

## **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](mailto:pastor@spccmtnhome.org)  
(Cell) 501-288-3664  
(Office) 425-2832, ext. 5

### **DEACONS**

Deacon Jeff Speight [jeffspeight@att.net](mailto:jeffspeight@att.net) 425-2832, 1  
Deacon Robert Wochner 870-688-3167

### **DOMINICAN SISTERS**

Superior Sister Klaudia Klapacz, OP 425-2832, ext. 1  
Sister Irmina Malek, OP  
Sister Santana Purcha, OP

### **PARISH STAFF**

#### **Parish Secretary**

Mary Jo Rudnik

[maryjo.spcc@gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.spcc@gmail.com)  
425-2832, ext. 1

#### **Finance Secretary**

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#### **Director of Religious Education**

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#### **Webmaster**

Debbie Legner

#### **Live Streamer**

Michael Bright

#### **Director of Music**

Steven Jamison

[directorofmusic.spccmtnhome.org](mailto:directorofmusic.spccmtnhome.org)

#### **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: 4<sup>th</sup> 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2026**

*"The Lord is kind and merciful  
slow to anger, and rich in  
Compassion."*

*Psalms 103*

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Collections for September 5/6.....\$13,047.00  
Collection for Building Fund.....\$6,260.00  
Collection for Candles.....\$239.00

**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.**

**MASS BOOK** is opened Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Five Masses per family. Come in and see Mary Jo to get your 2027 Masses!

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will now be closed every Thursday. The church office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**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.

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

**DON'T MISS OUT!!!!!!**

Woman's Welcome Retreat is an incredible experience that will help you make sense of life, help you develop lasting friendships with other women in the parish, and fill you with newfound energy and purpose. It's held right here at St Peter the Fisherman and its entirely free. The weekend of October 24/25, register on-line at the office or call Sue Clark 815-557-0320 or Sue Bradley 870-421-0626.

**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.**

**TWO HEARTS GARDEN COLUMBARIUM  
SEEKING VOLUNTEER HELP**

Our Mission: we are dedicated to preserving a place of peace, remembrance and dignity for our community. Our columbarium serves as a sacred space where families can honor loved ones for generations to come. Guided by respect, transparency, and stewardship, our mission is to ensure this space remains well maintained, financially sustainable, and reflective of the values of those we serve. If you feel called to serve and help guide the future of our columbarium, call Tina Johnson at 870-425-2832, ext. 2.

**PART-TIME RECTORY HOUSEKEEPER**

**St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church** is seeking a dependable and trustworthy individual(s) to assist with the housekeeping duties in the parish rectory.

**Schedule:** Once per week (day and time be mutually agreed upon)

**Pay:** \$13.00 per hour

**Duties Include:**

- . Sweeping, vacuuming, and mopping floors
- . Dusting furniture and surfaces
- . Cleaning bathrooms
- . Cleaning and organizing the kitchen
- . Changing and laundering bed linens and towels
- . Emptying trash
- . General housekeeping to help maintain a clean and welcoming rectory

**Qualifications:**

- . Dependable, trustworthy and punctual
- . Able to work independently
- . Respectful of the privacy of the rectory
- . Housekeeping experience is helpful but not required

If interested or for more information, please contact the parish office 870-425-2832, ext. 1 or speak with Fr. Alex.

**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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross *Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*

**No 7:15 AM Mass**

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

*1 Cor 12:12-14/Jn 19:25-27*

7:15 AM +Johnny Rudnik by Chyyna Lamar

Wednesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

*1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35*

5:15 PM +Pat Obzarney by Tom

Thursday, September 17 Sts. Robert Bellamine &

Hildegard *1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50*

7:15 AM Special Intention of David Boatwright

by Divina

Friday, September 18

*1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15*

7:15 AM No Mass

5:15 PM +Deceased and living members of the Roam

Family by Garnet and Dennis

**Saturday, September 19 St. Januarius**

*1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15*

7:15AM +Elma Disie Wurscher by Don

4:00 PM For the People of St. Peter's

**Sunday, September 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time** *Is 55 6-9/Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a*

8:00 AM +Tommy Shay by Kelly and Patty Shay

11:00 AM +Mom and Dad by Evelyn Drake

## SOUND MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help make every word and note heard clearly at Mass. We are seeking volunteers to operate the church sound equipment during the weekend Masses. No prior sound experience is necessary. Some level of technical ability will be helpful. Training will be provided. If you are dependable, comfortable with basic technology, and willing to serve on a rotating schedule, please let me know Steven Jamison at [dircetorofmusic@spccmntnhome.org](mailto:dircetorofmusic@spccmntnhome.org). or after Mass to learn more.

**BLESSING BOX** Donations may be brought to Mary Jo in the church office. Thank you

**THANK YOU!!** Thank you to all those who helped serve, set-up and clean up at Mary Ann Balwierczak Funeral Brunch. The were MJ Pinkston, Cindy Lang, Ann Kenyeri, Rose Kubal and Diann Schooler. For was made by and prepared by MJ and Sally with help from Cindy. Cakes were from another donation. Also thanks to Steven for setting up tables and chairs. Team work made I all happen. Thank you all. The family was very pleased. It's very rewarding being a part of this Ministry.

## 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.

## CLOTHING ROOM NEWS

The Clothing Room will have a 75% off sale from September 14th until September 19<sup>th</sup> for everything in the store except jewelry and jeans. Shop during he week, 10-1 PM, and Saturday, 10-2 PM. There is clothing for women, men infants and children, including shoes and purses. Our proceeds assist community endeavors. Clothing donations are always accepted.

