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Catholic Church

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St. Peter Church is a Roman Catholic community, evangelizing by the power of the Holy Spirit, leading others to a joyful encounter with Christ and experiencing Our Father's merciful love.

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In case of emergency, please call (815) 321-9990

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Compassionate Ministry, call Parish Office....(815) 525-3400

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday 9 AM to 4 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Written submissions are due Monday at noon.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Please check bulletin or website for Mass times.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

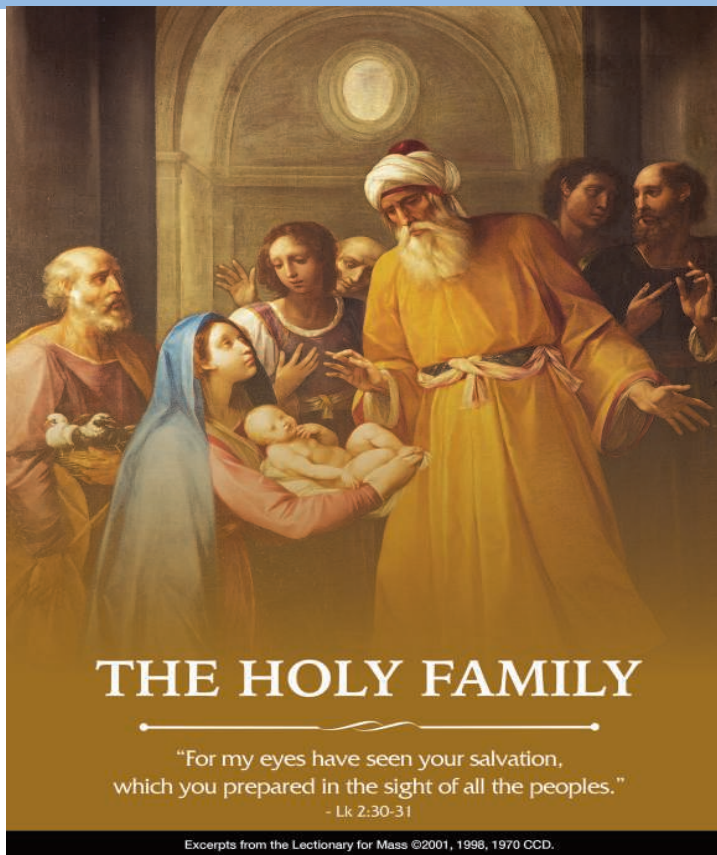
First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship in the church hall after Mass.

FAMILY ADORATION

English: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM with confessions



Parish website: www.st-peter-church.com



BAPTISMS

English: Baptisms are on Saturday mornings. Please call the office to set a time and date with Fr. Sabo.

Spanish: Kindly request the "Baptismal Orientation Document" from the parish office and follow the written instructions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples must be at least nineteen and meet with the priest six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE

If you anticipate hospitalization or require sacraments, please call the parish office. The sacrament of the Anointing is on 1st Saturdays after the 8:00 AM Mass. You may also call the parish office.

CONFESSIONS

Mon: after the 7:00 PM Mass, Tues-Fri: after the 7:00 AM Mass

Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM during Family Adoration

Sat.: 3:45-4:45 PM & after 6:30 PM Mass (Spanish and English confessions are offered.) Sunday: after the 9:30 AM Mass

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please contact the office to register.



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 1st
Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 7:00PM Special Intention
 †Angeline Lucchesi

Tuesday, January 2nd
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
 7:00AM †Mary Mills
 8:15 AM †Mary Jo Marko

Wednesday, January 3rd
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 7:00AM The Ware Family
 †Cookie Belken
 8:15AM †Dr. Raymond Doyle

Thursday, January 4th
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 7:00AM †Merry Robyn Urrea Stuthers
 8:15AM †Cookie Belken

Friday, January 5th
St. John Neumann, Bishop
 7:00AM †Alice Justman
 8:15AM †Debra Stone

Saturday, January 6th
St. Andre Bessette, Religious
 8:00AM †Dr. Raymond Doyle
 5:00PM †Harvey Newcomb II
 6:30PM †Ervin Rollette

Sunday, January 7th
The Epiphany of the Lord
 7:30AM †Deceased Members of the A & R Society
 9:30AM Pro Populo
 11:00AM †Willis Rowald
 12:30PM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Solemnity of Mary: *The Holy Mother of God*

God sent His Son, born of a woman ... so that we might receive adoption as sons. —Galatians 4:4

In my humble opinion the first face we fall in love with is that of our Mother! The first lips we ever kiss, and the first embrace we can trace back to our parents is all made possible thanks to the love of our Mothers! Even the baby Jesus was blessed to call Mary, His Mother and our Lord Jesus Christ gave her to us, His Prized possession before returning to Heaven, hence the reason why we celebrate her as: the Mother of God, the *Mother of Mankind and the Mother of the Church*. She is in the order of nature, a virgin and in the order of grace both a virgin and a mother. It is a great mystery of our Catholic Faith that we are blessed at baptism with calling the Church our Mother!

