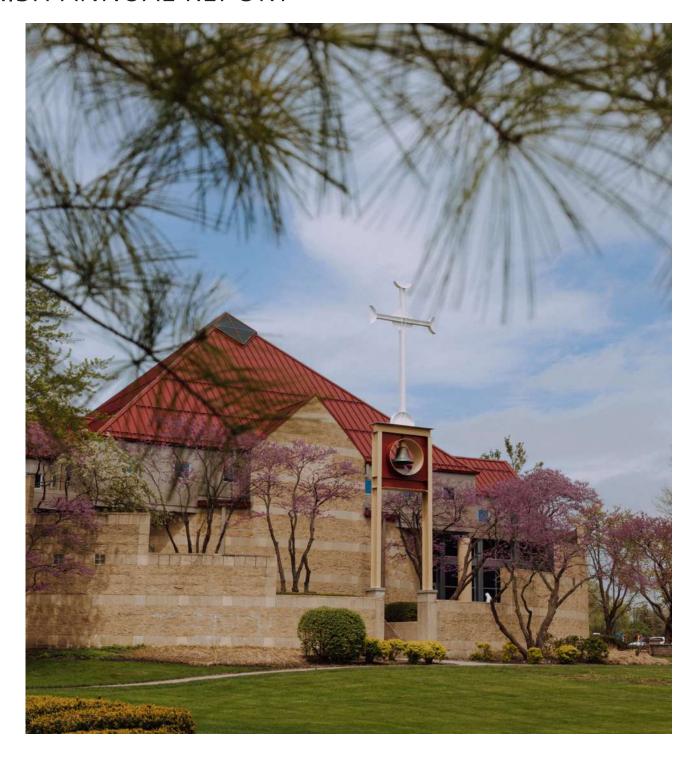
St. Peter CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 23RD, 2025 PARISH ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This past year at St. Peter Parish has been one of grace, healing, and growth. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission to evangelize hearts and form missionary disciples continues to deepen. Through prayer, worship, and community life, we have seen new signs of renewal—hearts returning to the sacraments, families rediscovering their faith, and parishioners taking bold steps to live the Gospel in daily life.

There are significant signs of life at St. Peter: daily Mass attendance, confessions, Sunday Mass attendance, numerous Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations. Twenty-one people were fully initiated into the Church last Easter, and another 19 are currently in formation. Our efforts this year have focused on fostering a culture in which every parishioner knows, loves, and serves Jesus Christ. Evangelization is not merely a program—it's the very identity of the Church. At St. Peter, this identity is becoming ever more visible.

St. Peter School continues to be one of the greatest ministries of our parish—a place where faith and knowledge grow together each day. Rooted in the Gospel and guided by our Catholic identity, our teachers and staff work tirelessly to form young disciples who love God, seek truth, and serve others with joy. This year, our students have flourished academically and spiritually through daily prayer and Mass, service projects, and a curriculum centered on virtue and excellence. We are proud of the strong partnership between our school families and parish community, whose generosity makes this mission possible. Together, we are shaping the future of the Church, one child at a time.

Thanks to your continued generosity, St. Peter Parish remains on solid financial ground. Your faithful support sustains our daily ministries, parish operations, school, and outreach to those in need. We are deeply grateful for the stewardship that has carried us through another year of growth and renewal.

As we look to the future, we are reminded that true stewardship is not merely about stability, but about sacrifice. The Lord calls each of us to give not only from our surplus, but from our hearts—to make an intentional gift that reflects our gratitude and trust in Him. Continued growth in sacrificial giving will ensure that St. Peter Parish remains a vibrant center of evangelization and discipleship for generations to come.

Thank you for your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Together, we are building a parish that radiates the love of Christ in our homes, our schools, and our community.

Prayers, Fr. Ryan Browning

Communications

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

In 2024/25, out parish records reflected 2,762 registered families. As we continue building our community, we strive to promote ministry events effectively and aesthetically. Each step in our communication strategy is achieved in various platforms, both digitally and through print. To thoroughly fulfill excellent communication here at St. Peter, we encourage and invite our parishioners to integrate faith into their lives by actively participating in our communication strategies. Every day, we seek to build our parishioner flock through Flocknote, promote our events through our weekly bulletin, grow on our social media platforms, and reach out to our community and invite them into our vibrant faith community.

