



SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Geneva, IL

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:30 pm Vigil

Sunday | 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday | 7:00 am, 8:35 am

Saturday | 8:00 am

Confession

Tuesday | 6:00 pm until all are heard

Saturday | 8:30 am until all are heard

Other | By Appointment

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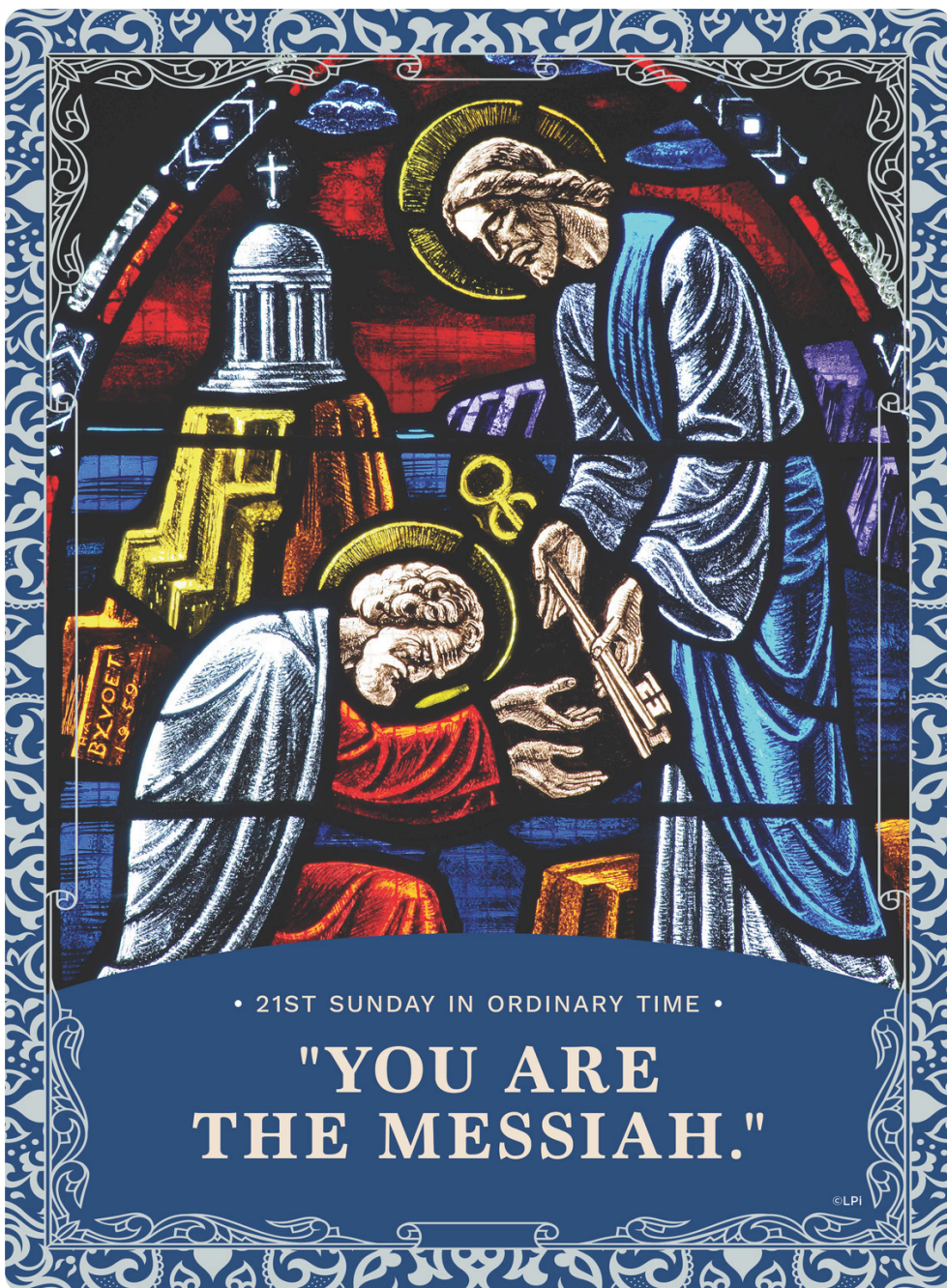
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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Matthew 16:19

02 • FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS: THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In recent weeks, we have traced the progression of the Mass from the gathering of God's people, through the proclamation of His Word, to the preparation of the altar. Last week, we reflected on the bread and wine as signs of God's gifts and human labor, and considered our call to place our lives, our joys, sufferings, work, relationships, and prayers upon the altar.

