



# SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH

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*Catholic Stewardship—*  
Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure  
Gifts to God... a response of Faith

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE



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## STEWARDSHIP

*Along with our gifts of treasure, our Christian obligation of good stewardship also includes the gifts of time and talent. A variety of opportunities exist within our Parish to which you can provide yourself in service.*

*Please consider giving of your time and talent in one of the many areas of service available.*

*If the loving and helping touch of Jesus is going to be felt in our midst today, it is up to you...*

***He is waiting for you and inviting you to take an active part in the life of His Church.***

### **Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts of time and talent.**

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## SACRAMENTAL/LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### **Liturgical Ministry**

Contact: Deacon Fred Maier

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)

E-mail: [liturgy@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:liturgy@stpeteritasca.com)

> **Lectors:** Lectors are scheduled to publicly read the scriptures at the Sunday and Holy Day Masses, as well as other liturgical and non-liturgical celebrations held in our Church. To serve as a lector, an individual must be a Baptized and Confirmed member of the Catholic Church; a registered and active parishioner of Saint Peter's Parish, living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church [i.e., if the person is married, they must be married according to the law of the Church].

> **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned to assist Father Noesen and the Deacons with the distribution of Holy Communion during the celebration of the Mass. Training will be provided, and ministers are expected to function according to the guidelines set forth by the Pastor. To serve as an extraordinary minister of Communion, an individual must be a Baptized and Confirmed member of the Catholic Church; a registered and active parishioner of St. Peter's Parish, living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church [i.e., if the person is married, they must be married according to the law of the Church].

> **Ushers and Greeters:** Father Noesen is looking for Greeters to collaborate along with the Ushers in church. Together they form a Ministry of hospitality before and after our liturgical celebrations in our Church. They are the first people to greet worshipers in the House of God and represent St Peter the Apostle Parish Community to all who worship with us. Not only do the Ushers/ Greeters welcome people to the liturgy, but they also pass out bulletins after Mass and help provide a more welcoming and friendly setting for people to come "home" to pray. The Ushers have the duty of taking up the collection and, in general, attending to any needs of the congregation that arise before, during, and after the liturgy. They help preserve good order in the Church. Training is provided. Responsible teens and adults are welcome to join these ministries.

> **Altar Servers:** The altar server's presence is valuable and adds great dignity to liturgical celebrations. Servers assist the priest during the celebration of the Eucharist. Children wishing to be altar servers are ordinarily contacted and trained beginning in the third grade through the religious education program. Adult servers are also welcome, encouraged, and needed. Servers are expected to serve Sunday Masses, as well as weddings and funerals when needed.

### **Sacred Liturgical Music Ministry**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

The Liturgical Music program offers a diversity of styles and repertoire from the Church's treasury of sacred music. Under the leadership of Father Noesen and the parish organists, various music ensembles provide parishioners a variety of opportunities to share their talents to help us worship God and to help us pray. Cantors and musical accompaniment for Sunday liturgies, Funeral and Holy Days of Obligations are needed.

### **Handbell Choir**

Contact: Linda Aiani

Telephone: 630-773-8518

E-mail: Linda@aiani.com

The handbell choir is an ensemble of individuals sharing their talents and enriching liturgical services with the music of handbells. The group rotates weekends and Mass times throughout the year.

### **Laundry Care - Altar Linens and Server Robes**

Contact: Parish Center

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 200)

E-mail: office@stpeteritasca.com

Volunteers are needed to help with laundering of altar linens which need to be washed and pressed on a regular basis. Additionally, server robes require occasional laundering and "repair" work. If you can help with this important task, please consider signing up.

### **Church Helpers**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

Assist with weekly church procedures, such as arranging and maintaining decorations for worship space, weekly cleaning and general maintenance of the church. Seasonal helpers are also needed for Christmas and Easter set-up and take down.

### **Wedding Coordinators**

Contact: Patti Zubak

Telephone: 630-625-6230

E-mail: office@stpeteritasca.com

In an effort to ensure that each couple's wedding day is a sacred, prayerful and organized celebration at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, Wedding Coordinators are essential and assigned to each wedding. A coordinator usually conducts the rehearsal, is responsible for preparing the church for the ceremony along with vendors such as florists, musicians, etc. The Wedding Coordinator is essential so that every wedding may be a dignified and holy celebration in the Lord God.

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## **EDUCATION AND FORMATION MINISTRIES**

### **Religious Education**

Contact: Toni Pietrowski

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 216)

E-mail: religioused@stpeteritasca.com

Each year we have a Religious Education Program to prepare the parish children in the ways, teachings, and prayers of the Roman Catholic Church and to help prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation before high school. If you are interested in sharing your time or talents in any way with our Religious Education Program, please sign up to find out more about ways to be of service.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Contact: Deacon Bob Ziomek

E-mail: DeaconBob@stpeteritasca.com

The RCIA Program is established to help older teens and adults to become full members of the Catholic Church. The program is for those seeking Baptism, and/or Full Communion with the Catholic Church. This program is for Catholic who have not yet committed themselves to the Lord through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parishioners are needed to function as "sponsors" –spiritual companions to those who seek admission into our Catholic Faith.

