

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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is
risen!**

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April 24, 2011
EASTER SUNDAY

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

(closed daily from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch)

**TRAVELING?**

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

Pulpit announcements for Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, must be received by **Tuesday morning, April 26.** Requests for pulpit announcements are to be submitted to the Parish Center, by phone 630-773-1272 (ext. 201) or by e-mail to liturgy@stpeteritasca.com.

Bulletin submissions for publication in the **Sunday, May 8,** issue must be received by **Friday, April 29.** Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 6:25 am (Communion Service)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 6:15 am and 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center (ext. 201) for more information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation meeting prior to the Baptism date. Meetings are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

WEDDINGS

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 201) for information.

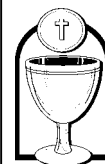
IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! Praise be Jesus, now and forever!

Today we celebrate the culmination of the past three days. Jesus has restored our relationship with Our Father in heaven and left us Himself: body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. There are no greater gifts than these.



From the Pastor

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As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter, we also focus on the Eucharist which is the foundation and center of our Catholic faith. During each Holy Mass we celebrate Jesus who suffered and died for us and now is in heaven with His Father. The Holy Mass is heaven present here on earth. All the angels and saints are in attendance as they join us in praising, Jesus Christ, the Lord Most High!

Jesus Christ gives us the strength we need each Sunday (daily for those who choose) to face the challenges that confront us. He offers us Himself each day and says "come those who are burden and I will give you rest". He restores us, and if we allow Him; Holy Communion changes us into His very likeness.

Let us take the opportunity of this Easter season to continue to grow in our relationship with the Resurrected Jesus and love of Him in the Eucharist. Let us encourage each other, especially parents who cultivate and are an example to their children, to participate in the Sunday Eucharist each week as we remember His victory over death for love of us. As a family, St. Peter's is only whole when all of our brothers and sisters in Christ are with us.

Happy Easter and God bless you all!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek

Join our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in his April prayers for the Church and for the world:



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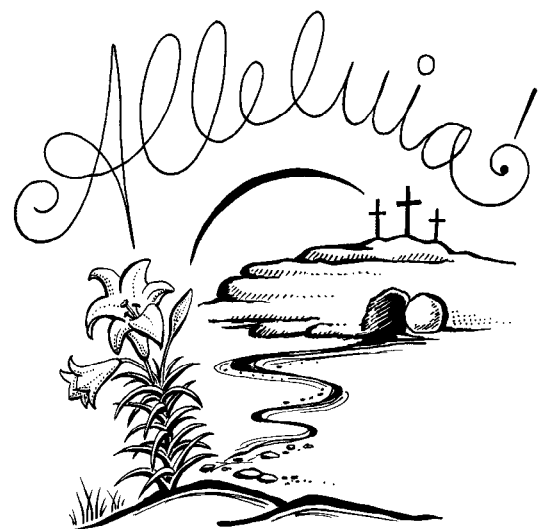
General Intention:

That the Church may offer new generations, through the believable proclamation of the Gospel, ever-new reasons of life and hope.

Missionary Intention:

That missionaries, with the proclamation of the Gospel and their witness of life, may bring Christ to all those who do not yet know Him.

~from The Vatican



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Stewardship of Treasure


A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 41: April 10, 2011	\$ 11,898.84	\$ 516,836.26
Fiscal Week 41: April 11, 2010	\$ 11,279.56	\$ 527,144.28
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 619.28	(\$ 10,308.02)

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)



This Week at St. Peter's

- Tuesday April 26**
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study (*School-first floor classroom*)
- Wednesday April 27**
5:00 pm Children's Mass Choir Rehearsal (*Church*)
7:00 pm Totus Tuus Volunteer Meeting (*PC/upper level*)
7:30 pm Adult Choir (*Church*)
- Thursday April 28**
7:00 pm Living With Christ Adult Workshop (*PC/upper level*)
- Saturday April 30**
8:30 am Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima Arrives (*Church*)
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (*School, PC/Upper Level, PC/lower level*)
10:45 am First Communion Practice (*Church*)
4:00 pm Confessions (*Church*)
- Sunday May 1**
9:30 am RCIA Meeting (*PC/RE office*)
1:00 pm First Holy Communion (*Church*)
7:00 pm Rosary-Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima (*Church*)