We now reach the heart and summit of the entire celebration: the **Eucharistic Prayer**.

The Church describes the Eucharistic Prayer as the "center and high point" of the Mass.

Everything that has come before has prepared us for it, and everything that follows flows from it. Here the Church, united with Christ her Head, offers thanksgiving and praise to the Father. Here the sacrifice of Christ is made sacramentally present. Here bread and wine become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

"The Lord Be with You"

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a familiar dialogue:

"The Lord be with you."

"And with your spirit."

"Lift up your hearts."

"We lift them up to the Lord."

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

"It is right and just."

These words are not merely introductory; they express the significance of what is about to take place. The priest invites us to lift our hearts above worries and distractions, direct our full attention to God, and join in Christ's prayer to the Father.

By responding, "We lift them up to the Lord," we commit to offering God our minds, hearts, and lives, preparing to unite ourselves with Jesus' perfect offering.

This is the essence of active participation: not just speaking or singing but allowing ourselves to be drawn into Christ's self-offering.

Giving Thanks to the Father

The word **Eucharist** comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving."

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with the **Preface**, where the priest gives thanks to the Father through Christ for the mystery of salvation. While the words vary by season or feast, the purpose remains the same: the Church recalls God's goodness and responds with gratitude.

Gratitude is central to Christian worship. Everything we have, our life, faith, salvation, and the promise of eternal life, is a gift from God. At Mass, we receive these gifts and offer our thanks to the Father.

The priest proclaims that it is "truly right and just, our duty and our salvation" to give thanks to God. Thanksgiving is essential to our salvation, restoring the proper relationship between creature and Creator. In gratitude, we acknowledge that all comes from God and is meant to lead us back to Him.

Joining the Worship of Heaven

At the conclusion of the Preface, we sing: **"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts."**

These words come from the visions of the prophet Isaiah and the Book of Revelation, where the angels and saints worship before the throne of God.

At this moment, the Church on earth joins the worship of heaven.

We do not merely imagine heaven is near. In the sacred liturgy, we truly participate in the eternal praise of angels and saints. Our parish church becomes part of something far greater than what we can see.

Every Mass is celebrated in communion with the whole Church: those gathered around altars throughout the world, the souls being purified, and the saints already rejoicing in God's presence. Heaven and earth unite in the worship of the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Descends

After the *Sanctus*, the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and asks the Father to send down the Holy Spirit upon them. This invocation is called the **epiclesis**.

The same Holy Spirit who overshadowed the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Incarnation and who descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost now acts within the Church's sacramental worship. By the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of Christ spoken by the priest, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The outward appearances remain unchanged. What appears as bread and wine is, in its deepest reality, Christ Himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

This is not simply a symbol or reminder of Jesus' love. It is the Lord's true and substantial presence.

"This Is My Body"

At the consecration, the priest repeats the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper:

"This is my Body, which will be given up for you."

"This is the chalice of my Blood ... which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

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The priest does not speak these words as a narrator recalling Jesus' actions. Through Holy Orders, he acts in the person of Christ. It is Christ who speaks and acts through him.

The sacrifice of Calvary is not repeated, as though Jesus needed to die again. Christ died once for all. Rather, His one sacrifice is made present sacramentally.

At Mass, we are not distant spectators of the Cross. Christ's saving act, His complete self-offering to the Father, is made present so we may enter into it and receive its fruits.

This is why *Sacrosanctum Concilium* calls the Eucharist "a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet" in which Christ is received and the pledge of future glory is given to us.

"Do This in Memory of Me"

After the consecration, the Church fulfills Christ's command: "Do this in memory of me."

In ordinary life, remembering means calling a past event to mind. In the liturgy, however, this remembrance, traditionally called **anamnesis**, is much more profound. Through the action of the Holy Spirit, the saving mystery of Christ's Death, Resurrection, and Ascension becomes sacramentally present.

