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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  
Deacon Ignacio Badillo

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| Clara Fragozo, Religious Ed. Coordinator, Bi-lingual Secretary | Steve Hatch, Director of Building and Grounds |
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**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**

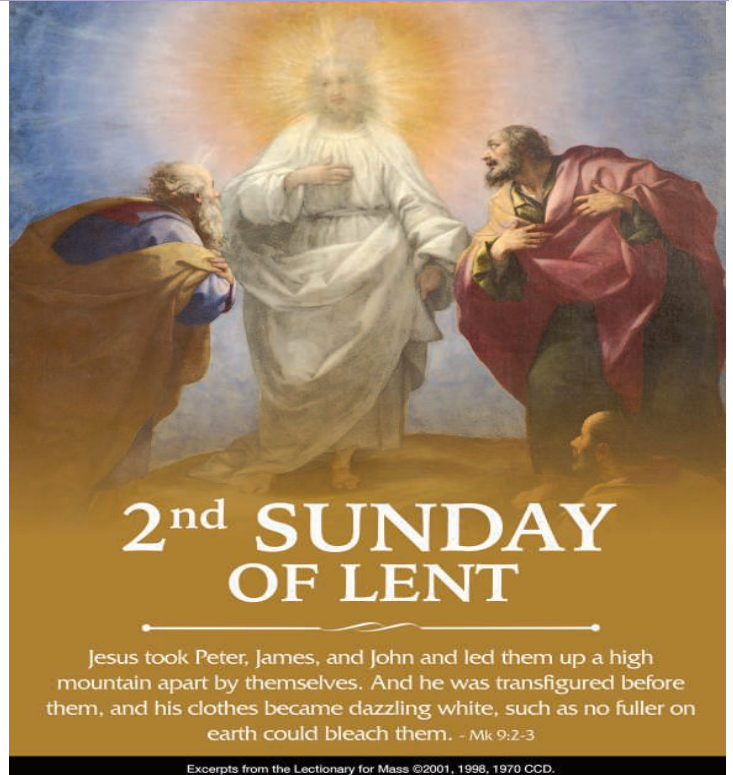
First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship in the church hall after Mass.

**FAMILY ADORATION**

English: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM with confessions



Parish website: [www.st-peter-church.com](http://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.



Monday, February 26th  
 7:00PM Fr. Brian Geary  
 †Harvey Newcomb II

Tuesday, February 27th  
 7:00AM †Alice Justman  
 8:15 AM †Patrick Peth

Wednesday, February 28th  
 7:00AM Father Steven Sabo  
 †Toni Weber  
 8:15AM Annette Popernik  
 †Anthony Rallo

Thursday, March 1st  
 7:00AM †Dennis Juul  
 8:15AM Christine Hunsberger

Friday, March 2nd  
 7:00AM †Alice Justman  
 8:15AM †Dr. Raymond Doyle  
 5:30PM Stations of the Cross English  
 7:00PM Stations of the Cross Spanish

Saturday, March 3rd  
 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
 8:00AM †Debra Stone  
 5:00PM †Eugene Paulick  
 6:30PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 4th  
 3rd Sunday of Lent  
 7:30AM Juul Family  
 †Deceased Members of A&R Society  
 9:30AM Pro Populo  
 11:00AM †Loren Sigman II  
 12:30PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.*  
 God, the Father

This Lenten journey culminates in the Easter Vigil celebration and the reception into the Catholic Church of those catechumens and candidates that have spent time learning about the faith and preparing their souls for the Sacraments of Initiation. This weekend, the Second Sunday of Lent is a personal invitation to holiness to all of us, without exception. What is holiness all about? Does it stop with merely avoiding sin? According to Fr. John Hardon: *Christian holiness aspires to nothing less than the willingness to suffer out of love for Christ.* This type of suffering can be either active or passive, voluntary or involuntary. When we freely embrace the suffering that comes our way, we are certainly on the *super-highway to holiness!*

In the second reading, St. Paul offers us an insight about the supreme sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. These words are packed with God-given *graces galore: He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him —Romans 8:32.* This is certainly the central way that God the Father proves His love for us. The question facing us today is how do we prove our love for the Eternal Father? Does giving up chocolate for Lent adequately express what we confess: our Love for the Father's gift of His only Son?

Consequently, the first reading prefigures this gift and while God spares the offering of Abraham's only Son, the mystery of the Redemption dares every sinner to look to: *Jesus, who died—or rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us—Romans, 8:34.* This refers to *the Messianic Secret* revealed to us in today's Gospel and the admonition from Our Heavenly Father: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.* His words safeguard our hearts from the so-called: *scandal of the Cross*, when bad things happen to innocent victims, like our Lord Jesus Christ! Both Priests and people are called by Christ: *to relate to everyone what you have seen, since the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.* Holiness is a *pre-requisite for entering heavenly glory!* In the sentiments of your Shaggy Shepherd, *it is a share in His Power: to do good and avoid evil.* This grace enables us to *seek His face* throughout this race! In the fourth luminous mystery we meditate on this mystery and pray for the grace to grow in holiness—*Please help me Lord Jesus Christ: to un-self myself! : ) }*

### PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS' SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS:

John Cychosz, Ron Duda, John Dwyer, Cindy Fogarty, Ed Godawski, Tom Gasiorowski, Theresa Hans, Vicki Howard, Gary Janowski, Courtland Long, Vivian Candace Mitchell, Charlie Roemer, Ronald Scott, Charlotte Spangler & 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

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 BASEMENT BATHROOM BEAUTIFICATION

St. Peter Church has begun a Diocese-approved project to remodel the basement bathrooms and bring them up to code. Bathroom renovations began on Monday, February 19th. Please excuse the inconvenience. Prayerfully consider an additional donation to this project as part of your Lenten sacrifices this year. All amounts are welcome, but please consider a weekly contribution of \$20, \$50, or even \$100 each week during Lent in addition to your normal weekly Church donation for the next six weeks. If every registered family in the parish donated an extra \$20 every Sunday during Lent we would be close to covering the cost of the renovation. Envelopes are available in the back of the Church and online giving is also available through the Parish App. Please contact the Parish Office or Karl Zoller at 815-623-2145 or Kerry Cloyd at 815-566-1012.

### 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

### THANK YOU from St. Vincent de Paul

Our Mardi Gras fundraiser was a great success. thanks to all who braved the cold and snow to attend, supporting our Conference mission to feed the poor. We want to express our appreciation to those who donated items for the auctions and the young men who helped in the kitchen during and after dinner. Mardi Gras is always a team effort -without St. Peter Parish members' support of our volunteers, we couldn't help people in need. Thanks!

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

2-18-18

Collection \$9,648.68 School Envelopes \$149.00  
Egiving \$ 672.00  
Total \$10,320.68

Basement Bathroom Beautification Project \$4,922.00

## MEET OUR PARISH FAMILY



PHILLIP AND BARBARA HODGES

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

United States Council of Catholic Bishops

## COME SUPPORT

### ST. PETER CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

Eat dinner at the South Beloit Wendy's on Monday, February 26th between 5-8pm.

Wendy's will donate 15% of all Monday night sales to St. Peter Church and School for scholarships, athletics, and/or end of year school field trip.

When: Monday: February 26th

Where: Wendy's of South Beloit (14465 Blackhawk)

Time: 5—8pm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25, 2018


Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38  
Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12  
Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28  
Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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