

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> Apostle

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

524 NORTH RUSH STREET | ITASCA, ILLINOIS 60143 | 630.773.1272



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### WEEKDAY LITURGIES

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: 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



December 17, 2017  
Third Sunday of Advent

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

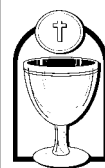
**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...**

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.

I thought many of you would like to know of the fruit of your generosity this Advent season. Again this year, the St. Peter's family rose to the occasion and shared with those less fortunate. Over 30 families were helped by your generosity, and additional families were helped by parishioners wishing to contribute even more. As a family and church, I am sure it warms your hearts, as it does mine, to know how well we take care of those in need. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for hearing the "cry of the poor," with your overwhelming response to their needs.

Advent is not about the gifts we receive; rather it is about who we are and the changes we make. Through the generosity we share with others and the changes we make in ourselves, we manifest Christ in the world. This helps us during this time of preparation to receive the newborn Jesus anew at Christmas.

During Advent, we also want to make an added effort to examine our consciences, as our minds and hearts turn to a deeper reconciliation with Our Lord. I believe it is important to go over a few things about the sacrament of reconciliation so when the opportunity arises to speak or bring someone to confession, it will be fresh in our minds.

If we are not already doing so, it is very fruitful to get into the habit of a nightly examination of conscience. It helps us to remember those little instances throughout the day when we could have done better, while deepening our faith and love of God as we ask for His help. The examination is done by placing ourselves in the presence of God, knowing He is with us. We should then ask the Holy Spirit to help us as we review our day. What were the things done well? What things could we have done better or not have done at all? We then ask the Holy Spirit for His help to do better the next day and say an Act of Contrition. The whole examination should take less than five minutes.

When we do our examination of conscience to prepare to receive the sacrament of reconciliation, we need to remember that there are three conditions that must be present for a sin to be mortal. It must be a serious matter in thought, word or action. It must be known that what is being done is seriously wrong, and the action or omission, which God has forbidden, must be freely chosen. There has been many a person who has stayed away from receiving the Eucharist because they believe they are in a state of mortal sin when they are not. They have not met all the conditions to be in mortal sin. Equally, there are many who are receiving the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin who should be refraining until they receive the sacrament of forgiveness.

There are five steps to a good confession. First is to conduct an examination of conscience. If it has been quite awhile since the last confession and help is needed, the priest is happy to assist during the confession. Second, is the need to be truly sorry for having offended God. Third, there needs to be a firm purpose of amendment to sin no more. Fourth, sins need to be confessed to a priest. And fifth, the penance given by the priest needs to be performed.

As Catholics, we are so very blessed to have the sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ through His Church. Reconciliation helps us to wipe the slate clean, reunites us with our loving Father, and gives us the needed grace to try again. God, knowing our weakened state, caused by original sin, lovingly provides the means to bring us back and closer to Him and His infinite love and mercy.

We will be having our Advent reconciliation service on Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 pm with three priests available for confession. I encourage you and ask you to encourage your family to come and receive the sacrament.

Have a blessed week and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Fr. Stawek*



*The child to be born  
will be called holy,  
the Son of God.*

~Luke 1:35

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Parish Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday beginning Friday, December 22, 2017 through Monday, January 1, 2018.

Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, January 2, 2018.



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

(NOTE: Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8 and 9:30 am; there will be NO 11:15 am Mass. These masses do not fulfill the Christmas obligation.)

**Sunday, December 24, 2017 (Christmas Eve)**  
4:00 pm | Christmas Family Mass

12:00 midnight | Christmas Midnight Mass  
(Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)

**Monday, December 25, 2017 (Christmas Day)**  
Masses: 8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:15 am

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

(As the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, falls on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.)