We respond:

"We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."

The Mass unites past, present, and future. We remember Christ's saving work, encounter the risen Lord now, and look forward to His return in glory. At every Eucharist, the Church stands within the entire mystery of salvation.

The Church Offers Herself with Christ

The priest then offers the holy and living sacrifice to the Father. But Christ is not offered alone. The entire Church desires to be united with Him.

Sacrosanctum Concilium teaches that the faithful should offer the Divine Victim to God and learn to offer themselves as well. This is why our personal offering during the preparation of the gifts is so important. Christ takes everything we have placed on the altar and joins it to His perfect sacrifice.

Our small acts of love are united to His infinite love. Our sufferings are united to His Cross. Our prayers are united to His prayer. Our lives are united to His life.

On our own, our offerings may seem small or insignificant. United with Jesus, they become part of His perfect worship of the Father.

Praying with the Whole Church

The Eucharistic Prayer also makes clear that we never celebrate Mass alone. We pray for the pope, our bishop, the clergy, and all the faithful. We remember the living and the dead. We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, the Apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints.

The Eucharist unites the entire Church across all boundaries of time and place.

Our deceased loved ones are not forgotten, the needs of the living are not overlooked, and the saints are not distant figures. In Christ, the entire communion of saints is united in prayer.

The Great Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer reaches its conclusion when the priest raises the Body and Blood of Christ and proclaims: **"Through him, and with him, and in him..."**

All glory and honor are offered to the Father, through the Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

We respond: **"Amen."** This is often called the **Great Amen**, and rightly so. It is our solemn assent to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

Our "Amen" means: Yes, I believe. Yes, I give thanks. Yes, I unite myself to Christ. Yes, I offer my life with Him to the Father.

This response should never be automatic or halfhearted; it expresses the Church's faith in a single word.

The priest does not pray the Eucharistic Prayer alone while others wait. Although only the priest speaks its words, the entire assembly participates through attentive listening, interior prayer, sung acclamations, and the offering of their lives.

This Sunday, when you hear **"Lift up your hearts,"** intentionally place your heart before the Lord. Listen to the Eucharistic Prayer with renewed attention and unite yourself to the sacrifice made present on the altar.

When the priest proclaims, "Through him, and with him, and in him," let your **"Amen"** express the offering of your whole life.

Christ has offered everything for us. At the Eucharist, He invites us to offer everything with Him.

Reflection Question:

When I say "Amen" at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, am I truly entrusting my entire life to the Father through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ? Ask Jesus to help you speak your "Amen" with conviction and a full heart. And let the Eucharistic Prayer increase your thanksgiving.

Prayers,

Fr. Browning



04 • INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 22nd - Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am | † Barbara Alesch by Palenik Family

Anticipated 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | † Anne Krahulec by Katie Tyranski

Sunday, August 23rd - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | People of the Parish
9:00 am | † Mick McGann by Beckmen Family
11:00 am | † Jim Aden by Turcich Family

Monday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew the Apostle
7:00 am | † Alec Wujcik by Mike & Val Trendell
8:35 am | † Patricia (Trish) Harper by Jane & Paul Sarmiento

Tuesday, August 25th - St. Louis, St. Joseph of Calasanz
7:00 am | † Ken Malette by Joe & Patty Stasiek
8:35 am | † Jerry Leach by Todd & Lisa Karas

Wednesday, August 26th
7:00 am | † Mark Driessen by The Family
8:35 am | † Theresa Ptaszek by Allison Macaluso

Thursday, August 27th - St. Monica
7:00 am | † Carol Ann Grossi by Thomas Kulovity
8:35 am | † Tom Tuton by Gladfelder Family

Friday, August 28th - St. Augustine of Hippo
7:00 am | † Mary Kay Kelly by Brian & Brenda Byrne
8:35 am | † Bobby Byker by Byker Family

Saturday, August 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:00 am | † William P. Browne by Janavicius Family

Anticipated 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | † Shirley Cuartero by Julius & Lucy Cuartero

Sunday, August 30th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | † Lois Fricke Mandik by Fred & Deb Holtschlag
9:00 am | People of the Parish
11:00 am | † Thomas V. Loran II by Michael & Mira Franco

