

Saint Peter ^{the} 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*)



I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine
and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life
for the sheep.

JOHN 10:14-15

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We hear in today's Gospel passage, the Lord saying *"I am the Good Shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."*

The Lord's words offer a real challenge for us. We know that if we hear a particular tune playing we recognize it... maybe we can even name it. If we know our favorite songs by hearing the melody, sounds that usually trigger within ourselves feelings of contentment and gladness. How about listening for the Lord's voice? Is his voice, the melody of his voice something we are happy to hear? Does his voice trigger within ourselves gladness? How about when that voice challenges us to live like the Lord expects us to live, according to his commandments, his will?

All too often people do not listen to the voice of the Lord for their lives. And because they do not heed his voice, they follow a pathway away from the Lord that usually leads them to a life of anxiety and unhappiness. So the challenge this Sunday within the Easter Season is to listen for his voice and follow it.

The Church is to be One, United and Catholic. It is not to be split up into a multitude of churches. All nations are to be gathered into one fold as a universal church under the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Christ. The Church that Christ founded, not men, is the Catholic Church. This Church is to be joined together in real unity of faith and government under one Chief Shepherd, the Pope. And the clergy, in succession of the Apostles, are needed to bring the Church together and to teach, sanctify and govern in the name of the Good Shepherd. Priests, bishops, and the pope, need our prayers daily. Without them, they are more likely to fall when the next temptation comes around. So we must pray for them, without ceasing.

This Sunday calls us as a Church to keep a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is another great sign of the beauty and power of the Priesthood and reminds us once again of the dependence we have on our priests. **For without priests we would have no Eucharist and without the Eucharist we would have no priests.** We would not have the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in our churches and there would be no Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. **We Need Holy Priests.** We need priests who are true shepherds, willing to lay down their lives for their sheep.

Saint John Paul II would often say that there is not a shortage of vocations in the Church — God is still calling. Rather, there is a shortage of courage on the part of our young people to answer the call to give themselves to the Lord and to His Church as priests, religious brothers and sisters. Do you have a "vocation friendly" home? Is the priesthood and religious life seen as a noble, worthwhile option for those in your care? Are our priests and the priesthood loved, respected, and cared-for in your home? Do you encourage young people in your life to consider the possibility of a religious vocation? How are priests spoken about in your home? What do your children and guests in your home hear? Perhaps most importantly, do you follow the command of Jesus?... The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few. Therefore, beg the Lord of the Harvest to send workers to His harvest. [Luke 10:2]

Praying for vocations is the only concrete "thing" Jesus tells us to do. Programs are great; curriculums in our Catholic schools and religious education programs are an important part of the faith formation of our youth. But, we should ALL remember what Jesus asks us to do... PRAY FOR VOCATIONS! Make it a daily habit to pray for our priests and religious, that they may remain faithful to their commitments, and pray for many more of our young people to answer God's call and give themselves to the Church as priests, religious brothers and sisters to serve after the heart of Christ.

Vocations are everyone's business. We should care for the vocations we have, and encourage new ones. Especially through prayer, we open ourselves up to help create an atmosphere in which our young people can discern God's call in their lives. Many are called, few are chosen, but all of us have the obligation to discern the Lord's call in our own lives. Pope Paul VI once said that the Lord sends to the Church the vocations She deserves.

Let's work together and make sure that we ourselves, and those around us, are open to responding to God's will. The Lord's plan should be accomplished because of us, and not in spite of us. Do what you can to promote vocations! We should have young people from our parish entering the seminary and religious formation. So far, as I am aware, we have none. Let's work together. Pray and beg the Lord of the Harvest to send workers to His harvest. Pray for vocations!

No matter what age, let us open our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Have a Blessed Season of Easter,