St. Peter Church Website - https://www.stpeterchurch.com/

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Mass Times: 7:00am, 8:35am

Bulletin - We currently print 900 bulletins each week and offer both digital and print versions. Bulletins are available in our Narthex after every weekend & Daily Mass. Extras can be found at the parish office.

Flocknote – The platform we use to email and text information to our parishioners from our church and ministries is Flocknote. We have currently grown our parishioner flock to over 3,000 members. Currently Flocknote hosts over 50 ministries with a multitude of sub-groups. We have a weekly Flocknote that we send out every Saturday that relates upcoming events and information along with a letter from Father Browning.

Facebook – We use Facebook to advertise events, share, discuss ideas, and share snippets from our livestreams. Our Facebook page currently has 2,452 followers, a near 10% increase from last year. Our Facebook demographics break down to 73% age 50+, with the majority being women. We recieve the most engagment from our Homily videos, 15% of those views come from users who do not follow us.

Instagram – We use Instagram to upload photos and videos to share with our followers. Some favorites from the year have been Mass homilies, Family Formation talks, and Missions. Our Instagram page has 421 followers, and averages 600+ views per post. We see the most interaction with our Homily videos, with 39% of the views coming from users who don't follow us.

YouTube – We use YouTube to create videos, and live stream Masses and talks. Our channel currently has 1.34K subscribers. We hope to grow this resource over the next year providing more video resources.

STAY CONNECTED

Flocknote text "STPGENEVA" to 84576

YouTube

youtube.com/@ st.petercatholicchurch3624 Facebook.com/

stpetergeneva

Instagram
@saintpetergeneva

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

ST. CECILIA

8:00 am † Wally & Jeanette Jagiello by The Flanagan Family

Anticipated: Christ the King

4:30 pm † Karen Bielski by Nancy Dantino

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

CHRIST THE KING

7:00 am † Hsuch Yu, Tang, & Michael Ng by The Family

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am † Theresa & Richard Wojtanowski by Family & Friends

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

7:00 am † Leonard & Betty O'Kray by The O'Kray Family

8:35 am † Chris Malone by The Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

7:00 am † Delphine Mazzetti by Mary Jane & Larry Johnson

8:35 am In Thanksgiving: † Andrea Nuval by The De Guzman Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

7:00 am † Robert & Lois Fricke by The O'Kray Family 8:35 am Special Intention: David Bruski by The Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for all the special people in our lives by The Yotz Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:00 am † Davida Mazzetti-Crain by The Knapp Family

8:35 am † Bobby Byker by The Byker Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

MEM. OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am † Davida Mazzetti-Crain by Mary Jane & Larry Johnson

Anticipated: 1st Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm † Parker Douglas by The Cooper Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 am People of the Parish

9:00 am † Luke Engebretson by The Goulding Family

11:00 am † Frank Bambach by The Bambach/Goulding Family

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH \$36,050

Total includes all regular collections mailed or dropped off in the office, plus recurring/regular online donations made via Our Sunday Visitor.

1% STEWARDSHIP \$360

Our weekly gifts of 1% fund various charitable not-for-profit organizations as needed.



FLAMES OF FAITH

Special Intention: Gates Family
By The Family

November 15th - November 28th

ALTAR FLOWERS

† Peter, Mary & Julie Rittenhouse By John & Jennifer Rittenhouse November 22nd - November 28th

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass & Memorial Intention Calendar is open!

Please note, each requester will be limited to a
total of (7) Masses for 2026 to allow more people to
offer intentions. Thank you for offering Masses and
Memorials for loved ones. The heart of St. Peter Parish
beats with the Love of Christ.

If you are interested in offering Altar Flowers (\$120 for one week) or Flames of Faith intention (\$30 for 2 weeks), stop by the Parish Center, Monday-Friday, 9:15 AM to 4:30 PM (Closed Noon-1:20 PM for staff prayer and lunch) or go online, www.stpeterchurch.com, and use the link on the home page under "Mass Intentions and Memorials."

Flames of Faith & Mass intentions are full for 2025.

Altar Flowers are still available for 2025.

