

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> 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*)

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*Behold, the wages you  
withheld from the workers  
who harvested your  
fields are crying aloud;  
and the cries of the harvesters  
have reached the ears  
of the Lord of hosts.*

*James 5:4*

# From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

Jesus came into the world not only to save us, but also to show us how we are to live and to love. He taught with words, and we need to learn and follow what he said; but He also taught with actions. When the people were hungry, he gave them bread to eat; when they were sick, he visited them and brought healing. In all its forms and stages, Christ showed great respect for life. He cared greatly for those around Him. His love, concern, and respect for people was consistent. And, as outdated, and out of step as that may seem to so many in our world - The Catholic view of Respect for Life is, like Christ's, very consistent.

Next Sunday we will observe Respect Life Sunday. In churches throughout the Country, Catholics and Christians are coming together in prayer to reflect on the meaning of this most important issue: Honoring and respecting life... in imitation of Jesus.

In today's first reading from the Book of Numbers, the Lord took some of the spirit that was on Moses and bestowed it on the seventy elders; the spirit rested upon them, and they prophesied. Oh, how much more we need prophets today!

When one in four children in their mother's womb are not safe from being killed by abortion. When euthanasia is advocated as a way of ending the lives of those who are terminally ill, or mentally impaired. When marriage is viewed as a legal contract whose meaning is debated by legislators and jurists, and not as a sacred covenant given by God. When family breaks more than it thrives. When the very old and the very young are neglected, forgotten, abused, and seen as dispensable. Yes, we certainly need to pray that the Spirit of God fall on all people with a voice - we have a great need for prophets today... people who are willing and able to imitate Jesus in His care and respect for others, for all life.

Mention Respect for Life and everyone thinks abortion. And that's a good place to start because you would think that would be an easy one to agree upon - taking a human life in the womb is obviously wrong and immoral. Yet, it is a controversy that tears at our Nation's fabric and wrenches the heart of society.

When it was first introduced in the US, many thought legal abortion would be the answer to all our social problems - abortion would eradicate poverty by eradicating the poor. End the cycle of poverty by ending the lives of even the most innocent. Yet we see, even in a growing economy, that poverty and abuse still exist. Many thought abortion would be the great liberating element for women in society - and yet, abortion enslaves women, men, children, it truly hurts ethnic groups as well, including blacks and Hispanics. Doctors, pharmacists and nurses who have the skill to heal, are instead forced to directly kill through abortion and euthanasia. Society itself is enslaved - no one is freed by rejecting God's gift of life. Certainly, there seems to be a great need for prophets in today's world!

Jesus is very clear in today's Gospel... Whoever is not against us is for us. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, will likewise be held accountable before the Lord. The "little ones" are Christ's disciples, and it is clear from His words that nothing in life is worth more than virtue.

Not even my hand, my foot or my eye is worth more than doing what God requires of me. That is why preaching and working for the Gospel of Life is so essential. The choice is clear: obedience or dis-obedience, life or death, virtue or sin, heaven or hell.

As we begin this Respect Life month, do what you can to become more informed about the many issues of the Respect Life movement. Other issues are important too, such as immigrants' rights and care for the poor. Without respect for life at its beginning, all of these other respect for life issues easily fade and fall away.

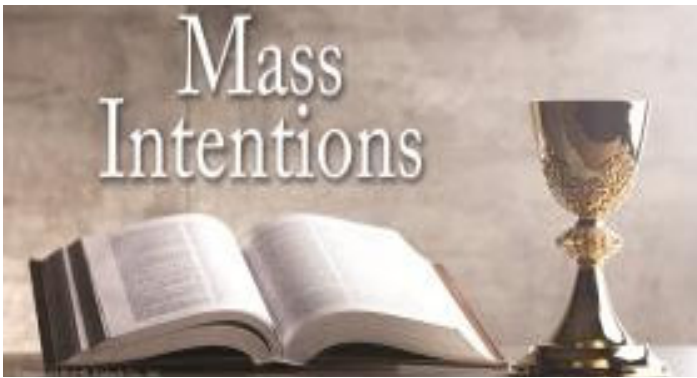
Let us truly be prophets and stand up and when we have the opportunity to vote, vote properly for those politicians who promote a culture of life, not a culture of death. Choose wisely in all that you do, including your right to vote for those who make and enforce our laws as Americans and as citizens of Illinois. This is what it means to defend the Gospel of Life, to be a prophet, a prophet that seeks to imitate Jesus!

