

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

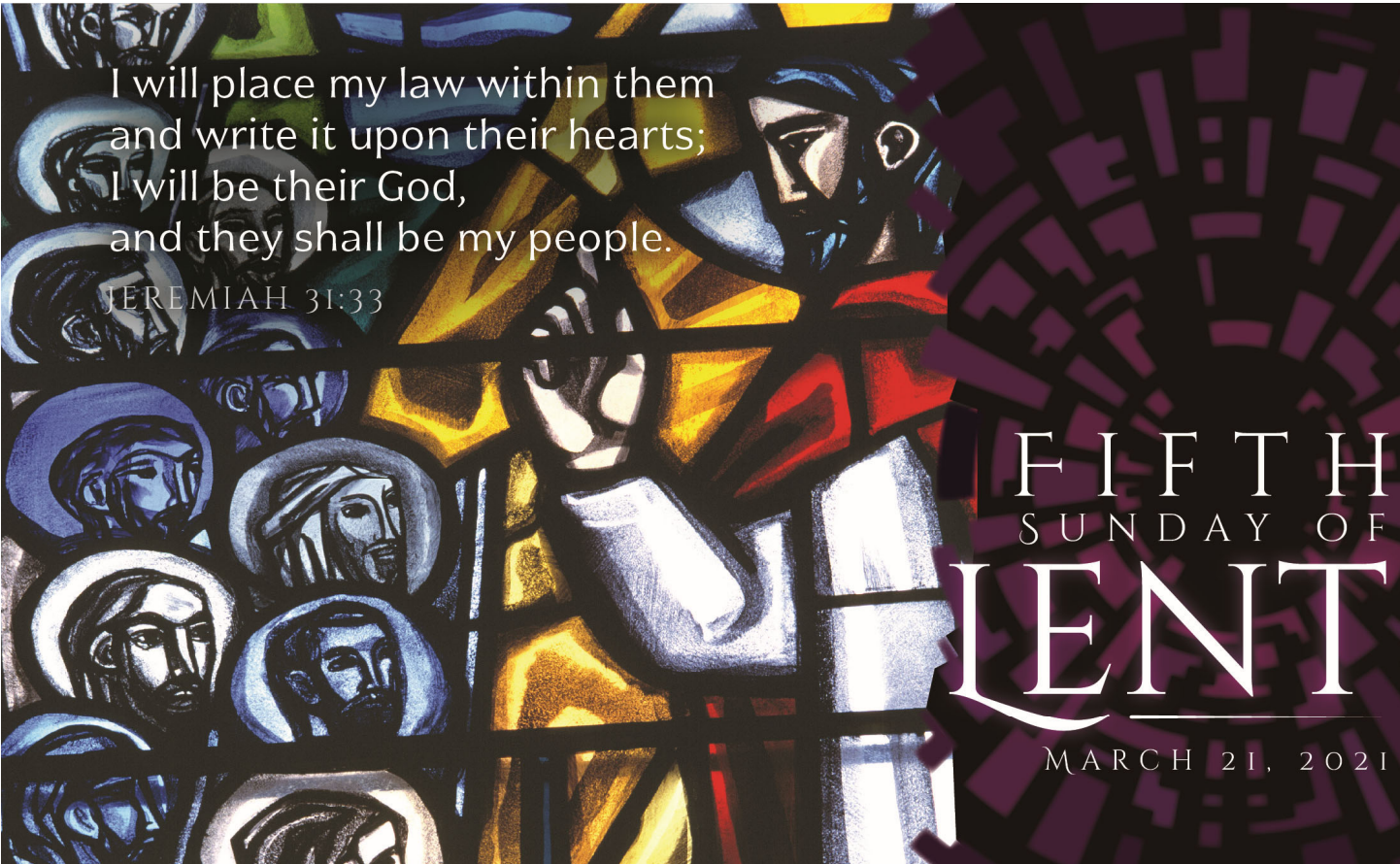
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

First Saturdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)



I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

From the Pastor

Dear Parish family,

Today we are celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Holy Week is fast approaching. I want to encourage all of you to make time for the Lord to speak to your heart over the next few weeks.