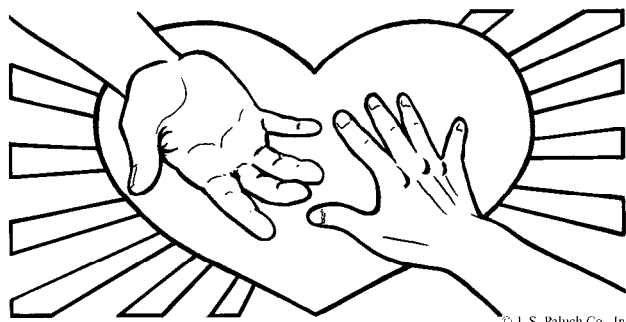
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Mass Intentions for the week
- Sunday April 24 (Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord)**
8:00 am †Walter Hoffman
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:15 am †Kelly Dippner
†David Gasinski
 - Monday April 25 (Monday in the Octave of Easter)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Carmella Kapraun
 - Tuesday April 26 (Tuesday in the Octave of Easter)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Kenneth Derma
 - Wednesday April 27 (Wednesday in the Octave of Easter)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Anthony Sr., †Katherine,
†Anthony Jr., and †Edwin Banderowicz
 - Thursday April 28 (Thursday in the Octave of Easter)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am Terese Booth
 - Friday April 29 (Friday in the Octave of Easter)**
6:25 am Communion Service
8:00 am †Richardo Elvas
 - Saturday April 30 (Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday)**
5:00 pm †Palma Deamon
†Daniel James
†Sister Francis Joseph OP
†Sister Mary Gretchen OP
†Father Tom Schutter
 - Sunday May 1 (Divine Mercy Sunday)**
8:00 am †Margaret Woods
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:15 am †Mary Bartusiak
†Joanne Pacelli
†Joan Reid
†Michael Ziomek

If you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass, please see one of the ushers before Mass begins.

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



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When Christ your life appears,
 then you too will appear with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4

**Extraordinary Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Mary Stefanich
Rosie McDonald
Val Serzen
Pat Barbee

8:00 am Dorie Calip
Marty Hower
Sharon Hower
Maureen Kasper

9:30 am Phyllis Cimaglia
Kathy Frank
Cathy Zukauskus
Sue Presslak

11:15 am George Mendyk
Arlene Derma
Mike Graziano
Carmela Graziano

Children's Liturgy Ministers

9:30 am Ronda Scalise
Erwin Twarog
Bianca Cifaldi

Lectors

5:00 pm Chris Kunze
Sr. M. Catherine Rice

8:00 am Erin Durso
Jean Grote

9:30 am Judy Ziomek
Kathy Laken

11:15 am Karen Hepperle
Pat Tabor

Servers

5:00 pm Alex Green
Danielle Weirich

8:00 am Michael Piatek

9:30 am Ashley Minor
Matthew Fink

11:15 am Marion Madaras
Sean Carey



**Please Pray for the
Sick of our Parish Family**

Richard Abbinante
Ronald Abbinante
Don Angell
Lee Bauman
Cindy Bellgardt
Henry Blumenschein
Zoe Ann Boyle
Bob Cleveland
Regina Conti
Thomas Cummins
Valerie D'Andrea
Rose Diener
Marion Doyle
Teresa Dunhac
Kasey Dworzycycki
Kasey Dworzycycki
Diane Fejdasz
Sally Franz
Alyce Friedl
Dan Galuszek
Mel Gerard
Meghan Henry
Lewis Hosters
Karen Josephus
Greg Kapustka
Daniel Koutsis

Virginia Mallory
Joe Kryger
Betty LeTarte
Loretta Kruszowski
Jean Kryczka
Dan McDonald
Wanda Mikulecky
Adeline Milostan
George Mulcahy
Maggie Nendze
Barbara Pierce
Michael Poremba
Michael Quinn
Judy Sabol
Shirley Schiller
Angie Scianna
Charles Seyler
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Sue Snyder
Sharon Sowers
Pat Tardi
James Thompson
Linda Ticsay
Jennifer Weil
Philip Zerante

Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks. At the end of that time, you may call the Parish Center and request a name remain on the list for another six weeks.



Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful flowers adorning our Church this Easter season.

