will be hosting Grief Share, a weekly faith based, grief support group. If you, or someone you know, would like help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, please join us beginning Monday, June 7, 6:00-8:00pm in the Cathedral School Library. (Enter through the atrium doors off 5th street parking lot). Grief Share runs for 14 weeks, but guests may join the series at any point and can pick up content they missed during the next cycle. For more information go to <https://www.griefshare.org/> or contact Berni Ely at (217-899-6637) or [jackanberni96@yahoo.com](mailto:jackanberni96@yahoo.com) To register call 217-522-3342 or email Vicki at [vcompton@cathedral.dio.org](mailto:vcompton@cathedral.dio.org). All adults, of any or no faith background, are welcome!

**PROLIFE BABY SHOWER FOR THE  
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DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**

**Suggested Donations:** Baby Bottles, Infant Formula, Diapers, Baby Wipes, Lotions, Sleepers, Undershirts, Socks, Baby Wash and Shampoo

Donations can be placed in the baby bed at the south entrance of St. Peter Church. Mark envelope "Baby Shower" for all monetary donations and mail or drop off at the parish office. Checks should be made payable to Knights of Columbus. Donations accepted thru the month of May!

**MICRO FOOD PANTRY**

Donations for the Micro Food Pantry can be left in the South Entrance of St. Peter Church. Donations by check should be made out to St. Peter Church with memo Micro Food Pantry. Food donations are placed on the Micro Food Pantry shelves in the entrance of County Market for anyone in need.

**PARISH COMMUNITY TITHE  
(FORMERLY ACSA)**

**GOAL \$24,989.00**  
**Pledges (29) 4,095.74**  
**Total Paid 4,859.86**  
**Goal Balance \$20,129.14**

**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>April 25, 2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
Envelopes (43) & Loose Cash	\$4372.00	\$2802.00
Capital Campaign	85.00	
Votive Candles	15.25	
Holy Land	100.00	
Seminarians	225.00	
Micro Food Pantry	100.00	
Garden Club	25.00	

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

'GIFT' Program will start again in the fall.

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](mailto:twobells32@hotmail.com)) to make a prayer request.





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