**Monday, January 1, 2018**  
Masses: 8:00 am | 11:15 am

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**  
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**  
Masses: 8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:15 am

## Stewardship of Treasure


*A Way of Life*  
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 24: Dec. 10, 2017	\$ 11,566.00	\$ 250,099.30
Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,455.00	

*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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 17</b> MANNA Sales after all Masses ( <i>Church/Narthex</i> )
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 18</b> 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg. ( <i>PC/Lower Level</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 20</b> 6:00 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir ( <i>Church</i> ) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal ( <i>Church</i> )
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 21</b> 9:00 am Morning Bible Discussion ( <i>Parish Hall</i> ) 6:30 pm Advent Confession Service ( <i>Church</i> ) 7:00 pm Deacon Bob's Bible Study: <i>The Holy Spirit</i> ( <i>Parish Hall</i> )
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 22</b> 9:00 am Morning Bible Discussion ( <i>Parish Hall</i> )
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 23</b> 4:00 pm Confessions ( <i>Church</i> )



**For the week beginning**  
**Saturday, December 16th | Sunday, December 17th**

Thank you to  
**Robert and Virginia Gosanko**  
for the beautiful flowers  
in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel  
*in honor of their*  
**Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary**

## Mass Intentions



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 17</b> ( <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> ) 8:00 am Philomenia Rucinski—Special Intention 9:30 am †Eileen Wietzmen 11:15 am †Maida Berrnacchi †Mae Simonsen †Frank Pedota †Nanci Troeger
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 18</b> ( <i>Late Advent Weekday</i> ) 8:00 am †Don Derma
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 19</b> ( <i>Late Advent Weekday</i> ) 8:00 am †Kenneth Kron
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 20</b> ( <i>Late Advent Weekday</i> ) 8:00 am James Booth—Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 21</b> ( <i>Late Advent Weekday—</i> <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> ) 8:00 am †Anthony Sr., †Katherine, †Anthony Jr. and †Edwin Banderowicz
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 22</b> ( <i>Late Advent Weekday</i> ) 8:00 am †Anna James Makil
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 23</b> ( <i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> ) 5:00 pm †Rosa Atenese †Iluminda Tiongson †Dorothy Baldwin †Vittorio Viola †Fred Pollock People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 24</b> ( <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> ) 8:00 am †Thomas Cummins 9:30 am †Ashley Barrett
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 24</b> ( <i>Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord</i> ) 4:00 pm †Walter Hoffman Midnight †Anne Fisher Young

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:	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] <i>R: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.</i>
Tuesday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22 <i>R: My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!</i>
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 <i>R: Let the Lord enter; he is the king of glory.</i>
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18 <i>R: Exult, you just, in the Lord! Sing to him a new song.</i>
Friday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 <i>R: My heart exults in the Lord, my Savior.</i>
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40 <i>R: Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.</i>
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

**Communion Ministers/  
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, December 23rd		Sunday, December 24th	
<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Servers</b>	
5:00 pm	Pat Cleveland Ken Cleveland Rosie McDonald Deacon Bob	5:00 pm	Jimmy Kollias Carole Sanders
8:00 am	Arlene Derma Bill Kolf Jim Ruffing Ralph D'Andrea	8:00 am	Bryn Ellenbecker Christopher Skiera
9:30 am	Frank McKenna Beth McKenna Kathy Frank Deacon Fred	9:30 am	Michael Fricano
<b>Lectors</b>		<b>Ushers</b>	
5:00 pm	Pat Powers Judy Ziomek	4:00 pm	Pat Tardi Gary Divis Ed Rossi
8:00 am	Chris Aument	8:00 am	Chris Aument Ralph D'Andrea Charles Fuscone Robert Gosanko
9:30 am	Laura Mack Erin Mack	9:30 am	Jim Ferenzi Joe Talaga Dennis Rosy
		11:15 am	Karl Schmidt John Carello Joe Crocilla Bill Hepperle Bruno Zecchin

**CHRISTMAS EVE: Sunday, December 24th**

<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Lectors</b>	
4:00 pm	Nancy Ferenzi John North Kay North	4:00 pm	Warner Cruz Paul Gennuso
Midnight	Valerie Serzen Linda Aiani Deacon Fred	Midnight	Diane Blackburn Michael Blackburn
		<b>Servers</b>	
		4:00pm	Dylan Williams Anthony Zapalik
		Midnight	Elliott Blackburn