BAPTISMS

Bernadette Marie Wise Parents: Riley & Allison

Godparents: Devin Wise & Ella Wise

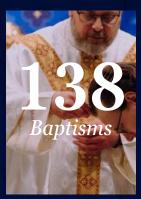
WEDDINGS

April Flores & Joseph Monaghan November 14, 2025

Madeline Severino & Michael Abadir November 15, 2025

Sacramental Statistics

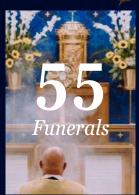
2024 - 2025











ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCIA)

The "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults" (OCIA) is the program and the process that the Catholic Church uses to prepare and welcome its newest, fully initiated members. It is an approximate six month process that begins in the Fall and continues through Easter. Through OCIA, participants grow deeper in their relationship with God, learn about the core teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church, and become full members of God's holy family by receiving the blessed Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). OCIA is intended for three categories of people:

- 1) People without a faith background who are seeking a spiritual home.
- 2) People who were raised in another faith background and would like to become Catholic.
- 3) Baptized Catholics who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

Last year's class was a group of 21 adults, and this year we already have 20 people signed up. Please pray for all those going through the OCIA process this year!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 2024/25 - 570 Students & 344 Families 131 VolunteersFamily Faith Formation equips parents to pass on a well-formed Catholic faith, fulfilling their role as primary educators of their children. The process is two-fold, both in church and at home, and is offered for children grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, along with their parents.

We meet at Church once a month, on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This program follows the 3-year liturgical cycle, is driven by Scripture, is theologically sound, and references the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Students are taught a grade-appropriate lesson in a classroom setting with a "substitute catechist" allowing parents to meet separately and be formed in their faith. Parents partake in praise and worship, prayer, and a presentation on the same topic as the students. Parents also receive an overview of the upcoming in-home lessons, which are the second step in the formation process. Parents receive information and guidance on how to present in-home lessons for the coming weeks until the next in-church session. In-home sessions are designed to take approximately one hour each week.

Each month, a Faith Carry Out Box Delivery volunteer delivers family packets to those registered in the program. These boxes contain the monthly in-home lessons and any materials needed.

First Reconciliation & First Communion - Sacramental formation typically takes place in 2nd grade. It includes in-class lessons and family lessons at home for both Reconciliation & 1st Communion. There is a Parent/Child Retreat for communicants & parents.

Confirmation - Formation for Confirmation begins in 7th grade with "Chosen" from Ascension Press. Then, 8th grade builds upon the "Chosen" formation and focuses on the student's relationship with Jesus by different opportunities to participate in. The year ends with an Overnight Retreat that allows them to encounter Jesus & the Holy Spirit, ending with returning to receive Confirmation.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

	ACTUAL ending	ACTUAL ending	BUDGET
OPERATING INCOME	6/30/2024	6/30/2025	2025-2026
Sunday Collections	1,632,939	1,630,531	1,597,500
Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving & Holy Days	125,168	153,167	136,500
Other Operating/Donation Income	(191,649)	349,566	289,460
DSA Refund	18,283	29,586	709 709
St. Peter Catholic School	1,299,760	1,452,795	1,311,300
Parish Subsidy to the School*	464,385	331,682	510,674
Before & After School Enrichment Programs	59,633	52,286	50,000
Preschool & Pre-K Programs	157,405	161,413	168,880
Religious Education & Youth Ministry Programs	89,563	91,276	89,700
Evangelization Ministry	6,565	1,733	5
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,662,052	4,254,035	4,154,014
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Parish Salaries & Benefits	485,566	551,998	583,021
St. Peter Catholic School	1,764,145	1,784,477	1,834,380
Before & After School Enrichment Programs	31,207	21,946	33,270
Preschool & Pre-K Programs	90,290	93,828	128,543
Aurora Central Catholic High School/Education Assessment	188,028	182,664	196,956
Religious Education/Youth Ministry Programs	240,235	264,416	290,054
Liturgy & Music	39,646	49,603	53,500
Apostolic Work (parish 1% tithe)	2,438	29,305	5,000
Building & Grounds, Capital Improvements (Facilities)	252,953	340,185	311,337
General Expenses & Administration	345,283	720,612	945,383
Utilities: Gas, Electric & Water	35,691	33,544	36,700
The Observer, Diocesan Newspaper	20,143	23,270	23,330
Rectory	32,287	37,102	51,600
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,527,912	4,132,950	4,493,074
Surplus/(Loss)	134,140	121,085	(339,060)