I realize that we all have our schedules, agendas and routines, but there comes a time when we need to focus on what truly counts. As we come closer to the end of Lent and prepare for Holy Week and Easter, what counts — the only thing that matters — is the salvation of our souls! The next few weeks, especially next week — the only week in the year that is called “Holy” — we should focus our attention on our relationship with the Lord, our sorrow for our sins, and our desire for Heaven.

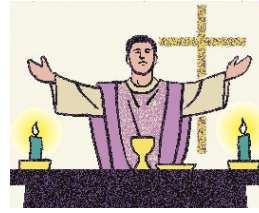
Next Saturday, the day before Palm Sunday, from 9:00am until 3:00pm, you will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with several priests from our area to help you. Priests from our deanery will be stationed both at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish and Visitation Parish in Elmhurst to hear your confession that day. Attending to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, no matter how long it has been for you, is an essential and holy way to prepare yourself for the celebration of the ancient and beautiful liturgies of Holy Week, which begins Next Sunday with Palm Sunday. An opportunity to receive the Lord and His forgiveness and grace will make you ready spiritually for these Holy Days which celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ, namely His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Traditionally, beginning today, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter into what was called Passiontide. The penance and discipline of Lent change focus a bit. The prayers, readings, and songs of the Mass now focus our attention on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus — The Paschal Mystery — and the events leading up to this central mystery and belief of our faith as Catholic Christians. Together, let's take seriously the Church's invitation to focus our attention, devotion, and energy upon the celebration of this last week of Lent and celebrations of Holy Week. Let's give the Lord our hearts, in the hope of His promise of Heaven. I hope to see all of you for the many devotions, Masses, and services in the weeks ahead.

Remember to receive the divine mercy of Jesus Christ by confessing your sins this week.

God's Blessings!

Fr. Noesen



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday	March 21 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†The Kveck Family - <i>Special Intention</i>
10:00 am	†Jerry Grimaldi
11:30 am	†Jorge (George) Arboledo
	†Mohen Makil
	†Carol Mazzucchi
	†Milton Moscoso
	†Thi Nghia
	†Maria Nguyen
	For an End to Abortion
Monday	March 22 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	Stephan Williams - <i>Special Intention</i>
Tuesday	March 23 (Lenten Weekday;
	<i>St. Toribio de Mogrovejo)</i>
8:00 am	†Pat Vitale
Wednesday	March 24 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	†Eric Sunderman
Thursday	March 25 (The Annunciation of The Lord)
8:00 am	†Don Derma
Friday	March 26 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	†Joan Streich
Saturday	March 27 (Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent)
5:00 pm	†Tom Frawley
	†Elizabeth Lisak
	†Adeline Magnus
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	John and Kathleen North - <i>30th Wedding Anniversary</i>
	For an End to Abortion
Sunday	March 28 (Sixth Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†Richard Grabher
10:00 am	†Jan, Bernice and Jean Sroka
11:30 am	†Mimma Fico
	†Reverend Raymond Garbin
	†Bruce Gariti
	†Robert “Rocky” Irsuto Sr.
	†Gilberto Hernandez Salas
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

You are cordially invited to
“Sing with the Angels”

THEME: THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Tuesday, March 30

immediately following the 8:00am Mass

**St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
 551 N. Rush Street, Itasca**

Don't forget to bring your rosary.

- please register on the parish website -

**“SING WITH THE ANGELS”
 Catholic Ministry**



- Do you want to grow more in love with Christ each and every new day?
- Do you want to ignite your senses and be on fire for your Catholic faith?
- Do you have a longing for Our Lord to heal your brokenness?
- Do you have a desire to praise and worship the Lord in a new way?

*If you need a change in your life
 right here and right now, then come.*

Come as you are and “Sing with the Angels”.

The Lord has been calling your name.