FLAMES OF FAITH

August 22nd to September 4th
† John & Marie Mayer by Berni Mayer

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 22nd to 28th
For † Stanley Wegrzyn by Loretta Wegrzyn & Family

HONORING THOSE WE LOVE

Mass Intentions, Flames of Faith and Altar Flowers are a special way to memorialize a loved one, remember an anniversary or share a special intention. If you are interested in offering an intention or memorial, stop by the Parish Center, or visit www.stpeterchurch.com, and use the link on the home page. NOTE: For Mass Intentions, each requester is limited to a total of seven (7) Masses, to allow more people to offer intentions.

SACRAMENTS

Parish Office: (630) 232-0124

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office or complete a Baptism Request Form, located on the home page of our parish website, www.stpeterchurch.com.

Confessions: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, until all are heard.
Saturdays at 8:30 am, until all are heard.

Marriages: Please call the Parish Office. *NOTE: If you or someone you know needs a previous marriage investigated for its validity or invalidity (the annulment process) so that you may fully participate in your Church faith or become Catholic, please call the Parish Office.*

Sick Calls: Please notify the Pastor when anyone in the parish is sick or injured.

PRAYER

Prayer Circle: Parishioners pray privately for others in need. To submit an intention, call the Parish Office or submit on our website, www.stpeterchurch.com.

Prayer Intentions for the Bulletin: If you know someone in need of prayer, please email bulletin@stpetergeneva.org.

Adoration: The Panis Angelicus Chapel is devoted to Eucharistic Adoration. Located adjacent to our Parish Office on the west side of the church, the chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone who wishes to spend time with Jesus. Between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, the door is open. If you are interested in praying between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am, contact Melissa Galla for a swipe card, busmgr@stpetergeneva.org.

To sign up for a weekly commitment, follow the QR code.

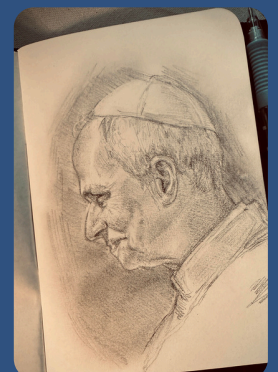


BEAUTY'S ARROW

Pulchritudo vulnera

I have just realized it has been over a year since I started writing articles in the bulletin here at St. Peter. So to celebrate, here is the first picture I ever shared here. I think it's fitting since Chicago just had that celebration of Pope Leo.

+JMJ+
Fr. Nooraee



PRAYER & SACRAMENTS • 05

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Need

Anna A.	Denise D.	Barbara K.	Liz R.
Laura A.	Louise D.	Kim K.	Charles S.
Millie A.	Dennis	Thomas K.	Dan S.
Armando	Betty Denotto	Flora Kaindl	Johnny S.
Pat B.	Douglas	Kellen	Patrick S.
Spencer B.	Helene E.	Ada Krusinski	Jane Sarmiento
Mark Bishel	Elaine	Betty Kryger	Scott
Brandon	Kay F.	Allison M.	E. Sharp
Karen Bricher	Catherine G.	Karen M.	J. Sharp
Chris Brown	Neil G.	Mike M.	Marilyn Singer
Kim C	Dena H.	Patrick M.	Sirgo
Debbie C.	Kris H	Kathy M.	Brianna T.
James C.	Antonio H.	Vicky Majewski	Rupert Touns
Joanna C.	Carl H.	Steve O.	Loretta Wegrzyn
Joe Cannizzaro	Sarah Henschel	Steve P.	Anthony White
Lori Carlson	Alan J.	Miriam P.	Jonathan Woodin
Carter	Amanda Jensen	Martha Penaflor	Dennis Zeitler
Cheryl	Joey & Charlie	Kathy Pott	
John Connolly	Julie	Maureen Pott	

