

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

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

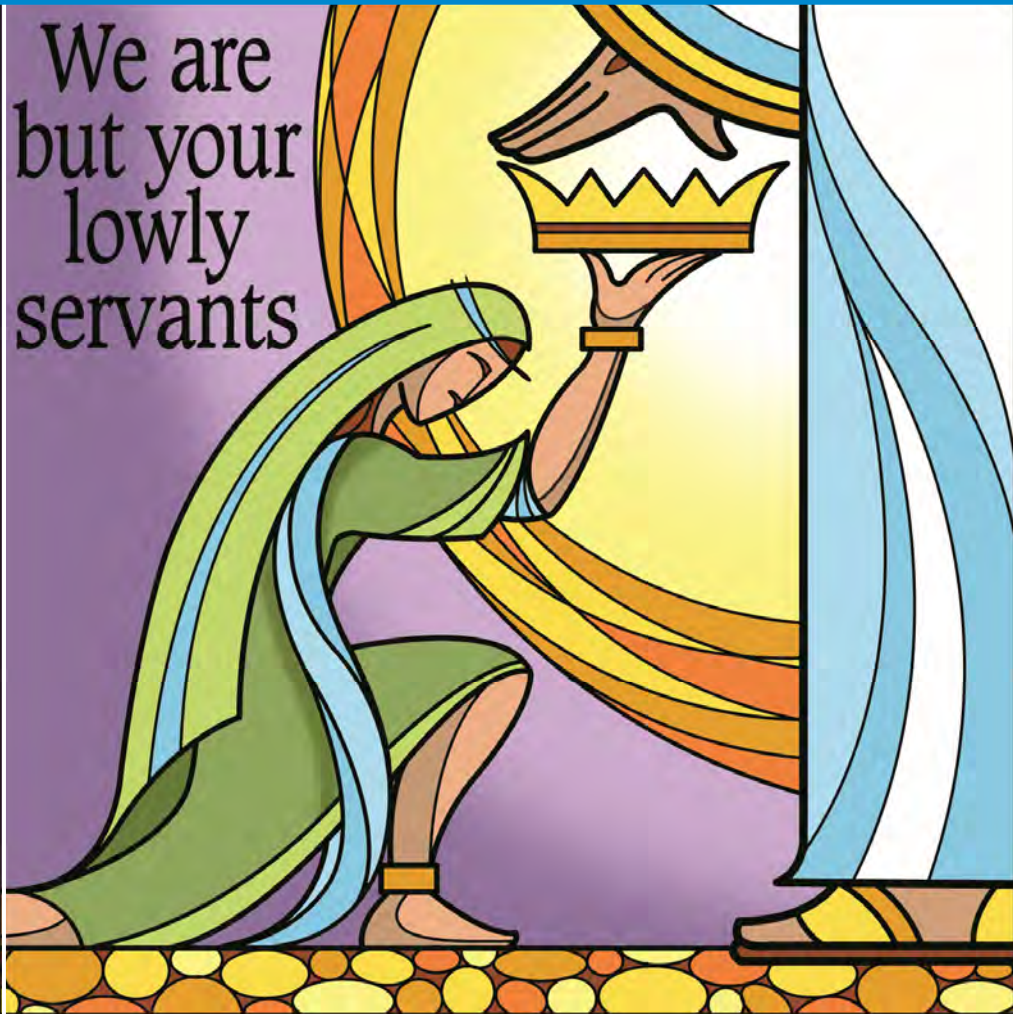
CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

Second Thursday of every month during Father John Project
and by appointment

We are
but your
lowly
servants



October 6, 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

(closed for lunch: Monday-Thursday, 12:30-1:30 pm)

**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.

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 for information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 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.

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.

Today we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. The American bishops wish to draw our attention with a special focus on life throughout the month of October. This includes not only the baby conceived in its mother's womb, but life through natural death. The definition of quality of life is diverse and deserves some clarification.

It makes me so proud that the Catholic Church defends the innocent no matter what. We defend and support the life of a baby the absolute second it is conceived. We do this with the help, love and guidance of our loving God. We also put our money where our mouth is by helping those in need during a pregnancy with agencies to help them both medically and financially support their decision for life. The decision for life may not always be the easy decision, but it is the correct one. The agony and despair of women who realize after an abortion that their child was not a clump of cells is real and profound. They believed the lie they were told only to find out the truth too late; unable to reverse the mistake they made which they now must live with. It is a decision for which they often find difficult to forgive themselves.