“Sing with the Angels” is a program designed to inspire people of all ages to worship and praise Jesus in a new way. Through this program, you will discover a new passion for Christ that will pour out of you and seep into the world around you. You will become Disciples of Christ.

“Sing with the Angels” is a series of mini-retreats designed to enrich your body, mind, soul, and spirit. Each program is presented with a specific theme that may correspond with the Catholic liturgical year.

All of these programs will include either the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be music and a time for silent reflection. Most of the programs also include videos, speakers, fellowship and much more.

The Lord is calling your name to “Sing with the Angels”. Whether you choose to worship and praise Him with one loud voice or just join us in the silence of your hearts, you are always welcome. You will find this to be a Heavenly experience like no other.

Just come.



FOOD DRIVE



Covid has caused financial struggles for many individuals and families in our community. During this time, the **ITASCA FOOD PANTRY** continues to do everything possible to help as many as possible.

To help the food pantry in its mission, St. Peter's will be hosting a **FOOD DRIVE** after all masses **THIS** weekend. Look for the Itasca Food Pantry van in the parking lot.

The Itasca Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items and basic household supplies (i.e., canned soup, chili, stew, chicken, canned tuna, pasta, paper towels, toilet paper).

Monetary donations are also very helpful. The Itasca Food Pantry has greater buying power when purchasing products directly from the Illinois Food Bank for pennies on the dollar.

Stations of the Cross of Jesus Christ
Friday, March 26 | 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Fridays at 6:30 pm. Please see the schedule on the parish website. The Stations of the Cross is a devotional service which traces Jesus' journey from the trial before Pilate to His death on Calvary.

Tradition tells us that the places of visitation, the “stations,” were those visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary after the resurrection of Jesus. Through the ages, people would walk from station to station trying to mirror the physical pilgrimage of going from place to place in Jerusalem. The form of the Stations of the Cross has changed over the centuries, but the devotion still carries the same meaning and is a traditional part of Lent.

Consider making this prayerful reflection part of your Lenten Journey.

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 37: 03/14/2021	\$ 8,452.00	\$ 342,892.12

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).



INTRODUCING...
Electronic Giving with GiveCentral

Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.
 You can also connect directly by visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

This Week at St. Peter's...

Sunday	March 21
12:15 pm	Itasca Food Pantry - Collection Drive <i>(after all Masses)</i>
12:30 pm	Baptisms <i>(Church)</i>
	Knights of Columbus "Pot of Gold" Drawing <i>(MW Hall)</i>
Tuesday	March 23
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary <i>(Church)</i>
Wednesday	March 24
8:30 am	Confessions <i>(Church)</i>
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes <i>(School/Church)</i>
7:00 pm	Deacon Bob's Bible Study <i>(MW Parish Hall)</i>
Friday	March 26
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross <i>(Church)</i>
Saturday	March 27
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes <i>(School/Church)</i>
9am-3pm	Six Hours of Confession <i>(Church)</i>
4:15 pm	Confessions <i>(Church)</i>



Schedule

Saturday, March 27 | Sunday, March 28

<i>Communion Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00 pm Pat Barbee	5:00 pm Patrick Powers
Debbie Thude	8:30 am Chris Aument
8:30 am Nancy Riley	10:00 am Anthony George
Rose Ann Roll	11:30 am Mary McNamara
10:00 am Bill Kolf	
Deacon Fred	
11:30 am Carmela Graziano	
Mike Graziano	

Recently, the parish invited sound and microphone companies and consultants to come out to investigate a poor sound quality problems in the church. Before doing anything or spending any money, it was suggested that the parish hire an acoustical consultant who comes highly recommended and has done work at churches throughout Illinois and Wisconsin.

Throughout the church, there are certain areas that are more problematic than others. Parishioners are being asked to help identify those areas so that we can provide the consultant with the data on specific problems. A short form is available to complete after mass asking you to identify the problem you are experiencing and where you were sitting.