### **Youth Ministry Program – Teens for Christ**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

Father Noesen is looking for parental teams and/or adult parishioners interested in working together to form and manage a parish Youth Ministry program for all youth in middle school and high school. Adults, preferably parents of teenagers, are also welcomed to volunteer to help in this ministry. Call parish office if you are interested in starting this ministry.

### **Marriage Preparation Ministry**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

The Marriage Preparation Ministry is being formed to help Father Noesen and the Deacons prepare young couples for the reception of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Individuals/couples are invited to serve as Marriage Preparation coordinators, helping couples through discussion and review of marriage issues and concerns before their wedding. A meeting with Fr. Noesen is required before entering any aspect of the marriage preparation program. Formation classes will be provided.

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## **PRAYER AND FAITH~BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Eucharistic Adoration**

Contact: Deacon Fred Maier

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)

E-mail: DeaconFred@stpeteritasca.com

A ministry is being sought to educate and draw more parishioners into the service of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament monthly. EVERYONE is encouraged to make frequent visits to the Lord in Church. However, there is a need for regular adorers to make hourly commitments to adoration for First Fridays of the month. If you are interested in serving on this ministry or becoming a regular adorer and guardian of the Eucharist, please consider joining in this ministry to the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Tuesday Evening Rosary**

Contact: Deacon Fred Maier

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)

E-mail: DeaconFred@stpeteritasca.com

This parish Rosary prayer service runs throughout the year, weekly on Tuesday evenings. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice. Attendees will be invited to lead one of the decades if they feel comfortable and called to do so.

### **Father John Project**

Contact: Deacon Fred Maier

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)

E-mail: DeaconFred@stpeteritasca.com

In memory of the late Father John Guiney, St. Peter the Apostle Parish established "The Father John Project" as a ministry to continue his passion for welcoming both new and returning Catholics to 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." Parishioners are welcome to get more involved by volunteering to help lead the prayer service.

FJP is held monthly on the second Thursday of the month. The prayer service includes the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### **Catholic Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church Study**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

Parishioners who have studied the Bible and Catholic Teachings are invited to form prayer and study classes, either in-home or at the parish, for those who would like to learn more about our Catholic and Christian Faith. Formal Scripture study from the Diocese of Joliet is offered to those who would like to take classes and seek certification to teach and sponsor such programs.

### **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFCM)**

Contact: Reetha George

E-mail: ReethaGeorgeAFCM@gmail.com

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFCM) is a Catholic evangelization community of priests, religious and lay missionaries working together for the salvation of souls. Every third Wednesday, a prayer service is held at the AFCM Center (located in old parish center), which includes Rosary, praise and worship of God, the Word of God, sharing and reflections. All are welcome to attend the prayer service. Quarterly retreats are also offered.

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## **OUTREACH SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED**

### **Minister of Care**

Contact: Deacon Bob Ziomek

E-mail: DeaconBob@stpeteritasca.com

Father Noesen offers the Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum and the Sacrament of Penance anytime needed. Ministers of Care are needed to help Father with weekly visits to the the aged and sick members of our parish who cannot physically attend church for Mass. This is a most rewarding opportunity, and a real chance to build a faith relationship with another person. To serve as a Minister of Care, an individual must be a Baptized and Confirmed member of the Catholic Church, a registered and active parishioner of the parish, living a life in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church (i.e., if married, must be married according to the law of the Church). Training will be provided.

### **Bereavement Ministry**

Contact: Deacon Fred Maier

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)

E-mail: DeaconFred@stpeteritasca.com

This ministry serves to offer comfort to families who have experienced the death of a loved one. Members may be asked to offer hospitality, attend wake services and assist at the funeral Mass.

### **Grief Support Ministry**

Contact: Deacon Fred Maier

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 201)

E-mail: DeaconFred@stpeteritasca.com

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry group. It is an opportunity to share one's experience and to grow in the knowledge and wisdom of our Catholic Faith with a focus on redemption, eternal life, and the promise of the Resurrection. The group meets in the Parish Center on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:00 am Mass (approximately 11:00 am).

### **Saint Vincent Poor Fund**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

Father Noesen is seeking a small committee to help oversee and distribute the funds and other tangible items that we receive each month for God's poor and needy. The committee will help oversee donations to the Itasca Food Pantry, Transitional Housing Ministry through Bridge Communities, and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Joliet. The committee will also navigate ways to donate goods and services locally and to Catholic missions throughout the world.

