

# Sunday, November 3, 2024 Thirty-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

<u>Tuesday - Friday</u>: 8:00 a.m. <u>Saturday</u>: 4:00 p.m. <u>Sunday</u>: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. *(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)* <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Saturday</u>: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. <u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

Come Tuesday, Election Day, St. Peter Church will be open until the polls close at 7:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and we are encouraged to pray that our next President and Vice-President will be people who are committed to equal justice for all our citizens, the sanctity of marriage and family, the dignity of every human life, and the truth that human rights begin when human life begins. Ask God to bless America.

## The Jewel in Spring Grove has started their annual Turkey Bucks Fund Raiser for Helping Hands Food Pantry!

Please help us, help the NEEDY in our community to have a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

Through your generous donations at the check-out, Jewel donates complete turkey dinners including all the side



dishes needed to make a wonderful Thanksgiving **Dinner for families in Need!** 

Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove will pass out the Turkey Dinners Tuesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 21 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please, if you are able to, help us help others!



HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION All Articles Need to be Submitted bv Noon!

Bulletin for Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Articles Due: Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Bulletin For Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> ARTICLES DUE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

# Mark Your Calendars **Knights of Columbus Breakfast** Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

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!)

# St. Peter's Women's Ministry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Rosary - 6:45 p.m. Business Meeting - 7:10 p.m. **Parish Hall** 

Our Speaker will be Dorothy Scichowski and she will

be demonstrating how to beautifully arrange a bouquet of flowers in a vase. The Women's Ministry will provide the flowers. Please bring a vase and a pair of sharp scissors with you to the



meeting to participate in the activity, and take your flowers home.

**Please Join Us!** 

## (Practicing) Catholic All Our Strength

I didn't realize how much my arms would hurt when I became a mom.

It occurred to me first during Mass when my daughter was just a few weeks old. She was the kind of kid who could only sleep in someone's arms. I desperately wanted her to stay quiet during the service, so I held the swaddled bundle in front of me like it was a bomb, not daring to move. By the homily, my arms were on fire.

I quickly realized this was a common scenario of my new life as a parent. Holding, rocking, bouncing, restraining, dragging—honestly, my weak little chicken-arms had never been worked out like this before. It took all my strength.

But isn't that the way it is with everything that's worthwhile? It takes all your strength. Not some of it. Not most of it. All of it.

I am a fairly active Catholic. My faith impacts a lot of areas of my life. But there are still boundaries that I've drawn around God. There are places I haven't let Him in. Things I keep "for myself." Experiences that are just so full of *me*, so full of my own plans and my own desires.

But God desires everything. Not because He is selfish, but because He is good, and wise. Because He knows that the places we keep from Him will become filled with something else. He wants to get there first. He wants to lay His claim.

He wants all our strength. All our heart. All our soul. All our mind. Not most of it. All of it.

Can we give it to Him? ~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~



During the next phase of painting our church's interior, we regret the times when scaffolding could be obstructing access to the bathroom. Please DO NOT attempt to walk thru it or climb over it! In the meantime, just avoid drinking milk, juice, coffee, water or soda less than 60 minutes before Mass time. And maybe try going to the bathroom before you leave your house.

# **Do Catholics Believe in Ghosts?**

Believe it or not, the Catholic Church does not have an official doctrine on ghosts. However, there are a few things that the Catholic Church holds to be true that can point us in the right direction.

"Ghost comes from an Old English word related to the German "geist," meaning 'spirit,' and Christians certainly believe in spirits: God, angels, and the souls of deceased humans all qualify."

# So, at the most basic level, yes, Catholics do believe in ghosts.

The Catholic Church believes that the soul is eternal. So, when we reach the end of our lives on earth and our bodies die, our soul remains. Our soul is reunited with our body at the end of times. Furthermore, the lives of the saints are filled with stories about spiritual encounters, mystical conversations, bilocation, and dramatic visions of Heaven or Hell.

Let us also remember how years ago, Catholics referred to the Holy Spirit as the "Holy Ghost."

However, nowadays when people talk about ghosts, they are referring to souls of the dead who appear within or interact with the physical world.

As Catholics, we recognize that there is a spiritual battle all around us, but this does not mean that all ghost-like encounters are demonic. In fact, they may lead us to the Catholic theology on purgatory instead.

We know that not every soul is destined for Heaven right after death, so the idea that ghosts are souls who are undergoing a state of purification in purgatory doesn't seem too far off. **They need our prayers!** 

In certain instances, God may permit a soul or "ghost" to visit the material world. The purpose of such visits varies depending on their origin in Heaven, Purgatory, or Hell.

The Church also teaches, while the supernatural may seem enticing to investigate, Catholics are prohibited from trying to contact the dead by turning to psychic mediums, Ouija boards, tarot cards, and the like. *In fact, participating in these is a grave sin and opens the doorway for the demonic in our lives*.

"All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to "unveil" the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone." - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2116 -

# Final Argument Why Vote Pro-Life

By Rev. T.G. Morrow

"I have always been pro-life, but does that mean I should always vote pro-life? What if I think some other things, like jobs or improved health care, are more important?

