

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival 2022
2025

July 16, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

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

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: 6:45 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*)

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

For details regarding planning a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) or visit the parish website.



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23



Dear Parishioners:

I was so overwhelmed with your hospitality and welcoming during my first weekend at St. Peter's and since then as well. As I celebrated the Eucharist with you my first weekend here, my heart filled with joy. Having experienced your welcoming words and gestures, I know that this is the place for me to serve with love as your pastor. Please continue to pray for me so that I may be a good pastor to you.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank Deacon Fred for his service and commitment, and his love to serve the parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle for the last 10 months as Administrator. He has done a wonderful job. On behalf of the parishioners, I want to say thank you Deacon Fred for the marvelous job you did here.

During this last 10 months of difficult times, the staff also came forward and did a tremendous job... finding priests to cover masses and working tirelessly together to make sure the parish continued to be in good shape. I want to acknowledge and thank the staff for the wonderful job they've done managing without a pastor.

I am very happy to be here. I am looking forward to serving you.



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



Thank you



***The watch party continues...
"The Chosen"***

The Chosen is back and the "watch party" is taking place weekly at 7:00 pm in Margaret Woods Hall.

Everyone is invited to attend to watch the acclaimed series on the life of Jesus and His "Chosen" followers.

June 7 - S3, Ep1: Homecoming

June 14 - S3, Ep2: Two by Two

June 21 - S3, Ep3: Physician, Heal Yourself

June 28 - S3, Ep4: Clean, Part 1

July 5 - S3, Ep5: Clean, Part 2

July 12 - S3, Ep6: Intensity in Tent City

July 19 - S3, Ep7: Ears to Hear

July 27 (Thursday) - S3, Ep8: Sustenance

***No matter where you are
in your journey with Jesus Christ,
this show is for you.***

For additional information, contact Deacon Bob by email at deaconbob@stpeteritasca.com



**Transitional
Housing
Ministry**

The Transitional Housing family is doing well – thanks to the support of all who have donated and prayed for them.

Thank you to all who have provided support to the family by means of donations of diapers, wipes, clothes, money, and other items needed by the family. This generosity has greatly helped the family move forward.

For anyone looking to offer additional support, currently the family needs are as follows:

Boy's...

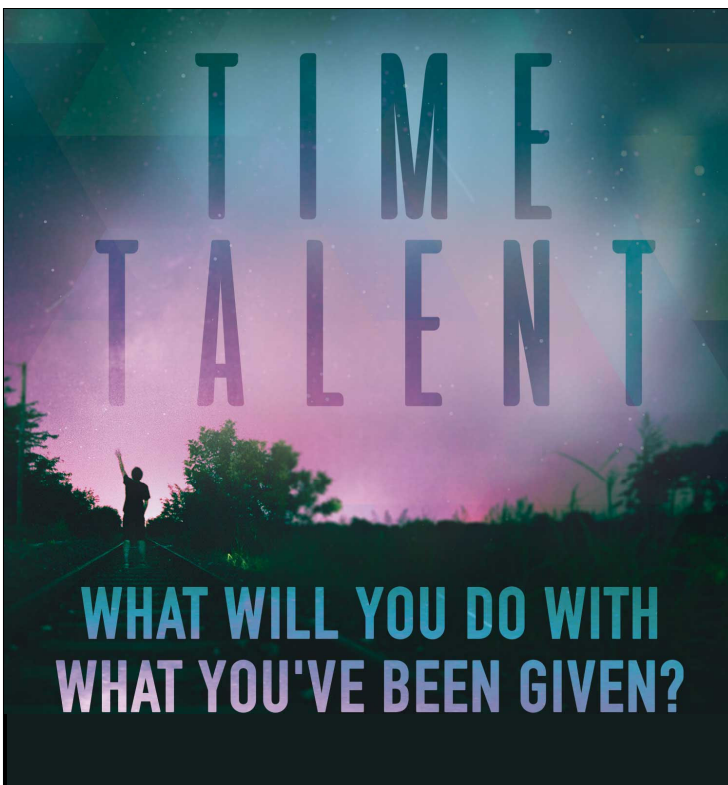
- size 6 diapers
- 3T winter clothes
- size 7 shoes

Girl's...