This coming week, I will be attending the bi-annual Convocation of Priests for the Diocese of Joliet. I'll be gone from Monday until Friday (September 27-October 1). Because all priests of the Diocese are required to attend this meeting with our Bishop, daily masses will NOT be celebrated on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Deacon Fred will offer Communion services on those days. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am on Monday, Friday and Saturday. Of course, I will be in contact with the Parish Office should emergency situations arise that need my attention.

I ask you to pray for Bishop Hicks and all of the priests of the Diocese of Joliet who will gather for these days of prayer, education, priestly formation, and fellowship. The days of Convocation are "full," but it is wonderful when all of the priests are together with our Bishop.

God's blessings!

*Fr. Noesen*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 26 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	†Giulietta Alfano
10:00 am	†Robert Noesen Sr. and Mary Catherine Noesen
11:30 am	†Dorothy Cubellis
	†Jim and Maryann Koback
	†Vittorio Landrisci
	†Giuseppina Ribauda
	†Jean Sroka
	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 27 (St. Vincent de Paul, Priest)</b>
8:00 am	†John Kempel
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 28 (St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; Ss. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs)</b>
8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 29 (Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels)</b>
8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 30 (St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>
8:00 am	Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 1 (St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church)</b>
8:00 am	†James and Maryann Koback
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)</b>
8:00 am	†Rudolph Spandau
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 2 (Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
5:00 pm	†Kenneth R. Barton                      †Robert Hoffman
	†Baldemar Carriedo                      †Richard C. Perotti
	†Larry Dohrer                              †Maria Trejo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 3 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	For an End to Abortion
10:00 am	†Frances Barsella
11:30 am	†Henryk Badya                              †Vania Giannetti
	†Dorothy Cubellis                              †Gloria Rebustes
	†Giuseppe Fricano                              People of the Parish

**Readings for the Week**

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

**FIRST FRIDAY  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...**

**will take place at St. Peter's Church on October 1.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
will begin following 8:00 am Mass  
and will conclude at 8:00 pm.**

*Come spend quiet time with Jesus  
before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.*

*This is a wonderful time to offer your  
prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions  
for yourself or loved ones.*

**To ensure that two people are present at all times,  
anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot  
is asked to sign up using the link available on  
the parish website at [stpeteritasca.com](http://stpeteritasca.com)**



**Prayer of Adoration**

*The Most Blessed Sacrament,  
My Lord Jesus Christ,  
I adore you in all the tabernacles  
of the world.*

*I offer you my life in reparation  
for the sins against the Blessed Sacrament,  
the unworthy communions, disrespect,  
lack of reverence in your Churches,  
and countless other sins  
against your most Holy Body and Blood.*

*Please, my Lord, increase my faith  
in your Eucharistic presence  
so that my devotion may be fanned  
into a flame of love of you  
and that I may go into the world  
to proclaim your kingdom.  
I ask this of your mercy in your Holy Name.*

*Amen.*



## Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life*  
**St. Peter the Apostle**

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 12: 09/19/2021	\$ 7,567.00	\$116,565.37

*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).



