

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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June 25, 2023

TWELFTH 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.



"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

From the Administrator...

IN VERITATE ET IN CARITATE

In today's gospel, we hear that we are called to acknowledge Christ to others. How do we acknowledge Jesus in our everyday lives? In private and in public, how do we live as disciples of Christ?

One powerful way to do this is to gather in community to pray. Whether in adoration, praying the rosary, the Divine Mercy chaplet, or celebrating the beauty of the mass, we are uniting with our spiritual community in the living presence of God Himself. By joining with others in prayer, in song, and adoration, our very presence acknowledges our faith in Jesus. When we come forward and receive His living body and blood in the Holy Eucharist, we acknowledge that He is truly present, not simply as a symbol, but in truth as the real presence shared in Holy Communion with us.

We are also called to prayer throughout our day. The simple prayer of grace around the family table, or at a restaurant, reminds us of our dependence on God for our very lives. We give thanks to God for our food and drink and offer thanks to all those involved in growing our food, harvesting it, cleaning it, shipping it, making it available for us to purchase, and to those preparing it. Every meal is the result of the efforts of dozens, perhaps hundreds of people. It is proper that we pause, reflect and ask God to bless all those involved in providing us with our food.

Another way we can acknowledge God is in our manner of dress. When I was young, we had our "Sunday best". These were clothes I was only allowed to wear on Sunday when we went to church. Dressing up was a way of showing our reverence to God when we encountered Him at mass, and a sign of respect to others joining us in the prayers of our faith. Not as many people have a "Sunday best" anymore, but I encourage everyone to be aware of your clothing choices when you attend church. Even if we don't wear our "Sunday best", are we dressing modestly when we attend church? Are we wearing religious jewelry to quietly declare our faith? Whether a religious medal, a scapular, a cross or crucifix, we can all honor our faith with a simple accessory that quietly announces our Catholic faith.

One other way we can acknowledge Christ and bring His presence to those we meet is through our actions. For most people we encounter, we may be the only exposure that they have to the word of God. When we act as Christ to others, we live the Gospel and share it with them in powerful, tangible ways. A smile, a kind remark, or a helpful gesture are all simple things we can do that will brighten a person's day. When we meet anger with peace, and hatred with love, we proclaim the loving living presence of Jesus in our own lives and in our shared world, then we acknowledge Him worthily and well.

In Truth and in Love,

Deacon Fred Maier

Acting Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Thank you

Dear St. Peter the Apostle Family,

For the last 10 months, the Diocese of Joliet has entrusted me the privilege of serving as your Spiritual Priest alongside Deacon Fred as the administrator for this great parish. It is not easy to assume the role of a resident pastor. It was Fred's idea in order to make this transition as seamless as possible. Hopefully, we have been successful.

On a personal note, I want you to know how much I have enjoyed this privilege. I think you all know how much I love St. Peter's. This parish is my spiritual home, not just because I live in Itasca. It is because of you. We have a beautiful parish.

My hope is that you will join me in fondly welcoming and supporting our new pastor. And I look forward to assisting him as much as possible.

Thank you for your smiles.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Larry Brunette



...is back for one week – next Sunday,
as we welcome our new pastor,
Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen

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.

WEATHER PERMITTING... the Rosary will be prayed outside by the Blessed Mary next to the school. Please bring a chair if you wish to sit.



**FIRST FRIDAY
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...**

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

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: **Marvelous Mystery –
the Mass Comes Alive**

Dates: **Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14**

Time: **9:00 am - 2:30 pm**

Cost: **\$35 per child**

Registration is now taking place for St. Peter's Vacation Bible School. There will be Mass every day, catechetical teaching sessions, crafts, songs, games, and skits – your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their Catholic faith.

Adult, high school and junior high helpers are needed to make VBS a success! Please let us know if you are able to help and join us!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Visit the parish website or contact Toni Pietrowski by email at religioused@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 216)



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

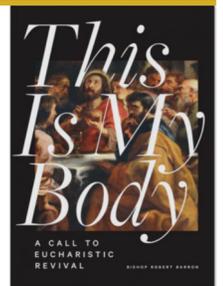
As a continuation of the parish's celebration of the Eucharistic Revival, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing copies of *THIS IS MY BODY* by Bishop Robert Barron, after all Masses THIS weekend — June 24-25

This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron

A recent Pew Forum survey revealed the startling statistic that 69% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For the majority of Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life.