**CHRISTMAS DAY: Monday, December 25th**

<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Lectors</b>	
8:00 am	Arlene Derma Dorie Calip Rose Ann Roll Bill Kolf	8:00 am	Chris Aument Sandie Galuszek
9:30 am	Kathy Frank Pat Schwartz Deacon Bob	9:30 am	Bill Schwartz Mel Gerard
11:15 am	Ken Cleveland Pat Cleveland Mary McNamara John Carello	11:15 am	Linda Vokoun Matt Vokoun
		<b>Servers</b>	
		8:00 am	Christopher Skiera
		9:30 am	Elise Rose Warren
		11:15 am	Michael Fricano

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

Barbara Beers	Carl Hansen	Baby Vincent Porter
Brian Beers	Jeanette Hemmelgarn	Megan Putze
Sue Bobka	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
John Booth	Shirley Janik	Irma Reyes
Janet Booth	Brian Josephus	Ellen Rossi
Jacqueline Castellano	Debra Kelly	John Rossi
Rosemary	Edward Kryger	Alanna Ruiz
Campolattara	Joe Kryger	Alexandra Ruiz
Regina Conti	Ruth Kryger	Roxanne Ruiz
Lucy Crocilla	Caryn Kuhlman	John Rossi
Collin Cummins	Rickie Kruzel	Savannah Rose Russo
Mary Cummins	Celeste Kucharczyk	Philomena Rucinski
Paul Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Janina Sabat
Valeria D'Andrea	Sharon Laughlin	Angela Scanlon
Margaret Del Preto	Elizabeth Lisak	Shauna Sheffer
Irene Dial	Pasquale Lopardo	Marilyn Sieradzki
Angeline DiFranco	Florence Lucas	Belinda Sobucki
Charles DiFranco Jr.	Eileen Marino	Richard D. Sokolowski
Teresa Dunhac	Patricia McMahon	Sharon Sowers
John Elia	Ann McNally	Gracie Ann Stella
Scott Erickson	Joanne Merner	Karen Stewart
Robert Fahler	Michael Merner	Joan Streich
Tracy Fink	Gene Mikulecky	Terry Tardi
Cheryl Fisherkeller	Christopher Mizera	Lorraine Thielberg
Sally Franz	Christina Morales	James Thompson
Mary Frawley	Leo Morrissey	Patricia Vitale
Chuck Fuscone	Peter Morrissey	Jennifer Weil
Dan Galuszek	Rich Mrugacz	Helen Wilczko
Joe Galuszek	Jean Nowobielski	Waclaw Wilczko
Mary Gawlik	Vince Oraziatti	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Mel Gerard	Fred Oslager	John Zell
Mike Graziano	Anne Marie Pagni	Judy Ziomek
Jerry Grimaldi	Harriett Pinkowski	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Joseph Halec		

*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 request to remain another six weeks.*

**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*

**MILITARY**

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne  
 PVT Jacob E. Cleveland, US Army Reserves  
 PFC Michael D'Andrea, US Army  
 CPT Joseph DeHaven, US Army  
 1LT Stephen Grabinski, US Army  
 1LT Steven Gregor, US Army  
 PVT Michael Helle, US Army  
 Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines  
 PFC Jacob Los, US Army  
 Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army  
 2ndLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines  
 SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines  
 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard  
 SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army  
 LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)  
 PO3 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy



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



Advent

# Confessions

Individual Confessions will be heard in Church on Thursday, December 21, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Confessions are also available on Saturdays at 4:00 pm, and by appointment.



## MANNA GIFT CARDS NEWS FLASH...

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

LAST CHANCE BEFORE CHRISTMAS —,

Manna will be sold through this weekend —December 17.



## Hours for the Lord

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017**

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS  
604 N. RAYNOR AVENUE ♦ JOLIET, IL**

**CONFESSIONS FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 2:30—3:30 P.M.**

Confessions will be heard in English throughout the day. Confessions will be heard in Spanish and Polish when confessors are available. Please check [straymond.net](http://straymond.net) the week prior for an updated schedule. Both face-to-face and behind-the-screen options are available.

This event is co-sponsored by the parishes of the Joliet Deanery.





## Make Plans to Attend Cupid's Ball

Knights of Columbus Council 10884 invites you to a gala evening of open bar, dinner, dancing, raffles and more!!!