- 3T-4T pullups
- 4T winter clothes
- size 9 shoes

Donations can be brought to the Parish Center.

For additional information or to donate an item in need, please contact , Adam Stephan at adam.stephan@gmail.com or 847-715-8326.



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Bishop Hicks' Column

July 2023

A month to refresh and recharge



RECENTLY, I VISITED A PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE. Immediately after the Mass, I was delighted to begin the "meet and greet" in the narthex. Per usual, the topics of conversation were widely varied. I was struck, however, by a comment made by one of the parishioners. Seemingly out of nowhere, she exhorted me: "Bishop, we are all in need of the month of July!" I think she read the polite—yet confused—look on my face, as she explained, "Life gets so busy and crazy. It seems that July is the only month to slow down, enjoy the warm weather and just chill out!" Nodding with affirmation, I smiled and chuckled as I replied to her, "I think you are right. We all need a little summer in our lives." With that, a huge smile appeared on her face as she raised her hand to give me an enthusiastic high five.

Truth be told, I love the month of July. I have great childhood memories of mid-summer, specifically about Independence Day. Each year on the Fourth of July, my grandma would host an all-day family gathering at her house in Blue Island, Illinois. My uncles would fire up the large, charcoal grills around 7 a.m. After cooking many pounds of bacon, the eggs then were fried in the drippings. But this annual ritual divided the family down the middle—there were about half of us (including me) who viewed this breakfast as one of the greatest culinary delights of the year. The other half would not permit the grill masters to touch their plates, opting instead for kitchen-made eggs and pancakes with some coffee cake and fruit.

After this grand breakfast, the day would be filled with music, conversation, volleyball, croquet, a beanbag toss, and—for some—a walk to Western Avenue to watch the Fourth of July parade. The day concluded by sitting on lawn chairs and blankets as we watched the fireworks from the local high school as we passed around bug repellent to keep the mosquitoes away.

To this day, I still cherish those family memories of the Fourth of July at my grandma's. Instead of work, study, or chores, it was a day to truly disconnect from the obligations of life and simply enjoy a full day of food, fun, family, and friends. And like most of us, I relished a break from work and school.

As we enter fully into this month of July, maybe it is not only time to refresh and recharge our lives with some good food, fun, family and friends. Perhaps summertime also is our opportunity to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

One way to revive ourselves is to immerse ourselves in God's creation. In contrast to those gray periods of winter, the sun now shines brightly as our days are longer between sunrise and sunset. The flowers are blooming with vivid colors and the canopy of full trees offer coolness and shade. We can open our windows and listen to birds chirp as we bite into garden-fresh tomatoes, peppers, cherries, and watermelon. It is also a time to notice our neighbors, as many people enjoy a morning or evening walk and children ride bikes around the neighborhood.

How will you refresh and recharge this summer? Perhaps it is the promise of a long-awaited family vacation to a nearby campsite, lake, or amusement park. Or maybe you'll take a trip to sightsee or visit family and friends afar. During your travels, consider stopping at a shrine or spirituality center along the way.

For others, a "staycation" sounds heavenly. Maybe July will provide you the time to leisurely read a recommended book, clean out the garage, play a board or card game, walk the dog a little longer, or leisurely lay in a hammock or favorite lawn chair and just stare up at the trees or the stars.

On the spiritual level, if you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, please do not take a vacation from attending Mass. Instead of looking at it as a way to merely fulfill an obligation, remember that you're participating in and receiving the greatest gift that God has given to us—Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Attending a different Catholic church also can invigorate us while we experience new congregations, listen to different homilists, and worship with other choirs and musicians.

As Catholics, we are reminded that while we embrace the downtime of summer, there is no need to take a break from God! In fact, it's a wonderful time to invite Jesus Christ into your summer experience. For like I was told in the narthex after Mass, we need the month of July! This is the perfect month to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

May you have a happy summer and may God bless and protect you always.