**Electronic Giving is available using 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](http://givecentral.org/location/1251)

**There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of September 9, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$369,179.18. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.**

**Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning. Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.**

### This Week at St. Peter's...

- Tuesday September 28**  
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (*Church*)
- Wednesday September 29**  
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (*School/Church*)
- Thursday September 30**  
9:00 am "Be Formed" Bible Discussion (*MW Parish Hall*)
- Friday October 1**  
8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass  
7:00 pm Rosary (*Church*)  
8:00 pm Benediction
- Saturday October 2**  
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (*School/Church*)  
4:15 pm Confessions (*Church*)  
7:00 pm Rosary (*Church*)
- Sunday October 3**  
12:15 pm Pet Blessing (*outside - in front of Church*)  
7:00 pm Rosary (*Church*)

### Update on Father Thomas Botheroyd

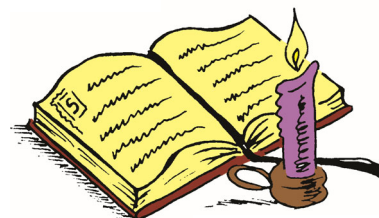
Father Thomas Botheroyd, a recently retired priest of the Diocese, began helping us with masses just two months. Unfortunately, Father is having some serious health issues and will not be available to help with Mass for the time being. Father recently retired from his pastorate at Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard, and he was looking forward to a well-deserved rest. Please keep Father Tom in your prayers so that he may recover, receiving the healing grace of Jesus, the Divine Physician.

If you would like to send Father a note, encouraging him and offering comfort, please address it to

Father Tom Botheroyd  
 Saint John Vianney Retirement Villa  
 1464 Green Trails Drive - #6  
 Naperville, Illinois 60540

Please remember to pray daily for our priests and for the young men of our Diocese in the seminary. Pray, and "beg the Lord of the Harvest to send workers to His harvest" [Matthew 9:38]. Pray for vocations! Many parishes in the United States do not have a full-time priest. That is a tragedy, and it should motivate all of us to work for vocations. In your prayers, remember to thank God for the priests we have in our Diocese, and for those that continue to discern their call from the Lord to serve His Church as Priests. Pray that all may seek the heart of Christ. Hopefully, many young men from our own parish may consider a Vocation to the Priesthood, to serve the Church and the Lord in His Mission to bring about the Kingdom.

Pray, asking the intercession of Mary, Queen of the Clergy, and work for Vocations to the Priesthood!



You are cordially invited to  
**“Sing with the Angels”**

**ROSARY and MOVIE NIGHT**

*in honor of Our Lady of Fatima*

**Saturday, October 9**

**6:30 pm**

*(please arrive on time)*

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

**Margaret Woods Hall**

**Don't forget to bring your rosary.**

Refreshments will be provided.

*If you prefer, you may bring your own comfy lawn chair to sit on during the movie.*

- please register on the parish website -  
 (or call Maria at 630-373-4710)



All are welcome to stop by the Margaret Wood's Parish Hall weekly following all Sunday morning masses.

Grab a doughnut, a beverage and some fellowship!



**Annual Pet Blessing**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 12:30 pm**  
**in front of church**

*Please bring your pets (contained or on a leash) to receive this special blessing from the Lord through the intercession of Saint Francis*

**CELEBRATING OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN OCTOBER**

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Additionally, we recognize Our Lady of Fatima for her Miracle of the Sun on October 13. To celebrate and honor this special tradition in our Catholic faith, several opportunities are available to join in praying the Rosary with the parish community.