**PRAYERLINE** It has come to our attention that our prayer line needs members. Your commitment means you share your cell phone number with me and I will text you daily, with prayer requests, then you pray, it's that easy! Please join us as we pray for one another's health, well-being, surgeries, healing, traveling. It's discreet with first names only. Contact me Garnet Roam at 870-405-5608. Thank you!

# *Back to Faith Formation*

## Mandatory Parent Meeting

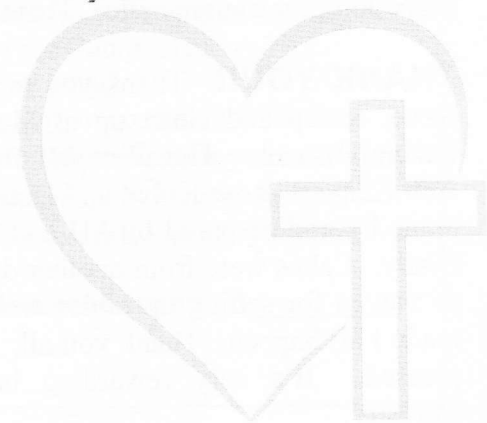
September 23rd at 6:00pm

Downstairs in Room 106

Please attend the parent  
meeting at 6:00 pm  
with Father Alex,  
and listen to his vision  
of what St Peter's formation  
will look like.

After the parent meeting, visit  
your rooms and meet your  
Catechists.

**FAITH**



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There has been an explosion of interest in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Yet for all the interest and participation, many do not understand the role and purpose of adoration. Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament has its foundation in an understanding of what occurs in the Mass.

## What Occurs in the Mass?

The Scriptures are the foundation for our understanding of what takes place in the Mass. They tell us that:

"During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples.

'Take this and eat it,' he said, 'this is my body.'

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them.

'All of you must drink from it,' he said, 'for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.'"

Mt. 26:26-28

The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers profound insights. It refers to the body and blood of Jesus as the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of Bread, the Holy Sacrifice, the Sacrament of Sacraments, the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass. All these titles attempt to express the great treasure, the tremendous gift that we have in Jesus, truly present in his Body and Blood at every Mass that is celebrated.

When "the bread and wine are brought to the altar, they will be offered by the priest in the name of Christ in the Eucharistic sacrifice in which they will become his body and blood." (#1350)

At every Mass that is celebrated the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. "The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it *re-presents* (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross...." (#1366)

"In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner." (#1367)

"In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained.*'" (#1374)

At "the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation." (#1376)

This tremendous gift is "the source and summit of the Christian life." (#1324)

## What Is Adoration?

Outside of the Mass, we can also adore Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, every time we visit his sacramental presence reserved in a tabernacle or visibly displayed in a monstrance.

### Adoration is an attitude

"To adore God is to acknowledge him as God, as the Creator and Savior, the Lord and Master of everything that exists...to acknowledge...the 'nothingness of the creature' who would not exist but for God." (#2096-2097)

### Adoration is prayer

"Lifting up the mind toward God is an expression of our adoration of God: prayer of praise and thanksgiving, intercession and petition." (#2098)

## How to Spend Time in Adoration

The late John Joseph Cardinal Carberry of St. Louis, in *Reflections and Prayers for Visits with Our Eucharistic Lord*, reminds us of the time-honored tradition of making a prolonged visit, or a holy hour with Jesus. He suggests a way to spend time with our Lord by remembering the acronym **ACTS**—

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**ALEXIS CHRISTOPHER**



My name is Alexis Kiser Christopher. I was born in Winchester, Massachusetts, where I spent most of my childhood. I am the oldest of five children and was raised by two wild parents although they were Catholics. I was a cradle Catholic and was baptized at one month old.

My high school years were tough as I had a rough relationship with my mom, both mental and physical. The only good thing is I experienced a miraculous healing from an illness and from then on I felt my relationship with Jesus was real and beneficial.

I attended the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. I had many wonderful experiences while I was there. At age 21, in adoration, I got "my orders" that I was to be an actress and being obedient I did just that. I attended the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

In 2023 I got married to a wonderful man and have a step daughter and 2 step grandchildren. I am currently doing a little acting as I have been diagnosed with Pulmonary Sarcoidosis which affects many of my organs causing pain, extreme fatigue, migraines, vomiting and other symptoms. This has made me one of the most (what I consider) useless human beings in life. But I found in all this pain and suffering, this is the greatest gift from God. It has helped me be more humble and helped me use my pain and suffering as a prayer!

**Mary, Ark of the Covenant**  
**26 September, 2026**  
**Luncheon**  
**11:00.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Cost \$15 per person** if postmarked by 9/21/26.  
After 9/21/26, call Lori Templet at  
225-717-0238 to check availability

**St. Michael's Catholic Church**  
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Cherokee Village, AR 72529

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Linda O'Donnell, Secretary ..... 763-614-9429  
Joyce Speir, Treasurer ..... 870-705-1946  
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**Please Print Legibly**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest names may be written on back of this form.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

**Mail Reservation Form and**  
**Check payable to: *Magnificat***  
**St. Michael's Church**  
**PO Box 970**  
**Cherokee Village, AR 72525**



**Mail Registration Form**

- Int'l Ministry based on "The Visitation" Luke 1:39
  - Diocesan Approval by Bishop *Anthony Taylor*
  - Spiritual Director: *Fr Amal Punganoor*
  - Breakfast meal, praise music, testimony and prayer
  - All Clergy & Religious are Complimentary –  
Call 225-717-0238 or email:  
[Ltemplet2507@yahoo.com](mailto:Ltemplet2507@yahoo.com) to confirm attendance.
  - **Your check (payable to *Magnificat*) is your receipt.**
  - Your nametag is your ticket and will be at the door.
  - **OPEN SEATING - Plan to arrive about 10:30am.**
- ☐ Donation to help someone attend \$ \_\_\_\_\_