Fr. Noesen



Mass Intentions



Sunday	April 25 (<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>)
8:30 am	†Deceased Members of the Golinsky Family
10:00 am	†Frank A. Damato
11:30 am	†Charles Clark †Tom Frawley
	†Ricardo Elvas †Maria Terracciano
	Joe and Ornella Talaga on their 50th Anniversary
	People of the Parish
Monday	April 26 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Elfriede and Henry Grote
Tuesday	April 27 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Daniel James Makil
Wednesday	April 28 (<i>Easter Weekday</i> ;
	<i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;</i>
	<i>Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest</i>)
8:00 am	†Stanley J. Mandel
Thursday	April 29 (<i>Saint Catherine of Siena,</i>
	<i>Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Filiberto Pensa
Friday	April 30 (<i>Easter Weekday; Saint Pius V, Pope</i>)
8:00 am	†Andrea Liegi
Saturday	May 1 (<i>Easter Weekday; Saint Joseph the Worker;</i>
	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>)
8:00 am	†Jean Sroka
Saturday	May 1 (<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>)
5:00 pm	†Domenico Ciucci †John Scarzone
	†Robert Hoffman †Andrzej Szymikowski
	†Elizabeth Lisak People of the Parish
Sunday	May 2 (<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>)
8:30 am	†Florence Pabian
10:00 am	†Margaret Woods
11:30 am	†Margaret Del Preto †Maria Terracciano
	†Mary Frawley Special Intention for the Sick
	†Bruce Gariti For an End to Abortion



Congratulations and God Bless
Joe and Ornella Talaga
on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
	or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3
	or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16;
	Mt 13:54-58

FIRST FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church on May 7.
 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 in thanksgiving
 before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.*

To ensure that two people are present at all times,
 anyone wanting and 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

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm in church.
 Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable
 and inspired to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary,
 your personal intentions and your voice.

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

Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed.

St. Peter the Apostle Golf Group

SPRING IS HERE!

It's time to get out the golf clubs!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Where: Salt Creek Golf Course (*Thorndale and Prospect Aves.*)

When: Every Thursday morning (*beginning May 13*);

Starting tee time: 9:10 am.

Cost (walk/no cart): \$15.00 per golfer

Cost (with cart): \$25.00 per golfer

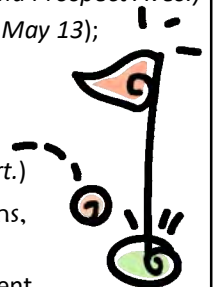
(*Some golfers prefer to walk; some use a cart.*)

If you are interested or have any questions,
 contact—

Karen Kunze
ckunze@sbcglobal.net
 708-641-0662

Chris Aument
caument@att.net
 630-363-0266

We have a great time and would like others to join in on the
 fun. It is not a competitive league, there are no trophies.
 It's a day of getting together and having fun.



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date

Fiscal Week 42: 04/18/2021 \$ 8,725.00 \$ 387,290.79

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

This Week at St. Peter's...

Tuesday April 27
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)

Wednesday April 28
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
7:00 pm Deacon Bob's Bible Study (MW Parish Hall)

Saturday April 29
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, May 1 | Sunday, May 2

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm John North Kay North	5:00 pm John Los
8:30 am Dorie Calip Rose Ann Roll	8:30 am Sandie Galusze
10:00 am Anthony George Reeths George	10:00 am Nancy George
11:30 am Mel Gerard Deacon Fred	11:30 am Paul Gennuso

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. Our capital project debt stands at \$458,000. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.



HELP NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PARISH GROUNDS!

All authentic gardeners know that weekly and seasonal maintenance of any garden landscape is necessary if things are to stay beautiful. We are in need of a seasonal committee of workers and planners that are ready each spring, summer and fall, to take responsible for entire sections of the property. Duties will include weekly and monthly weeding and trimming of annuals and perennials, weekly watering and fertilizing, mowing the lawn, and addressing overall beautification needs that are already in place. To make things easy, we will divide up the property into "areas of responsibility." In this way, the job will not be too overwhelming for any of us.

If you desire to help in this service to the parish, please call me at your convenience. Even if you only have an hour or two a month to donate, your time would be very helpful to the parish. Being part of our Garden Committee is a great way to make a significant contribution of your time, talent and energy to St. Peter the Apostle Parish...it's a great way to put "proper stewardship" into action. At the same time, you'll make some new friends with similar interests, help the parish keep our property in good order, get some much needed exercise through your care for the environment, invest yourself more fully in the life of the parish, and make a proper return to the Lord for the bounty He has given us all. If interested in helping, give Father Noesen a call!

Thanks for your consideration, and God's blessings!

*The more the merrier
and likewise quicker!*



Next Sunday, the following children of our parish will receive for the first time
~ The Bread of Eternal Life and the Chalice of Salvation ~
THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Please pray for them.

*Come, O Blessed Savior, Jesus, prepare these young souls to receive You, True Heavenly Food,
the Food which contains every sweetness and every delight.*

Come, Bread of Angels, and satisfy the hunger of these young children.