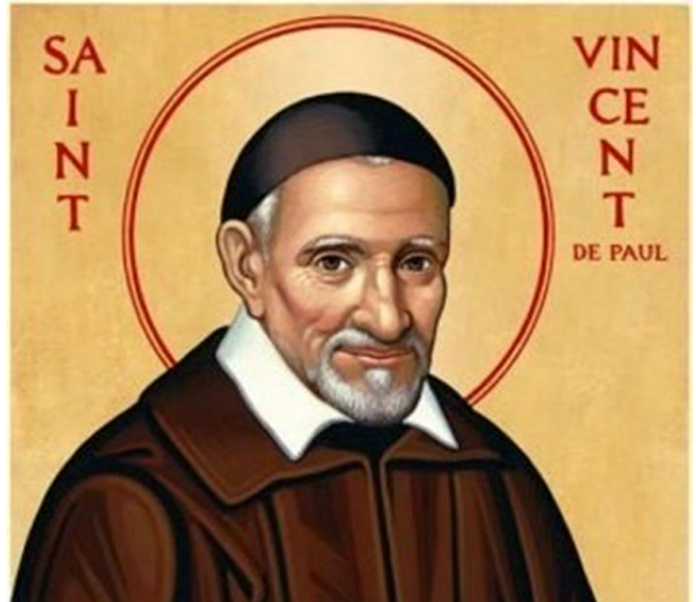
- > **Tuesday Evening Rosary - Weekly on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7:15pm**  
*(Held in Church)*
- > **October 1 -7: Rosary devotional services honoring Our Lady of Fatima will take place nightly at 7:00 pm. (Note: October 5th start time is 7:15pm)**  
*(Held in Church)*
- > **October 9: Sing With the Angels - Our Lady of Fatima, begins at 6:30pm**  
*(Held in Margaret Woods Hall)*
- > **October 16: America Needs Fatima - Rosary Across the Nation**  
*(Held outside in Mary Grotto or in Church if inclement weather)*



*O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
 you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.  
 We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein  
 may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask,  
 through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.*

**“Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your Heavenly Father. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.”**

- Matthew 6



The spiritual work of almsgiving is an essential part of our Catholic faith. We need to make a conscious, regular, and generous effort to provide for those in need. Many years ago, our parish established a fund, named after Saint Vincent de Paul, to assist those in need. Each month, parishioners have been asked to use their monthly envelopes to contribute to this fund. If you do not receive monthly parish envelopes, I encourage you to contribute to this needy fund either online through our parish website or send in a donation marked St. Vincent Poor Fund.

The mercy, compassion, and love of God is our greatest treasure and should be the focus of our lives. His mercy is seen perfectly in the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints. In particular, Saint Vincent de Paul was one who called the rich, the not so rich, and the clergy of France to do what they could to meet the many needs of the poor. Saint Vincent called the people of his day to become mercy itself. He preached and taught others to live out their Catholic faith so as to experience in their own lives the love and mercy of God. We are called to put the mercy and love we have received from the hand of God into action in our own lives. In Christ's name, at our parish, through our Saint Vincent Poor Fund, we extend assistance to those in need. In obedience to His command to *“love one another as I have loved you,”* we must reach out in love and in concern to those around us especially to God's poor.

One way we do that is through almsgiving. *In giving alms, Scripture says, our “left hand is not to know what our right hand is doing, for our Father who sees in secret will repay us.”* When we give alms for love of Jesus to help those who are in need and to help ourselves, only then do our gifts become true corporal works of mercy. True alms should also include the element of sacrifice. We are to give until we can feel the sacrifice in our giving. For each person, the amount varies, and the amount of the gift is unimportant. The Lord does not ask equal gifts. He demands equal sacrifice.

Regular requests are made of the parish for assistance from individuals and various organizations institutions who assist those in need. These requests have been ongoing for years. Our parish currently contributes hundreds of dollars a month to public housing in our area. We are also currently assisting with the rent for a mother and her two young children. We give financial gifts and non-perishable food and household items to the Itasca Food Pantry. Other contributions are also made when the parish is called to respond to legitimate and serious requests for assistance. In the past, a few parishioners have helped former pastors with the management of this fund. Presently, there is no one helping on a regular basis. A few weeks ago, I asked parishioners to consider helping form a Saint Vincent Committee that would help oversee our parish fund and help to decide how we can be of greater assistance as a parish community. Although no one has stepped forward as yet, I am hopeful that some parishioners are still discerning and will make a commitment to this committee.