Once the consultant has completed the measurement session, and with your data, the parish will receive a report explaining the results including remediation options. The parish will then have to hire vendors to adjust the speakers in the church and install other required materials such as high-quality absorption panels.

Preliminary estimates for the consultation fee are approximately \$3,000 and cost estimate for materials and other equipment changes may be as high as \$30,000.

If we want to correct the situation, we will first need to raise the necessary funds to cover the project. The Parish Finance Council is in agreement that the parish should address the situation. If you are interested and willing to assist in the funding of this important project, please call Fr. Noesen.



Knights of Columbus Council 10884

Pot of Gold RAFFLE

Drawing:

THIS WEEKEND
 Sunday, March 21
 following 11:30 am Mass

	1st Prize.....\$ 1500.00	Name _____ Phone _____	Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #10884 Winner need not be present.
	2nd Prize.....\$ 500.00		
	5 Prizes.....\$ 100.00 each		
Knights of Columbus Council 10884 Pot of Gold Drawing to be held March 21, 2021 Ticket: \$50.00 each Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #10884. Winner need not be present.			

For more information or to purchase Raffle Tickets,
 contact Council 10884 at
knights@stpeteritasca.com

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A Journey Through Lent

LENTEN WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY

+ MASS SCHEDULE +

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00pm
 Sunday – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am
 Weekdays (Monday-Friday) | 8:00am

+ STATIONS OF THE CROSS +

Traditional Stations of the Cross and Benediction

The following Fridays during Lent: February 19,
 March 12 and 26 | 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross

(presented by the Knights of Columbus)

Friday, March 19 | 7:30pm (following 6:30pm Mass)

+ SACRAMENT OF PENANCE +

Saturdays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm
 Wednesdays | 8:30am (until all are heard)

Last Confessions before Easter

Saturday, March 27 | 9:00am - 3:00pm
 “6-hours of Confessions”

(Deanery-wide Confessions at both
 Saint Peter the Apostle Parish and Visitation Parish in Elmhurst;
 several priests will be available to hear Confessions.)

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31

8:30am (until all are heard)
 6:30pm (until all are heard)

+ SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH +

Honoring the Year of Saint Joseph

Friday, March 19 | 8:00am • 6:30pm

+ PARISH BIBLE STUDY +

Wednesdays during Lent | 7:00pm
 (Margaret Woods Hall)

Studying Sunday's Scripture/Lectio Divina –
 A traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading,
 meditation and prayer intended to promote
 communion with God and to increase the
 knowledge of God's word.

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HOLY WEEK

+ PALM SUNDAY +

Saturday Vigil Mass, March 27 – 5:00pm
 Sunday, March 28 – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Mass -
 March 29, 30, 31 | 8:00am

+ THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM +

Thursday of Holy Week - April 1

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | 6:30pm

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm - concludes with Night Prayer)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - April 2

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

12:00noon

Stations of the Cross

(hosted by Religious Education)

3:00pm

The Passion of Our Lord
 with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion

6:30pm

Traditional Stations of the Cross
 with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 3

Blessing of Easter Food | 9:00am • 10:00am
 (outside front of Church - weather permitting)

Private Prayers in Church | 9:00am - 1:00pm

EASTER

Everyone must sign up in advance on-line for Mass -
 please visit stpeteritasca.com to sign up or call the parish office.
 If capacity is reached for your first choice and the sign-up is closed,
 please sign up for another Mass time.

If capacity is reached, overflow seating may be offered in Margaret Woods Hall;
 seating will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

+ THE EASTER VIGIL +

April 3 | 8:00pm

+ EASTER SUNDAY +

April 4
 7:00am • 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating between meals is not permitted.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious. Our US Bishops issued in 1966 this statement on penitential observance:

"On Weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance."

6 HOURS OF CONFESSION

**When was the last time you received Reconciliation?
Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?**

The priests of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

Confessions

Saturday, March 27 | 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

Polish and Spanish speaking priests available during select times.

