



St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL

Lord, To Whom Shall We Go?



You Have The Words of Eternal Life.

Sunday, August 25, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT
As parishioners of St. Peter's
Catholic Church, we strive to imitate
Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship,
love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday: 7:45 a.m.

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU

Mass for the Infirm

Sunday Mass will be Live-Streamed every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Tuesday, September 3rd

Parish Hall

6:45 pm - Rosary

7:10 pm - Business Meeting

Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd. Our ministry helps support the St. Peter's parish community.

We will begin at 6:45 pm with the Rosary. Our business meeting will start at 7:10 pm. Following the business meeting, we are honored to have Bev Schmitt coming to talk to us about the history of

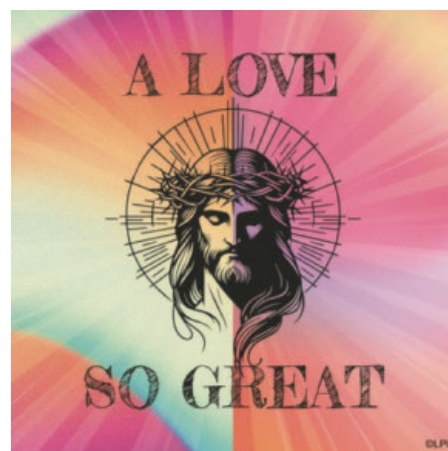
St. Peter's Church. Tyler Sepsey will also be coming to talk about his Eagle Scout project. If you would like to be a part of this amazing community of women, please come to our meeting! Refreshments will be provided.



All are welcome!

Lord,
to whom shall we go?
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have words of
eternal life.

John 6:68



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The famous *Russian* novelist *Fyodor Dostoyevsky* said, **“Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.”** In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful—He watches His own disciples abandon Him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking His body and blood. His followers hear this and say, **“This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”** (*John 6:60*). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, **“Because of this many of His disciples turned back and no longer went about with Him”** (*John 6:66*). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon Him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

~ Father John Muir ~

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Many followers of Jesus could not accept His teachings. To those that remained, He posed a simple question: **“Do you also want to leave?”** He asks us the same, every moment of every day. Let us answer with confidence, in all that we do: *“Only you have the words of eternal life.”*



Mark Your Calendars Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, September 8th

After the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses!

Let's get together with our family, friends, neighbors and parish family for a wonderful breakfast cooked by your Knights.



(As always a free-will donation is always appreciated!)

While OCIA (*the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*) was developed for those interested in becoming Catholic as an adult, it is also ideal for those who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith and grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

OCIA is also a tremendous resource for people who are already Catholic but would like a refresher course on what the Church teaches.

OCIA is a great opportunity for each participant to meet others who are interested in growing closer to our Lord, Jesus, and who also want to be part of a community of faith.

By engaging in the Mass and prayers offered by the Catholic Church, and through studying the truths revealed by Christ and handed down by the Apostles and their successors. The best way to do this is through OCIA.

Is Christ calling you to become Catholic?

In preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, the Eucharist, or Confirmation*) administered at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Starting in September, OCIA will be held on Sunday mornings, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will meet in the

parish office conference room. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to either Karyn or Paul Leali. Their number is 847-337-5043.



Mark Your Calendar!

Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove is having a real hard time obtaining even basic supplies from the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

***Inventory is way down.
Shelves are Empty!
They need our help!***

Next weekend, August 31st and September 1st St. Peter's Church will be having a “Reverse Collection” immediately following Communion.

Instead of putting something into the offertory basket, will you please consider taking out one or two slips of paper? Each slip of paper lists a food item that the Food Pantry desperately needs to help feed our community.

The following weekend, September 14th & 15th the Helping Hands Food Pantry Truck will be parked in front of St. Peter's after all the Masses to receive your gracious donations.

All food items will be gratefully accepted, but we kindly ask that no expired foods be donated.

If you're unable to get to the store, a personal monetary donation will also be accepted to help purchase meat and produce.

Together, we'll get through these challenging times.



Becoming Catholic

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

(Practicing) Catholic To Whom Shall We Go?

A friend of mine, who is a far better Christian than I can ever hope to be, once shared with me that her family sneers at her belief system and lifestyle.

She believes in fairy tales they tell her. She's looking for simple solutions from a kind-faced man in the sky because she doesn't want to grapple with complicated answers to complicated problems.

Religion, they argue, is the easy way out.

As she spoke about this, her voice became unsteady. Not with anger, but with emotion. "I would never call this life easy," she said. "If I was looking for something that was easy. I wouldn't choose Catholicism."

What was unspoken was why she has chosen Catholicism. I know the answer, but only because I know her. I knew her before she chose it wholeheartedly, and I know her now, and I see the difference. I see that these words are written so clearly across the days of her life: "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Once the truth is known in your soul, you see, it can never be unknown.

Following Christ is not about easy answers and simple teachings. Sure, it all sounds very basic: love one another as I have loved you. What could be more straightforward?

But what does that mean? What does that look like in daily, modern life, in a world full of the fallen, whose flaws have given us rough edges and weakened wills?