A complete donor and in memoriam listing will be published in the May 1st issue of the bulletin.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
We ask this in Jesus' name.*

Amen

- Lt. Kassy Cinatl, U.S. Coast Guard
- Sgt. Felicia Cinatl, U.S. Marine
- Sgt. Matt Cinatl, U.S. Army
- Pvt. Jacob E. Cleveland, U.S. Army Reserves
- PFC Brandon Helm, U.S. Marines
- PFC Marcin Platek, U.S. Marines
- Sgt. Megan Putze, Army National Guard
- Ens. Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot Training
- HM3 (FMF) Bryan C. Thude, U.S. Navy
- Cprl. Lauren Twarog-Rocha, U.S. Marines

Living Liturgy 2011

Source: *Living Liturgy* by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 2011

Everywhere we turn at this time of the year there they are: bunnies and eggs. Stuffed ones and plastic ones, edible ones and blown up ones—they are everywhere. We enjoy the bright colors and fuzzy softness and scrumptious goodness of these annual treats. But we better not think too hard about it, or think too clearly, or think too rationally. For bunnies and eggs just don't go together. Bunnies don't lay eggs! This is a fantastic, impossible, ludicrous pairing for any right-thinking person. Bunnies just don't lay eggs! And maybe this is exactly the point. Easter and its mystery cannot be rationalized or approached logically. The Easter mystery is truly preposterous, unbelievable, and absurd. Who ever heard of someone rising from the dead? We can identify easily with the apostles who "saw and believed," who wanted with all their hearts to know their beloved Lord was alive. Yet they "did not understand". This mystery is preposterous, unbelievable, and absurd. Who ever heard of someone rising from the dead?



Here is the mystery of Easter: we want to see and believe, but since resurrection is so out of our human experience we simply can't understand. Belief came gradually to those first witnesses, and then only when they had a personal encounter with Jesus. Our own belief in the risen Jesus gradually grows throughout our life as we continually encounter Him in our own eating and drinking with him. We encounter the risen Jesus in Eucharist when we eat and drink *with Him*—when Jesus' very Body and Blood become our nourishment. We also encounter the risen Jesus in each other when we witness by the goodness of our lives to Gospel values. We encounter the risen Jesus in the sure joy that comes from reconciled relationships with each other that witness to our reconciled relationship with God. We encounter the risen Jesus when we "clear out the old yeast" (second reading from 1Cor) and "receive forgiveness of sins." All of this assures us that we are a new creation in this resurrection life—the source of our Easter joy.

We take for granted that bunnies and eggs go together at Easter; we don't have to be logical about it. The fun is precisely in the illogic. So it is with the Easter mystery. The Easter mystery is something we accept in faith. We can't be logical about it. The grace is precisely in the illogic. True, Jesus had raised people from the dead, for example, the son of the widow of Nain and his own friend Lazarus. But they were only resuscitated and would face death again. Jesus is not merely resuscitated; he is raised up from the grave to new life, never to die again. Our belief enables us to share in this same risen life. Yes, our mortal bodies will die like Jesus' and Lazarus's. But this risen life that is already within us is forever. It defies logic. It is preposterous. We do not understand it. But we believe it, we live it, and we embrace it. *The mystery: we share in eternal life—risen life with no end.*

Lenten Reflections: Easter Sunday

In today's first reading Peter proclaims: "God was with Jesus." God worked in and through Jesus. His very name, Jesus, means "God is our salvation". Thus we might ask ourselves: When we pray or act in the name of Jesus, what are we saying? Are we not saying that we believe in a God who works in us and in the Church too?

Christian prayer is always in the name of Jesus. Praying in the name of Jesus does not necessarily mean that we understand all of what God is doing. Rather, it is an acclamation of faith and trust. It is an act of placing ourselves in God's hand rather than relying on ourselves alone. It is a statement of our intention and desire to enter into fuller union with the will of God.

As individuals, and as a people, we move toward belief. It is always ahead of us. The Gospel makes it clear that the disciples did not understand the consequences of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, yet they believed. Our task is to ponder the consequences for ourselves today.

Where are we looking for our Lord? Do we look in the empty tomb or among the living where healing and reconciliation are happening?

Source: *A Catechumen's Lectionary*, edited by Robert m Hamma, Paulist Press, New York



Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.