All are invited to receive God's grace

TWO LOCATIONS AVAILABLE:

St. Peter the Apostle Church
551 N. Rush Street | Itasca
630-773-1272

Visitation Church
779 S. York Road | Elmhurst
630-834-6700

An Examination of Conscience

Questions that can be used for examining one's conscience before going to the Sacrament of Penance:

- Do I love God like with my whole heart, soul and being?
Do I give him the first place in my life? Do I eagerly reject all idols that could get between him and me, be it money, pleasure, superstition, or power? Do I listen with faith to his Word?
Do I persevere in prayer?
- Do I respect the holy name of God? Do I abuse him in my references to him, offending him, or making use of him, instead of serving him? Do I bless God in each one of my actions? Do I surrender myself without reserve to his will for me, trusting entirely in him? Do I entrust myself with humility and confidence to the guidance and teaching of the pastors which the Lord has given to his Church? Do I make an effort to go deeper in and strengthen my life of faith?
- Do I make Sunday the center of my week, beginning with the most important moment, the celebration of the Eucharist? Do I use it, and the other days consecrated to the Lord, to praise and give thanks to God, to entrust myself to him and take rest in him? Do I participate faithfully and actively in the liturgy, preparing myself beforehand with prayer, and making the effort to obtain its fruits during the entire week? Do I sanctify the holy day with some act of love toward the needy?
- Do I love and respect those who have given me life? Do I make the effort to understand and help them, above all in their weaknesses and limits?
- Do I make the effort to respect and promote life in all of its stages and aspects? Do I do everything in my power to promote the good of the others? Have I done evil to someone with the explicit intention of doing it?
- How do I live charity toward my neighbor? Am I attentive and available, above all with the poorest and weakest? Do I love myself, knowing how to accept my limits under the gaze of God?
- Am I chaste in thoughts and actions? Do I make the effort to love with gratitude, free of the temptation to possess or be jealous? Do I always respect the dignity of the human person? Do I treat my body and the bodies of others as a temple of the Holy Spirit?
- Do I respect the goods of creation? Am I honest in my work and in my relations with my neighbor? Do I respect the fruit of others' labor? Am I envious of the goods of the others? Do I make an effort to make others happy, or do I only think of myself?
- Am I sincere and loyal in each word and action? Do I always speak only the truth? Do I try to give confidence and act in a way that inspires confidence in the others?
- Do I make an effort to follow the example of Christ in my life of surrender to God and my neighbor? Do I try to be like him: humble, poor and chaste? Do I faithfully find the Lord in the Sacraments, in fellowship, and in service to the poor?
Do I live with hope in eternal life, seeing each thing under the light of God, always trusting in his promises?



VEILING THE CROSS IN *PASSIONTIDE*

The Veiling of Images in Church...

Why? The true beauty and meaning of the Cross, for a time, hidden from our eyes.

In 1988, The Congregation for Worship in Rome issued a document lauding the practice of restoring the practice of veiling crucifixes and images in the church. Actually, the practice was never completely done-away with. But, over the 40 years or so since Vatican II, the practice fell out of use for a number of reasons. The custom is to veil from before first vespers or the vigil Mass of the *Fifth Sunday of Lent* until the Easter Vigil. In some places images and statues are actually removed from the church and not simply veiled, especially after Holy Thursday. Crosses are unveiled after the Good Friday ceremonies. Neither the Stations of the Cross nor stained glass windows are ever veiled. The veils for images are usually made of purple cloth without any decoration. Crucifixes are veiled in red, the color of the passion.

The custom of veiling crosses and images has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption. Although this is true, the historical origin of this practice lies elsewhere. It probably derives from a custom, noted in Germany from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. This cloth, called the *Hungertuch* (hunger cloth), hid the altar entirely from the faithful during Lent and was not removed until during the reading of the Passion on Holy Wednesday at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two." Some authors say there was a practical reason for this practice insofar as the often-illiterate faithful needed a way to know it was Lent. Others, however, maintain that it was a remnant of the ancient practice of public penance in which the penitents were ritually expelled from the church at the beginning of Lent. After the ritual of public penance fell into disuse — but the entire congregation symbolically entered the order of penitents by receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday — it was no longer possible to expel them from the church. Rather, the altar or "Holy of Holies" was shielded from view until they were reconciled to God at Easter. For analogous motives, later on in the Middle Ages, the images of crosses and saints were also covered from the start of Lent. The rule of limiting this veiling to Passiontide came later and does not appear until the 17th century.

