

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH

551 N. Rush Street | Itasca, Illinois 60143 | 630.773.1272 | www.stpeteritasca.com



August 20, 2023

TWENTIETH 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

CONFESIONS

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

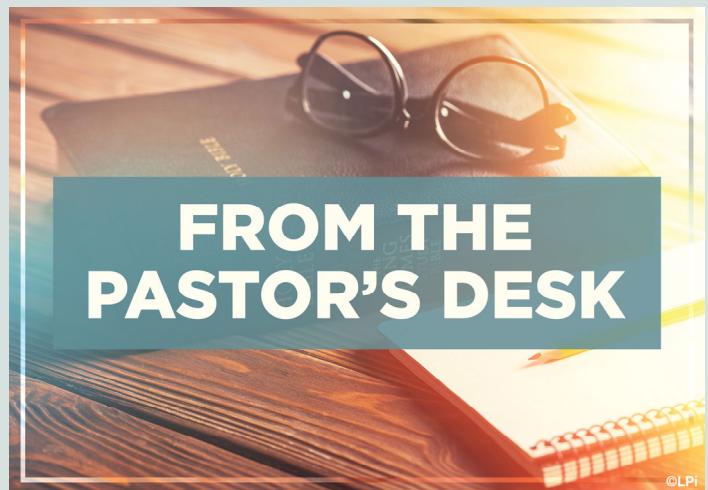
Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

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



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



Dear Parishioners:

Every day, I pray for our parish community. I lift you up to God and ask Jesus to walk with you throughout your day.

As summer begins to wind down, I pray that God continues to bless you and your families – that you stay safe and enjoy the remaining days of sunshine and warmth.

Please pray for our children who have already or will be returning to school in these coming weeks – whether pre-school, grade school, high school, or college – may they be safe and use the gifts given to them by God in their studies and other activities.

In the past few weeks, many have asked how I like it here at St. Peter the Apostle... my answer is "I LOVE IT!!!" I am so grateful to God for sending me here to this faith-filled, welcoming, and friendly community. It is hard to believe that I have been here seven weeks already. In that time, I have gotten to know many of you, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months.

Thank you again for opening your arms to welcome me. I really enjoy being here as your pastor and look forward to our continued journey. Please continue to pray for me that I may be a good shepherd to you and the entire community.



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

*Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;*

*You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year,
we implore your mercy:*

*Bless all students, teachers, and staff members,
that they may grow in faith, hope, and love
as they learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.*

*Expand the horizons of their minds,
that they may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;*

*deepen their commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven their faith to reach out to those in need.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.*

Amen.





Tuesday Rosary Ministry

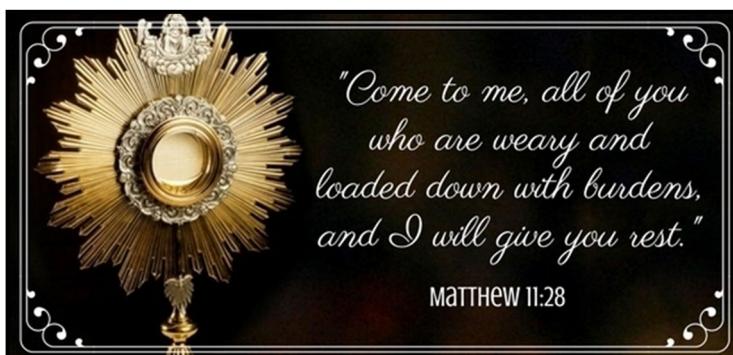
The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm. Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and inspired to do so. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

"Mums" the Word— But Don't Keep it a Secret!

Fall and its glorious colors are around the corner.

To help kick things into gear, St. Peter's will once again be selling Mums for \$12 each.

SALES BEGIN September 1!



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church
on September 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



Toni Pietrowski
Director of Religious Education
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Kathy Frank
DRE Assistant
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Religious Education Registration is OPEN

Registration packets are available on the parish Web site and at the parish office.

Class Time Offerings:

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:20 pm
Saturdays 9:00 - 10:20 am

CATECHISTS AND HELPERS NEEDED!

The original meaning of the word Catechist is "teacher," or one who "echoes" God's word. Each year we rely on about 20 parishioners to pass on the faith to our children through our parish Religious Education program.

This year, **third and eighth grade catechists are needed for Wednesday classes;** high school teens and adult catechist helpers are also needed for both days. No experience is needed and Catechists will receive a discount on tuition for their child(ren) enrolled in the program. If interested in a very rewarding experience, contact Toni Pietrowski as soon as possible.



PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, August 29 | 7:30 pm

A nine-month pilgrimage of the Silver Rose will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Itasca, on Tuesday August 29 at 7:30 pm.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Peter the Apostle – Itasca – Council 10884 will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life.