I'll tell you what it looks like—it looks like a struggle. It looks like failure and mess and confusion and losing your way and finding it again, all because you remembered that within you there is a compass pointing due North. It's a constant state of wandering in the dark, following a voice that asks you to go where you're afraid to go. And you follow the voice not because it's the only voice there is and not because it's the voice that says what you want to hear, but because it's the only one that speaks the truth, and the truth pulls on you in a way you can't quite resist.

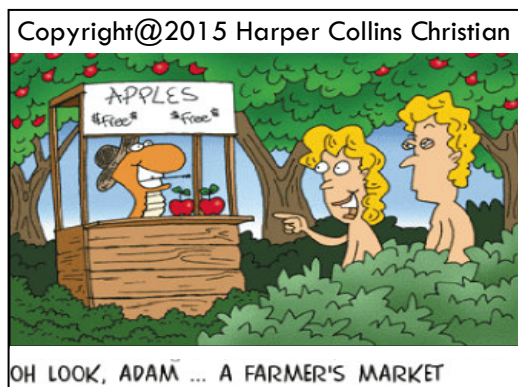
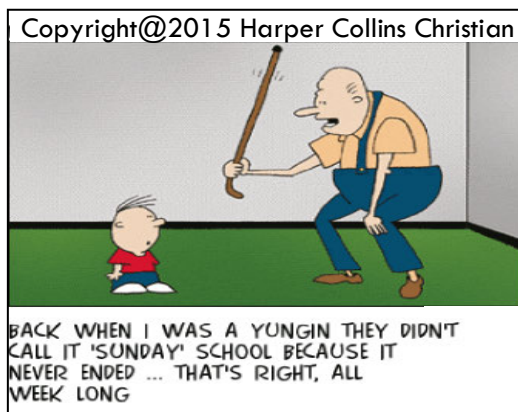
When Christ asks, "**Do you also want to leave?**" He is not gaslighting us. It's a genuine question. We are free to go. We are not prisoners.

But we have heard the words of everlasting life, and now we can only have peace if we follow where they lead.

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." – Joshua 24:15

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~

The Mass			For		
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.					
Sat	4 pm	†	John & Betty Rygiel		
Sun	8 am	†	Mary Lou May		
	10 am		Witek Family		
Tues	8 am		Mark Vallango		
Wed	8 am	†	Ronald Koca		
Thur	8 am		Carol Flatley		
Fri	8 am		Mike & Carol Rygiel		
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.					
Sat	4 pm	†	Mike Frer		
Sun	8 am (1)	†	Gerald Hrdlicka, Jr.		
	(2)	†	Mark Mucek		
	10 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel		



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/24 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Carol Magnine	Rich Wirch Denise Wahls
Sunday 8/25 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Nettie Toms	Susan Straley Kathie Toms <i>(Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon John Ellicon
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/31 4:00 pm	Sandi Wesinger	Mary Seil	Phil Webb Deb Christian
Sunday 9/1 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Peggy Mack	Carol Rygiel Mike Rygiel <i>(Choir)</i>	Dave & Kathlene Harms Tom Straley

Homebound Ministers

August 25th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Seil, Georgene Keim, Julia Francis & Maria Sullivan

September 1st - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Georgene Keim, Bev Schmitt, Peggy Neuman & Steve Besetzny

Have you heard of the Green Scapular of the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

Since August is dedicated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, it is fitting to discuss this little-known sacramental that every Catholic should know about.

Many miraculous healings and conversions are attached to this sacramental dedicated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

Our Lady gave us the Green Scapular through Sister Justine Bisqueyburu of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. After several visions, Our Lady presented the Green Scapular on September 8, 1840.

Our Lady appeared with her heart engulfed in flames in one hand and the scapular in the other. The scapular consisted of green cloth attached to a green chord. One side of the scapular displayed her apparition. The other side depicted a heart set ablaze and pierced with a sword, "with rays more brilliant than the sun and clearer than crystal." **Inscribed in an oval around Our Lady's heart were these words:**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death."



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from August 25th through September 7th for † Gerald Hrdlicka, Jr.

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome him into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

Deanna Adducci	Deborah Maliszewski
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Marguerite Baranov	Denise Meyers
Debra Cooke	Larry Meyers
Phyllis Ehlers	Barbara Miller
Deacon Eugene Damian	Sonia Miller
Sandy Devine	Norma Moretti
Robert Fenrich	Kevin Murray
Carol Flatley	Carole Nowicki
Glenn Geske	Jim Nowicki
Anthony Hodnik	John Paleka
Patricia Hodnik	Deacon Mark Raz
Charlie Hyde	Debbie Schaff
Edward Johnson	Jacob Shapiro
Diana Kattner	Dorothy Scichowski
Joseph Keim	Gloria Strzelczyk
Ronald Klein	David Thomas
Lawrence Lord	Mark Vallango
Caroline Madson	Fred Zahn
	Jodi Zaremba

If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit StPeterCatholicChurch.org and **after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.**



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25th – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**

Monday, August 26th - Parish Officed Closed

Tuesday, August 27th

- **Knights of Columbus - Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, August 28th

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, August 29th

- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, August 30th - Parish Officed Closed

Saturday, August 31st

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, September 1st – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**



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MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling 815-675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call 815-675-2339

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Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

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