

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT PETER

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

Father Steven M. Sabo, Pastor

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

Father Robert J. McClellan, Parochial Vicar

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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

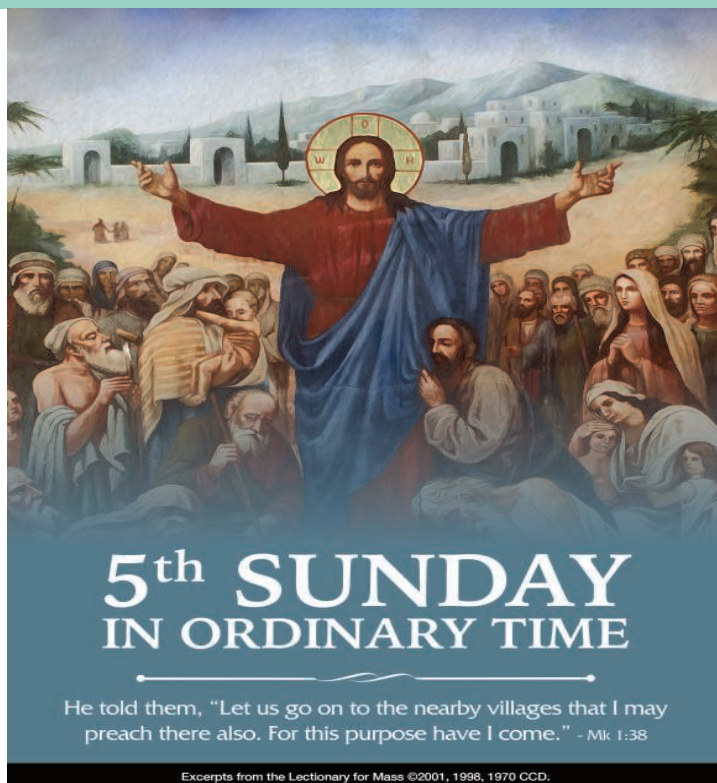
First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship in the church hall after Mass.

FAMILY ADORATION

English: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM with confessions



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



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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, February 5th
St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 8:15AM Living and Deceased Priests of the Rockford Diocese

Tuesday, February 6th
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 7:00AM Cindy Bontjes Birthday
 †Larry Justman
 8:15 AM Alex Hunsberger
 †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 7th
 7:00AM †Teodulo Perez
 8:15AM †Lillian Brown

Thursday, February 8th
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, St. Jerome Emiliani
 7:00AM †Dr. Raymond Doyle
 8:15AM Shelly Wontor

Friday, February 9th
 7:00AM †Grace Ingoglia
 8:15AM †Christopher Justman

Saturday, February 10th
St. Scholastica, Virgin
 8:00AM Alex Hunsberger
 5:00PM Norbert & Judy Schmitt
 †Eugene Paulick
 6:30PM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 11th
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30AM Ed & Cindy Godawski
 †Gerald Smith
 9:30AM Janene & Thomas McCollough
 †Glenn De Mars
 11:00AM Pro Populo
 12:30PM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Blessed be the Name of the Lord! - Job

St. Paul makes one point crystal clear throughout his letters: *This is the will of God, your holiness*. It is best understood in light of the concept called: vocation. In the secular sense, people will often use the word: job. This word can be often be broken down to mean the following: *just over broke!* Our vocation is best understood in light of the life's lesson associated with Job and perseverance in hope! St. John Paul II was first to coin the phrase: *Witness to hope!* I believe it is easier for those who hope for holiness to actually fulfill their vocation and become a Saint! By the very nature of our baptism, we are called by Christ Jesus to adopt the attitude most popular among His pupils: *To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:22).*

This leads us to an important question: *What is the job of Job?* We are told in the first reading: *Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?* There is more to ponder here than a man who likes to state the obvious and make a fuss over his own kicked up dust! Throughout his life he was faced with the test: to trust in the Lord God Almighty or forsake the faith of his fathers and face the uncertain evil of death without any defense. The goodness of God is our defense against the evil one and every other evil, to include those sentiments common place among persons trying to make sense of human suffering: *My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle*. Thanks be to God, there is more to this life than merely trying to survive our daily skirmishes with demons, diseases and doubts about how best to defeat all of our enemies.