### **Crochet group**

Contact: Parish Center

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 200)

E-mail: office@stpeteritasca.com

The crochet group makes plastic sleeping mats for the homeless using grocery type plastic bags. This ministry of creating "New Life for Old Bags" is a collaboration of volunteers coming together to make sleeping mats for the homeless. The mats help insulate from the cold and damp, but also making laying on cement a bit more comfortable. Volunteers are need to both cut and crochet. If crocheting isn't in your wheelhouse, but would like to help, then come with a pair of sharp scissors to cut plastic bags to roll into balls. In addition to helping over a thousand homeless people sleep more comfortably, and recycling thousands of plastic bags, this ministry brings people together in fellowship as well. The group meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

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## HOSPITALITY

### **"Catholics Come Home" – Welcome and Hospitality Ministry for New Parishioners**

Contact: Father Noesen  
Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

A program designed to invite Catholics who join our parish community and for those who have wandered from a devout practice of the Catholic Faith, back to the Church. People leave for a variety of reasons; this program will hopefully help to reconcile them back with the Church. Besides people joining the process, we also need parishioners to volunteer to help support the program in a variety of ways. Another portion of this ministry is to pray for parishioners and to wish a kind farewell to those who move out of the area.

### **Faith & Fellowship**

Contact: Toni Pietrowski  
Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 216)  
E-mail: [toni@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:toni@stpeteritasca.com)

This social ministry welcomes fellow parishioners and visitors after Sunday masses for fellowship and refreshments, including donuts, bagels, coffee and lemonade. Volunteers are invited to assist with provisions and serving for this hospitality outreach.

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## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS

### **Knights of Columbus (Council #10884)**

Contact: Thomas Kryger  
E-mail: [knights@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:knights@stpeteritasca.com)

The Knights of Columbus empowers Catholic men to live their faith at home, in our parish and in our community. Charity is at the heart of the organization's work and faith, supporting a boundless variety of projects. A commitment to charitable service is just one of many ways our Catholic faith is expressed in projects most important to members and fellow Catholics. With two million members around the world, the Knights of Columbus have invested time, effort, and resources into the values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism for many decades. Members come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in life, but all are of one faith. St. Peter's Knights of Columbus is looking for members. Regardless of how much time you are able to commit, every member plays an important part!

### **St. Peter the Apostle Women's Club**

Contact: Parish Center  
Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 200)  
E-mail: [office@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:office@stpeteritasca.com)

Women of the parish are invited to attend bimonthly gatherings intended to maintain social connections, as well as provide support to our parish community. Meetings take place on the second Thursday of February, April, June, October, December (no meeting are held during summer months). Gatherings include a short meeting, including prayer and a forum to share ideas, followed by social time which could include Bunco, Bingo, hobby time, speakers, etc. Light refreshments are served and occasional potlucks are also held.

### **Respect Life Ministry**

Contact: Nancy Magnus  
Telephone: 630-539-2120  
E-mail: [Nlmmom@aol.com](mailto:Nlmmom@aol.com)

This ministry organizes activities and provides the parish with information regarding the quality and preservation of life. Focus is placed on the Catholic Church's position of a consistent ethic of life from conception to natural death. Volunteers are sought to assist and support this ministry.

### **Senior and Physically-challenged Outreach Ministry**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

Adult parishioners who are license and insured drivers, are sought to assist seniors and physically-challenged adults by driving them within our parish who have no other means of transportation to and from Church each Sunday morning.

### **Italian Catholic Federation**

Contact: Nick Tenerelli, Pres.

Telephone: 847-224-9324

The Italian Catholic Federation is a family-oriented organization open to all Catholics. With branches located throughout California, Illinois, Nevada and Arizona, the ICF promotes and supports Catholic faith renewal, college scholarships, seminary education, Italian-American heritage, Cooley's Anemia research, developmentally disabled grants, and parish and community activities.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS PARISH NEEDS**

### **Occasional Parish Office Help**

Contact: Parish Center

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 200)

E-mail: [office@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:office@stpeteritasca.com)

Periodically, help is needed at the Parish center to prepare mailings, stuff bulletins, and other administrative tasks.

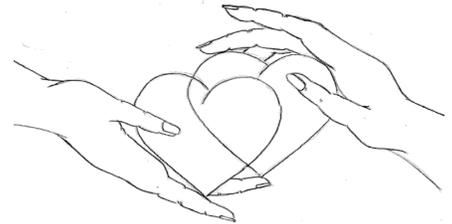
### **Parish Grounds and Garden Committee**

Contact: Father Noesen

Telephone: 630-773-1272 (ext. 213)

Volunteers are needed to help with seasonal landscaping needs, as well as regular maintenance of the garden areas on the parish grounds. Lawn maintenance is currently covered, but gardeners are needed to weed, clean, and plant as well maintain the bushes and various planted areas.

# The Stewardship of Time and Talent



*As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

*~1 Peter 4:10*

*Share your hearts and hands  
with the community of St. Peter the Apostle...*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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- Altar Servers

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- Hand Bell Choir

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## **SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW MINISTRIES YOU'D BE INTERESTED IN STARTING**

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