



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

OCTOBER 10, 2021

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays
5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays
9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays
11:40 am and 1:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

Lower Level of the Church

Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays
12 noon until 4:30 pm

DEVOTIONS

St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays
After the 11:40 am and
1:15 pm Masses.

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays through Fridays
9:00 am until 6:00 pm

Saturdays
10:30 am until 4:30 pm

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

Mondays through Fridays
10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays
12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays
8:30 am until 12:30 pm



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., October 10:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon., October 11:** Ordinary Time
- Tues., October 12:** Ordinary Time
- Wed., October 13:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., October 14:** Ordinary Time
- Fri., October 15:** St. Teresa of Jesus
- Sat., October 16:** Ordinary Time

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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

Weekly Goal.....	\$ 12,000
Sept. 26- Oct. 2 Total.....	\$ 6,106
Difference.....	\$ - 5,894

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



As I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, during the month of October the Catholic Church in the USA directs our attention to a special focus on Respect for Life. There are many facets of Respect for life: Care for the unborn, those suffering from poverty, the elderly, ending all forms of abuse, stopping violence, care for the earth and many other areas that call us to respect life and God's creation. Today I want to call your attention to something in which each of us might be able to respect life and help others to live, that is donating our organs to help someone who is in need of a transplant.



As some of you know I am the oldest of four children. I have two brothers and a sister. My brother Rick & his wife Sue live in Harbor Springs, MI. They both were teachers many years and are retired. My sister Mary and her husband, Grant live in Petoskey, MI. My sister is a nurse and Grant was a financial officer with a major company. They both are retired also. My youngest brother Jeff and his wife, Anne, live outside Atlanta, GA. Jeff and Anne are both working.

My brother, Rick writes articles for various magazines concentrating on articles about fishing, hunting and various related topics. Last year he told me that he was having difficulties breathing and after many doctor visits was eventually diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). He told me that there is no cure for the disease and the only option is for a lung transplant. This spring my brother had a double lung transplant and is doing very well at this time. He wrote about his experience in being the recipient of a donor's lung in the June 2021 magazine issue of the Mackinaw Journal.

Michigan has a Donor Registry program for those who wish to donate their organs upon their death. Here in Illinois we also have a Donor Registry program. Organ/tissue donors save lives, restore sight and improve the quality of life for recipients across Illinois every day. The Illinois Secretary of State's office maintains Illinois' official registry of those who wish to donate organs/tissue upon their death.

I encourage you to sign up to be a donor when you renew or obtain your driver's license or ID card. You can find out more about being a donor by contacting the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, *Life Goes On Organ Tissue Donor Program*, at 501 S. Second St., Rm. 45,

Springfield, IL 62756-9000, calling their Phone - 800-210-2106 or sending an e-mail to info@lifegoeson.com

I asked my brother Rick if I could print his story in our church bulletin so that others can read of the miracle of life he has received and to encourage all of us during this month of Respect Life to consider being a donor and perhaps sometime in the future our generous gift might result in life for someone who is suffering from a serious illness. I know a couple of our Franciscan Friars who have benefitted from an organ donation and some friends who were blessed with the gift of life because of an organ donor.

The following is the article my brother wrote for the June 2021 issue of The Mackinaw Journal. Due to the length of his article the second part of the article will be in next weekend's (October 17) bulletin.

Fr. Michael

#232 by Rick Fowler

I know, I know! You were expecting another fishing article from me in this issue. However, recent events have prompted a different approach for this month's column in The Mackinac Journal. It is centered around the number 232. What is so important about this particular three-digit set? For many nothing at all, for others it is significant especially if they are fans of Numerology. To them, this set represents relationships, spirituality, teamwork and wisdom. Ironically these four points of emphasis eventually evolve in my life during April 2021.

However, to me #232 also signifies A New Beginning, A New Grasp of What's Important and the realization that there are so many people who can be counted on as friends. This can be a bit overwhelming. One event and a myriad of emotions can come gushing out. At least they did for me. I was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) nearly three years ago. Essentially my lungs were filling up with scar tissue as a result of the disease which was making it difficult to breathe. Complicating matters was the fact that there is no known cure.

In November of 2020, I was referred by my doctor at the University of Michigan (U of M) to visit the pulmonary staff at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan if I indeed needed a future transplant, they could do it while U of M had an age cut-off at 65. After a few months of breathing tests, lab work and X-rays to see if my oxygens numbers were decreasing doctors at Spectrum Health encouraged me to set up a time to meet with the transplant team for an initial evaluation which took place on Monday March 22.



We (my wife Sue and myself) were introduced to almost the entire team that day from nurses to surgeons to a social worker, finance director, plus Occupation and Physical Therapists. After explaining the procedure and asking for any questions, one of the doctors looked at me and said, "It will seem overwhelming at times. However, think like this, it's not because you are afraid of dying that you are going to have this transplant, it's because you want to live." This initial meeting was followed by a battery of tests the next day to determine if all other body parts and functions were working properly to undergo such an invasive surgery.