Come, glowing Furnace of Charity, and enkindle in their hearts the flame of Divine Love.

Come, Light of the World, and enlighten the darkness of their minds.

Come, Risen King of Kings, and make them obedient to Your Holy Will and Your Commandments.

O most holy Mother, Mary Immaculate, prepare their hearts to receive Your Son in Holy Communion, now and always.

*May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection,
at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.*

*Allison Ayers
Nicolas Berthlein
Sofia Bifero
Clara Cascella
Dominic Christensen
Ava Damasauskas
Ella Damasauskas
Giuliana Egilske
Anthony Escorza
Dominic Esposito
Vincenzo Gariti
James Green
Gianna Herrera
August Kostelnick
Ava Larsen*



*Raquel Lopez
Alex Miastkowski
Joseph Nehf
Anthony Neumann
Reid Pan
Gia Paris
Victoria Paulish
Lawrence Picardi
Vincent Ramelli
Austin Robinson
Chiara Sampognaro
Gavin Skjoldager
Alex Solek
Natalie Vale
Nicolas Ventrella*

“Bring Flowers of the Fairest...”

May Crowning at St. Peter the Apostle Parish

May 8th and 15th

Due to Covid 19 restrictions and the need to maintain social distancing, it was decided to have “two” May Crowning ceremonies of the Blessed Mother this year.

The first one will be in two weeks — Mother’s Day weekend, on Saturday, May 8. The Crowning will take place outside (weather-permitting), following the 5:00pm Mass.

This weekend is a time to honor Mothers: Our own mothers; our Holy Mother the Church; and, Mary the Mother of Jesus and the mother of us all, given to us by the Lord as He hung upon the Cross.

Everyone is invited to take part in giving honor to Mary our Mother, as we honor all those women who have “mothered us.” Especially if your mom is deceased, what better way to remember her than by making an offering of love to the Blessed Virgin Mary? Whether living or dead, by honoring Mary, we honor our own mothers and ultimately the creator of all mothers, God who is Father, Son, and Spirit. Mary leads us to Jesus, and like a good mother She shows us the face of God in Her goodness and in Her care for us.

When you come to Mass that evening bring flowers to lay at the feet of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The procession will be led by the children of our parish who made their First Holy Communion the Sunday before. We will process from the church to the grotto of the Blessed Mother. Once we reach the image of Mary, the children will crown Her and then everyone who has flowers to offer will be invited to come forward during the hymn and lay them at the feet of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We encourage you to bring flowers from your own garden. Let children and grandchildren pick their own to offer, but please do not limit the offering to children alone, or to the ladies. Young and old — men, women, and children should eagerly want to show their love for Mary. Don’t miss this opportunity to make a concrete show of faith and love for the Lord by honoring His Blessed Mother. In honoring the Mother of Jesus, we honor Him; and He will bless our efforts with an increase in faith and devotion. Join us on this beautiful evening, on the eve of Mother’s Day, as we *“bring flowers of the fairest...to the loveliest rose of the vale!”*



For those of you who will not be able to make this beautiful prayer service and honor to the Blessed Mother, **another opportunity will be available the following weekend on Saturday, May 15, following the 5:00pm Mass.** The prayer group “Sing with the Angels” will offer a special hour of prayer in the church, including the Rosary, other devotional prayers and, of course, the Crowning of the image of the Blessed Mother. Again, you are invited to bring your flowers from your garden to lay at the feet of the statue of the Blessed Mother. What beautiful occasions it will be for our parish as we honor the Blessed Mother twice in the month of May.

Sign up on-line today or call the parish office to reserve a spot to pray as a parish community to Mary, Mother of God. Again, *“bring flowers of the fairest...to the loveliest rose of the vale!”*



You are cordially invited to
"Sing with the Angels"
In honor of our Blessed Mother —

THEME: MAY CROWNING

NOTE DATE CHANGE - Saturday, May 15

immediately following the 5:00pm Mass

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
551 N. Rush Street, Itasca
Don't forget to bring your rosary.

- please register on the parish website -

*When she became the Mother of the Creator,
 she truly became Queen of every creature.*

— St. John Damascene



"SING WITH THE ANGELS"
Catholic Ministry

*If you need a change in your life
 right here and right now, then come.*

Come as you are and "Sing with the Angels"

The Lord has been calling your name.

"Sing with the Angels" is a program designed to inspire people of all ages to worship and praise Jesus in a new way. Through this program, you will discover a new passion for Christ that will pour out of you and seep into the world around you. You will become Disciples of Christ.

