

**Booklet of Societies, Service Groups,
Ministries & Apostolates**
**Folleto de Sociedades, Grupos de
Servicios, Ministerios**



*My Lord & My God! My God & My All!
Mí Señor y Mí Dios! Mí Dios y Mí Todo!*

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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Parish Office: 815-525-3400

Mon. 9 am to 6 pm, Tue.-Fri. 9 am to 4 pm

Website: st-peter-church.com

Welcome to St. Peter Church!

Bienvenidos a Iglesia de San Pedro!

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church welcomes you to experience an awesome and intimate relationship with our loving Lord and grow deeply in love with Him, our Blessed Mother and with each other. Because God's truths and the Church's truths are taught and experienced here, we are able to grow in holiness. This is God's desire for us and is attainable through a deeper experience of the Holy Mass and the frequent reception of the Sacraments - Confession and Holy Communion.

There are many groups here to encourage you and to help you use the gifts and talents God has chosen for you on your journey to Him. All are waiting to welcome you and help you!

St. Augustine said, "Man's greatest achievement is prayer." Come on the journey so that we will be able to join together with our Blessed Mother and say, "My soul doth magnify the Lord."

"Grateful hearts must praise the Lord!"

- Psalm 33

We welcome you and love you in Christ's love through Mary.

Welcome Home!
Bienvenidos a Casa!

Parish and School Administration

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Please pray daily for an increase in vocations to the sacred priesthood and consecrated religious life.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. *Christ, have mercy on us.*

V. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

R. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

V. God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mother's womb, [etc.]

Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the Word of God.

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High.

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven.

Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity.

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues.

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise.

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts.

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased.

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, continued

Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy.
Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon You.
Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness.
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses.
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches.
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities.
Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death.
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance.
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation.
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection.
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation.
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins.
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You.
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You.
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints.

V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
R. spare us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
R. graciously hear us, O Lord.

V. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
R. have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray.

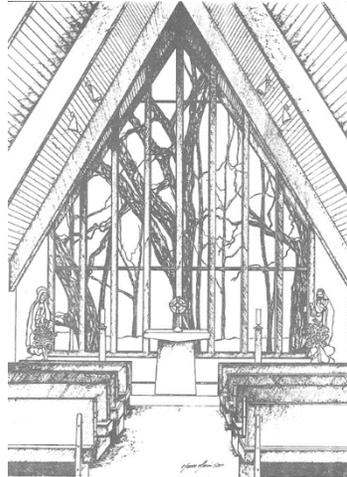
Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy mercy, in Thy great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who livest and reignest with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus /Immaculate Heart of Mary Perpetual Adoration Chapel

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**Virtual
Adoration**

John heard a voice crying out from heaven; “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory & praise.”

- Revelation 5:12

Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament is worthy of the unceasing adoration of all, as God, and for giving Himself for our salvation.

“Could you not, then, watch one hour with me?”

– Matthew 26:40

The Sacred Heart of Jesus /Immaculate Heart of Mary Perpetual Adoration Chapel, located on the St. Peter Church campus, is open to all the faithful 24 hours a day seven days a week, closing on Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday.

We invite you to spend an hour a week in the Divine presence of Our Lord and Savior in the Blessed Sacrament.

For more information and/or to schedule your hour:

Contact: Junie Pospischil at 815-389-3065 or 815-494-9237

Resources

This section of the booklet provides descriptions and contact information of resources that you may wish to draw on for the sacraments, formation or special events.

Altar Servers

“One single Mass gives more honor to God than all the penances of the Saints, the labors of the Apostles, the suffering of the martyrs, and even the burning love of the Blessed Mother of God.”

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

The purpose of the Altar Server program is to train boys to assist the priest at the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass and other Devotional services, enhance their Catholic formation, and increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

All boys who have completed 2nd grade and have received their First Holy Communion are invited to be altar servers. They will undergo training in this capacity and will “shadow” an experienced altar server. The boys are officially commissioned as altar servers once per year. Once commissioned, the boys are assigned Masses to serve throughout the year. Every altar server, whether commissioned or in training, is allowed and encouraged to serve at any Mass/Service he wishes to attend.

Proper attire in this service is important and includes pants, black shoes, a handkerchief, and clean nails. Flip flops, sleeveless shirts, the chewing of gum or use of mints are all to be avoided.

Contact: Brad Thorp at 608-728-0677

Baptismal Preparation

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

– *Matthew 19:14*

Register in the Parish: Parents of the child to be baptized should be a registered member of St. Peter before scheduling a baptism. If you are not already registered you may do so by contacting the parish office. If already registered in the parish please contact the parish office staff to schedule your date. Baptism classes are offered.

Selecting Godparents: Godparents play a very important role in a child's spiritual life. They should serve as role models of the faith. The child should be able to look to his/her godparent as an example of how the Church teaches us to live our Catholic faith. They should support not only the child but you, the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community. Therefore, being a godparent is not only an honor, it is a tremendous responsibility and should be carefully chosen. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties, the Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their child.

Baptismal Record and Certificate: The baptism will be recorded in the permanent records of the parish from the information you provide. Therefore, please be sure of the accuracy of information and the spelling of names.