We, the Church, also defend the sick and the elderly. There is redemption in illness and all life, no matter how difficult, is precious. There are times I hear a family say they do not want to see a loved one suffer, when in reality it is they who do not wish to suffer and deal with their loved one's illness any longer. The reason for our life, the reason we were created is to go to heaven. That illness is their way to heaven. We, the people who love them, are to help them on that journey and make it as easy and peaceful as possible for them to get there. We are not supposed to cut it short; rather, as the Good Samaritan; help them to carry the load. God gives us the grace to help them and it is especially at those times we can feel God's closeness.

On this Respect Life Sunday, please join me at the National Life Chain today from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm outside the Advantage Clinic at 203 E. Irving Park Road, Wood Dale. Let us renew our commitment to support all human life, and let us be strong and unwavering in that commitment. Let us pray through the intercession of Blessed Mary for an end to abortion and euthanasia, as she is the mother of the giver of life himself, Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek

From the Pastor



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

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church.

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.*

— Psalm 95:6



Stewardship of Treasure


A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date

Fiscal Week 13: 9/29/ 2019 \$ 9,563.00 \$ 142,692.82

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)	
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This Week at St. Peter's

- Sunday October 6**
 12:15 pm Pet Blessing (*Parking Lot*)
 7:15 pm Rosary (*Church*)
- Monday October 7**
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (*PC/Lower Level*)
 7:15 pm Rosary (*Church*)
- Tuesday October 8**
 P.A.D.S (SPA-hosts) (*First Presbyterian Church*)
 7:00 pm Transitional Housing Info Meeting (*MW Parish Hall*)
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (*Church*)
- Wednesday October 9**
 4:30 pm Children's Choir (*Church/Choir Loft*)
 5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (*School/Church*)
 6:00 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (*Church/Choir Loft*)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (*Church/Choir Loft*)
- Thursday October 10**
 9:00 am Morning Bible Discussion (*MW Parish Hall*)
 7:00 pm Father John Project (*Church*)
- Saturday October 12**
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (*Church/Narthex*)
 4:00 pm Confessions (*Church*)
- Sunday October 13**
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (*Church/Narthex*)
 9:30 am Grief Support Group (*Meet in MWH*)

Mass Intentions



- Sunday October 6 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
 8:30 am †Artie and Joey Sikorski
 11:00 am †Giuseppe Fricano
 †Vincenza Gelsomino
 †Alex Horvath
 †Rosa Pensa
 †Joseph Spapperi
 David - Special Intention
 People of the Parish
- Monday October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)**
 8:00 am Communion Service
- Tuesday October 8 (Weekday)**
 8:00 am Communion Service
- Wednesday October 9 (Weekday)**
 8:00 am Communion Service
- Thursday October 10 (Weekday)**
 8:00 am Communion Service
- Friday October 11 (St. John XXIII)**
 8:00 am †Lupe Trejo
- Saturday October 12 (Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
 5:00 pm †Vito Dastice
 †Sam Filip
 †Renato Reyes
 †Jack Smith
 People of the Parish
- Sunday October 13 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
 8:30 am †Andrea Sanzone
 11:00 am †Mary Frawley
 †Lucy Gonzales
 †Mike Izzi
 †Carolyn Mazzucchi
 †Ziggy Muszynski
 †Reverend P. J. Novitski

For the week beginning

Saturday, October 5 | Sunday, October 6



Thank you to

Mel and Geri Gerard

for the beautiful flowers
 adorning the Tabernacle
 in memory of

Artie and Joey Sikorski



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

**Communion Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, October 12 | Sunday, October 13

Communion Ministers		Servers	
5:00 pm	Karen Kunze Beth McKenna Frank McKenna Deacon Fred	5:00 pm	Ian Swets Joe Casanova
8:30 am	Dorie Calip Maryanne Kveck Ruth Kryger Deacon Bob	8:30 am	Dominic Capazzoli
11:00 am	Karl Schmidt Greg Papuga Carmela Graziano Michael Graziano	11:00 am	Jimmie Kollias Katie Kollias
Lectors		Ushers	
5:00 pm	Chris Kunze Sr. Mary Rice	5:00 pm	Gary Divis Jim Ferenzi Ed Rossi Frank Rossi
8:30 am	Judy Ziomek Diane Blackburn	8:30 am	Chris Aument Ralph D'Andrea Robert Gosanko
11:00 am	Mel Gerard Mary McNamara	11:00 am	Karl Schmidt John Carello Bill Hepperle Bruno Zecchin Barb Zecchin