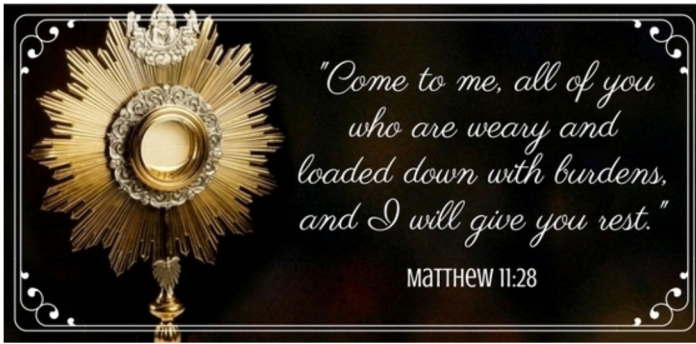
As we celebrate the **Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul this week on September 27**, I hope more of you will reach out to the poor and live your faith through good works for them. The Saint Vincent Poor Fund at our parish is one concrete way to help consistently. In addition to the monthly Saint Vincent envelope in your packets, I would like help in purchasing “poor boxes” to be installed near the entrance of the church. Monies received will be placed in the Saint Vincent Fund. It is from this single charitable fund that our parish will continue to provide for the needs of the poor, contribute to the programs we already support, and hopefully increase our care for God's poor.

Make it a regular habit to provide for those in need. The Lord will bless you abundantly for your generosity. I personally thank you all who consistently give and to the past benefactors of the parish who regularly gave to the Saint Vincent de Paul Poor Fund.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Noesen*





## What's the history of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

It seems that several parishes have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, either as a regular practice or just on occasion, as is done at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, once a month.

Is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament something new? Isn't the celebration of the Mass enough?

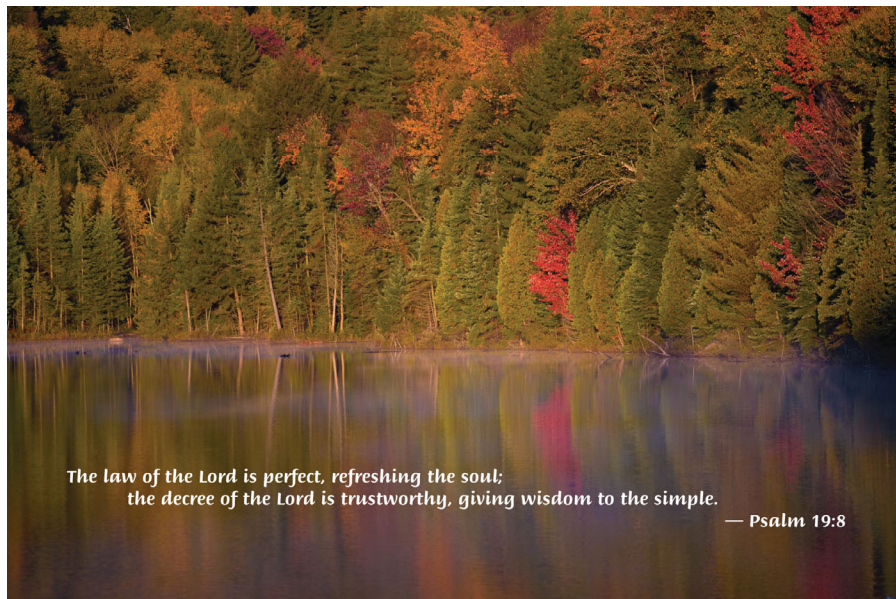
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not something new. It is a centuries-old practice rooted in an essential teaching of Catholic Christianity: Jesus Christ is truly and completely present in the Eucharist. Like many practices of our faith, however, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament developed gradually.

In the earliest years of Christianity, consecrated hosts would be brought home from the celebration of the Eucharist to be given to those not able to be present at the liturgy because of illness. The hosts were to be consumed by the faithful during the week to keep them connected to the Eucharist and the community they celebrated with. In about the fourth century, monasteries began to reserve the Eucharist, and by the 11th century, reservation—still mainly for the sick and dying—was a regular feature of churches. While reverence was certainly given to Christ present in the sacrament, it was not yet customary to pray before the reserved Sacrament.