This indicates a spiritual disaster, for the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." In response to this crisis, Bishop Robert Barron, then the Chair of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, began working with his brother bishops on a solution. From these conversations, the National Eucharistic Revival was born.

This Is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival is designed to accompany that revival. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely.



*Discover the profound truth flowing out of Jesus' words at the Last Supper:
"Take, eat; this is my body. . . . Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant."*

NOTE: Due to an error in the listing used in the Father's Day bulletin, the correct list is being published here. Apologies for any confusion.



*We honor our fathers, both living and deceased,
with a spiritual bouquet this Father's Day...*

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| Raymond Adrian | Armand DiSilvestro | Walter Hoffman Jr. | John Lorenz | Andrzej Sanzone |
| Louis Affarano | Constantine Duszynski | Walter Hoffman Sr. | Lee Magnafiehi | Michèle Sanzone |
| Gerardo Alfano | Wilfred Edmier | Robert Jahaske | Joseph Magnus | Scott Scanlon |
| Luigi Alfano | John Erickson | John S. Kearney | Stanley Mandel | Charles Schabergger Sr. |
| Luigi Alfano | Gary Estacio | Edward Kelly | Joseph Matzuka | Herman J. Schallmoser |
| Nicola Alfano | Eugene Falbo | Joseph Kelly Jr. | Vince McNamee | John Schaul |
| Rev. Joseph Auger | Arrabito Family | Joseph Kelly Sr. | Denis McNamee | Herman Schlagler |
| Charles Aument | Silvio N. Fedrighi | Paul R. Kirehard | Roy Milostan | Walter Schwartz |
| Harry Aument | George Ferenzi | Edmund Kiska | John Mondelli | Pietro Scola |
| Jozef Banas | James Ferenzi | Robert Kolf | Pasquale Moriglio | Abel Sciallo |
| Lawrence Begley | Earl Field | Jerzy Konieczny | Rev. Robert Noesen | Frank Szepka |
| Boleslaw Ber | Ralph F. Fortino | Wacek Konieczny | John North Sr. | Al Serpico |
| James Berardi | Al Frank | Jan Kosk | Siegfried Otte | Louis Serzen |
| Al Biekzt | Richard J. Frank | Joseph Kremen | Vito C. Pensa | Walter Shaban |
| Leonard Bobka | Alvin Gerard | Kenneth Kron | Antony Popelka | Jozef Siata |
| Wojezech Bogacz | Mel Gerard | Antony Kryger | Walenty Puczk | Alex Slowiak |
| Edward J. Borze | Jerome Glebe | Edward S. Kryger | Chaunsey Raiford | Dan Slowiak |
| Frank Bratkovich | Niek Gosanko | Stan Rusek | Emidio Ranallo | John F. Spizzio Sr. |
| Joseph Bratta | Joz R. Grzsher | George Rvcek | Emidio Ranallo | Leonard Stelter |
| Ted Brokema | Rieh, Joz & Rieh | Charles LaMendola | Fabio Ranallo | Joseph V. Sularz |
| Jack Buttitta Sr. | Grzskoviak | Ralph F. Landers | Giuseppe Ranallo | Emil Szot |
| Nicola Casezlla | Jerry Grimaldi | Michael Laughlin | Gerald P. Roll | Waclaw Talalaj |
| Liborio Caseio | Giuseppe Griseta | Mieky Laughlin | In Honor of all the Roll & Spizzio Fathers | Michael J. Ventresca |
| Victor Casini | Henry Grote | Nicholas Leitner | Francis J. Rossi | Ludwig Wajda |
| Joseph Casolari | Jozef Grzyb | Bernard Leonard | Remo Rosy | Edward Weiss |
| Anthony Castellano | Jan Hachaj | Bernard P. Leonard | Frank Russo | Charles Weyer |
| Marian Debinski | John Hanneman | John Lesher | Louie Russo | Eugene Wisneth |
| Giuseppe Demetrio | August Helle | Frank Lipkiewicz | Sam Russo | Stephen Wood |
| John Derks | Giles Helle | Leonard Lisak | Dominic Salvato | Charles Woods |
| Donald C. Derma | Peter A. Helle | Henry Lore | Joseph Salvato | Jimmy Yarbough |
| Peter Digner | Theodore Hemstreet | Johann Lorenz | | Charles Zeman |
| Niek DiGillio | Harry Hodges | | | |