"Sing with the Angels" is a series of mini-retreats designed to enrich your body, mind, soul, and spirit. Each program is presented with a specific theme that may correspond with the Catholic liturgical year.

All of these programs will include either the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be music and a time for silent reflection. Most of the programs also include videos, speakers, fellowship and much more.

The Lord is calling your name to "Sing with the Angels". Whether you choose to worship and praise Him with one loud voice or just join us in the silence of your hearts, you are always welcome. You will find this to be a Heavenly experience like no other.

Just come.

First Saturday

As we begin the month of May, a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary, we are reminded that throughout the year, we set aside each First Saturday of every month to honor the Blessed Mother. Tradition says that Jesus on Holy Saturday appeared to his mother to bring her comfort and to award her for her steadfast belief in her son's divinity... and, so we honor Mary each month with a special Mass on the First Saturday of each month.

October too happens to be the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to our Catholic belief, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating heresy within the Church. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Tradition attributes the defeat of enemies against the faith.

"Today, when dangers threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If people in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that the Blessed Mother has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers."

Join us next Saturday, May 1, at 8:00 am, for morning Mass and to pray the Rosary and other devotional prayers.

Sign-up online or call the parish office to make a reservation.



St. Philip the Apostle School
Virtual Preview Day
 About our fourth - eighth grade programs

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
6 pm

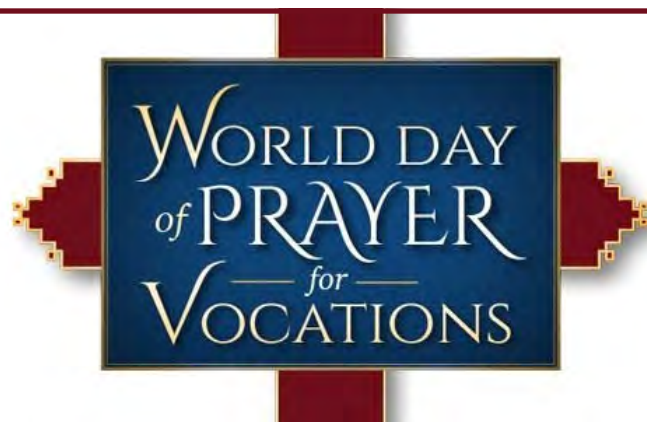
- Learn about our programs
- Virtual Classroom and school tours
- Current parent discussion
- "From the eyes of a student" -- junior high student panel

Register at:
tinyurl.com/preview4-8



St. Philip the Apostle School
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 Addison, IL 60101
school.st-phil.org/

Questions? Call 630/543-4130



prayers of the Faithful

For our seminarians,
 as they journey towards the
 Priesthood, that the Lord will
 strengthen their vocation and give
 them courage to persevere.

Lord hear us.



In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Robert Olenek

brother of Rich Olenek

May he rest in the peace of Christ.



*See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God?*

— 1 John 3:1

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

Joann Anderson	Mary Hosters
Michelle Anderson	Anne Keeton
Sue Bobka	Rickie Kruzel
Mike Carey	JoLynn Lash
Eunice Cleveland	Lilly Lima
Robert Cleveland	Gene Mikulecky
Regina Conti	Christopher Mizera
Dona Corrigan	Holly Vana
Colin Cummins	Tom Vana
Mary Cummins	Harriett Pinkowski
Michael Cummins	Bonnie Pollock
Paul Cummins	Nikki Recchia
Scott Erickson	Brendan Reidy
Gerri Gerard	Ann Marie Rossi
Mel Gerard	John Rossi
Brad Grabow	Angela Scanlon
Mike Graziano	Wayne Slowiak
Gary Grote	Linda Wuerffel
Virginia Halac	Carol Zell
Ken Hemstreet	

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 April prayers for the Church and
for the world:

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

*We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for
fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes
and even in democracies in crisis.*

**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
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

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phone: 847-224-9324**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**

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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

TRAVELING?Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES****NOTE:** *Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.***Pulpit announcement** requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to office@stpeteritasca.com.**Bulletin submissions** are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.**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 12:45 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.

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

Family Name _____

Family Member Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____

Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.



- coffee
- paper towels
- toothpaste
- cereal
- toilet tissue
- laundry detergent

If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

ARE YOU CONNECTED???

Do you receive St. Peter's electronic newsletters??

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