

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

Second Thursday of every month during Father John Project
and by appointment



March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

(closed for lunch: Monday-Thursday, 12:30-1:30 pm)

**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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 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.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

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.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



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.

This Wednesday we begin Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular days of the year among Catholics. Having been at three parishes, it was a common remark among the priests that on Ash Wednesday, people would like for there to be a drive through for them to receive their ashes. They were more concerned about the outward sign of their ashes than the attendance at holy mass.

Ashes are a symbol. We shouldn't receive ashes just for the sake of people being able to see us walk around with ashes on our foreheads. If we do, we run the risk of doing exactly what Jesus warn us about in the gospel; "take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them". Rather, what is most important is the kind of decisions we make in what we will do to become closer to Jesus during this Lenten season. We need to change what is inside of us which will be reflected on our outsides. We need to pray as to how we can become the very image of Jesus Christ, himself.

Many people during Lent ask for dispensations for one reason or another. Rather than looking for a dispensation, it would be better to show others the sacrifice we are willing to do out of love and respect of Our Lord. Jesus died for love of us on the cross; we need to ask ourselves how we can die for love of Him.

Of course, we are not going to be able to make these sacrifices and changes on our own. We need to pray for the grace and ask Jesus how we can accomplish them knowing He will help us because He has put the inspirations in our hearts. We also know we are strengthened by the reception of frequent confession and holy communion.

This Lent with so many Christians suffering throughout the world, let us join our sufferings and sacrifices to theirs. Let us place them on the paten at each holy mass. In this way, we will not only grow in Jesus' likeness but help to make the world a better place for all to live.

The Ash Wednesday Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes schedule is:

8:00 am | 12:00 noon | 7:00 pm

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jean and Gary Grote for once again supplying the Lenten "Little Black Books" to aid us in our Lenten journeys. I know so many people of the parish enjoy them.

As we begin this holy season of Lent let us attend the holy mass on Ash Wednesday to receive the strength to fulfill our Lenten intentions for asking God for his help and mercy.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek

From the Pastor



Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his March prayers for the Church and for the world:

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities.

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Every tree is known by its own fruit.

For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44



Stewardship of Treasure**A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle****Sunday Collection Year to Date**

Fiscal Week 34: 02/24/2019 \$ 9,046.00 \$ 353,582.58

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).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)**This Week at St. Peter's**

Monday	March 4
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (PC/Lower Level)
Tuesday	March 5
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Thursday	March 7
9:00 am	Morning Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
Friday	March 8
3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday	March 9
4:00 pm	Confessions (Church)
	MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex)
Sunday	March 10
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (PC)
	MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex)

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Mass Intentions

Sunday	March 3 (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Gerardo Alfano
11:00 am	†Andrea Fricano
	†Giuseppina Fricano
	†Denis McNamara
	†Linda Moretti
	†Lorraine Talaga
	†Al Trejo
Monday	March 4 (St. Casimer)
8:00 am	†Eugene "Bud" Kloss
Tuesday	March 5 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Marie Spiezio
Wednesday	March 6 (Ash Wednesday)
8:00 am	†John Zell
12:00pm	†Ronald Suchor
7:00 pm	†Carmela Maggio
Thursday	March 7 (Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs)
8:00 am	†Jean Cifonie
Friday	March 8 (St. John of God, Religious)
8:00 am	†Marie D. Spiezio
Saturday	March 9 (Vigil: First Sunday of Lent)
5:00 pm	†Marge Kulpinski
	†Marie D. Spiezio
	†Jim Tomburino
	People of the Parish
Sunday	March 10 (First Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†Knights of Columbus Memorial "Blue Mass"
11:00 am	†Ed Kryger
	†Patricia Krueger
	†Alicja and Bronislaw Jasinski
	†Kevin P. Sheehan

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27 R: Let the just exult and rejoice in the Lord.
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31 R: To the upright I will show the saving power of God
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 R: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 R: A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 R: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Communion Ministers/ Lectors/Servers Schedule