Pope John Paul II wrote in 1994 that Jesus would identify with the child conceived and rejected and say to us, "You did not welcome me," as He said in Mt. 25 to those who failed to help the poor and others in need. To them He said, "Depart from Me..." (Letter to Families, 2/2/94)

#### Two bishops in Texas, Bishop Kevin Farrell and Bishop Kevin Vann, wrote in 2008.

As Catholics we are faced with a number of issues that are of concern and should be addressed, such as immigration reform, healthcare, the economy and its solvency, care and concern for the poor, and

the war on terror... But let us be clear: issues of prudential judgment are not morally equivalent to issues involving intrinsic evils. No matter how right a given candidate is on any of these issues, it does not outweigh a candidate's unacceptable position in favor of an intrinsic evil such as abortion or the protection of "abortion rights."

Having a correct conscience is more than identifying what is right and wrong, but also placing the right importance on the issue.

Is this to say that we are partly responsible for the deaths of preborn children who might have been saved by a pro-life vote? Of course!

Our best chance of dramatically reducing the number of abortions is by passing laws that will restrict or outlaw abortion. When we vote pro-life we are doing our part to exercise the most effective means to curb this terrible violation of civil rights of the poorest and most vulnerable human beings in our world. "Being pro-life" and failing to vote prolife is like running a mile and stopping just before the finish line. Voting pro-life is the most fundamental way of being pro-life.

> "The most pro-life candidate is wrong on some issues besides abortion, so I am not going to vote at all."

If this is you position, you may have to wait until Jesus Christ runs for office to have a candidate you can vote for.

If you are pro-life, you vote pro-life!



## For The Weekends 11/2 - 11/10/2024

The Mass

For

#### **31st 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	+	Clarence Shastal	
Sun	8 am	+	Gerald Hrdlicka, Jr	
	10 am	+	John & Betty Rygiel	
Tues	8 am	+	Fr. Thomas Moran	
Wed	8 am	+	Victor Timones	
Thur	8 am	+	Donald & Kathy Wehrheim	
Fri	8 am	+	Marion Finkler	

### **32ND 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	†	Francis Kattner
Sun	8 am	+	Patria Masang Kay
	10 am	+	Jodwiga Clarke & Chris Bukowiecki

## Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ tells us that we must love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. Live that love loudly. Hold nothing back. Give God all you have.



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers			
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
<b>Saturday</b> <b>11/2</b> 4:00 pm	Aimee Thomas	Nettie Toms	Phil Webb Rich Wirch			
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11/3</b> 8:00 am	Jeff Kelley	DeAnne Besetzny	Sean Gosselin Tom Fanella			
10:00 am Carol Magnine		Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Choir)</i>	Stanly Tinsley Ron Hlavin			

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b> <b>11/9</b> 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Deacon Mark	Gary Miller Denise Wahls
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11/10</b> 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Bill Ledger	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Peggy Mack	Jacqui Wold Heather Justen <i>(Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon Dave & Kathleen Harms

# **Homebound Ministers**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Peggy Neuman, Bev Schmitt, Eddie Wells & Kathleen Van Ella November 10<sup>th</sup> - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Lisa Bilik, Mary Seil, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough

## Five Common Mistakes You Could Be Making in Confession, According to a Catholic Priest

1. Being lazy or superficial.

Confessing in a general way without going into details or minimizing sins. For example, saying "I've been bad" without being specific.

2. Justifying sins

Making excuses instead of taking full responsibility, or explaining why the mistake was made instead of sincerely repenting.

- 3. Forgetting the intention of the sacrament. Considering confession a routine or formality, rather than a personal encounter with God's mercy.
- 4. Omitting serious sins out of shame. Not confessing major sins for fear of being judged, which prevents complete reconciliation.
- 5. Not resolving to make a firm purpose of amendment.

Confessing without a true desire to change or avoid falling into the same faults again.



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:

Marguerite Baranov Debra Cooke Phyllis Ehlers Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley Gail Gagnon Glenn Geske Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Edward Johnson Diana Kattner Joseph Keim Ronald Klein Lawrence Lord Caroline Madson Deborah Maliszewski Maria Maziarz

**Denise** Meyers Larry Meyers Barbara Miller Don Miller Norma Moretti John Mueller Kevin Murray Carole Nowicki Jim Nowicki John Paleka Rachel Quinn Debbie Schaff Jacob Shapiro Dorothy Scichowski Ray Starzec Gloria Strzelczyk David Thomas Mark Vallanao Fred Zahn

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.

> Marian Central High School - Fall Play "Dracula" a Comic Thriller

Three performances are ready to amaze, so mark your calendars now.

Friday and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> will feature a 7:00 p.m. show and a Sunday Matinee will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Box Office opens 45 minutes before each show. Cost: \$10 and \$7 for Seniors and Students. 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)
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## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – *31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time* 

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- Faith Formation Classes Grades 5/6 & 7/8 5:30 pm

Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed

- SVdP Zoom Meeting 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Election Day!
- SPWM Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

• Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

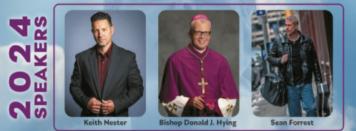
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - Parish Officed Closed Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am
   Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- K of C Breakfast After All Masses
- Faith Formation Classes Grades 1/2 & 3/4 5:30 pm

# 29th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" Matthew 5:8

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS • CONFESSION ADORATION • MASS • EXHIBITS



## Saturday, November 23 8:50 AM - 4:00 PM at Holmes Student Center Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL





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## **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** 

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

#### <u>Knights' Corner</u> We Are All Called To Serve

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting - Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Parish Hall - 7:00 pm





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