The following items are needed:

- coffee
- cereal
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- toothpaste
- laundry detergent



If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

Do You Need Help with Food?

Catholic Charities has resources available to help those who are in need of food. Even if you may not have qualified for assistance in the past, Catholic Charities can help.

Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at www.cc-doj.org



TOTUS TUUS is coming to St. Peter the Apostle!

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 12-17, 2011

Totus Tuus is a diocesan catechetical summer youth program whereby seminarians and college students travel throughout the summer proclaiming the Gospel through catechetical instruction, Mass, Confession, games, fun and more!

Entering Grades 1-6

Monday – Friday (June 13-17)
9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Cost: \$15 per child (family rate: \$50 for 3 or more children grades 1-6)

Entering Grades 7-12

Sunday – Thursday (June 12-16)
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Cost: \$10

REGISTRATION BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER!

For more information or to inquire about registration, please contact the Parish Center of St. Peter the Apostle by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext 200) or e-mail at office@stpeteritasca.com

MASSPORT PIZZA PARTY 12:15 SUNDAY MAY 22



Fr. Slawek wants to thank children and parents for using Massports with a celebration!
Call Mrs. Scanlon at 630-773-1272 X216 with number we can expect.



SAVE THE DATE for St. Peter the Apostle's Fourth Annual Dash for Dan 5k Event

May 21, 2011

The Dash for Dan committee is currently looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks to make this event a success.

If you are able to help in advance or on the day of the event, please contact Lisa (Machynia) May by phone at 630-253-2233 or by e-mail at dash4dan@gmail.com

COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR



**MAY 1ST
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**St. Joseph Church
330 E. Fullerton Avenue
Addison, Illinois 60101**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Benedictine's Summer Fun Day Camp

Soccer, relay races, sand volleyball, tug-o-war, fishing computers, movies, reading, arts and crafts, and academic-based activities supervised by state board-certified teachers—fun is the No. 1 destination at Benedictine University's Summer Fun Day Camp.

Boys and girls ages 5-13 are invited to spend a fun-filled summer at Benedictine University's Summer Fun Day Camp 2011 beginning with the first of nine weekly sessions on Monday, June 13. Registration is now available online.

The camp is sponsored and operated by the University and its staff and students serve as camp directors and counselors. The camp strives to maintain a 10:1 camper-to-staff ratio. Lunch is provided each day and campers can bring a snack to enjoy during the morning.

The camp runs Monday through Friday from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. The cost is \$185 per week (\$148 for July 6-9) and there is a \$10 per session discount for a second child. Sessions are June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 5-8 (no camp July 4), July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29, August 1-5 and August 8-12.

For more information or to register, go to <http://www.ben.edu/community/camps/summerfun/index.cfm> or call 630-829-6088.

Benedictine University
College Road, Lisle, IL 60532-0900
Telephone: (630) 829-6090
Fax: (630) 829-6091

Misericordia Candy Days

Friday April 29 and Saturday April 30

Volunteers are needed for two hour shifts to make a difference for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical abilities.

To volunteer, please call Rose Montefalco at 630-894-4669, e-mail candydays@misericordia.com or go to www.misericordia.org for more information.

If you would like to make a \$5.00 donation, you can send a phone text "MIS" to 25383.

Thank you.



SWINGIN' UNDER THE STARS

Featuring DJ Nine Falls



**St. Walter Parish Dance
Saturday, May 7, 2011
7 - 11 PM
In The Mac Center**

**\$10 Per Person - Includes One Food & Beverage Item
Casual Attire
For Adults 21 And Over
Sponsored by S.W.P.C.**

**Tickets may be purchased by contacting
Dorothy at 630-894-5880**

**The McDonald Parish Center is located just West of the
School building at 201 W. Maple, Roselle, IL
Next to the Parking Lot**

St. Peter the Apostle Golf Group

Men and women who would like to enjoy a fun day golfing with friends are invited to join St. Peter the Apostle's Golf Group. We welcome good golfers, bad golfers and social golfers!

Where: Salt Creek Golf Course
(Thorndale Avenue and Prospect Road)

When: Every Thursday morning at 10:00 am

Cost (walk/no cart): \$12 per game/per person

Cost (with cart): \$19 per game/per person



We had a great time last year and hope to have more golfers join us! Even if you can't make it every week, come when you can. the club house.

