

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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September 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND 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

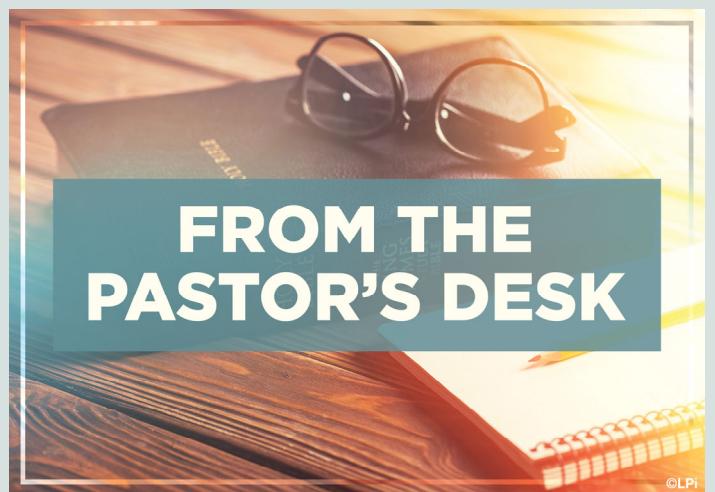
Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

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



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

As I write this note to you, I am preparing for my trip to California. I will be visiting with family and am elated to also be Baptizing my great-great-nephew. Of course, I also hope to get in a little golf during my visit.

After now two months, I continue to feel blessed to have been called to serve the St. Peter's community. Recently, some friends from my former parishes of St. Mary Minooka and St. Alexis came for a visit and to celebrate Mass. They commented on how warm and welcoming everyone is in our parish community – and, I couldn't agree more. Not only is everyone friendly, but this is truly a faith-filled community. The daily mass attendance alone – which regularly averages 50 faithful participants – is a testament to the passion and devotion of our parish family.

I wish you all a blessed and enjoyable Labor Day weekend. Make the most of these summer days while they last.

As always, I pray for all of you and ask for your continued prayers and support.



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LABOR

Dear Lord,

Please bless and protect the men and women whose work contributes to the labor force and supports families and those in need. Give them strength when they face challenges, grace in times of stress, and renewal as they rest.

Amen.

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SALE BEGIN THIS WEEKEND...

"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 this year for \$12 each.

GET THEM BEFORE
THEY'RE GONE!





Toni Pietrowski
Director of Religious Education
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Religious Education Registration

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

Classes Begin—
Wednesday, September 13
Saturday, September 16

Weekly Class Time Offerings:

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

RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER...

Thursday, September 14 | 10am
BIBLE STORYTIME
Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun — exploring God's Good News through stories, songs, and crafts.

Geared toward children ages 0-6 and their caregivers, but ALL ARE WELCOME!
No registration required.

Storytime is held at St. Peter's School (across the parking lot from the Church)
500 N. Cherry Street | Itasca
Questions?
Please contact Rachel Scheck at 219-308-3007.

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.

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



THE
Nativity
OF THE
Blessed Virgin
Mary
SLP

Friday, September 8

GRIEF MINISTRY

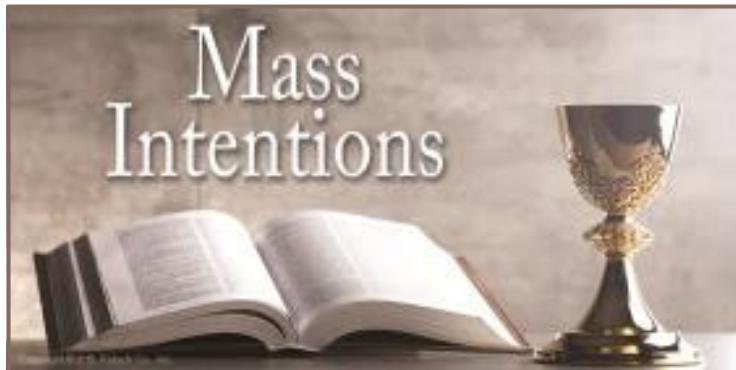
If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry group.

Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room**.

For more information, please contact:
Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Deacon Fred (630-773-4412)

NEXT WEEKEND—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 9:30 am





**The 2024 Mass Intention Book
will open on Tuesday, September 12**

As a reminder...

In an effort to provide a more equitable opportunity for weekend mass requests, the current policy limits the frequency of WEEKEND requests to ONE TIME PER MONTH with a cap of THREE intentions per request.

Currently, weekday mass intention requests are not be held to any restrictions.

Arrangements to have a Mass said for a particular intention can be made by visiting or calling the Parish Center during regular office hours.

Daily Masses and the Sunday 8:30am and 10am Masses may have only one intention. The Saturday 5:00pm Vigil and the Sunday 11:30am Masses are generally available for multiple intentions with a maximum of six.

The requested stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

Mass Intention Cards are available upon request.

Note: Certain Mass dates/times are often filled months in advance.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

- > *Have you thought about becoming Catholic?*
- > *Do you know someone interested in becoming Catholic?*

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.