By Wednesday, March 24, we were back home and awaited a phone call to confirm if I was an eligible candidate. Later that afternoon the word came from the transplant coordinator who said, "Today you are officially placed on the transplant list." There was also this caveat, "Remember, it could be weeks or maybe six months or longer before a pair of lungs could be a perfect match." My thinking then was that's ok. It will give me time to prepare mentally and emotionally for this significant life change.

Then on Monday March 29 at 8:15 in the morning I was returning from an errand and as I pulled into the driveway, I received another phone call from Spectrum. Oh Oh! Was I now out the program? Was there now a problem with any of my tests? However, I was greeted with this message. "Good Morning Rick. Guess what? We have a pair of lungs for you." WAAA! Already? It's only been five days!

I was in shock, or maybe stunned is a better word as I went inside to tell my wife. Everything was happening so fast. We knew we had to get moving so we packed hastily and set off to Grand Rapids. My tires were beating a hypnotic cadence on the roads to Grand Rapids. I tried to conceive how this indeed could be happening so quickly. Both of us were involved in our thoughts until we were suddenly at the hospital entrance.

I was quickly wheeled up to Pre-Op prepped and began the long wait to see if indeed this pair of lungs would be a viable match. We were also informed that only two people were allowed in my room due to COVID restrictions which meant only my wife and visiting daughter were allowed in. My son and daughter-in-law had just moved to the area in February 2021 would have to wait until the restrictions were lifted to visit.

(The second part of this article will be in the October 17, 2021 bulletin.)



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**ST. PETER'S CHURCH
MASS SCHEDULE**

Mondays through Fridays

Mass Times:

11:40 am & 1:15 pm

Saturdays

Mass Time: 5:00 pm

Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

Mass Times: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

CONFESSION

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10:30 am until 3 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Lower Level Auditorium

For further information please view the website stpetersloop.org or call **312-372-5111.**

A Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.



O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

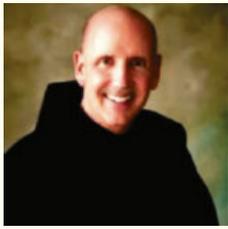
To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



St. Peter's Church ZOOM Mass Sunday at 5 pm

Please Join us!

Fr. Ed Shea OFM celebrates Mass once a month on Sunday at 5:00 pm via ZOOM.

November 7 & December 5

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Registered participants are asked to prepare by reading the assigned lessons in advance from the textbook.

Meeting Time and Dates:

In Person Lower Level of Church

Thursdays, 12:15-1 pm—Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11

ZOOM Session

Fridays, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm—Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12

\$15 Program Fee payable by cash or check includes book.

To register, call 312-853-2376 or email joannstpeters@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Mark 10: 17-30

They were ten seniors from a large Catholic University attending a weekend retreat on the spirituality of work and they brought their questions with them.



What kind of work would they do after graduation? Where would life take them? Marcie hoped to go into international finance, Greg into banking, and Bill into computer programming. But then there was Philip. Philip had only come on this weekend because the others had talked him into it. He made it quite clear that he wanted nothing to do with organized religion. But it was Philip who spent most of his time writing in his journal, and it was Philip who had shared most deeply when the talk turned to spiritual things. When Philip asked "What must I do?" it was clear that he wasn't just talking about work.

Philip's dad was a successful businessman, at least if one judged success by the size of one's house and the number of figures in one's salary. But Philip questioned his father's definition of success. At the ripe old age of 21 Philip had become quite cynical about what society considered *successful*. His family was Catholic. His parents were heavy contributors to their parish. They did not kill, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness or defraud. But none of that mattered to Philip. What mattered to Philip was that his parents' drive to be *successful* left little time for them to be *family*. True, they provided the best nursing care available for their aging parents; but they never seemed to have the time to actually *visit* them. When Philip was in high school his parents never had the time to go to football games or parents' weekends. In fact, they had been in Europe when he graduated from high school.

"How *hard* it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God..." "A man ran up ... and asked him... 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'" Philip came on that weekend seeking another kind of treasure. He came asking, "What must I do...?" If he asked us that question, how would we answer him?

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



Spiritual Direction is a way of listening for God's wisdom and understanding in our daily life by talking about our relationship with God and others.

Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min. and **Br. Guillermo Morales OFM** will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between **10:30 am and 3 pm.**

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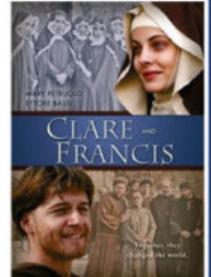
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MONDAYS

OCT. 18 & OCT. 25

12:15-1 pm

Lower Level



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Series discussion questions after viewing.

All are invited to attend. Free will offering.

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Saturdays

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Lower Level—Room C

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