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

Brian Beers	Joseph Halec	Jerry Riordan
Sue Bobka	Carole Hatke	Michaelene Rogus
John Booth	Phil Hatke	John Rossi
Janet Both	Ken Hemstreet	Jennifer Ruffing
Fr. Larry Brunette	Mary Hosters	Savannah Rose Russo
Ken Busfo	Shirley Janik	Roxanne Ruiz
Joe Busato	Brian Josephus	Alana Ruiz
Mike Carey	Anne Keeton	Alexandra Ruiz
Jacqueline Castellano	Debra Kelly	Janina Sabat
Eunice Cleveland	Joe Kryger	Fred Santoro
Regina Conti	Ruth Kryger	Angela Scanlon
Lucy Crocilla	Rickie Kruzal	Mark Sgarbossa
Joseph Crocilla	Celeste Kucharczyk	Shauna Sheffer
Collin Cummins	Jolynn Lash	Marilyn Sieradzki
Mary Cummins	Sharon Laughlin	Wanda Slupik
Michael Cummins	Elizabeth Lisak	Dan Sobucki
Paul Cummins	Pasquale Lopardo	Belinda Sobucki
Valeria D'Andrea	Eileen Marino	Sharon Sowers
Margaret Del Preto	Patricia McMahon	Karen Stewart
Angeline DiFranco	Ann McNally	Joan Streich
Charles DiFranco Jr.	Jack McNally	Linda Szweda
Teresa Dunhac	Gene Mikulecky	James Thompson
John Elia	Christopher Mizera	Patricia Vitale
Scott Erickson	Rich Mrugacz	Jennifer Wesil
Tracy Fink	Vince Oraziatti	Helen Wilczko
Cheryl Fisherkeller	Fred Oslager	Agnieszka Wisniewska
Sally Franz	Anne Marie Pagni	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Dan Galuszek	Harriett Pinkowski	Ann Wood
Joe Galuszek	Baby Vincent Porter	Ray Young
Geri Gerard	Megan Putze	Carol Zell
Mel Gerard	Brendan Reidy	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Mike Graziano	Joe Riggio	

Published and/or announced 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.



Presentation of Offertory Gifts

Thank you to the following First Holy Communion candidates and their families for presenting gifts at this weekend's masses:

8:30 am Jude Hearn and family

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for First Holy Communion in May.



We joyfully welcome into our St. Peter's family ~

Philip Conrad

child of Konrad Dzedzic and Dominika Pikul

Cal James

child of Peter and Monica (Geils) Conroy

Simona Lucille

child of Scott and Julie (Hernandez) Fritzler

Brennan Walter

child of Daniel and Katie (Fudacz) Block

Kyrie Alexis

child of Kevin and Monica (Piotrowski) Moore

Carson David

child of David and Allison (Schlumpf) Twarog

who were baptized during the month of September 2019

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**
- James J. Cullotta, US Marines**
- PFC Michael D'Andrea, US Army**
- CPT Joseph DeHaven, US Army**
- CPT Stephen Grabinski, US Army**
- CPT Steven Gregor, US Army**
- PFC Michael Helle, US Army**
- Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines**
- PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard**
- SGT Jacob Los, US Army**
- Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army**
- 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines**
- SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines**
- 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard**
- Cpl MacLane Read, US Army**
- SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army**
- LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)**
- SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines**
- Robert P Woods Lt.JG. US Navy**
- Thomas Zablocki, US Marines**
- PO3 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy**



All are welcome to stop by the Margaret Wood's Parish Hall to grab a doughnut, a beverage and some fellowship—weekly following all Sunday morning masses.

Grief Ministry Meetings

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining our Grief Ministry group.

The group meets on the second Sunday of the month following the 9:30 am Mass (approximately 10:30am).

Please note - meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **New Parish Center Conference Room**.

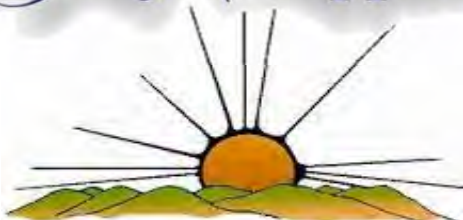
Members are friendly, compassionate and all are good listeners.