St. Paul never laments the grace of his new life in Christ: *All this I do for the sake of the Gospel, so that I too may have a share in it!* St. Francis was perhaps the best to illustrate this point: *First preach by the way you live!* Thus, we discover in the Gospel, Jesus Christ going about doing good: healing the sick, casting out demons and preaching the Good News of His Pardon and Peace: *For this purpose I have come—St. Mark 1:28*. Job & Paul are certainly prime examples of how best to *hope against all hope!* May we sing their song: *Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to His wisdom there is no limit—Psalm 147.*

Thus we pray: *Eternal Father in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion is inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us! O Mary, Mother of Mercy! :) }*

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS' SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS:

Ron Duda, John Dwyer, Cindy Fogarty, Tom Gasiorowski, Theresa Hans, Vicki Howard, Gary Janowski, Courtland Long, Vivian Candace Mitchell, Charlie Roemer, Ronald Scott, & Peggy Widmar.

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

Nancy Aiello, Matilda De Falco, Pat Heiderscheid, 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

MONDAY 11AM
WEDNESDAY 12AM, 2AM
THURSDAY 3AM
FRIDAY 12AM, 2AM,
SATURDAY 3AM
SUNDAY 1AM, 2AM, 8PM



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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARDI GRAS!
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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 month after 11:00 am Mass in Church Hall

I would like to thank Fr. Sabo, Sandy Basel and all who came to my celebration for Woman of the Year!
Thank you. It was an honor.

Love and prayers.
Janene McCollough
St. Peter Parish Woman of the Year

SUNDAY COLLECTION

1-28-18

Collection \$ 8,437.00 School Envelopes \$329.00
\$ 522.00
\$ 8,959.03

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Mon: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56
Tues: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
Wed: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thurs: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
Fri: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
Sat: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
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MEET OUR PARISH FAMILY



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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Creighton Model FertilityCare System and OFS Institute for Women's Health and Fertility can help married couples avoid or achieve pregnancy or help married or single women monitor their gynecological health naturally and effectively. Creighton Model is a charting system with a user effectiveness rate of 96.8 percent. As a woman learns to chart her cycle, NaPro Technologies provides medical and surgical treatments to address reproductive and gynecologic abnormalities. These treatments don't mask abnormalities, the goal is to eliminate them completely. As a Catholic health care system, we believe in offering alternatives to contraception and artificial reproductive technologies that are safe, effective and consistent with our commitment to the sanctity of life.

OSF FertilityCare—Rockford is offering Introductory Sessions to the Creighton Model Charting System

Thursday, February 15 or Thursday March 15
7:00 - 8:00PM St. Anthony Medical Center
(Foundation Room)
5666 E. State Street
Rockford, Illinois

There is no cost to attend, but kindly register for your preferred session

Contact: Mary O'Grady RN CFCP
815-332-3015 or email mary.e.o'grady@osfhealthcare.org

VOCATIONS CORNER: ARE YOU ON SCHEDULE?

I'm sure that everyone reading this will agree that life can get very busy very fast, In the midst of this busyness it is so easy to treat God and prayer like one more thing on our schedule. We may even be tempted to view time set aside with God to be a burden on us that makes it harder to get things done. Nothing however could be further from the truth! There is a story about a priest who told Mother Theresa that he was too busy to pray. He explained his daily schedule to her, beginning with waking up at 5:00 A.M. and finally ending at 11:00 P.M. each and every day. He asked her advice as to what he should do in order to find time to pray. She just asked: "You said you get up at 5:00 A.M.?" He replied "Yes." She responded "Then get up at 4:00!" He began doing this and as a result of offering up that extra hour of sleep for Christ, He was miraculously energized and felt even more refreshed than when he previously got up at 5:00. What does this mean for us? No matter how hard it is to fit in, we have to schedule quality time with the Lord. It is only in this way that we will be able to discern what we really ought to be doing with the rest of our time! So take time to pray and trust that God will take care of the rest of your schedule!
- Fr. Romke

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