In the 11th century the French monk Berengar of Tours began to teach that the bread and wine in the celebration of the Eucharist could not change physically into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Pope Gregory VII demanded a retraction from Berengar, saying that the body and blood of Christ were truly present in the Eucharist. This resulted in a refining of the church's teaching on the real presence. In response, Eucharistic devotion burst forth throughout Europe: processions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and other prayers focused on the reserved sacrament became part of Catholic life. Around the same time, elevations of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ were added to the Eucharistic prayer at Mass. For some, the moment of seeing the consecrated host overshadowed the rest of the liturgy. Times of extended exposition of the Blessed Sacrament outside the Mass grew out of this action, and eventually a blessing with the exposed Eucharist, or Benediction, developed. The Feast of Corpus Christi developed in the 13th and 14th centuries. Processions became traditional on this day, and other devotions, including adoration, gained popularity. Eucharistic Congresses, held since the late 19th century continue to promote this devotion.

Since the Second Vatican Council, a great deal of attention has focused on the reform of the liturgy and a deepening of Eucharistic theology and piety, but the practice of adoration remained in many places. Like the practice of the earliest Christians, adoration can keep us connected to the community's celebration of the Eucharist.

Join your fellow parishioners in Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration every First Friday beginning after the 8:00 am Mass and concluding at 8:00 pm.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Itasca Food Pantry Benefit

Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00pm to ???

At *Cucina Casale*— 216 N. Walnut Street in Itasca

Limited Menu: Pizza ~ Brats ~ Italian Sausage ~ Hot Dogs

Call 630-285-0840 for reservations

Live music under the tent from 7 – 10pm  
provided by “**THROWBACK JUKEBOX**”



Your tax deductible checks should be made out to “Itasca Food Pantry” and can be mailed to Tom Kryger at 21w307 Temple Dr., Itasca, IL. 60143. Tom can be reached at (630) 773-9392



September 22 - October 31, 2021

- Prayer & Fasting
- Community Outreach
- Peaceful Vigil

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

### Help Save Lives by Praying to End Abortion

#### What is 40 Days for Life?

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

#### Learn More & Sign Up to Pray Locally:

**Downers Grove** (1700 7t5th Street):

[40DaysForLife.com/en/DownersGrove](http://40DaysForLife.com/en/DownersGrove)

Contact: Caron by email at [40DaysDG@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysDG@gmail.com)

**Aurora** (3051 E. New York Street):

[40daysforlife.com/en/Aurora](http://40daysforlife.com/en/Aurora)

Contact: Phil Price by phone at (252) 0991

or by email at [40days4lifeaurora@gmail.com](mailto:40days4lifeaurora@gmail.com)

## NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN



Respect Life  
Sunday

**Sunday, October 3**  
**2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Advantage Clinic**  
**203 E. Irving Park Rd.**  
**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 3rd 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.

## Authentic Italian Feast



All You Can Eat Dinner

— Featuring Over 15 Items —

Salad · Bread · Pasta (7 varieties)

Meatballs · Sausage · Seafood

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To Benefit Services for:  
Blind  
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and local  
Community  
Organizations