Thank you to the following for their donation in honor of Father's Day...

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| Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Calip | Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Robertson |
| Mrs. Gloria Gagni | Mr. Giovanni Terracciano |
| Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kollias | Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Velazquez |
| Mr. & Mrs. Witek Kopacz | |



Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus assures the Twelve that God cares about them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

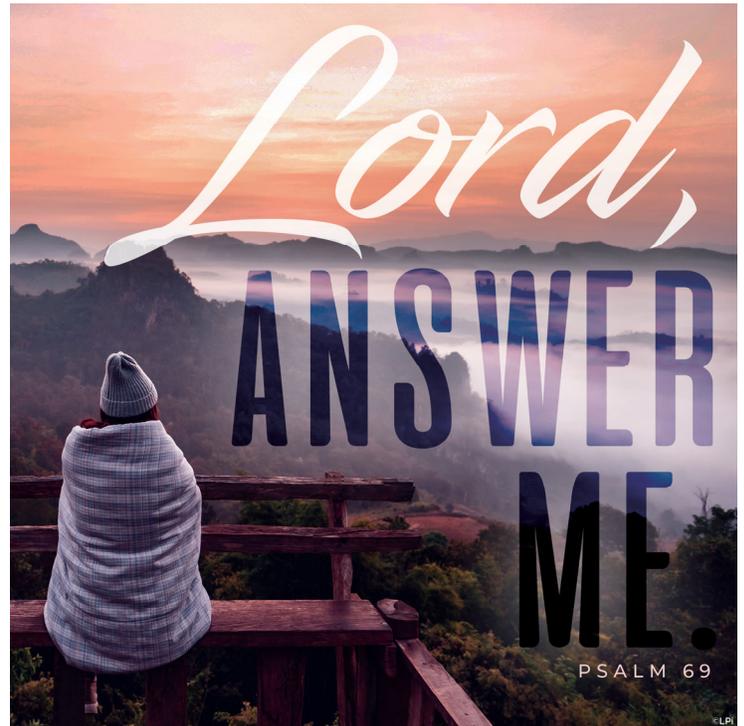
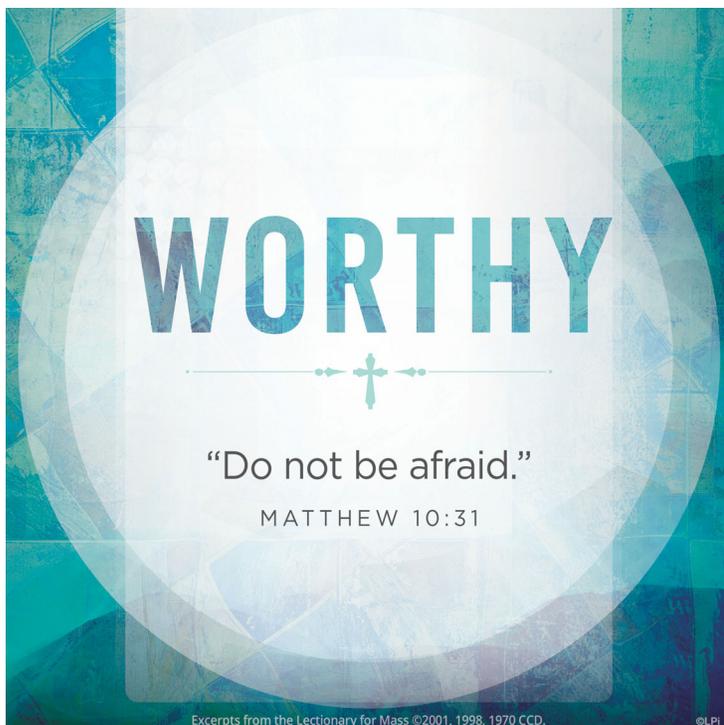
We read today's Gospel in the context of last week's Gospel in which Jesus sent the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. In between last week's reading and today's reading, Jesus has predicted that the disciples will face difficulties in their mission. Many people will not receive them well, even within the land of Israel. Even family members will turn away from the disciples because of the disciples' commitment to Jesus and the kingdom. Today's Gospel offers the disciples consolation against this difficult truth.

