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# St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



## Sunday, September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth 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.

# OCIA Meet, Greet & Eat

OCIA is the process by which adults can become FULL members of the Catholic Church, including people seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation, as well as those coming from another faith. Join your hosts, Karyn & Paul Leali, right after the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. They are looking forward to explaining how the process works, the kind of commitment needed, and you will also meet other potential travelers on this journey of faith! Come and enjoy Banana French Toast, Lemon Ricotta Waffles, Wagyu Corned Beef Hash & any style eggs with your choice of meat. If Fr. Joe forgets to hire the caterer, there will definitely be hot coffee and donut holes from Dunkin Donuts. R.S.V.P. by calling 847-337-5043.

## A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



The Mass is nothing short of amazing because through it, believers encounter God in the most intimate way possible! We hear Him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and we receive His very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist!

All the words, the gestures and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning, and everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. Our next adult Bible Study will address all of this! Through vibrant discussions and beautiful video, you will learn what it all means and why it matters! It all starts:

**Every Tuesday morning  
from October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>  
in the Parish Hall from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

St. Peter's will pay half of the participant's cost which is only \$14. If you would like more information or to register for the study, please call the Parish Office at 815-675-2288.

***Join us to renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist!***

## SACRISTANS NEEDED



Our community is offering a grace-filled volunteer opportunity that can draw you closer to God. We need sacristans to share the duties of the dedicated sacristans we already have.

What is a sacristan? It comes from the Latin word, 'sacer,' which means 'sacred.' So, sacristans should be prayerful men and women, content with working behind the scene and who bring to mind the words of Christ when He said that we should not do good works to gain accolades.

Some of their responsibilities include preparing the sacred vessels before and after Mass and making sure that our priest has everything he needs for the liturgy: towels and linens, cruets with water and wine and fresh candles on the altar. And this is just a small sample of their important responsibilities! Their chores should always be done in a prayerful way, under the guidance of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and the pastoral discretion of the pastor.

Fr. Joe will be happy to welcome and personally train those who are interested in helping. Volunteers are required to be practicing Catholics, 16 years or older and current in their Safe Environment Training.

If you are willing and able to help, please call Father Joe at 815-675-2288 ext. 201

Our little church will be so beautiful when the painting is complete! Keep praying that our Creator will continue to inspire our artists, Nadiya and Vera, and guide the work of their hands! We just wanted to answer a couple questions from parishioners.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR TABERNACLE AND CROSS?

Both needed to be temporarily moved so that Nadiya and Vera could begin painting a depiction of ancient Jerusalem where the cross will hang. This one painting should take approximately 3 weeks to complete, at which time the tabernacle will take its' rightful place directly behind the altar and the same crucifix above it and with the new painting of Jerusalem in the background. You should notice that Nadiya and Vera will be "touching up" the crucifix, adding some shadows and highlighting our Lord's blood.

## IS THERE A SPECIAL MEANING TO THE BIRD ON THE CEILING?

Yes, there is. If you have ever visited an ancient church in Europe, you might have seen a similar painting. The bird is not a swan or a stork, but actually a pelican which, for many centuries, has been a Christian symbol representing Christ and His selfless love. "But why a pelican" you ask? Because it was believed that a pelican would pierce its' own breast with its' beak and feed its' young with its' blood.



It is so important that we know our faith and its' history. We hope you consider joining the next Bible Study in order to learn what all the gestures and words mean whenever we celebrate the Holy Mass. Or consider being a part of this year's OCIA. Even the most active, lifelong Catholics realize that they don't know it all! **Never stop learning.**

## WHEN WILL THE PROJECT BE DONE?

Historical accounts indicate that Michaelangelo didn't like painting the Sistine chapel because his preferred medium was sculpting, and painting for him, particularly on his back, was painful and physically exhausting. Can you imagine being on your back, so high in the air for seemingly endless hours and days? Supposedly, when someone asked him how much longer it would take to finish the chapel ceiling, he said, "as soon as I can get down from this damn scaffolding!" Its' tough to put a timeline on this project that will inspire people for many generations. We'll be happy when its' done, even if it takes until after Christmas.

### ***Our Understanding and Cooperation is Needed and Appreciated***

**During the next phase of the painting of our Sanctuary, it was necessary to temporarily relocate the Blessed Sacrament to a tabernacle in Father Joe's vesting sacristy.**

Because of the presence of our Eucharistic Lord, Father respectfully asks that only scheduled ministers be allowed in the sacristy in order to prepare for the next Mass. We will still genuflect in front of the tabernacle and once vested and ready, ministers and servers will proceed to the back of the church. **There should be no congregating in the sacristy and a reverent silence will need to be kept at all time.** The same respectful behavior we show our Lord in His sanctuary, will now be shown in His sacristy.

### **Faith Formation Taffy Apple Sale**

Weekend of September 28th and 29th  
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## (Practicing) Catholic

### Take Up Your Cross

When I'm interviewing people for my job as a staff writer at an archdiocesan newspaper, I like to ask them this question: **at the end of your life, when you meet God, what do you want to hear Him say?**

I've gotten a lot of interesting answers.