Saturday, March 9th		Sunday, March 10th	
Communion Ministers		Servers	
5:00 pm	Nancy Riley Arlene Derma Lisa Hennessy Debbie Thude	5:00 pm	Tabetha George Nathan George
8:30 am	Bill Kolf Frank Vale Ruth Kryger Deacon Fred	8:30 am	Joey Vale Brynn Ellenbecker
11:00 am	Carmela Graziano Michael Graziano Greg Papuga Deacon Bob	11:00 am	Michael Fricano Valentina Ancona
Lectors		Ushers	
5:00 pm	Nancy Magnus Margaret Trepal	5:00 pm	Gary Divis Jim Ferenzi Ed Rossi Frank Rossi
8:30 am	Michael Blackburn Diane Blackburn	8:30 am	Chris Aument Ralph D'Andrea Robert Gosanko
11:00 am	Laura Mack Erin Mack	11:00 am	Karl Schmidt John Carello Joe Crocilla Bill Hepperle Bruno Zecchin

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Beverly Balke	Mel Gerard	Fred Oslager
Barbara Beers	Mike Graziano	Anne Marie Pagni
Brian Beers	Vincent Guccione	Harriett Pinkowski
Sue Bobka	Joseph Halec	Baby Vincent Porter
John Booth	Carole Hatke	Megan Putze
Janet Both	Phil Hatke	Brendan Reidy
Fr. Larry Brunette	Jeanette Hemmelgarn	John Rossi
Ken Buffo	Ken Hemstreet	Jennifer Ruffing
Joe Busato	Isabell Herrera	Savannah Rose Russo
Mike Carey	Mary Hosters	Roxanne Ruiz
Jacqueline Castellano	Shirley Janik	Alana Ruiz
Eunice Cleveland	Brian Josephus	Alexandra Ruiz
Regina Conti	Anne Keeton	Janina Sabat
Lucy Crocilla	Debra Kelly	Fred Santoro
Collin Cummins	Joe Kryger	Angela Scanlon
Mary Cummins	Ruth Kryger	Martin Schatzman
Michael Cummins	Rickie Kruzel	Shauna Sheffer
Paul Cummins	Celeste Kucharczyk	Marilyn Sieradzki
Valeria D'Andrea	JoLynn Lash	Belinda Sobucki
Margaret Del Preto	Sharon Laughlin	Dan Sobucki
Irene Dial	Lilly Lima	Sharon Sowers
Linda Diana	Elizabeth Lisak	Karen Stewart
Angeline DiFranco	Pasquale Lopardo	Joan Streich
Charles DiFranco Jr.	Deacon Fred Maier	Linda Szveda
Teresa Dunhac	Eileen Marino	Terry Tardi
John Elia	Patricia McMahon	James Thompson
Scott Erickson	Ann McNally	Patricia Vitale
Robert Fahler	Jack McNally	Jennifer Weil
Tracy Fink	Gene Mikulecky	Helen Wilczko
Cheryl Fisherkeller	Christopher Mizera	Agnieszka Wisniewska
Sally Franz	Rich Mrugacz	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Mary Frawley	Jean Nowobielski	Ray Young
Dan Galuszek	Dolores Olenek	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Joe Galuszek	Donald Olenek	Judy Ziomek
Mary Gawlik	Raffaella Olenek	
Geri Gerard	Vince Oraziatti	

Published and/or announced 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 request to remain another six weeks.

Lenten Prayer at the Start of the Day

Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Lord Jesus, you give us living waters: Kyrie eleison

Christ Jesus, you are Light from Light: Christe eleison

Lord Jesus, you raise us from death to life: Kyrie eleison

Our Father, Who art in heaven... Amen

Guard us, Lord, during this day. Keep us faithful to your word and your way, and help us to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

May almighty God grant us a grace-filled day, and lead us safely home.

Amen.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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
James J. Cullotta, U. S. Marines
PFC Michael D'Andrea, US Army
CPT Joseph DeHaven, US Army
CPT Stephen Grabinski, US Army
CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
PFC Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
PFC Jacob Los, US Army
Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
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
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
PO3 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy



All are welcome to stop by the
Margaret Wood's Parish Hall
to grab a doughnut, a beverage
and some fellowship—
weekly following all Sunday morning masses.

Grief Ministry Meetings

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

We meet in the Parish Center on the second Sunday of the month following the 8:30 am Mass (approximately 9:30am).

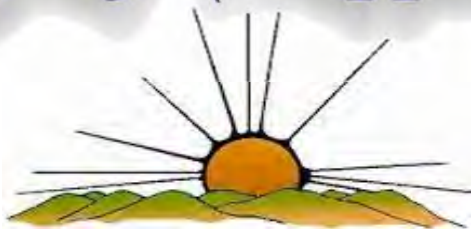
Our members are friendly, compassionate and all are good listeners.