^{*}The parish subsidy offsets school expenses that exceed school income

	ACTUAL ending	ACTUAL ending
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
International Appeal	10,937	13,482
Mission Appeal	13,827	15,410
Stewardship Appeal	56,535	40,525
Holy Land Collection	3,580	4,322
Mission Cooperative	1,443	10,090
National Appeal	21,327	15,505
Rice Bowl	2,689	914
Other Diocesan Collections	6,000	g = 0
TOTAL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	116.338	100.248

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2024

 Target Goal
 \$177,635

 Amount Pledged
 \$216,122

 Amount Paid
 \$213,646



St. Peter School

This year at St. Peter Catholic School was marked by growth, achievement, and deepened faith formation. In the 2023/24 school year we had 269 Students. In 2024/25 school year we had 282 students. We welcomed seven new staff members, including a dedicated school counselor, strengthening our ability to support students academically, socially, and emotionally. Our students excelled in a variety of activities: two 8th grade runners qualified for the state meet, two 8th graders represented our school at the state science fair, and a 7th grade student advanced to the finals of the Kane County Scripps Spelling Bee. The arts continued to thrive with our 2025 spring musical, Finding Nemo Jr.; we eagerly anticipate Mary Poppins Jr. in 2026.

Our community came together in service and stewardship. The annual Spectacular fundraiser at Eagle Brook Country Club was a tremendous success, and we look forward to celebrating again this coming March. Students lived out our mission through charitable outreach—raising over \$4,000 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Corbella Clinic, organizing coat and food drives, and volunteering at Feed My Starving Children.

Faith formation remained at the heart of school life. Our Second graders received First Reconciliation & First Communion, and this year's class will soon follow. Eighth graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation, with next year's class preparing to do the same. We are also proud of our graduates, several of whom earned academic scholarships to the Catholic high schools they now attend. As we look to the year ahead, we remain grateful for the continued partnership of our families, parish, and community, and we look forward to another year of learning, faith, and service.

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graduates continue their education at a Catholic high school

90%

of students participate in at least one sport, club, or extracurricular activity

81%

of our Middle School students earn a place on the Honor Rolleach quarter, maintaining a GPA of 3.3 or higher

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

Through the generosity of our parish family, the Guardian Angel Fund continues to open the doors of Catholic education to families who otherwise could not afford it. This vital scholarship fund provides tuition assistance to students at St. Peter School, ensuring that every child who desires a Christ-centered education has the opportunity to grow in faith, wisdom, and virtue.

We were able to assist 36 students from 20 families attending St. Peter School in the 2024/25 academic year. To date in the academic year 2025/26, we have assisted 32 students from 21 families. Your generous support enabled us to assist all families who needed it. We collect Guardian Angel donations throughout the year to ensure we can assist the families at the beginning of the school year.

Your support of the Guardian Angel Fund is a powerful witness of love in action. Each gift—large or small—helps form the next generation of disciples and leaders rooted in the truth of the Gospel. Together, we are answering the call to make Catholic education accessible to all and keeping our mission alive for years to come.



GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP

2023/24 Donations Recieved \$154,048* 2023/24 Awards Granted \$168,101

*includes \$97,769 in scholarship funding through Empower Illinois, which ended in December 2023.

2024/25 Donations Recieved \$164,344 2024/25 Awards Granted \$120,365

Guardian Angel Dial Account as of 6/30/25 (Diocesean Savings Account)

\$109,826

OUR MINISTRIES

BABY LOSS & MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY

Baby Loss & Miscarriage Ministry launched in May 2025 with the support of our Respect Life Ministry. Our goal is to provide a place of love and care for those affected by miscarriage, stillbirth and other types of baby loss. We hope to provide support and a place for moms to come together as they grieve and try to understand their loss. We have three focus areas:

- Providing Practical Guidance for Moms During and Immediately Following a Loss
- Walking Alongside Grieving Moms & Families
- Remembering and Praying for our Babies