*"I called and you listened."*

*"What tee time would you like tomorrow?"*

*"What were you thinking?"*

*"Your servant made things better."*

It's a question I've thought a lot about, personally. What I want to hear God say when I finally see His face is this: **"You can put it down now."**

When Jesus asks His disciples **"Who do you say that I am?"** He is not just asking them to verbalize an answer. He is asking them to do something: pick up the cross. Find the problems in this world, in this life, and throw your arms around them. Drag them to God, even if it kills you. It's not enough to stand by the sidelines, watching Christ ascend to Calvary, nodding your head in approval. *Yes, I agree. Yes, I believe. Yes, Jesus good job!* You have to follow in every bloody footprint He leaves in the dust. Set your face like flint. And when you meet Him at the top, you better not be empty-handed. **He has a cross, He will expect you to have one, too.**

I hope that I can do it. I hope that I am strong enough. I am not one of those great, hardy souls. I stumble terribly under the weight of my very small cross. I grumble as I shift it from shoulder to shoulder. But every time I have been almost at the point of giving up, almost ready to lay it down, there is something—Someone—who supports my drooping arm. **The Lord God is my help.**

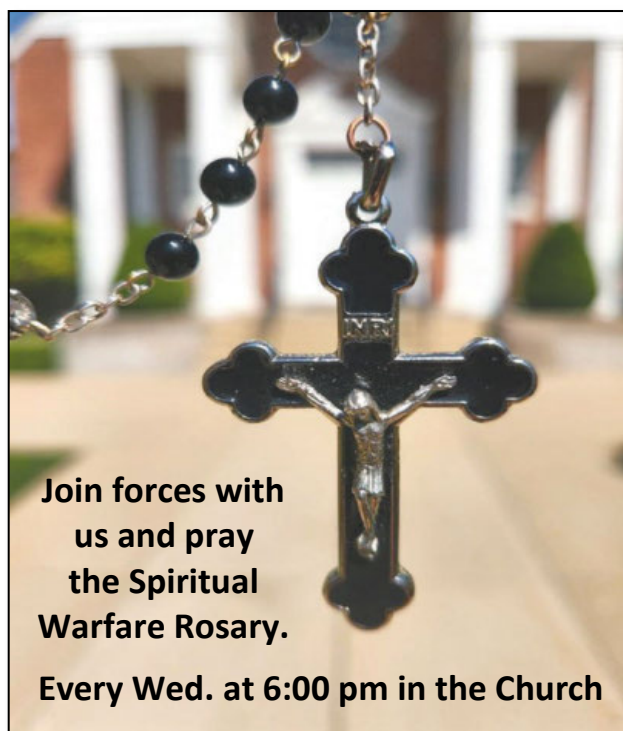
If, at the end of everything, I hear the words, *"You can put it down now,"* then I will know I have made it. I will know I have not failed: I took up the cross.

***"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."***

Matthew 16:24

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~

The Mass			For
<b>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Mark Mucek
Sun	8 am	†	Joe Carey
	10 am	†	Deceased Members of the Joseph Kilbane Family
Tues	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
Wed	8 am	†	Francis Scichowski
Thur	8 am	†	Tom Straley, Sr.
Fri	8 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht
<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Dennis Chudd
Sun	8 am	†	Edward Holstrom
	10 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht



Join forces with us and pray the Spiritual Warfare Rosary.

Every Wed. at 6:00 pm in the Church

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
<b>Saturday 9/14</b> 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Gary Miller Rich Wirch
<b>Sunday 9/15</b> 8:00 am	Bill Ledger	Eddie Wells	Sean Gosselin Tom Fanella
10:00 am	Joanne Prato	Jean Hlavin Marge Ladner (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak John Ellacson
<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
<b>Saturday 9/21</b> 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Deb Christian Chad Franckowiak
<b>Sunday 9/22</b> 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Nancy Piggot	Dennis Wehrheim Paul Leali
10:00 am	Peggy Mack	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Mike Gordon Dave & Kathlene Harms

## Homebound Ministers

**September 15<sup>th</sup> - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Georgene Keim, Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot & Eddie Wells

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Julia Francis, Bev Schmitt, Mary Seil & Paul Serio



Two cannibals were by a fire and they were busy stirring a large pot. And one cannibal said to the other, "I always did hate my mother-in-law," and the other one said, "Well, then just eat the noodles."



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup> for

† **Steven Michael Umbricht**

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  
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Marguerite Baranov  
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## Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Take up your cross and follow me." Jesus tells us. We are called to have a faith that is defined by the willingness to go where Christ has gone, and to do what Christ has done, to see Christ in others and to love them as He loves us.

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 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
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**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- Helping Hands Food Pantry Collection - in Front of the Church
- SVdP Meeting - After the 10:00 am Mass - Parish Hall

**Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed**

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed**

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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**BAPTISMS** - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

**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](http://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**

## KNIGHTS' CORNER

### WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE

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