Service Members

2nd LT Benjamin Adams	PVT Charles Mick
SGT Ben Baker	SGT J. Patrick Morrissey
SSGT Katherine Brooks	PFC Sean Morrissey
S/SGT Rayce Burns	SGT Mark Murphy
LT Henry Cella	SSGT Matthew Musielski
CPT Joseph Cella	LT Andrew Niedbala
ENS Thomas Conroy	MAJ Richard Niedbala III
1ST LT Harold G. Cubillo	SA Dominick Pistorio
SGT Ryan DiBenedetto	MIDN Blake Powers
AOMT2 Joseph Duley	SCPO Michael Purvis
SGT Maj. David Eastwood	PVT Jullian Reed
CPT Henry Feldhaus	PFC Rob Regan
CE3 Robert Farrell	SGT Michael W. Renner
SGT Neil Garity	SPC David Reo
SSGT Zachariah Kwasniewski	CPT Ashley Ritchey
2ND LT Chris Gensler	2LT Bryce Riner
MM3 (SS) Kenneth Graff	LCPL Ruben Rodriguez
LCpl Katrina Kwasniewski	SGT 1st Class Eric Romero
Capt. Therese Hein	CPT Delaney Shanahan
LT Edward Honey	1st LT Jameson P. Shanahan
SGT Thomas P. Horvath	SPC George Smith
CDR David A. Keating	PFC Christian Stevens
LCDR Theresa Keating	SGT Matthew Stover
HM3 Donny Klein	BM1 Nathan Stover
SPC Charles Kropp	LT Quinn Turcich
CPL Holt J. Lenert	CPL Chris Verbel
Major Kevin Marks	Capt. Charlie Vyskocil
SGT Nicholas Maxwell	CH (LT COL) Fr. Paul Weberg
LT Sean McHugh	PFC Jacob Wilson
LT Jim McHugh	CPT Nicholas Wiltsie
PFC Alexander Meade	LTJG Stephen Charles Zimmer III
1ST LT Thomas J. Menn	

BAPTISMS

Elena Jane Acosta

Parents: Ryan & Nicole
Godparents: Chris Glowacki & Jennifer Glowacki

Evelyn Rose Dorn

Parents: Thomas & Brittany
Godparents: Christian Abraham & Mary Abraham

Bonnie Elise Lyszkowski

Parents: Brett & Hailey
Godparent: Matthew Touns
Witness: Jill O'Hara

Caroline Daisy Lyszkowski

Parents: Brett & Hailey
Godparent: Matthew Touns
Witness: Jill O'Hara

Fred Walter Lyszkowski

Parents: Brett & Hailey
Godparent: Matthew Touns
Witness: Jill O'Hara

Marlena Charlotte Lyszkowski

Parents: Brett & Hailey
Godparent: Matthew Touns
Witness: Jill O'Hara

**If you know someone
in need of prayer,
please email
bulletin@stpetergeneva.org.**

**To maintain a current list,
names will be removed
after three months.
You may get them re-added
by request.**

06 • STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 8 & 9\$37,792.60

This total includes all regular Sunday basket collections, donations mailed or dropped off in the office, plus recurring and one-time donations made online via Our Sunday Visitor.

3% TITHE\$1,133.78

Each week, a portion of our parish tithe supports charitable not-for-profit organizations as needs arise, sharing the blessings we've received with others. Through this giving, we live out the Gospel call to care for our neighbors and serve those in need.



WHY GIVING IS IMPORTANT
Back to School Edition

The halls of St. Peter School were quiet this summer, but the work never stopped. Our staff spent the season preparing the building for the students' return.

St. Peter's maintenance team handled a top-to-bottom deep clean of the entire building and dozens of small repairs. Alongside these efforts, outside contractors completed several larger projects, including repainting classrooms, refinishing the gym floor, and installing announcement speakers and phones. Our largest project was installing seven new rooftop HVAC units to keep students and teachers comfortable.

None of this would be possible without your donations. Your support through weekly gifts, whether by envelope or online giving, allowed over 250 students to return to safe, comfortable, and inviting spaces where they can learn, pray, and grow in faith this school year.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity! As we welcome students and teachers back, please keep them in your prayers.

A Prayer for Our School

Heavenly Father, bless the families of St. Peter School, and watch over our students, teachers, and staff throughout this school year. Give them health, safety, and hearts full of the Holy Spirit. Let your love be present in every classroom and home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



2026 DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that St. Peter Church has exceeded its goal for the 2026 Diocesan Appeal! This incredible achievement reflects the generosity and dedication of our parish. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this success possible!

