



# St. Peter's Church

OF SPRING GROVE, IL



## Sunday, November 24, 2024

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**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.**



## (Practicing) Catholic Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, "My kids were starting to speak in British accents."

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being "away."

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it *is*. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~

This Advent Season,  
Join us each week as we await  
the light that will  
enter the Darkness.



Help St. Peter's Church  
bring light to our world.  
Each week at the beginning of Mass,  
Fr. Joe  
invites one family  
to light an Advent Candle.  
Sign up sheets are posted in  
the Church vestibule.

When Aimee Thomas couldn't find a frozen turkey big enough for her family at Walmart, she asked a staff member, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The employee replied with a straight face, "No, Ma'am. They're dead."



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# FACE TO FACE

Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz





St. Vincent de Paul

Christmas

Food Drive

God bless our parishioners who are helping provide Christmas Dinner for needy families! If you picked-up an itemized grocery bag or a gift card donation envelope last weekend, for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive and already filled it, you may either drop it off at the parish office during regular office hours, or bring it with you next time you come to Mass.

**However, we do kindly ask that all donations be returned no later than the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>.** That will insure prompt delivery of food and supplies for families, in plenty of time for Christmas.



We are happy to welcome **Ernest & Katheryn de Rama** to our parish family!

*If you actively participate in the practice of your faith, we encourage you to be registered, too.*

*Visit us online at [StPeterCatholicChurch.org](http://StPeterCatholicChurch.org)*

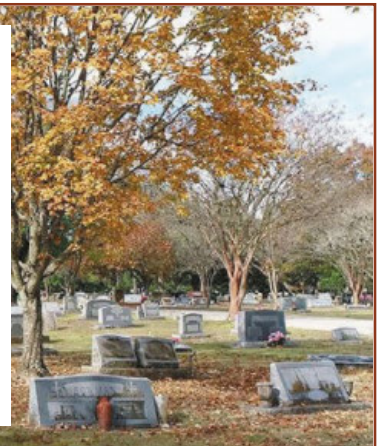
*Or simply call the parish office at 815-675-2288.*

### Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can choose whether or not they will serve him. We choose Christ when we choose the truth! When we serve the truth, we serve Christ the King.

### FALL CEMETERY DECORATION CLEAN-UP

REMOVE ALL  
DECORATIONS  
& ITEMS BEFORE  
MONDAY  
MORNING,  
NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>



As we get the cemetery ready for the winter months ahead, kindly remember that all unauthorized items and memorials will be removed on Monday morning, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. For a list of unapproved items, conditions, and limitations, please refer to the Cemetery Easement which families signed and received upon purchase of their loved one's final resting place. Everyone's cooperation is needed and your understanding is appreciated.



### CHRISTMAS OPLATKI

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YOURS TODAY!*



## OUR NEXT BIBLE STUDY

This will be a two part study of the Gospel of Luke. We will begin in December with an Advent study of the infancy narratives. Then we will resume in April with a Lent/Easter study. There will be a morning and an evening class option, both held in the Parish Hall.

### Morning Session 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Part 1: Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17

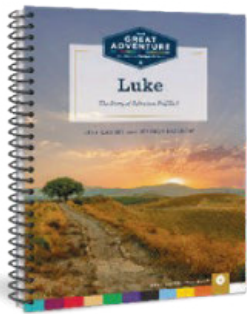
Part 2: Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

### Evening Session 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Part 1: Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18

Part 2: Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the annunciation, the nativity, Jesus' baptism, his public ministry, the last supper, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.



The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will experience a new joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.

Register early by calling the Parish Office ASAP



FOR THE WEEKENDS  
11/23- 12/1/2024

The Mass		For	
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Kristin Popelka
Sun	8 am	†	Joe Carey
	10 am	†	Andrew & John Rubaszek
Tues	8 am	†	Ted Bednarz
Wed	8 am	†	Richard Seil
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>			
Thur	9 am	†	Leon Langer
Fri	8 am	†	Ed Kattner
<b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm		Witek Family
Sun	8 am	†	Mike Hagi
	10 am	†	Bill & Mary Rabelhofer

### (CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN) BIBLE QUOTES FOR WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID OF DEATH.

#### Romans 8:38-39

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*This quote is powerful because it reassures us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from God's love. When fear of death arises, this verse reminds us that our relationship with God is eternal, and His love continues to hold us, even beyond death.*

#### Psalms 23:4

*"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me."*

*Psalms 23 is a classic source of comfort during times of fear. It speaks of God's presence even in the darkest moments, including the "valley of the shadow of death." This verse reminds us that we do not face death alone; God is always with us, guiding and protecting us.*

**To Be Continued, Next Bulletin!**

TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
**EARLY!**  
RE M I N D E R :

### HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

All Articles Need to be Submitted  
by Noon!