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin or Fred Maier
630-212-0304 630-773-4412

NEXT WEEKEND—Sunday, March 10 at 9:30 am

Grief Support



St. Peter the Apostle Parish offers the following spiritual and social opportunities during Lent. We hope you will join us as we prepare our hearts for the great Easter feast.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES | March 6

8:00 am | 12:00 noon | 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ALL Fridays during Lent | 3:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All Saturdays during Lent | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 14 | 7:00 am *(during Father John Project)*

Friday, April 5 | 8:30 am *(following First Friday Benediction)*

Tuesday, March 27 | 7:00 pm *(during Parish Mission)*

24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, April 5 | 8:30 am Friday until 7:30 am Saturday

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Sunday, March 17 | following 11:00 am Mass

PARISH MISSION | March 25-27 | 7:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY | April 14 | Regular Mass Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY | April 18

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Bus pilgrimage to local churches following service.

GOOD FRIDAY | April 19

3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm: Passion of our Lord Service

(Church will remain open until midnight)

HOLY SATURDAY | April 20

9:00 am and 9:45 am: Blessing of food in church

7:30 pm: Easter Vigil Service

There is no 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY | April 21

Mass Schedule: 7:00 am | 8:30 am | 11:00 am



NOTE:

Due to upcoming construction in the church, weekday Masses will be held in the Margaret Woods Parish Hall. As a result, it has been decided that Soup & Salad **WILL NOT** take place this Lenten season.



**Reflecting on a New Paradigm of Evangelization:
The Importance of Liturgy in Today's Culture**

Saturday, March 16, 2019 | 8:00 am – 12 noon

ASCENSION PARISH

15314 Summit Avenue | Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181

To register online go to: easterndupagedeanery.org

OR

fill out the form below and place the bottom half of this form
in the box in your church narthex.
(There is no cost to attend)

Do **NOT** register directly at Ascension Parish.

Doors will open at 7:30 to begin check-in

Our day opens with 8:00 am Mass with Father Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

Check-in will continue with Continental Breakfast following mass

Come and hear **Linda Couri** present:

The Relevance of the Mass in a Busy World that Just Won't Stop

Also, please join us as we hear **Fr. David Mowry** talk about
how the Liturgy of the Word tells us the story of salvation
in a way that opens our eyes to seeing that story playing out in the culture around us

I plan to attend the Liturgical Enrichment Day event on March 16th.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Parish: _____

Please register online or by placing this form in the designated box by March 3rd.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



The Knights of Columbus Council 10884 is looking for volunteers to help pack life saving meals at Feed My Starving Children's Schaumburg location on **Thursday, March 21, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.**

With God's help and your support, Feed My Starving Children strives to eliminate starvation in children throughout the world. Volunteers of all ages (over 5) and abilities are welcome.

Please e-mail Adam Stephan (astephanisu@hotmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

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February 24, 2019

Statement from Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, Diocese of Joliet Following the Worldwide Meeting of Bishops in Rome

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued a passionate statement at the conclusion of a unique conference in Rome, organized by Pope Francis, to deal with the sexual abuse of minors. As our representative, the cardinal once again emphasized the obligation we have to the victims and survivors.

The heart of the conference was addressing the failures of bishops, both as perpetrators of abuse themselves or as ineffective responders to the abuse by others in their dioceses.

We United States bishops began dealing with this matter last November at our regular fall meeting. Cardinal DiNardo indicated in his statement that we will continue our deliberations in June. Because of the just-concluded meeting in Rome, I hope we will have clearer direction as we proceed.

Cardinal DiNardo, in his statement, references the invaluable service that lay people will need to provide to us bishops as we move forward. That will certainly be the case in the Diocese of Joliet. Even now, everyone can join in praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide the bishops, bring healing to the victims and the entire community of faith, and make the Church safe for every young person.