Contact: Parish office at 815-525-3400

Didier Hall Rental

If you or someone you know is in need of a space to hold a special event, i.e. wedding, graduation, birthday party, family gathering, consider renting Didier Hall.

Contact: Parish office at 815-525-3400

First Holy Communion & Confirmation Preparation

Details available through Religious Education

Contact: Parish office at 815-525-3400

Funeral Luncheons

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...Whatever you did for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:35, 40

Funeral luncheons are provided upon request for St. Peter parishioners.

Contact: Parish office at 815-525-3400

Marriage Preparation (Engaged Couples)

At the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

- *Matthew 19:4-6*

- An initial meeting with the priest, followed by marriage preparation sessions with the priest or deacon.
- Marriage preparation sessions with a married couple who act as mentors and facilitate the pre-marriage relationship inventory, FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study).
 - Facilitators: Tom and Deb McGinniss
- A weekend retreat for engaged couples
- A course in natural family planning (NFP)

Contact: Father Sabo - English, Father McClellan - Spanish

Music Ministry

"Those who sing pray twice."

- *St. Augustine*

The music coordinator selects the music and cantors for the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. She also secures vocalists and accompaniment for funeral and special events such as Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. The coordinator assists in cantor training and in the selection of music and format for weddings and funerals. If interested in seasonal choir or cantor training, contact information below.

Contact: Donna Fiduccia 815-608-0681 or 344donna@charter.net
Marianne Skinner, assistant coordinator, 815-742-6991

Religious Education

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

- *Proverbs 22:6*

St. Peter Religious Education seeks to assist parents of our parish community to encourage their children to develop a personal relationship with Jesus through worship and sacraments, education, fellowship and service. St. Peter Religious Education Staff has accepted the responsibility to prepare your children to make their faith part of their everyday life. It is your primary responsibility as a parent/guardian to pass down to your child the rich traditions of the Catholic Faith. Our goal is to help you.

Religious Education classes begin in September and continue into May. Grades K-5th meet on Sundays from 9:30-10:45 a.m. and grades 6th-8th meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact: Clara Fragozo 815-525-3400

Prayer for Purity

Obtain for me dear Lord Jesus by the Power of your Cross a deep sense of modesty, which will be reflected in my external conduct. I claim the Protection of the Blood of the Lamb of God upon my mind, my imagination, my memory, my will, my intellect, my passions, my body, my heart, and my Soul.
Amen

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

- Matthew 28:19-20

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life, or complete their Christian initiation in the Rite of Confirmation and the life of the Catholic Church, “The Bride of Christ!”

Beginning the Journey:

For many people interested in becoming Catholic or entering into full communion with the Catholic Church, the process can be somewhat confusing or intimidating. Perhaps you are asking where to begin the journey. The answer is that you have already begun! Welcome to your faith journey! The next step will be to contact St. Peter Parish office and talk to the parish secretary. They will direct you to the RCIA coordinator. Also feel free to contact the Pastor and arrange a meeting to discuss your desire to become a full member of the Catholic Church if you feel that will be helpful in making your decision. At St. Peter the RCIA program begins in the fall and includes a series of meetings. Classes are offered in English and Spanish.

Contact: Parish Office 815-525-3400

St. Peter Parish School

St. Peter School is dedicated to the spiritual formation of hearts, minds and souls and supports the belief that all children have common mental, social, emotional and spiritual needs. It is our challenge to meet these needs while preserving the individuality and uniqueness of each child.

St. Peter School faculty are certified educators and are Rockford Diocese Certified Catechists. They are trained to develop the educational and spiritual wellbeing of every child. With combined classes, we have the unique ability to make sure that every child is challenged at the appropriate level and are encouraged to achieve the highest standards.

While St. Peter School is small, our students have the opportunity to learn in Spanish language classes, participate in a Drum and Bugle Corp, and in Music and Physical Education classes every week.

Come shadow classes or receive a tour at any time! Financial assistance is available for families that qualify.

Educational Opportunity:

St. Peter School accepts students in grades 4K – 8. We offer low student to teacher ratio and individualized instruction. Our students consistently score above average on standardized tests and among the best in the Diocese of Rockford.

Spiritual Development:

Christian attitudes and behavior are emphasized throughout the curriculum and are exhibited in service projects. Students in grades 2-8 attend Mass daily and all students receive religion instruction daily. Our classes participate in liturgies and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

4K Pre-Kindergarten Program:

An all-day program designed to challenge young minds to be the best they can be each day. They learn to love God, recite many traditional Catholic prayers and count in 10 languages! The 4K students are included in all aspects of the school.

Small, Family Environment:

Essential to student success is an environment where parents and educators are partners in education. At St. Peter School, we strive to be the best partner for your family. Parents are encouraged to volunteer and become a part of our family.

Visit our website at www.st-peter-school.com

Contact: St. Peter School 815-525-3400 or fax 779-475-0562
Erica Schwartz, Principal

St. Peter Parish Apostolates

Altar & Rosary Society: An organization in communion with the DCCW Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and the NCCW National Council of Catholic Women. Meetings are held every first Thursday of the month September through May. We enjoy fellowship and plan events and fundraisers. Fundraisers include the Gift Shop and the Salad Luncheon. The Altar and Rosary sewing group meet Tuesdays after mass. The proceeds from fundraisers go to maintain St. Peter Church's altar. We encourage all women of our parish to join us.