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin or Fred Maier
630-212-0304 630-773-4412

NEXT WEEKEND—Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 am

Grief Support



THIS WEEKEND — Sunday, October 6 | 12:15 pm
in the parking lot



**MANNA GIFT CARDS
NEWS FLASH...**

Monthly sales NEXT WEEKEND

*Manna gift cards make shopping
easier and very convenient!*



FATHER JOHN PROJECT

The next "Father John Project" will be take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 10. The evening prayer service, will include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

PLEASE NOTE: Confessions will NOT be heard this month.

The focus of the "Father John Project" is to take action through prayer for conversion. Father John's desire was to welcome new and returning Catholics to their home in the Church.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend, as well as to reach out to invite anyone who may be struggling to find their way "HOME."

Celebrating our Blessed Mother in October

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. To celebrate and honor this special tradition in our Catholic faith, the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima, will be at St. Peter the Apostle for the entire month.



Rosary devotional services and prayers will take place nightly at 7:15 pm from October 1 through October 7.

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

This Rosary service will run throughout the year, weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:15pm.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice. Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and called to do so.

Invite friends and be a part of this beautiful and powerful gift of prayer.

Why Catholics Pray The Rosary

The rosary, though Marian in character, is at heart a prayer that helps us to know and love Jesus. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary—Her perennial “Yes” to God’s invitation, her Magnificat. In the rosary, we contemplate Christ with our Blessed Mother. We proclaim Christ with Mary. The rosary is a summary of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Adult Handbell Choir

The adult handbell choir is looking for 2-3 people interested in playing in the choir.

There is one permanent position open and 1-2 positions available for a substitute to fill in when there are member conflicts.

If you can read music, count, have Wednesday evenings free from 6:00 to 7:15pm, and would like to be a part of the music ministry, then this is your opportunity to join this unique choir.

The choir plays once a month rotating masses and performs a concert at Friendship Village in Schaumburg in December.

For more information or if you would like to try ringing the bells first please call Linda Aiani at 630-773-8518.



DuPagePads

The Solution to End Homelessness.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Peter's provides food and shelter to the homeless at the First Presbyterian Church of Itasca from 7pm to 7am, on the second Tuesday of the month between October and April.

Thank you to everyone who already signed up to volunteer at or bring food items to PADS but **we are still in desperate need of both men and women to work the 11pm to 3am shift and the breakfast shift from 5:30am to 7am.**

If you able to volunteer your time, even for one shift, please call or text Nancy Magnus (630-606-5197).



Transitional Housing INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 8 | 7:00 pm
Margaret Woods Hall

St. Peter Transitional Housing Ministry works with Bridge Communities to provide homeless families in DuPage County with mentoring, housing, and supportive services. Transitional Housing provides an apartment for a family and mentors that family until they are able to find stable housing.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry and how you could possibly be involved, **please join us Tuesday, October 8, at 7pm in the Margaret Woods Parish Hall.**

Transitional Housing CURRENT FAMILY NEEDS

The Transitional Housing Team is looking for donations to support its new family. The family is currently in need of a **size 5 diapers.**

There is a container in the back of church for diapers.

ALL SOULS DAY*

November 1 | 7:00 pm

Holy Mass and Luminaria

**The All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance and Luminaria ceremony*

will take place at the 7:00 pm All Saints Day Mass.

All are invited to attend the Mass of Remembrance (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) on Friday, November 1, at the 7:00 pm Mass.

This service is in memory of parishioners who have passed away throughout the year, and to pray for your deceased family members and friends, as well.

Preceding the Holy Mass, luminaria will be lit for those who request to remember individuals who have touched their lives on this special day honoring All Souls. Each luminaria will have the individual's name on it and will be placed in formation outside. You need not be present to participate. If you cannot attend the Mass, you may wish to come to the church later and enjoy this beautiful candle-light memorial.

If you would like to participate in this ceremony, enter the name of each person you wish to remember with a luminaria on the following form and submit \$2.00 per each luminaria requested. You may return the form and payment to the Sunday collection basket (please use a separate envelope marked "Luminaria") OR you may bring the form and payment to the Parish Center. Make checks payable to St. Peter the Apostle and return by Friday, October 25.