**Sunday, September 26th**  
**12-5 pm**



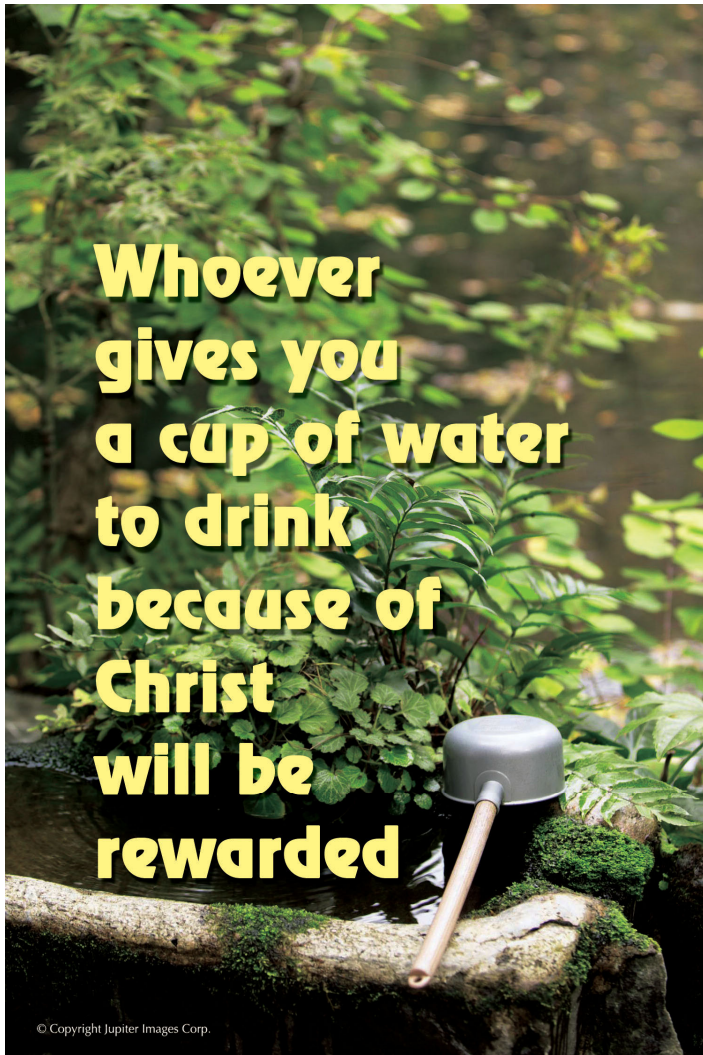
**DONATION**  
**\$15.00 at the door**

**ITASCA PARK DIST.**  
350 E. Irving Park Road  
Itasca, Illinois

**Children - \$5.00**  
**Seniors - \$12.00**

— **FEATURING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT** —






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

Joann Anderson	Gerri Gerard	Christopher Mizera
Michelle Anderson	Mel Gerard	Julie Mulcahey
Sue Bobka	Brad Grabow	John North
Elio Campanella	Mike Graziano	Holly Vana
Mike Carey	Gary Grote	Tom Vana
Gerry Ciucci	Virginia Halac	Harriett Pinkowski
Eunice Cleveland	Martha Hayes	Bonnie Pollock
Robert Cleveland	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Mary Hosters	Ann Marie Rossi
Marie Costable	Anne Keeton	John Rossi
Colin Cummins	Rickie Kruzell	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Michael Cummins	Lilly Lima	Linda Wuerffel
Paul Cummins	Anthony Mazzucchi	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Jeanne Finn	Gene Mikulecky	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 September prayers for the Church and for the world:

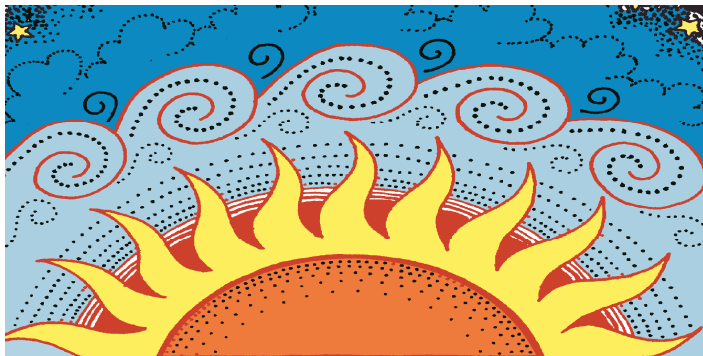
**AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE**  
*We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

*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  
 CPT Steven Gregor, US Army  
 SGT Michael Helle, US Army  
 Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines  
 PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard  
 CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy  
 SGT Jacob Los, US Army  
 Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army  
 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines  
 Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard  
 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)  
 SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines  
 Robert P. Woods Lt. JG. US Navy  
 Thomas Zablocki, US Marines  
 PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy

*The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.*

— Psalm 19:8



**RECTORY/PARISH CENTER**

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**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**

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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)



**TRAVELING?**

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**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).

**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 12:30 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.





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