The journey of the Silver Rose began on February 25 this year and ends on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of those routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico. The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a live one – was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To better ensure future annual trips, a “silver rose” was ultimately created. Today, due to the popularity of the program throughout the North American continent, eight silver roses travel unique routes.

All members of the community are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter the Apostle – Itasca – Council 10884 to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world. *Please spread the word!*

Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today approximately two

million members of the Knights of Columbus put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally through financial contributions and hands-on service.

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5th Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, August 26, 2023

4:00PM-10:00PM

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ZAJĘCIA:

Poniedziałek - 4:45pm - 8:00pm

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

- > *Have you thought about becoming Catholic?*
- > *Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic?*
- > *Ever wondered why Catholics do certain things at Mass like kneel, stand, sing, use different prayers?*
- > *What does it mean that "we receive Jesus in the Host" the priest raises up?*
- > *Isn't it just a piece of bread, and just wine in the chalice?*

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly RCIA, is a program available to adults seeking to become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

To start the process of Initiation, one should:

- 1) Begin learning prayers and building a habit of daily prayer;
- 2) Be open to the fullness of Catholic teaching and life; and
- 3) Begin to live according to the fullness of Catholic life even now living the moral life.

*St. Peter The Apostle is here to help you
in your relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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For more information, please contact Deacon Bob
by email at deaconbob@stpeteritasca.com or
chapxyz@yahoo.com
or by phone at 630-217-0851.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 15:21-28

*Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman
because of her great faith.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

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Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

MATTHEW 15:28



GIVE SERVE LIVE

Stewardship of Treasure St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 7: Sunday Collection (08/13/2023).....\$ 8,188.00

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

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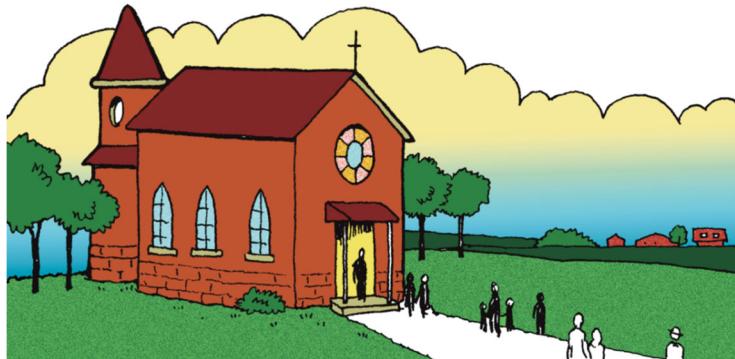
Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.

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...

Sunday	August 20
12:30 pm	Baptisms (Church)
Monday	August 21
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting (MW Hall)
Tuesday	August 22
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	August 23
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
Thursday	August 24
7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (AFCM Center)
Friday	August 25
6:45 am	Communion Service (Church)
Saturday	August 26
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
Sunday	August 20
12:30 pm	Baptisms (Church)

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 Street | Itasca
Contact: Reetha George at 630-744-9063



SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26 | Sunday, August 27

Celebrants	Communion Ministers
5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen	5:00 pm Kay North
8:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen	Deacon Bob
10:00 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen	8:30 am Dorie Calip
11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette	Deacon Anthony
Lectors	
5:00 pm Diane Blackburn	10:00 am Ann Fleming
8:30 am Kevin Grisamore	Mel Gerard
10:00 am Kathy Laken	11:30 am Bill Kolf
11:30 am Mary McNamara	Deacon Fred

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	August 20 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Edward S. Kryger
10:00 am	†Mary Frawley
11:30 am	†Rich Greskoviak †Marguerite Kovach †Joseph Peter Kreuser Jr. †Andrzej Szymikowski
Monday	August 21 (St. Pius X, Pope)
8:00 am	†Bill Sligting
Tuesday	August 22 (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:00 am	†Christopher Kosk
Wednesday	August 23 (Weekday; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin)
8:00 am	†Maryann Koback
Thursday	August 24 (St. Bartholomew, Apostle)
8:00 am	†Reverend Robert Noesen
Friday	August 25 (Weekday, St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz)
8:00 am	†Reverend Robert Noesen
Saturday	August 26 (Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)
5:00 pm	†Rosa Ateniese †Edna Faillo †Filomena Leuzzi †Wally Verdooren †Vittorio Viola †Linda Wuerffel
Sunday	August 27 (Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Gerardo Alfano
10:00 am	†Salvatore Cirrincione
11:30 am	†Joseph Bratta †John Scott Erickson †Antonia Recchia †James Sieradzki on the first anniversary of his passing †Andrzej Szymikowski People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/ Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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

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 August prayers for the Church
and for the world:**



For World Youth Day.

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**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

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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

LTG 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.

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