LUMINARIA REQUEST FORM

Your Name:

Telephone Number

Please **PRINT CLEARLY** the names of individuals to be remembered with a Luminaria:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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09.29.19	Wonder & Awe
10.27.19	Courage
11.24.19	Knowledge
01.26.20	Wisdom
02.23.20	Piety
03.29.20	Understanding
04.26.20	Counsel

Mark your calendars * Locations & Keynotes to be announced

Follow us at "Wow - Women of the Way" for updates



“Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm.”
Hebrews 6:18-19

From the time we are knit together in our mothers’ wombs until we take our final breaths, each

moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue “by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his

last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, “God is the foundation of hope: not

any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end” (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know “they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness” (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that “the one who has hope lives differently” (SS 2). Christ’s promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.



40 Days for Life is a beautiful way to join others in prayer, fasting, keeping vigil, and reaching out to the community. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life; people at various peaceful prayer locations have helped women embrace life for their children, watched as abortion clinic workers have quit their jobs, and experienced some clinics completely close.

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

Here’s how to take part:

- Vigil location:** Outside Advantage Healthcare
203 E. Irving Park Road, Wood Dale
- Vigil hours:** 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week
- Contact:** Remi at 708-710-3079 or RM40DFL@gmail.com
Nancy Magnus (parishioner) at 630-606-5197

Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:
40daysforlife.com/Wood-Dale

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN



Sunday, October 6
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Advantage Clinic
203 E. Irving Park Road
Wood Dale, Illinois

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing and praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. October 6th is Respect Life Sunday and the Life Chain will be in front of the abortion clinics in our Diocese, as well as other locations throughout the country.

Please join fellow St. Peter the Apostle parishioners in front of the Advantage Clinic in Wood Dale from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm to give silent, prayerful witness for voiceless children who are threatened by surgical abortions.

Signs and prayers are provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

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— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2019-20 Respect Life Reflection (www.respectlife.org/reflection)

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Real Alternatives	888-543-3243
First Way National Life Center	800-848-5683
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	800-521-5530
National Adoption Hotline	202-463-7563
Teen Parent Connection	630-790-8433
Natural Family Planning	815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities	630-495-8008
The Nurturing Network	800-866-4666
Crisis Pregnancy Hotline	800-672-2296
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270
The Gabriel Project	877-734-2444



WILL YOU HELP SAVE UNBORN BABIES?
NorthWest Families for Life
together with the *Respect Life Ministries at St Peter's and Surrounding Parishes*
invite you to pray and save lives
outside of the Wood Dale abortion facility

One of the main reasons women give for changing their mind about having an abortion is the presence of someone there outside the clinic praying for them.

Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale
Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 6:30am to 1pm

Could you be there one day a month? One hour a week?

- Any time you can sacrifice will make a difference!
- You DO NOT need to sign up to come out to pray.
- Just show up any of the above days and times
- You DO NOT need special training

For more information and more ways to be involved in this pro-life ministry, email Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@gmail.com or call Laura 847-651-4877, or call parishioner, Nancy Magnus 630-606-5197.

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.



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Avenue Women's Center is a local ministry that serves anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. If you suspect that you may be pregnant, you can reach out to the Avenue Women's Center helpline at 630-455-0300. Pregnancy test and consultations are offered at no charge. Most women also receive a free ultrasound.

The caring staff will walk with you through your decision and beyond, connecting you with practical resources wherever needed—from emergency funding to housing to childcare to job training, and much more.

Visit their website at AvenueWomensCenter.com.

Centers are located throughout DuPage County.

The Avenue Women's Center in Wood Dale is located at 132 East Irving Park Road.

CALENDAR OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Wednesday, September 25 - November 3 | "40 Days for Life"

A local vigil will be held 24-hours-per-day/7-days-per-week outside Advantage Healthcare, 203 E Irving Park Road, Wood Dale. To learn more and volunteer to pray at this location, visit 40Days4life.com/Wood-Dale.

Sunday, October 6, 2:00-3:00pm | National Life Chain

Experience a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion at Advantage Clinic, 203 E. Irving Park Road, Wood Dale.

Saturday, October 19, 2:00 pm | March for Life Palatine

Half mile walk to the plaza at Hicks and Northwest Highway for a rally with Crusaders for Life drummers and youth. Sponsored by the Northwest Families for Life.

Saturday, January 11, 2020, 1:00 pm | March for Life Chicago

If you have any questions or are interested in participating in these events, please contact parishioner Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

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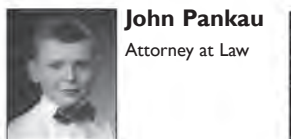
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