To date our ministry has distributed 8 'Hope & Healing' boxes to mothers who have recently experienced the loss of a child. We hosted our first Mass of Hope on October 11, 2025 to remember and pray for our children. We were encouraged by the turnout and we appreciate the help we received from Fr. Browning, other ministries, and parish staff.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Last October, the St. Peter Respect Life Ministry began its renewal with the goal of increasing parish awareness, prayer, and involvement in life issues from conception to natural death. We want St. Peter to be a parish that offers real help to others on the journey of life. Over the past year, we have made progress in four main areas:

Prayer & Public Worship – The foundation of all we do

- Our Rosebud Ministry now has a prayer table near the baptismal font where parishioners can place intentions. Many have joined as Prayer Warriors, praying weekly for these intentions.
- We pray the Rosary for Life every second Sunday after all weekend Masses and hope this group continues to grow.
- Parishioners pray monthly at the Aurora Planned Parenthood Clinic or at Waterleaf, in our Adoration Chapel, or at home. Twice a year we participate in the 40 Days for Life Campaign.
- Our parish priests concelebrated a Mass of Hope: Remembering our Children for babies lost through miscarriage or stillbirth and for all children who have passed.

Public Information & Education – *Strengthening our understanding*

- We offered several educational sessions this year—on End of Life issues, beginning Walking with Moms in Need (WWMN), and preparing for the likely abortion amendment in Illinois. These were livestreamed and open to all area Christian churches.
- We expanded bulletin content, launched a RLM webpage, and created Flocknote groups for Prayer Warriors, public policy, volunteer opportunities, events, meetings, and WWMN updates.

Public Policy – *Promoting laws that support life*

- St. Peter parishioners again joined the National Life Chain, this time inviting all Geneva Christian churches to pray with us along Route 38.
- Working with the Catholic Conference of Illinois, we co-hosted a Zoom training on Assisted Suicide legislation and how to communicate with lawmakers. Representatives from our ministry also attended the March for Life in Springfield and visited legislators.

Pastoral Care - Building an "island of mercy"

- We collaborated with the St. Peter Moms Group to develop a Baby Loss Ministry that accompanies parents who experience miscarriage or stillbirth.
- We launched Walking with Moms in Need, supporting parents in the parish and community during
 pregnancy and infancy. We hosted our first WWMN Baby Shower, and several parishioners are discerning
 and training to become Life Companions.
- All are welcome to join us at our Respect Life meetings at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month as we work together to make St. Peter Church an island of mercy in Geneva.

NEW FAMILY MEET & GREET MINISTRY

As a church family, we want to recognize and inform new members of the parish so they can further their personal journey of intimately knowing and loving Jesus. We want them to feel welcome, have a sense of belonging and direction to be involved in active ministry. We give them information to help them understand their support of the parish is also needed so we can fulfill Jesus' command to love our neighbor and bring others to know and love God. Sessions are normally scheduled twice a month following the 11:00am Mass. Volunteers meet with the families, lead new members on a brief tour of the church campus and provide parish information! Please contact Melissa Galla at <code>busmgr@stpetergeneva.org</code> for more information on volunteering with this ministry.

HESED HOUSE MINISTRY

Hesed House's mission is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and give people the chance to hope again. Hesed House is a national model for ending homelessness – one person, one family at a time. St. Peter supports this mission by providing and serving a delicious, nutritious hot dinner, hot breakfast and bag lunch for about 220 residents the first Wednesday night and Thursday morning of every other month. Parishioners contribute food, money, onsite volunteer time and prayers for Hesed House residents and staff. We pray with the residents and staff when onsite and so many residents are grateful and say, "God bless you for cooking for us today." It is a beautiful service experience. Join us if you feel the call to help!

ST. PETER OUTREACH MINISTRY

The St. Peter Outreach Ministry has been busy with an alphabet of requests including transportation for Mass, MD appts, PT appts, housing requests, etc. Our volunteers are always ready to step up and assist. The beauty of this ministry is that, as a volunteer, you can make the Outreach Ministry fit your schedule. When a request for assistance comes in, an anonymous information email is sent to our volunteers with the assistance requested. Whomever has the time and talent to assist contacts the Coordinator and further introduction of the volunteer and caller are made. It works beautifully into any schedule as flexibility becomes a precious commodity at times.

