

ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

MISSION STATEMENT

Richly blessed in numbers, talents and resources, we the people of St. Peter the Fisherman Roman Catholic Church, are commissioned by Christ, inspired by His teaching, motivated by love and called by our very Baptism to be the living sign of God's loving presence in the community of the Twin Lakes area.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Closed on Holy Days of Obligation and National Holidays).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 7:15 AM

Wednesday and Friday: 5:15 PM, (First Friday: 7:15 AM)

HOLY DAYS – as announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation class for parents and godparents is required.

Please contact the church office for dates and time of Baptisms and other information pertaining to this Sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Half an hour before weekday Masses and Saturday Masses or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before anticipated date of wedding. Please contact the church office to set up an appointment to talk with a priest.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register at the church office during office hours.

PASTOR

Fr. Alex Smith

pastor@spccmtnhome.org
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DOMINICAN SISTERS

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Sister Irmina Malek, OP
Sister Santina Purcha, OP

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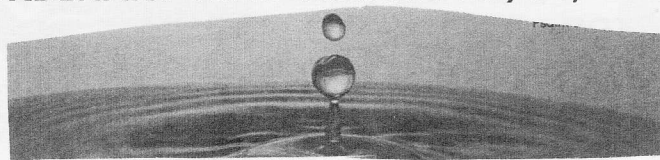
Maintenance Dennis Roam
Steven Jamison

Ministries

Adoration: Angela DeGroote 421-0426
OCIA: Call Mary Jo 425-2832
Pastor's Advisory Board: 425-2832
Clothing Room: Hilda Hodnett 870-404-0728
Mon. – Fri. 10:00 AM – 1:00 AM, Sat. 10:00 – 2:00
St. Vincent De Paul Society 424-0926
Thursdays 10:00 – Noon
Daughters of Mary: Lynne Weaver 870-404-1252
Knights of Columbus: Dana Brown 512-983-7878
Knights: 4th Degree-O.J. Frentz 501-291-3692
Lay Dominicans: Mrs. Kathi Richey, OP 940-390-6683
Health Care Ministry: Denise Malloy 870-321-4163
Walking With Purpose: Amy Caster 870-421-6351

We welcome all visitors to St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church and thank you for celebrating with us the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist. We wish you the most enjoyable stay in our beautiful area and pray for your safety when you travel back home.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 29/30, 2026



*"My Soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God."*

Psalm 63

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Collections for August 15/16.....\$11,518.00
Collection for August 22/23.....\$9,286.00
Collection Assumption.....\$1,788.00
Collection from Barn Sale.....\$1,398.00

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE

LORD We are so blessed we can visit Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. For more information or to sign up for your personal hour contact Angela at 421-0426

Sunday: 2:00 AM, 12:00 PM, Mondays: 1:00 AM, 8:00 AM, Wednesdays: 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, Fridays: 4:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

ST. PETER'S BOOTH AT FAIR SEPTEMBER 16-19

Our parish will have a booth at the Baxter County Fair on September 16-19 (Wednesday evening to Saturday night). The purpose is to be friendly, give out Catholic materials and invite people to visit our parish. We need volunteers to meet the Fair requirements of having someone there during open hours. Please keep this in your prayers. To volunteer for a shift at our booth, please contact Jerry Leppold at 870-321-2609 (voice or text) or jleppold@gmail.com. He will tell you more about it.

BLESSING BOX

Please help support our Blessing Box by donating nonperishable food items and personal care products. Donations may be brought to Mary Jo in the church office. Thank you for helping care for those in need in our community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS would like to thank the generous parishioners of St. Andrews and St. Peters. Due to their donations, we have collected \$2,300 of the \$3,000 goal for this year's Coats for Kids. St. Andrews donated \$667.00 and St. Peters donated \$1,633.00. These donations will help Council 7353 purchase the 400 coats this year for those in need in our local communities. This is a true blessing for those in need this winter and a blessing from our combined Catholic Family.

PRAYER LINE: 870-405-5608

FIRST PHASE OF THE TWO HEARTS COLUMBARIUM IS COMPLETE.