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February 21, 2019

Illinois Bishops Warn Against Extreme Abortion Legislation in General Assembly

As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, it is incomprehensible that our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. Their efforts, similar to recent actions in New York and Virginia, focus on corrupting our God-given right to life and sowing unnecessary division.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, misnamed the Reproductive Health Act, include so many harmful provisions the full effect of these bills can hardly be imagined. We know the legislation:

- seeks to define abortion as health care and a fundamental right;
- removes abortion clinics from a regulatory framework designed for significant medical procedures;
- attacks a carefully constructed agreement in law on how hospitals care for the victims of sexual assault;
- repeals the ban on partial birth abortion;
- repeals legal protections for doctors and hospitals who decline to participate in abortions;
- requires private health insurance in Illinois to fully cover the cost of abortion;
- removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions;
- as well as many other changes that in totality require us to treat abortion as a celebrated right instead of a heart-wrenching tragedy.

Abortion is not health care. It is the intentional taking of innocent and defenseless human life. Moreover, provisions in the law that allow healthcare providers to live and work in accordance with their sincerely-held moral beliefs are not wrong. Freedom of religion and conscience protections are fundamental rights, enshrined in our state and federal constitutions, and they must be respected.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, which has been in statute since 1995 and enforced since 2013, ensures parents are involved in profound medical decisions involving their children. Every other state bordering Illinois – Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa – requires at least parental notification. It is a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allows parents to properly exercise love and care for their children. Our government should support families, not undermine them.

Opposition to these bills do not require one to assume a pro-life political position. Opposition should be the natural result of applying reason, fairness and a basic respect for human dignity to the examination of their contents. We cannot further devalue human life to the extent proposed in this legislation without dire consequences for ourselves.

We hope to lead all people of goodwill to rise up and be heard in opposition to these terrible efforts. Accordingly, in the days ahead, we will be distributing more information and calls to action. Today, we ask for your prayers and support as you certainly have ours.

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"Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living."



— "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer,
www.usccb.org/worth-living

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright	1-800-848-LOVE
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	630-790-8433 x 266
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	1-815-838-7171
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities Children's Services	630-495-6864
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-67-BABY-6
	1-800-NO-ABORT
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270
The Gabriel Project	1-877-734-2444

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC

Please join the Life groups of St. Peter and St. Walter's in outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, on Tuesday, Friday and Saturdays from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

**Horrific anti-life legislation has been entered in Illinois!
UNBORN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES NEED YOU.**

Prayer: Please pray for the safety of the unborn and their families, and the conversion of hearts for all elected officials so that they might advocate for life. Ask the Lord how He is calling you to pray, fast and act.

Action Part 1: Please **call and email** House and Senate lawmakers. Work to spread the action alert at your parish, among your family and friends.

Action Alert:

Abortion legislation has cropped up in the Illinois Legislature, as two bills were filed on Wed. Feb. 13.

House Bill 2467:

Repeals Illinois Parental Notification of Abortion Act

This current law requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor seeks an abortion. It includes a waiver for children who have been physically or sexually abused. The law was passed in 1995 but not implemented until 2013, when the Illinois Supreme Court issued a unanimous ruling in favor of it.

House Bill 2495:

- **Repeal** the current state ban on partial-birth abortions.
- **Defines** abortion as a fundamental right.
- **Removes** abortion clinics from regulations for serious medical procedures.
- **Removes** the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions.
- **Requires** private health insurance in Illinois to fully cover the cost of abortion.

Contact your state House and Senate lawmakers and urge them to vote "no" on HB 2467 & HB 2495.

TAKE ACTION TODAY BY PHONE & EMAIL -
Visit www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center
for pre-composed guides

Action Part 2: Please **mark your calendar** for a Life Advocacy Day in Springfield on **April 3, 2019**. The Joliet Diocese, Archdiocese of Chicago and Catholic Conference of Illinois will work together to meet with legislators in Illinois. Invite your friends to come. Stay Tuned for a schedule and transportation information. Bus arrangements are in the works.

Don't know what to say during a meeting? The Catholic Conference will provide a briefing with information, maps, and answers to questions. Remember, unborn children and their families need you! Take courage; God is with you. We are here to walk with you too.

Action Part 3: Spread the Word at your local parish. Encourage parishioners to participate in Life Advocacy Day on April 3rd, engage in the Action Alert, and use the bulletin inserts below.

Action Part 4: Stay tuned for additional ways to advocate. Additional materials are in the works. Call us with ways the Holy Spirit may inspire you.

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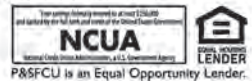
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