**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.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

**Saturday
Sept. 9, 2023
1:00 pm**



On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at grave sites around the country where aborted victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for this National Day of Remembrance and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will never be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

1:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy

1:15 Prayer Service at the
Memorial for the Unborn
with Guest Speaker

1:45 Pro-Life Rosary

Location

St. Joseph Cemetery Grotto
1500 N. Raynor Av., Joliet, IL

Sponsored by

Pro-Life Committee of St. Joseph
Catholic Church in Joliet
815-727-9378



PSALM 63



SeasonOfCreation.org

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home, the "Oikos" of God.

The Season Celebration begins 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The 2023 theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow." The symbol is the mighty river.

"This Season of Creation will be an opportunity to pray, reflect and act together as the People of God for our common home. Like tributaries joining forces to become a mighty river, the ecumenical family will come together on a synodal path of care for our common home through justice and peace." - *Sister Alessandra Smerilli, Secretary of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.*

Each week, I will share some brief thoughts on stewardship and living with an "Oikos" focus. Oikos is a Greek word that incorporates the concepts of family, family property, and the home.

Deacon Fred Maier

Visit seasonofcreation.org or laudatosimovement.org for additional information.



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel continues the story that began in last week's Gospel. Simon Peter was called the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church, and yet Peter continues to show the limitations of his understanding of Jesus' identity. Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. Messianic expectations were a common aspect of first-century Judaism. Under Roman occupation, many in Israel hoped and prayed that God would send a Messiah to free the Jews from Roman oppression. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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FOLLOW



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

MATTHEW 16:24 b



GIVE SERVE LIVE

Stewardship of Treasure St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 9: Sunday Collection (08/27/2023).....\$ 10,173.00

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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We joyfully welcome into our St. Peter's family ~

Matilda Joan Miller

child of Joseph and Caitlin (Hartsell) Miller

Beckett Charles

child of Jennifer and Ryan (Miller) Peterson

Jack Thomas

child of Kevin and Kellie (Rice) Carman

Wolfgang Loren

child of John Gergan and Elizabeth Ingebrigtsen

Evelyn Paige

child of Matthew and Maria (Wojtas) Kluber

Dominic Michael

child of James and Jacqueline (Buffo) Zaccone

who were baptized during the month of August 2023



Celeste Guzman and Brad Dedic
who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
on August 26, 2023.

**O Lord, bless these couples,
keep them holy and pure in their lives,
deepen their spirit of prayer and love for you and each other.**

This Week at St. Peter's...

Sunday	September 3 Mum Sales after all Masses (<i>Parking Lot</i>)
Tuesday	September 5 Crochet Group (<i>MW Hall</i>) Tuesday Evening Rosary (<i>Church</i>)
Wednesday	September 6 Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
Thursday	September 7 Baptism Prep Class (<i>PC Conference Room</i>) Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (<i>AFCM Center</i>)
Saturday	September 9 Mum Sales after all Masses (<i>Parking Lot</i>) Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
Sunday	September 10 Mum Sales after all Masses (<i>Parking Lot</i>) Grief Support Group (<i>PC Conference Room</i>)



SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9 | Sunday, September 10

Celebrants

- 5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen
8:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen
10:00 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen
11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette

Lectors

- 5:00 pm Lou Casolari
8:30 am Chris Aument
10:00 am Kathy Laken
11:30 am Mary McNamara

Communion Ministers

- 5:00 pm Nancy Ferenci
Deacon Anthony
8:30 am Karl Schmidt
Deacon Fred
10:00 am Mary Booth
Mel Gerard
11:30 am Bill Kolf
Deacon Bob

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	September 3 (Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Fr. Paul Mankowski, SJ
10:00 am	†Andrzej Szymikowski
11:30 am	†Rich Greskoviak Rich and Raffaela Olenek - <i>on their 60th Anniversary</i> Souls in Purgatory For an End to Abortion People of the Parish
Monday	September 4 (Weekday; Labor Day)
9:00 am	†For those seeking employment
Tuesday	September 5 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†George Kveck
Wednesday	September 6 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Mason Sauseido
Thursday	September 7 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Nino and Maria DiTusa
Friday	September 8 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
8:00 am	†Daniel McDonald
Saturday	September 9 (Vigil: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
5:00 pm	†Patricia DeBella †Robert Hoffman †Marion Lejman †Helen Orenicia †Lillian Schmalbeck
Sunday	September 10 (Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Edward S. Kryger
10:00 am	†Luigi Alfano †Maria Mandel
11:30 am	†Andrzej Szymikowski For an End to Abortion People of the Parish

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Alice Gorman French
Tadeusz Gil
Tadeusz "Ted" Kosk
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/ Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

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	Cindy Serrano
Danny Clements	Mary Kelly	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	Sylvia Kleinedler	Belinda Sobucki
John Cozzi	Rickie Kruzel	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Randy Szweda, USMC
Mike Cummins	John J. McNally II	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

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



For people living on the margins.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**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

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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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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