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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Quo Vadis Days is a 4-day/3-night camp co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians.

The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun - sports, canoeing, capture the flag, fires and s'mores, and much more.

The camp is open to all 13-18 year old men that want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood.

To pay and register with the Diocese of Joliet, visit:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/602809448287>

Questions, please email us at:
vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org



Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. Over the next few weeks, the Gospel readings will consist of the entire 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, a lengthy teaching discourse.

Throughout this discourse, Jesus will offer several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. He begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil.

Jesus then explains his use of parables. Jesus seems to suggest that he uses parables to teach because the meanings of parables are not self-evident. The hearer must engage in some degree of reflection in order to comprehend the message of a parable. In this way, the medium—the parable—models the point of the parable of the sower. Those who are willing to engage themselves in the effort to understand will be rewarded by the discovery of the message and will bear fruit.

To bring home the point, Jesus interprets the parable of the sower to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.

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SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and reignite your zeal for living the virtuous life!

USCCB Small Group
Material will be included as it becomes available


REGISTRATION OPEN
JULY 11 - AUGUST 27TH!



SEASON 7
EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

On or after July 11th, register by using the QR code above or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu>

SOWN



“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it.”

MATTHEW 13:23




Stewardship of Treasure


St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 1: Sunday Collection (07/02/2023)\$ 11,309.00
 Fiscal Week 2: Sunday Collection (07/09/2023)\$ 9,313.00
 GiveCentral: June 2023\$ 3,060.00

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

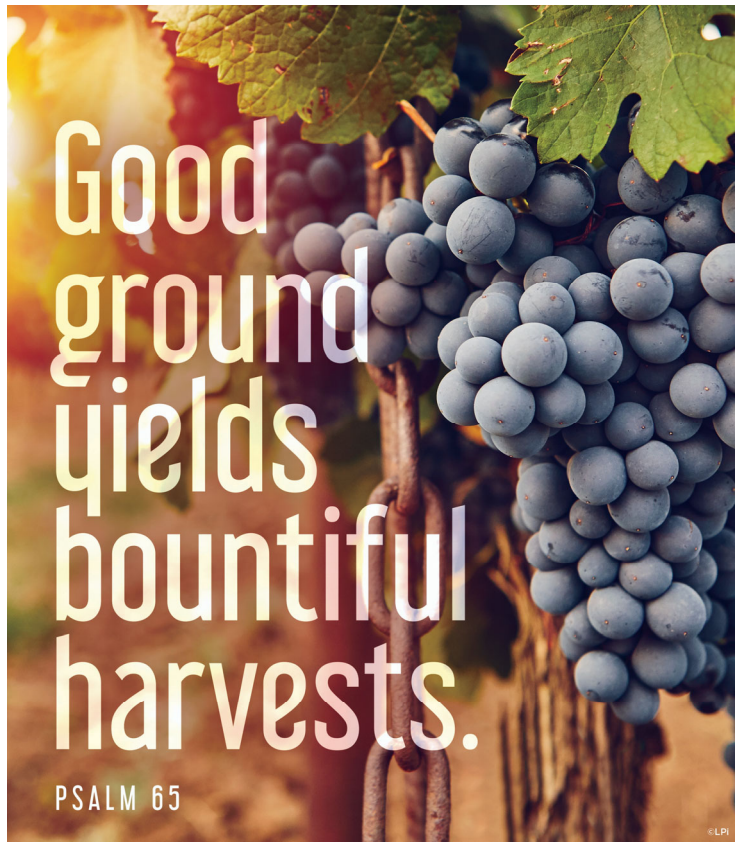


Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.




You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

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...