MARTHA'S MEALS

Martha's Meals provides food to those who are in need of support during a challenging season of life: birth of a baby, illness, recovery from surgery, death in family, or just need help with meals. We also gladly provide snacks for OCIA participants each year. We have several people on our list and we send out a mealtrain so those who are available to help at that time may sign up when convenient for them.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study has been meeting for 17 years. We are a diverse group of men and women who study God's Word, resulting in a growth of love and knowledge of our Lord. Our participants enjoy friendship and fellowship. Currently, we have 32 members, as we are studying the Bible Timeline with Jeff Cavins. Our group also does service projects for St. Peter and the surrounding community.



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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry is a group that stitches lapghans, shawls, and baby blankets as a physical symbol of God's love and care for us. The items are crocheted or knitted by volunteers, and then blessed and labeled with a prayer card. As each fabric artist works on the blanket, they pray for the individual who will receive it. The completed creation is then available for anyone who needs one, or for an individual to give to a family member or friend who could benefit from the gift of a prayer shawl item. We have donated lapghans to chemo patients at the cancer treatment center, and baby blankets to Corbella Clinic and the Neonatal Center at Delnor Hospital. Our ministry meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 9:30-10:30am in the morning in the Tekawitha Room (lower level of St. Peter Church.) During that hour we work on projects, share ideas and socialize with each other. The majority of the work on your items is done at home on your own schedule. If you would like to make beautiful blankets and shawls with us, we would be delighted to welcome you to our group. Contact Debby Bulak - 630-631-9515

QUILT FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Our Quilt Ministry is a very fun, creative and rewarding Ministry. We prayerfully sew quilts for those in our parish who are sick & homebound. We also sew for community outreaches such as baby quilts for the Corbella Clinic, Mutual Ground, Ronald McDonald House and hospice organizations. We lift up each other through our fellowship. Truly, a wonderful group of sewing sisters. We meet every Tuesday morning from 10:30am to 1:00pm (with few exceptions) in the Seton Hall in our church lower level. No need to know how to quilt. We are happy to share the basics with you, and you'll be quilting in no time! The quilts are made, blessed, picked up and then delivered. If you have any questions, are interested in joining this wonderful ministry or would like to donate fabric or monetary funds to support this ministry, please contact Irene D'Anna, scully382@prodigy.net or Peggy Martinek, pegmartinek@gmail.com.



THAT MAN IS YOU!

This kicks off year 11 at St. Peter! Our program is one of faith, family, friends, and food. We have been blessed with new men and men that have come back to join us after some time away. We have men just beginning their families as well as those who have grandchildren. It is a great mix of men. Our program runs in two, 13-week sessions. Our priests join us and we open with prayer, food, 30 minute video, and wrap up with small group discussion. We have a variety of dynamic speakers who are religious and lay people. In our sessions we are going through the Holy Land. As men we have many challenges in life these days. We live in a time where masculinity is looked down upon by some. If you are looking to grow your faith and looking for like-minded men, please consider joining us at 6:30am on Saturday mornings. Please reach out to Pete Talarico, 909-268-2334 with any questions.

SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the deepest longings of the feminine heart. Our program is a sanctuary for women seeking to be truly seen, known, and loved as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through vibrant conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, we equip you with the tools to embark on a profound spiritual journey. Each season features speakers from diverse stages of life. These inspiring women offer participants deeper insight into scriptural teachings, theological truths, and practical wisdom. She Shall Be Called Woman meets weekly for two 9-week sessions each year.



YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Peter's Youth Ministry program exists to help teens encounter Christ and know His voice. Last year, we served 98 teens during our Sunday youth ministry events, 22 teens at Summer Camp, and 18 teens attended Steubenville Conference.

Mission

We offer frequent Sunday youth ministry nights, middle school Summer Camp, high school Steubenville Conference, and ECHO Peer Ministry Team for our 8th-grade & high school teens. These experiences bond our teens together and cultivate true belonging in their church community. We aim to teach our teens to hear and know Jesus's voice through prayer.