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

**Alta Villa Banquets • Addison, Illinois**

**6:30 pm Cocktails | 7:30 pm Dinner**

**\$75 per person**

**Reservation Deadline: January 28, 2018**

### CASH RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

1st Prize..... \$ 1,500.00  
 2nd Prize..... \$ 500.00  
 5 Prizes..... \$ 100.00 each

Please detach and return the bottom reservation form to  
 Knights of Columbus #10884  
 524 N. Rush Street  
 Itasca, Illinois 60143

Reservations may also be submitted personally to a Knight.  
 Admittance must be paid for in advance. Thank you.

Please contact Tom Kryger (630-773-9392) with any questions.  
 You can also send an e-mail to [knights@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:knights@stpeteritasca.com) or  
 visit us on Facebook at "St Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus - Itasca"

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Ticket(s) @ \$75/person (open bar)\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Raffle Ticket(s) \$50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ I am unable to attend but would like to make a monetary donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total payment) is enclosed.  
 Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #10884.

Donations for raffle prizes, as well sponsorship in our ad book, are graciously accepted.

Ad book sponsorships:

- Inside front cover \$ 150
- Full page \$ 100
- Half page \$ 60
- Quarter page/business card \$ 35

For information on raffle prize donations, please e-mail [knights@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:knights@stpeteritasca.com).

For ad submission information contact Diane Blackburn at 630/773-1999 or by e-mail at [dtmb3@aol.com](mailto:dtmb3@aol.com).

**\*\*For tables of 10**, please list below ALL names for the table and submit ALL payment together\*. Other than complete tables of 10, seating will be arranged at the discretion of the committee.

**Please circle meal choice:** Chicken (C) or Vegetarian (V)

1 _____ c v	6 _____ c v
2 _____ c v	7 _____ c v
3 _____ c v	8 _____ c v
4 _____ c v	9 _____ c v
5 _____ c v	10 _____ c v

\*seating cannot be guaranteed for reservations received after the deadline



*Now's the Perfect Time*

# 4 WAYS to Benefit From a Year-End Gift

The final months of the year are traditionally considered the season of giving. In addition to the gifts we give to the important people in our lives, this season of generosity is also the prime time to show support for the causes we love. When you support your parish this year, not only will others benefit, but so will you.

Few things in life offer more personal satisfaction than helping others. When you make a gift at year-end in support of our vital mission, not only will you help us meet our goals, but you can also receive important tax benefits. Here is what you need to know about making charitable gifts before the year comes to a close.

## Explore Your Options

Although there may still be time to make several different types of charitable gifts, based on your unique situation and tax considerations, some gift types may be more practical than others. Following are a number of popular options.

### 1 Make an immediate impact.

Cash is an easy way to give each year. You can receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full value of the gift, up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. If you write a check for less than \$250, a copy of the check will suffice as a record of the gift. You should obtain a receipt for gifts of \$250 or more.

### 2 Save taxes on appreciated stock.

When you donate stocks that are worth more than what you originally paid for them, you can claim deductions for their full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

### 3 Avoid the hassles and costs associated with selling real estate

Like securities, if you try to sell appreciated property you will be subject to capital gains tax on the appreciation. By donating the property to charity, you can enjoy tax savings and relieve yourself from the hassles of selling or maintaining it.

### 4 Put an insurance Policy to good use.

An old policy you no longer need can make a big impact on our work. To qualify as a deductible gift, we must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy - whichever is less.

It is more common for policies to still require premiums to be paid. When you donate these, the future premiums are tax-deductible as you pay them.





Don't let 2017 slip by without taking full advantage of your charitable giving. When reviewing your options for tax-deductible donations, please consider St. Peter the Apostle Parish as an option for your year-end giving.

Your support of the parish community and its efforts to sustain the parish for current and future generations is greatly appreciated.

Donations should be submitted no later than **December 25, 2017** in order to receive credit for the current year. Envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Center or in the collection basket.

Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law • Non-profit 501(c)3 Federal Tax ID # 36-2345185

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

*He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. & Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.*

Respect  
Life



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, [www.bit.ly/2x31e1X](http://www.bit.ly/2x31e1X)

# Respect Life

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Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
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The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
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If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

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If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center ([www.ncbcenter.org/emergency\\_consultation.asp](http://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.

**Celebration of Life Mass**  
**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

11:00 AM Mass  
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