- Monday**
7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus General Meeting (*MW Hall*)
- Tuesday**
10:00 am
Crochet Group (*MW Hall*)
7:15 pm
Tuesday Evening Rosary (*Church*)
- Wednesday**
8:30 am
Confessions (*Church*)
7:00 pm
The Chosen Watch Party (*MW Hall*)
- Thursday**
7:00 pm
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (*AFCM Center*)
- Friday**
6:45 am
Communion Service (*Church*)
8:00 am
Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (*Church*)
- Saturday**
4:15 pm
Confessions (*Church*)



Deacon Anthony offers a Communion Service weekly on **Friday mornings at 6:45 am**. The Communion Service does not replace the 8:00 am mass, but rather is an alternative for those unable to attend Mass.

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prayer for our priests and vocation to priesthood

"Support your priests with love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart". - Pope Francis

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING -
 7:00-8:00 pm | Prayer for Priests
 8:00-9:00 pm | Silent Adoration

AFCM Media Center | 524 N Rush St (Old Parish Center) | Itasca
 Contact: Reetha George at 630-744-9063



SCHEDULE	
Saturday, July 22	Sunday, July 23
<p>Celebrants</p> <p>5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen 8:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen 10:00 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen 11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette</p> <p>Lectors</p> <p>5:00 pm Diane Blackburn 8:30 am Chris Aument 10:00 am Kathy Laken 11:30 am Paul Gennuso</p>	<p>Communion Ministers</p> <p>5:00 pm Beth McKenna Frank McKenna 8:30 am Jim Ruffing Deacon Bob 10:00 am Mary Booth Edgar Garcia 11:30 am Bill Kolf Deacon Fred</p>

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday July 16 (Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am People of the Parish
10:00 am †Joseph Bratta
11:30 am †Gaspere Bruno
†Lisa Compise
†George M. Kovach
†Paurime Ragas
†Linda Wuerffel
†Andrzej Szymikowski

Monday July 17 (Weekday)

8:00 am †Peter Vivacqua

Tuesday July 18 (Weekday; St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest)

8:00 am †Patricia DeBella

Wednesday July 19 (Weekday)

8:00 am †Edward S. Kryger

Thursday July 20 (Weekday; St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr)

8:00 am †Jerry Riordan Jr.

Friday July 21 (Weekday; St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr)

8:00 am For an End to Abortion

Saturday July 22 (Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm †Tom and Lorraine Andersen
†Christopher Kosk
†Katherine Krajewski
†Paurime Ragas
†Waclaw Talalaj

Sunday July 23 (Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am †Andrzej Szymikowski
10:00 am †Mr. and Mrs. Mastrodonato
11:30 am †Marian Kmic
†John Talaga
Marguerite Kovach – *Special Intention*
Diane Lauk – *Special Intention*
For Souls in Purgatory
People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/
Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/
Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Mel Gerard	Loretta Nicolini
Rosaleen Bradley	Gary Grote	John North
Ginger Busato	Joe Halac	John O'Dea
Joe Busato	Martha Hayes	June Pautsch
Rocco Busato	Cambria Helle	Cliff Peters
Elio Campanella	Ken Hemstreet	Bonnie Pollock
Bill Carpenter	Michael Jasiak	Brendan Reidy
Danny Clements	Mary Kelly	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	Sylvia Kleinedler	Belinda Sobucki
John Cozzi	Cathy Kolf	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Rickie Kruzal	Randy Szweda, USMC
Mike Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Dennis Torii
Paul Cummins	Sue McNamara	Marlene Torii
Charlie DeFranco	Maria Mizera	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Beth Dobose	Richard Mrugacz	Holly Vana
Robert Fahler	James Nehf	Carol Zell
Gerri Gerard		

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 July prayers for the Church and for the world:



For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters .

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
Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army
PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
SGT Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard
GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

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Assisting Musicians..... **Steven Basaillon,**
Joanne Nagle, Michelle Nagle, Geoff Pautsch



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, 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 to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.

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 **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Run time will be left to the discretion of the bulletin editor, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and sent via e-mail to **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.

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Regular Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first and third Monday of the month in Margaret Woods Hall.

For more information, contact Grand Knight Nick Alfano at knights@stpeteritasca.com

www.stpeteritasca.com/knights-of-columbus

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