If you have any questions, call Ginger Busato at 630-773-3195 or Jean Grote at 630-773-9337.

Serra Club Welcomes Guest Speaker Father John Guiney, SMA

Father John Guiney, SMA, will be the guest speaker at an upcoming Serra Club meeting on Monday, April 25, 2011.

Father Guiney was born in Ireland and raised in Boston. He spent over twenty years in Africa, where he rebuilt a leper colony. Now, though technically "retired," Father Guiney continues to serve his flock for weddings, funerals, and very frequent visits to hospitals and nursing homes.

The evening will begin with a celebration of Mass at 6:00 pm at St. Petronille Church, 420 Glenwood Avenue in Glen Ellyn. Dinner in the Parish Center will follow the celebration of Mass.

To reserve a place at the meeting or to find out more about the Serra Club, please call Joann Carr (630-665-0994)

The Serra Club is a national organization fostering and working for vocations to the priesthood and religious life since 1958.



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Sunday, May 1

Concert 4:30 pm

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

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630-860-2975

To find more information about the Chorus and our concert schedule, visit www.spiritoflifechorus.org

GIVE THE 'GIFT OF SIGHT' TO THE POOR DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES



EYEsee—a student service organization of Saint Viator High School will be collecting used eyeglasses here at our parish during the weekend of **May 14-15, 2011.**

All eyeglasses collected during this year's drive will be distributed to the poor in Haiti, Honduras, Philippines, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Uganda and Kenya.

Saint Viator students will be here during this weekend drive to receive your donations of eyeglasses and to answer questions about EYEsee's work and mission.

Please bring in your prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses. Children's glasses are specially needed.

Recycled eyeglasses can help thousands experience corrected vision. Give the 'gift of sight' to the poor!



EYEsee was founded by a group of students from Saint Viator High School in Arlington Heights in the summer of 2008. Undeterred by their lack of financial resources, they decided to reach out to the world's poor in order to alleviate some of their poverty by recycling used eyeglasses. EYEsee is committed to helping the world's poor experience corrected vision with recycled eyeglasses. For additional info about EYEsee, visit www.eyesee.org.

I was watching a show about seals. It was a very well done show that followed a group of scientists on the West Coast who were doing a study on a particular group of seals. During their work they discovered that one of the seals was badly injured, and when they examined her more closely, they realized that she was also pregnant, and not only was she pregnant, but she was very far along in her pregnancy, so far along that the scientists were almost certain that the baby seals would be able to survive outside their mother's womb, but after further tests they all agreed that there was no way to save the life of the mother, and that if she were to die, her babies would die with her. So they did an emergency operation and saved the lives of all the baby seals. None of the scientists questioned what the mother seal's "choice" was, they didn't ask if the unborn baby seals had a "right" to live. No, they just used their common sense and did the right thing. They protected life. Human beings instinctively want to save life, but how then in our country could there be so many who are not pro-life?



~Rev. Mark Ivany, Homily, Mass in Washington, DC on the morning of the March for Life.

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC

Please join the Life groups of St. Peter and St. Walter's in praying the rosary for one hour outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, every first Friday and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Upcoming dates are May 6 and May 18.

A prayer book is available by contacting Jean Angell at 630-773-0987.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright Aid for Women	1-800-848-LOVE
National Pregnancy Hotline	630-896-8600
National Adoption Hotline	1-800-535-9947
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	1-202-463-7563
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	630-790-8433 x 266
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-7171
DuPage Catholic Charities Children's Services	1-815-838-1002
The Nurturing Network	630-495-6864
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Women's Choice Services	1-800-67-BABY-6
The Gabriel Project	1-800-NO-ABORT
	630-261-9221
	1-877-734-2444

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.



In the past nine months Catholic Charities has seen things we've never seen before. Families are in crisis in record numbers. Benefits for the unemployed have been exhausted. The underemployed, those breadwinners who were once working in professional jobs and now are earning minimum wage, are unable to make ends meet. Our largest homeless shelter has been at capacity for months. The requests for food are never-ending and with pending government cuts to emergency food and shelter programs we're not sure if we'll have the resources to help.

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