Contact: Junie Pospischil 815-389-3065

Compassionate Ministry: Coordinates all visits to the homebound and those unable to attend mass. This ministry makes sure that parishioners who are unable to attend mass receive visits and Holy Communion on Sundays.

Contact: Parish Office 815-525-3400

Escuela de la Cruz: School of the Cross is a response to the urgent need for the Church of mature laity, leaders committed to proclaiming the message of salvation. Meets Sundays at 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. in the church basement.

Estudio Biblia: Meets every Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school music room.

Contact: Deacon Ignacio Badillo 608-207-3541

Eucharistic Ministers: Assist the Priest by distributing Holy Communion at weekend and Feast Day Holy Masses. Training is provided and the willingness to serve others is the only requirement.

Contact: Larry Basel 815-623-678 sandyandlarry@charter.net

Family Eucharistic Adoration: As primary educators of your children, come adore our Lord and teach by example. 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings (English).

First Saturday Devotions: Mass is the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. - followed by fellowship in the church basement with a light breakfast. The Rosary precedes mass at 7:30 a.m.

Contact: Terri White 608-289-1060

Knights of Columbus: Knights work to make a difference whether through community service, raising money or prayer. Knights meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the church basement and host a pancake breakfast monthly.

Contact: Russ Belcher, Grand Knight
815-389-3726 or knights8021@gmail.com

Lectors: Lectors at St. Peter Catholic Church serve at all regular Sunday and Feast Day Holy Masses by proclaiming the word from scripture. If you can read out loud and are interested in serving the Parish please consider this rewarding ministry. Training is provided.

“The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.”
- Isaiah 50:4-5

Contact: Larry Basel 815-623-6786
sandyandlarry@charter.net

Mary Undoer of Knots Crochet and Knitting Ministry: The object of this ministry is fellowship and community; the goal is to help our parish and the needy in our community by providing hats, mittens, blankets, prayer shawls, etc. All skill levels are welcome – from beginners who want to learn to knit or crochet to experienced. Group meets first and third Thursdays at 3 PM and 6:30 PM.

Contact: Parish Office 815-525-3400

Mass Greeters: We cannot take for granted or understate the benefit that we bring to the Mass by helping others feel welcomed and wanted. With cheerful hearts, a warm smile and a friendly word they put a smile on the faces of those arriving for worship disposing them to feel comfortable and welcomed.

Contact: Dawn Hunsberger 815-623-8164

Marian Prayer Group: This group meets weekly to pray the rosary, sing, and adore our Lord. We meet together to come under the mantle of our Blessed Mother, to help each other grow in holiness and to lead people to Jesus through our Blessed Mother's messages in Medjugorje. Meets at 5:15 p.m. every Monday in the church before the statue of our Blessed Mother.

Contact: Mary Cotter 815-624-1125

Prayer Chain: Parishioners are encouraged to call the prayer chain for specified prayers, i.e. sickness, hospitalization, deployment, employment, or death of a loved one. If you are not in need but would like to participate in this ministry please call as well.

Contact: Ed and Linnea Van Barriger 815-629-2405

Respect Life Group: Dedicated to promoting respect for human life from conception to natural death. Group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month in the Parish center at 9 a.m.

Contact: Christine Cimino 815-988-2437

Sociedad de la Adoracion Nocturna: Nocturnal Adoration is an association of Catholics – no age limit – dedicated to prayer in the name of the whole community and of the Church, before the Blessed Eucharist, for the praise of God and for the needs of the church and the world at large. The night of adoration is the first Saturday of every month.

Contact: Salvador Marquez 608-361-0067

St. Peter's Gate (Welcome Committee): This is the welcome committee of St. Peter Parish. They organize a breakfast periodically throughout the year to welcome new parishioners and publish this booklet. Have ideas to share? Please join us to promote a more welcoming environment in our parish.

Contact: Dawn Hunsberger 815-623-8164

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Peter Parish: A Catholic organization of lay persons working to serve the poor, the sick, the lonely and the marginalized. They offer a food pantry on the 1st Wednesday of each month and lunch twice weekly for those in need.

Food Pantry: 1st Wednesdays 4:30 p.m

Contact: Diane Belcher 815-389-3726

Spiritual Enrichment: Our parish offers a variety of enrichment opportunities throughout the year, e.g. Bible Study, Parish Missions, Book clubs. See bulletin for details about dates and locations.

Contact: Parish office 815-525-3400

Youth Ministry: The main focus of this group is to serve Jesus Christ. We seek young people and their families to help them grow in holiness, develop their faith and equip them to live as Catholic Christians. We try to bring Christ into their lives in a very personal way through social, spiritual, and service activities. This group meets August to May with details in the bulletin.

Contact: Dave & Nicole Cox 608-289-8736

In Reparation for sins, sacrileges, blasphemies, and injustices committed against the Most Holy Name of Jesus:

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The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

Amen