After the Second Vatican Council there were moves to abolish all veiling of images, but the practice survived, although the practice has changed from previous custom. As we move toward Holy Week, and the celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death, more and more the Lenten purple is replaced by the red of the passion. A reminder of the Blood of Jesus. A red veil is placed on the cross to remind us that the true meaning, the real beauty of the Cross is (for a time) hidden or veiled from our eyes. The Glory of the Cross is stained and covered by the Blood of Christ's suffering. The practice of veiling the cross goes back many centuries and is meant to make us take a second look. It is meant to let us know that something is different. Just as the "veil" was removed from the eyes of the disciples at Easter, so too, the red veil [a symbol of the suffering and death of Jesus that "hides" from our eyes the real meaning of His Passion and Death — the true beauty and meaning of the Cross] will be removed when we come to Mass on Easter.

As we approach the coming days of Holy Week when we celebrate the liturgies of the Lord's Paschal Mystery, enter into the true meaning of these holy days. Make the sacrifice of time and effort to join us for the beautiful liturgies of this Passion-time, and Holy Week.



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March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the diocesan bishops of Illinois, write today out of great concern. Bills have been introduced before the Illinois General Assembly to repeal Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion Act. They are House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190. The enactment of this legislation would lead to tragic and irreversible outcomes.

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act simply requires that when a minor girl seeks to have an abortion, a parent or guardian is notified 48 hours before the procedure. The obvious hope of the law is that parents, by their deep love and moral obligation, will act to protect, support and guide their children. In every other facet of life, we are taught – and we teach – that parental involvement is key to the child's best interest. Repealing the Act is nothing less than an invasion into the sacred space of family life by the state, with no provision to support the minor emotionally, humanely or materially at a critical moment in her life.

It is unfortunately true that not all young people come from loving homes. In these cases, when the threat of abuse or neglect outweighs the rights of parents, the current law allows a young girl the opportunity to declare in writing that there is abuse, or she can seek an emergency hearing before a judge to explain her situation. We acknowledge that this can be emotionally difficult; however, such difficulty must be weighed against the harm done when our laws effectively undermine family life by separating children from the care of parents who love them the most. The state should do everything to support families, not destabilize them.

The existing Parental Notice of Abortion Act provides important safeguards against the evils of sexual abuse and human trafficking. If a minor girl can be taken by any adult man to an abortion clinic, in the hopes of erasing the evidence of his abuse, what protection exists outside of the girl's parent or guardian being informed? Why would we want to create such a dangerous environment?

Simply put, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act works. According to statistics gathered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, since the law's final enactment by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2013, abortions performed on minors in Illinois have decreased over 30 percent. The lives saved by this law are real and present among us.

These are the reasons every state in the Midwest and 37 states overall have laws requiring some form of parental involvement in the decision of a minor to have an abortion. Illinois has been among those states for 8 years and no obvious problems or detriments have been publicly exposed. The repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion is a tragic solution in search of a problem.

So what can you do? As Catholics of good will, we call on you to engage your elected officials – state representatives, state senators and the Governor – and urge them to oppose House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190.

Possible methods of contact include phone calls, letters, emails, and Zoom meetings between legislators and you, their concerned constituents. For all of these efforts, you will need to be able to identify your legislators and secure the appropriate contact information. Here is how:

Visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois' website – www.ilcatholic.org – scroll nearly to the bottom of the homepage, click on "Find Your Legislator" and input the asked-for information. Doing this will identify one's state elected officials, and simply clicking on their names will provide the contact information.