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we find teaching on the *Divine Motherhood of Mary* (#495). *The Church confesses that Mary is truly Mother of God (Theo-tokos)*. Unique to our faith, thanks to the testimony of the Prophet Isaiah: *Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son (7:14)* and the words of St. Gabriel at the Annunciation, Mary is hailed by a heavenly messenger by these words: *Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you ... And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus (St. Luke 1:28-31)*! St. Ignatius of Antioch says in honor of all who believe such a blessing upon all ages: *You are firmly convinced about our Lord, who is truly of the race of David according to the flesh, Son of God according to the will and power of God, truly born of a virgin.*

In defense of this biblical blessing of the Virgin Mother of God and our Mother, I would like to invite everyone to honor her in the way that works best, go in haste to visit Her Son in the Adoration Chapel and thank Him profusely for sharing part of His heavenly inheritance with us! According to a mystic, her favorite prayer is the Creed! How appropriate, considering her honorary title, as the *Mother of the Church*! Hence we say: *Blessed art thou among women & blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus! :) }*

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS' SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS:

Ron Duda, John Dwyer, Cindy Fogarty, Tom Gasiorowski, Theresa Hans, Vicki Howard, Gary Janowski, Courtland Long, Anthony Rallo, Charlie Roemer, Ronald Scott, Jenny S., Patrick Stuber, Diane Varner, Toni Weber, & Peggy Widmar.

PRAY FOR THOSE HOMEBOUND & THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES:

Nancy Aiello, Matilda De Falco, Pat Heiderscheid, Grace Ingoglia, Julie Kulawinski, Virginia Madru, Charles Qualizza, & Meda Qualizza. For a priest visit or sick call, call the parish office (815) 525-3400. For the prayer chain, please call Ed and Linnea Van Barriger: (815) 629-2405. If you have a loved one who should be added to the sick or homebound list, please call the office.

CHAPEL HOURS NEEDING ADORERS

WEDNESDAY 12AM, 2AM
THURSDAY 3AM
FRIDAY 2AM,
SATURDAY 3AM, 3PM
SUNDAY 1AM, 2AM



Call Junie Pospischil (815) 389-3065 or (815) 494-9237.
Weekend coordinators are needed. Prayerfully consider volunteering as a coordinator.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH

MARRIAGE IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Five week seminar for couples who desire to strengthen their marriage

Wednesdays from January 10 - February 7, 2018
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ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

January 3, 2018 5:30PM
Church Hall

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life

SCHEDULED PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ ALTAR & ROSARY 2nd Thursdays 6:30pm Parish Center
- ◆ CHOIR Thursdays 6pm to 7pm Choir Loft
- ◆ ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ Sun. 9:30 & 11:30am Church Hall
- ◆ MARIAN PRAYER Monday 5:15pm Church
- ◆ MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS CROCHET & KNITTING 1st & 3rd Thursdays 3pm to 5:30pm Parish Center
Beginners welcome!
- ◆ LITURGY OF THE HOURS Mon. 6:30pm Church
- ◆ SEWING GROUP Tues. 9:00am Church Hall
- ◆ SANCTUM FECIT 20's and 30's Group Meets 1st Sunday of

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MEET OUR PARISH FAMILY



JOEL HABLE

VOCATION CORNER

Fear makes us see things that don't exist. I remember when I was little every time I went into a dark room I began to see things that were not there. I was afraid of darkness, my mind worked so fast that I started seeing ghosts everywhere. Lack of knowledge leads to fear, so if there is fear and lack of knowledge, love is absent.

Some passages of the gospel talked about how the disciples don't always understand the things Jesus does. Others say that the disciples at the beginning did not recognize the risen Lord. That is why when they saw Him walking on the water they thought it was a ghost. Fear, lack of knowledge, and therefore lack of love, make them blind to see reality. They believed Jesus was a ghost. Jesus is always inviting us to love, and to allow ourselves to be loved. So, we won't see things that don't exist.

This likewise happens when trying to find our vocation. Am I called for priesthood? Is marriage my call? If we don't recognize the risen Lord, if we don't accept his call, fear will take us over blocking any possibility of love. Let us open our mind to the knowledge of Jesus, so we can love him and answer his call.

"There is not fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear".

WOMEN OF THE YEAR DINNER

On Sunday, January 28, 2018, the Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women will hold its 26th Annual "Women of the Year" Banquet. Janene McCollough will be honored this year. Friends and family are invited to join in her celebration. We will also honor all of our previous honorees for the past 26 years.

The banquet will be held at Giovanni's Restaurant and Convention Center, 610 N. Bell School Road, Rockford, IL. There will be a social hour at 4:30PM, followed by dinner at 5:30. There are 3 choices of main entrée: Braised Short Ribs OR Boneless Pork Chop w/Apple Chutney OR Vegetable Lasagna. (\$35 for an entrée). A child's meal of Chicken Fingers and Fries is available for children 10 and under, at a cost of \$15/child. Please contact Sandy Basel, at 815-494-4132 to make reservations now.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

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