

Welcome to the Catholic Community of  
**HOLY FAMILY & ST. PETER**

Athens, IL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Petersburg, IL

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. PETER**

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm

**HOLY FAMILY**

Sunday: 10:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:00pm

Thursday, 8:00am

Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5:00pm-5:45pm

Holyday Masses As Announced



**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### WEEKEND

#### **ST. PETER SEPTEMBER 11TH & 12TH**

Saturday 4:00PM † Charles Servis

Sunday 8:00AM † Larry Lambert

#### **HOLY FAMILY SEPTEMBER 12TH**

Sunday 10:00AM † Tom & Betty Walsh

### WEEKDAYS SEPTEMBER 6TH — SEPTEMBER 10TH

#### **ST. PETER**

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 8:00AM † Msgr. Tom Holinga

Wednesday 8:00AM Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday NO MASS

Friday 8:00AM † John Standish

#### **HOLY FAMILY**

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 6:00PM † Norman Wiseman

Wednesday 6:00PM † Monique Gaston

Thursday 8:00AM † Intentions of Parishioners

Friday NO MASS

(ADORATION: TUESDAY 2:00PM)

(BENEDICTION: TUESDAY 5:30PM)

### RECONCILIATION

ST. PETER: SATURDAYS, 3:00PM-3:45PM

HOLY FAMILY: WEDNESDAYS, 5:00PM-5:45PM

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### **SEPTEMBER 11TH & 12TH**

##### **ST. PETER, SATURDAY 4:00PM**

Coordinator: Vicky Stuber

Hospitality: David & Betty Churchill

Lector: Need Sub

##### **ST. PETER, SUNDAY 8:00AM**

Coordinator: Claudia McEvers

Hospitality: Art & Pat Heetel

Lector: Robin Sullivan

##### **HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY 10:00AM**

Lector: Phyllis Muller

Petitions: Jim Baker

Sacristan: Lambert Fleck III

Hospitality: Randra Church + Sub

Altar Server: Monica Parker

### PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS

#### **ST. PETER CHURCH**

3:30PM BEFORE 4:00PM MASS

7:30AM BEFORE 8:00AM MASS

#### **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

9:30AM BEFORE 10:00AM MASS

5:30 PM Tuesday BEFORE 6:00PM MASS

5:30 PM Wednesday BEFORE 6:00PM MASS

7:30AM Thursday BEFORE 8:00AM MASS

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change. ©LPi

### NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11AM-12PM 519 NORTH BRUNS LANE, SPRINGFIELD**

Join us in Springfield for this important inter-faith memorial honoring the precious children whose lives have been taken by abortion. Msgr. David Hoeffler and other Clergy will lead prayers in front of the Springfield Right to Life office. We will then proceed to the Planned Parenthood abortion facility next door to Springfield Right to Life. You will be able to place red roses, next to white crosses, in the memory of aborted children. Pastor Michael Bahr, of Good Shepard Lutheran Church, will deliver the Benediction. After the service we hope you will join us at the SRTL office for refreshments. For more information or if you'd like to help set up crosses before the event, call the Springfield Right to Life office at 217-523-2700 or Terri Everett at 217-602-9177.

**ST. PETER PARISH COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 9, 6:00PM, PARISH CENTER**

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve on the Parish Council. A pastoral council is a consultative body in dioceses and parishes of the Roman Catholic Church that serves to advise the parish priest or bishop about pastoral issues. The council's main purpose is to investigate, reflect and reach conclusions about pastoral matters to recommend to the parish priest or bishop as appropriate. Anyone wanting to serve on the Parish Council are invited to attend this meeting. This first meeting will be a time to reflect and decide how to move forward as a Parish Council in the best interest of the parish.

**HOLY FAMILY AND ST. PETER  
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AT  
ST. PETER CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 12, 3:30PM**

This Altar Server training is for all children 3rd grade and older. All those currently serving can also attend the training.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAM  
HOLY FAMILY AND ST. PETER CHURCHES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 6:00PM AT HOLY FAMILY.**

Deacon Ben Hoefler will facilitate the program. This is for all those who volunteer who have not taken the class in previous years. All adults 18 years old and older who volunteer in the parish must complete a PGC program and background check. This includes, Liturgical Ministers, Music and Faith Formation Volunteers, Hospitality event planners, Parish Committee members and Buildings and Grounds Volunteers.

Call the office (632-7118) to register for the PGC Program.

**HOLY FAMILY GARAGE SALE  
SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH  
AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

Need all donations in by Monday, September 20th. Items can be dropped off at church now or call Karen Williams 217-691-0504 for pick-up. Volunteers are needed. Call Karen if you would like to volunteer.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR  
ST. PETER CALVARY CEMETERY**

We are currently looking for a parish volunteer to help with St. Peter Calvary Cemetery. We would like to find someone who has a passion for the Cemetery history and the important role that it has in our parish. The volunteer would become a Calvary Cemetery Committee member and oversee the purchase of cemetery gravesites, cemetery records and property management. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for this important position please contact the Parish Office (217-632-7118).

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
AUGUST 28, 2021**

	ACTUAL	NEEDED
<b>HOLY FAMILY</b>		
Envelopes (13) & Loose Cash	\$ 855.00	\$1378.00
Building Fund	5.00	
<b>ST. PETER</b>		
Envelopes (29) & Loose Cash	\$1468.00	\$2802.00
Rectory Deck Repair	125.00	
"GIFT" Registration	40.00	

**ST. PETER & HOLY FAMILY  
"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (K-6)**

**SEPTEMBER 12th, 4:30-5:30pm**

First Day of Class, St. Peter Parish Center

Call Monique, (971-1704) with questions or concerns.

**ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY**

ST. PETER PARISH CENTER, TUESDAY, 8:30AM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, WEDNESDAY, 6:30PM

**New Parishioners**

We welcome you to St. Peter Church and Holy Family Church. We 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**

The Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish.

Contact Paulette Doellman (217-636-7227) or

Contact Meggann Bell by E-mail at

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

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
(RCIA)**

Do you have a friend or relative who would like to inquire about the Catholic Church? Sessions include church history, sacraments, understanding the mass, etc. Please call the office to register or for more information (632-7118). Journey of Faith Inquiry sessions begin in September.



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