Bulletin For Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

ARTICLES DUE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

Bulletin For Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>			
<b>Saturday 11/23</b> 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Rich Wirch Deb Christian
<b>Sunday 11/24</b> 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	David Smid Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark Mary Seil <i>(Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon Ron Hlavin
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>			
<b>Thursday 11/28</b> 9:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim Marge Ladner <i>(Choir)</i>	Rich Wirch Deb Christian
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
<b>Saturday 11/30</b> 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirch
<b>Sunday 12/1</b> 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Chris Chinni	Sean Gosselin Tom Fanella
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Choir)</i>	Stan Tinsley John Ellicson
<b>Homebound Ministers</b>			
<b>November 24<sup>th</sup> - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Maria Sullivan, Bev Schmitt, Kathleen Van Ella & Eddie Wells			
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> - First Sunday of Advent</b> Paul Serio, Mary Seil, Georgene Keim & Steve Besetzny			



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from November 17<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> for

† Scholle & Sompel Family

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



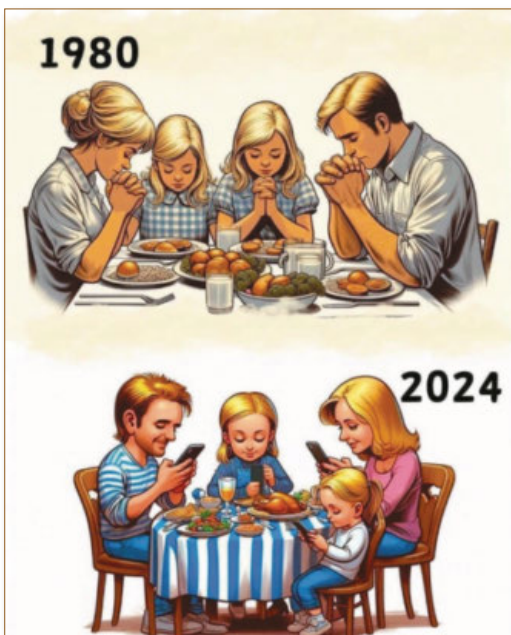
Prayer REQUESTS

*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:*

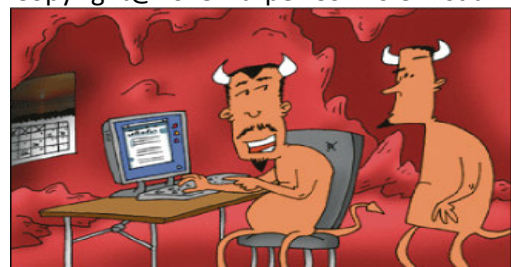
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Rachel Quinn  
Debbie Schaff  
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Gloria Strzelczyk  
David Thomas  
Mark Vallango  
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If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they 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](http://StPeterCatholicChurch.org) and after clicking where it reads **CONTACT US**, simply follow the directions under **PRAYER REQUEST**.



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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Website:** StPeterCatholicChurch.org

**Email:** SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

**Office Hours:** Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Confessions:** Sat. 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. (or by appointment)

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk

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**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- SPWM - Bake Sale - After All the Masses
- Faith Formation - NO Classes

**Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed**

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

- K of C - Planning Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed**

**Thanksgiving Day**

- Mass Celebrated at 9:00 am

**Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed**

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

*1st Sunday of Advent*

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- Faith Formation Classes - Grades 1/2 & 3/4 - 5:30 pm

## STAY GROUNDED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Advent and Christmas can be a magical time, but the hustle and bustle of the secular season can leave the calmest person feeling overwhelmed. Stay grounded by honoring your priorities, making time to recharge, and focusing on Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

**Honor your priorities:** Setting and keeping priorities will help streamline your holiday schedule. An example of "holiday priorities" might include spending time with loved ones, taking time for daily prayer, and refusing to overspend. You'll feel more at peace because you're putting first things first.

**Making time to recharge:** Remember the importance of getting enough rest, especially when juggling extra social commitments, projects, decorating, and traveling. Resting takes any form that helps you feel refreshed – napping, praying, walking, reading, listening to music.

**Seek the Prince of Peace:** For Christians, Advent and Christmas commemorate that Love came to Earth as a child. We know true peace is only found in Jesus. Consider devoting five minutes daily for Him. Pray for His peace to reign in your heart.



## PARISH INFORMATION

**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

**Knights of Columbus  
Planning Meeting - Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

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