We could use your help!

We are always in need of adult volunteers who act as role models of living out the Catholic faith for our teens. When adults invest in the faith of teens those teens are more likely to continue practicing their Catholic faith in adulthood.

Our Needs

Help us set up for our events - Sundays 5-6 pm (not on holiday weekends)

Manage the check-in table - Sundays 5:40-6:15 pm (not on holiday weekends)

Small Group Leaders - Paired up with another leader, you will receive all the materials and training you need each week - Sundays 5:30-8:00 pm (not on holiday weekends)

When do youth ministry events take place?

Most Sunday evenings! Please check out the bulletin each week and email Emily Delaney, ym@stpetergeneva.org to be added to Flocknote.

"Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are"
- St. John Paul II



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ADULT FORMATION IS SHIFTING TO EVANGELIZATION

Why evangelization? Evangelization is our collective call to go out and make disciples. All that we do should be through the lens of evangelization and bringing others to Christ, with a focus on prayer and personal relationship with Jesus. We are looking forward to partnering with Hallow as the first parish in our Diocese to offer the parish program. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that offers daily reflections, audio rosary, audio books, music, and so much more! Look for details on how to connect very soon.

In addition, we will be promoting the Panis Angelicus Adoration Chapel. This is the twenty-second year of this special chapel at St. Peter and the first dedicated Adoration Chapel in the Diocese. Many of the devoted hours are not being filled, so Jesus is waiting! We will be sharing testimonials and prayer tools to aid those who commit to a Holy Hour each week. Please consider having a "regular" appointment with Jesus.

ST. PETER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The mission of St. Peter Community Food Pantry is based on the two greatest commandments as found in Matthew's gospel. Jesus said to him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." And the second is like it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:37-39) St. Peter Community Food Pantry is a resource to live the message Jesus gave to all of us. Our Food Pantry operates to serve those in need in a kind, loving and respectful manner.

St. Peter Community Food Pantry has been operating since May, 1983 and has grown from initially serving 35 families to as many as 400 families per month. In the last year over 4,000 families have received food. No one who requests food is refused. The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month from 8:00-11:00 am, and from 5:30-7:00 pm. Currently, we use a client-choice/shopping model, basically a small grocery store, where people can make their own choices of what they need.



We are operated by volunteers with 100% of donations from our generous parishioners and local businesses going to the food pantry. We are also able to purchase food from the Northern IL Food Bank at a price of every dollar spent = \$8 of groceries. Our volunteers are the heart of this ministry. Our mission would not work without their caring hearts and helpful hands. We come together to fulfill the gospel message to treat others as we want to be treated. We spend this time together joyfully in the presence of the Spirit.

"For where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Annual Report: 10/1/24-9/30/2025

We are grateful for the generosity of our St. Peter parish, our Knights of Columbus, parishioner and community donors, Friends of the Poor Walk donors, St. Peter Student Council/students, and SVDP members. Their contributions allowed our St. Peter SVDP Conference to give financial assistance to 168 Geneva parishioners and neighbors in need through 59 home and in-person visits. Beyond the financial help, we offered support and assistance to neighbors by finding other resources and help that the community has to offer them. We also helped 40 neighbors outside of Geneva who called us needing to connect with help through referrals and information about services.

Contributions this year	\$38,030
Friends of the Poor Walk Fundraising	\$ 993

Financial Assistance helped our neighbors in need with these expenses:

Food	\$2, 450	Gasoline	\$ 2, 100
Utilities	\$3, 971	Moving expenses	\$ 1,003
Medical/Dental	\$ 273	Educational fees	\$ 819
Household Items	\$3, 606	Rent payments	\$26, 018
Car-related expenses	\$9, 295	Mortgage payments	\$ 2, 204

Neighbors in need also received free clothing and furniture and other items through the St. Vincent de Paul De Ja Vu Shop in Geneva and the Warehouse in Aurora. We helped with \$2,500 for regional SVDP disaster response and training. Conservatively, our SVDP members contributed 691 hours of service and covered 632 miles in serving others. We kept our operating expenses limited to \$1,775 for dues, insurance, phone, software, and basic supplies.