In our concern for all human life, and particularly for the struggles of young girls in these difficult circumstances and their unborn children, we ask you to participate in this effort. Together we are strong, and we can make a difference.

Thank you.

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Bishop of Peoria

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield

Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

YOU'RE INVITED!



Knights of Columbus



Fraternal Benefit Night
Virtual Webinar
by award winning author Tom Hegna

March 23, 2021
6:30 PM



Pay Checks and Play Checks

You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his mathematically and scientifically proven approach that will enable you to create a secure retirement, no matter how long you live.

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.



Attendance Limited
Must Pre-register
kofc.link/hegna

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Joann Anderson | Anne Keeton |
| Michelle Anderson | Rickie Kruzel |
| Sue Bobka | JoLynn Lash |
| Mike Carey | Lilly Lima |
| Eunice Cleveland | Gene Mikulecky |
| Robert Cleveland | Christopher Mizera |
| Regina Conti | Holly Vana |
| Colin Cummins | Tom Vana |
| Mary Cummins | Harriett Pinkowski |
| Michael Cummins | Bonnie Pollock |
| Paul Cummins | Nikki Recchia |
| Scott Erickson | Brendan Reidy |
| Gerri Gerard | Jerry Riordan |
| Mel Gerard | Ann Marie Rossi |
| Brad Grabow | John Rossi |
| Mike Graziano | Angela Scanlon |
| Gary Grote | Wayne Slowiak |
| Virginia Halac | Maria Terracciano |
| Ken Hemstreet | Linda Wuerffel |
| Mary Hosters | Carol Zell |

Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.



Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his March prayers for the Church and for the world:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

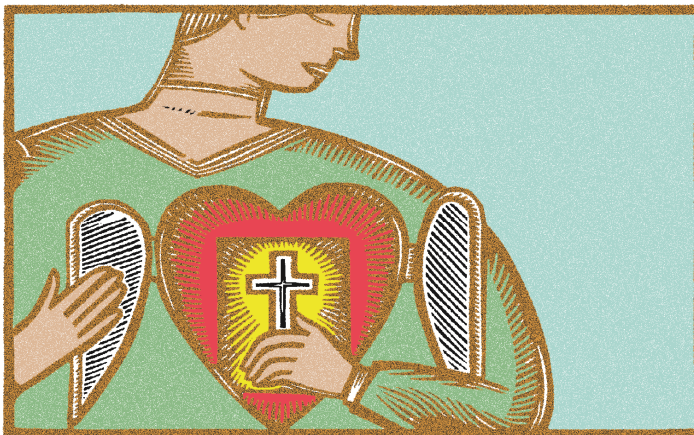
Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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

- PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
- LCpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
- SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
- Maj Joseph DeHaven, US Army
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*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

— Jeremiah 31:33



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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

TRAVELING?

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

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT 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 announcement requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to office@stpeteritasca.com.

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. 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.

CONFESSIONS

Weekly on Wednesday at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

Weekly on Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm

First Saturdays at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center for information.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:45 pm (immediately following 11:30 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes 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.

Required paperwork **MUST** be submitted to the parish office **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the baptismal date or your date will be rescheduled.** This includes all necessary information regarding family records and godparents. Please read the **baptism planning information** provided before selecting a godparent. A sponsor certificate must be provided **by each godparent.** The proper **sponsor certificate** for St. Peter the Apostle is included with the baptism packet. Christian witnesses are most welcome to celebrate with the family and community, but please note they are not recorded as sponsors on the Baptismal Certificate or in the Baptismal Register.

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.

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Parish Center when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from Fr. Noesen or a deacon. Likewise, please call if you would like a visit while convalescing at home or at a facility.

Additionally, before being admitted to a hospital for surgery, it is advisable to call Fr. Noesen to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Please contact the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to arrange for communion visits to the homebound.

FUNERALS

It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead. The funeral director will contact the Parish Center regarding arrangements. Funerals are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 am. For more information, please read guidelines for Funeral Planning on the parish website.



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.

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

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If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

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