This section of Matthew's Gospel should be read in the context of Matthew's intended audience, a Jewish-Christian community. The Gospel alludes to the dangers and persecutions that this community has most likely already faced and will continue to face. To reassure this community, Matthew recalls for them the encouraging words of Jesus that we read today.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus might be understood as putting suffering in perspective. The disciples of Jesus are called upon to keep their focus on God. Those who can harm the body do not have ultimate power; God does. Still persecution and suffering can not be avoided or prevented. But Jesus reassures his disciples that God knows and cares about what happens to his children.

We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.

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You are Cordially Invited to
The Diocese of Joliet
GRANDPARENTS MASS
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond
Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks

Date: July 23, 2023 | Time: 2:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please RSVP using the QR Code or
contact Jessica Kreiter at 815-221-6192



"His mercy is From Age to Age" Luke 1:50



Stewardship of Treasure
St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 51: Sunday Collection (06/18/2023)..... \$ 9,892.00

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).

DONATE NOW with 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 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.

TODAY
God invites you
TO DO GOOD,
do it
THEREFORE
today.
TOMORROW
you may not have time.
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

This Week at St. Peter's...

- Sunday**
12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)
- Tuesday**
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)
- Saturday**
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday**
12:30 pm Faith & Fellowship to Welcome Fr. Tuan (after all masses) (MW Hall)
Baptisms (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 | |
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| Saturday, July 1 | Sunday, July 2 |
| Celebrants | Communion Ministers |
| 5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen | 5:00 pm Kay North |
| 8:30 am Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen | Deacon Fred |
| 10:00 am Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen | 8:30 am Jim Ruffing |
| 11:30 am Fr. Tuan Van Nguyen | Karl Schmidt |
| Lectors | 10:00 am Ann Fleming |
| 5:00 pm Chris Kunze | Bill Kolf |
| 8:30 am Chris Aument | 11:30 am MichaelGraziano |
| 10:00 am Chris Nagle | Deacon Bob |
| 11:30 am Mel Gerard | |

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday June 25 (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am †Fabio Ranallo
 10:00 am †Anthony and Dora Pontill
 11:30 am †Anthony Fricano
 †George M. Kovach
 †Pat Linsner
 †Natalina Scola
 †Andrzej Szymikowski

Monday June 26 (Weekday)

8:00 am For an End to Abortion

Tuesday June 27 (Weekday; St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 am †Joan Streich

Wednesday June 28 (Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr)

8:00 am †Bernard and Irene Leonard

Thursday June 29 (Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles)

8:00 am †Patricia DeBella

Friday June 30 (Weekday; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)

8:00 am †Erwin and Anne Pallicke

Saturday July 1 (Weekday; St. Junipero Serra, Priest; BVM)

8:00 am †Bruce Gariti

Saturday July 1 (Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm †Maria DiTusa
 †Patrick Linsner
 †Linda Wuerffel
 Diane Johnson – *Special Intention*
 For an End to Abortion

Sunday July 2 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am Dennis and Patty Rosy on their anniversary
 10:00 am †Joseph Bratta
 11:30 am †Vincenzo Avolio
 †George M. Kovach
 †Andrzej Szymikowski
 William Booth – *Special Intention*
 People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

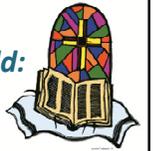
Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/
 Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/
 Mt 8:5-17
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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



For the abolition of torture.

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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