Niches are currently available for purchase. If your name is on the list of interested person(s) or wanting to purchase a niche please contact **Susie House at 870-421-1722.**

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY -

ISAIAH starts on September 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM in room 140. Cost of the book is \$7.00. Through a mix of poetry and prose, the book of Isaiah give prophetic witness t the complex story of God's judgment against Israel and the enduring promise of divine redemption. Isaiah continues to enrich readers with its powerful condemnation of corruption and an uncompromising call for social justice. Commentary study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included, six lessons. Please call or email Brandi to register at 870-425-2832, ext. 3 or brandi.spcc@gmail.com.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: DISCOVERING OUR DIGNITY

Join us for an inspiring Scripture study of the women of the Bible. The study begins Monday, September 14, and continues through mid-April. Morning Study: Mondays 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM and Evening Study: Mondays 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Registration and Book Fees: \$65.00 (Sign up on St. Peter's website, the Vestibule or Mary Jo's office).

BUNCO Bunco is in DeClerk hall on Tuesday, September 15th at 1:00 PM. Please call Sally to make your reservation at 870-421-5947.

DAUGHTERS OF MARY MEETING

The Daughters of Mary will have its regular MONTHLY meeting on Tuesday, September 1st in DeClerk hall. Our guest speakers are Sara Fischer – Coroner Elect, and our own Fr. Alex. The Daughters of Mary is open to all ladies of the parish 18 years and older. Rosary will begin at 12:30 PM, with the meeting to follow. Please remember to bring 2 boxes of cereal for the Food Basket and your Best choice bar codes. Questions please call 870-404-1252.

A BIG THANK YOU to Barbara Jaeger, who has faithfully served as our Prayer Line person for many years and is now handing this ministry over to Garnet Roam. Barbara, we are deeply grateful for your dedication and service. Garnet, thank you for accepting this very important ministry!

GOD BLESS OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 31

1 Cor 2:1-5/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

No 7:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation *1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37*

7:15 AM +Bill and Theresa Boekholder by Family

10:00 AM +Funeral Mass for Bob Lewandowski

Wednesday, September 2

1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

5:15 PM St. Joseph's Devotional Mass

Thursday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

7:15 AM +DeMarco Family by Connie DeMarco

Friday, September 4

1 Cor 4 1-5/Lk 5:33-39

7:15 AM No Mass

10:00 AM +Funeral Mass for Mary Ann Balwierczak

5:15 PM +Deceased and living members of the Leone Family

Saturday, September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

7:15AM +For the deceased benefactors of Order of Preachers by Lay Dominicans

4:00 PM +Sister Mary David by Peterson Family

Sunday, September 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time *Ez 33:7-9?Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20*

8:00 AM Happy Birthday Marlene MinYo by Oscar

11:00 AM For the People of St. Peter's

FIRST FRIDAY MASS SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note the following schedule changes for First Friday, September 4:

There will **not be** a 7:15 AM Mass

A 10:00 AM funeral Mass will be held for Mary Ann Balwierczak

The 5:15 PM evening Mass will be celebrated as scheduled

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Ted and George – Ann Kueter

61st Wedding Anniversary – August 26, 1965

Kelly and Patty Shay

50th Wedding Anniversary – September 4, 1976

BREAD, WINE AND FLOWERS are donated by Kelly and Patty Shay in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!!

ATTENTION ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS AND LECTORS please pick up your September Ministry Schedule. Thank you for serving.