Other progress this year:

- We commissioned 5 new members who learned about the SVDP mission, spirituality, and service by coming to our meetings and participating in our visits and activities.
- We invited SVDP neighbors to the parish Lobster & Steak Dinner and helped serve there.
- For the first time, the St. Peter School youth held an Ice Bucket Challenge and donated their funds to SVDP so we can help other Geneva children with school supplies.
- Also, for the first time, the St. Peter Youth group helped us by making signs for the Friends of the Poor Walk and some joined us for the Walk that day.
- To be more visible in the community we participated in the Festival of the Vine (fundraiser too) and just began a project to ask Geneva employers to post signs for their employees so they know how to reach SVDP help, and put that same information on collection cans in various businesses. Let us know if you want a notice to post or an SVDP Collection can for your business or agency.
- With the help of our parish Communications Coordinator we produced our very first brochure and webpage on the parish website. Check it out! Spread the word that we are here to help!

The heartfelt gratitude of the neighbors that we served and that of our dedicated SVDP members goes out to each of you who offered prayers and resources to this vibrant ministry. We thank Father Browning and the whole parish for your support and prayers as we reach Geneva neighbors in need. All of us in our SVDP Conference at St. Peter Church pray for you with grateful hearts and ask for every blessing!

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Choir and Ensemble have joined to form one Parish Choir that sings at the 11:00am Sunday Mass and on major Feast Days. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings September through May. We lead the congregation in hymns, chants, and psalms, and also sing a variety of sacred choral pieces. New members are always welcome, especially Tenors and Basses. Our Youth Choir, led by Sherri Stassel and Jamie Gardner-Haycox, now sings at the 9:00am Mass once a month, as well as at Christmas and Easter. Students in grades 4–8 are invited to join.

Last December, we replaced our worn Journeysongs hymnals with worship booklets. These booklets provide easier access to the order of the liturgy, songs, and texts, and allow us to use music from a variety of publishers rather than a single hymnal. Major changes to hardbound hymnals are expected in the coming years as the U.S. bishops prepare a new Liturgical Bible, set to replace the current Lectionary around 2028. Because new hymnals will be required after this change, we will continue using worship booklets until the revised liturgy is released.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father,
Giver of every good and perfect gift,
we come before You with humble and grateful hearts.
We thank You for the countless blessings You pour upon us—
for the gift of life, faith, and parish family,
for daily bread, and the grace that sustains us.
All that we have comes from Your generous hand.
Teach us, O Lord, to be faithful stewards of these gifts.
Help us to give freely from the abundance You have entrusted to us,
in sharing our blessings we may bring Your love
to those in need and glorify Your holy name.
Grant that our lives may be a continual offering of praise and sacrifice,
in all things we may seek to do Your will.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Article submissions are needed at least TWO WEEKS prior to printing for review.



THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Gym

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Men's Basketball 7:00 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 AM Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 AM Church

Bereavement Ministry 10:15 AM Muldoon Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 AM Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 AM Church Flame of Love Rosary 9:10 AM Church Seton Hall **Quilting Ministry** 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 AM Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 AM Church

Wednesday Morning BC Muldoon Room 10:15 AM **OCIA** Meeting 7:00 PM Muldoon Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Happy Thanksgiving!

Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 AM Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 AM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH Church

Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 AM Church Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 AM Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

Seton Hall 6:30 AM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

Men's Basketball 7:00 PM Gym

WEEKLY READINGS

SUNDAY:2 SM 5:1-3/PS 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (SEE 1)/COL 1:12-20/LK 23:35-43

MONDAY: DN 1:1-6, 8-20/DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/LK 21:1-4 TUESDAY: DN 2:31-45/DN 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/LK 21:5-11 WEDNESDAY: DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/DN 3:62, 63, 64, 65,

66, 67/LK 21:12-19

THURSDAY: DN 6:12-28/DN 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/LK 21:20-

FRIDAY: DN 7:2-14/DN 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/LK 21:29-33 SATURDAY: DN 7:15-27/DN 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/LK 21:34-36 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 2:1-5/PS 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ROM 13:11-14/MT 24:37-44

NEXT WEEK CELEBRANT SCHEDULE **SUNDAY SATURDAY**

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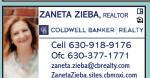
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