PLEASE KEEP ALL THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS

Paul Oswald, Bill K. Stapleton, Mick, Tia, Colleen, Clay, Jeff Torphy, Joey, David, Pam Pellicane, Claudette Hough, Fraser, Kevin Kennedy, Kaleb, Tina Urban, Mary Eckert, Trish, Tom and Patricia Kelley, Joey H., Regina Niggemann, Ginny Cox, Clare Joanne Fulton, David Sullivan, Kathleen Szpicki, Louie Dreder, Parker, Lois Runkle, Mary, Stephanie Kratovil, Clark Knight, Terry and Kathy Mason, Fred Browning, Pat Favara, Ron Dziekan, Sarah, Carol Kennedy, Jacob, Theresa, Hannah, Alex Till, Debra Burley, David Totten, Don Dotson, David Russell, Joey, Terry, Nick Kennedy, Paul and Barbara Lachel, Anne Middleton, John and Andy Willette, Jack Clarke, Lisa, Aria and Ivy Barbeau, Chris and Carly Webb, Bonnie, Bill Holstine, Jim Allen, Bond Family, Kevin, George Ferrara, Kathy McAleese, Bill and Deb Brewer, Carolyn, Kenneth, Sarah, Kole, Larry Rice, Kennedy Sheffler, Janet Musters, Charlie (Gonzalo) Delgado, Tara, Jennifer, Gabriel, prayers for all who suffer in silence, John and Cynthia Malenshek, Courtney, Lynn Ryals, Margaret Lee, Anne Davis, Jeff Rathbon, Todd Dalton, John Green. Lief and Courtney House, Jack Burns, Sgt. Alex Baumhardt, Sgt. Lawrence Lee, Steven and Les Torres, Ben Farmer, Jacob Taylor, Samantha Washam, Eric, Bill and Cheryl Gerritson, Mark Smith, Gaby Gomez, Zach Weaver, Manela Sanchez, Samantha Sanchez, the Hughlettes, Brett Cox, Michelle Pierson, Rhonda, Sam Ferrera, Bruce Nickel, Joyce Cameron, Kathleen Schonauer, Andrew Rybak, Maria del Carmen Gamarra, Harper Graves, Paula Bennett, Justin Long, Neil Rowland, Simon Podsiadle, Sandy Mayer, Christine Reid. Jan Porretto, Bonita Ratzel, Paul Mruk, Shirley Page, Maurene Mendez, Marissa Ratzel.

IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC??

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a welcoming opportunity to ask questions, grow in faith, and discern where God may be leading you. Please contact Mary Jo in the church office at 870-425-2832, ext. 1 to get your name on the list to come to classes starting Sunday, September 20, 2026 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM in room 106.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH – AUGUST

In partnership with our parish leadership and ministries, the Knights of Columbus is pleased to recognize Jerry and Cathy Leppold as our Family of the Month for August, 2026.

We congratulate Jerry and Cathy and thank them for their example of Catholic family life and their contribution to our parish community. Please join us in congratulating the Leppold family on this well deserved recognition!

TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE Please do not place devotions, calendars, handouts, books, or other materials on the table in the vestibule without prior permission from Fr. Alex. Sharing vegetables is welcome.

This Week on Formed

Week of August 30, 2026



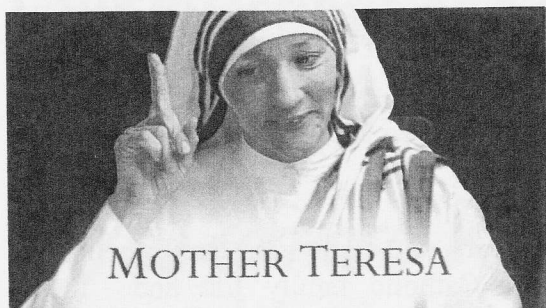
Cabrini

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.



Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

St Peter's Parish

Consecration

Shortest and surest way to sainthood!

Dates...

Starts THIS Thursday. Sep. 3- Oct. 7

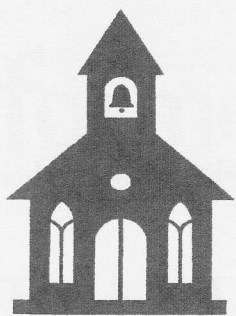
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CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

(To be done at home daily then celebrated in church on Oct 7th)



Is There Something Missing in your Life?

**You are invited to attend :
(hosted right here at St. Peter's)**

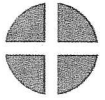
Women's Welcome Retreat

*Relax and Refresh! Enjoy two days of Prayer
Music and Connection with the Holy Spirit
and with other Women of St. Peter's!*

The Welcome Team will have a sign up table to answer
your questions and registration forms on these dates:
August 29 & 30, Sept. 19 & 20, Sept. 26 & 27

*You can also Register on the St Peter's Parish
Website under Calendar / Parish Events*

For more information contact: Sue Clark 815-557-0320
Sue Bradley 870 -421-0626



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Nationwide Invitation to Prayer & Action
Announcement

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley
President, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks.

The Food and Drug Administration has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers.

From now through the end of October, *Respect Life Month*, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* ([English/en español](#)), participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. Sign up at [Respect Life Prayer and Action](#).

Thank you for your prayers and actions to protect innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. *St. Joseph, Defender of Life*, pray for us!

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life — especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

August 18, 2026