ST. PETER GOAL: \$192,197

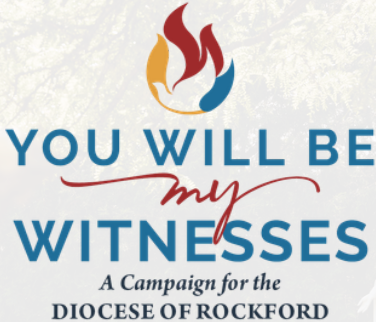
Total funds raised to date: \$220,750

Above goal: \$28,553

Percent participation: 14%

I WILL
COME
to you

2026 Diocesan Appeal



ST. PETER GOAL: \$2,016,877

Total funds raised to date: \$2,053,804

Percent to goal: 101.8%

Percent participation: 14%



FOOD PANTRY

Next Distribution: Wednesday, August 26th

The Food Pantry is open from 8:00 am – 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome with an ID.

For the month of August we are collecting:

- Applesauce
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Beef Stew
- Shampoo
- Jello
- Any fresh produce from bountiful gardens! No donation is too small!

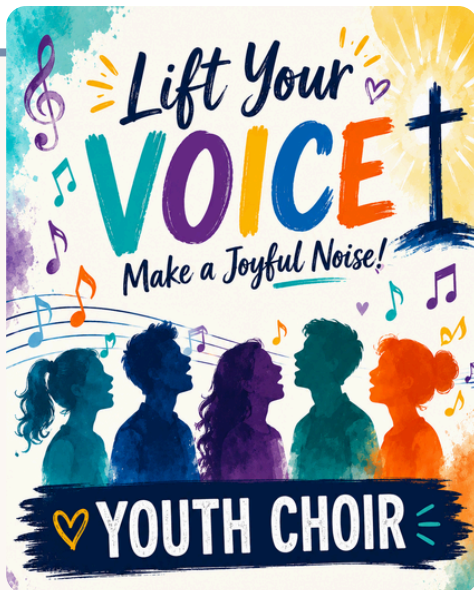
Food donations can be placed in the bin outside the Food Pantry doors on the west side of the parish center, or in the collection boxes at the east and west entrances of the church. Tax-exempt monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to "St. Peter Community Food Pantry" and mail them to 1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL 60134. Donations can also be placed in the collection basket during Mass or dropped in the mail slot at the parish center.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group as we grow in our relationship with Jesus through the sacred scriptures.

Starting Wednesday, September 9th, we will begin studying the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, focusing on Jesus' ministry through His parables, miracles and teachings. We meet Wednesday mornings from 10:15 am to 12:00 pm in the Muldoon Room.

For more information, or to sign up and order materials, please contact Kathy Beckmen at (630) 661-1061 or kgbeckmen3@gmail.com.



FROM THE DESK OF...

Jamie Gardner-Haycox & Sherri Stasell,

Youth Choir Directors

Come join the Youth Choir! Music is one of the most powerful ways young people can share their gifts with our church family. Our Youth Choir provides a welcoming community where students can grow musically and spiritually while serving in Sunday worship. Whether your student is an experienced singer or just wants to try something new, there's a spot waiting for them!

- **First Rehearsal:** Friday, September 11 from 3:45-5:00 pm in the church (Ice Cream treats at the end!)
- **First Mass:** Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 am Mass (Meet at 8:15 am in the church)
- **Open to:** All youth in grades 2 and up! Come sing with us!
- Upcoming dates to sing this '26-'27 school year will be posted soon!

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"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."

Psalms 100:2

08 • MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY *Fall Session begins Monday, September 14th*

Did you know our parish provides a compassionate environment for individuals navigating the heavy burden of grief after losing a loved one? Through *Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry*, the parish community walks alongside those who are mourning, offering a safe and faith-filled space to share experiences, find mutual understanding, and discover hope. These meetings are grounded in the love and compassion of Christ, ensuring that no one has to endure their grief in isolation. Guided by a supportive network, participants are equipped with practical tools for healing while being wrapped in the prayers and care of the entire St. Peter Church family.

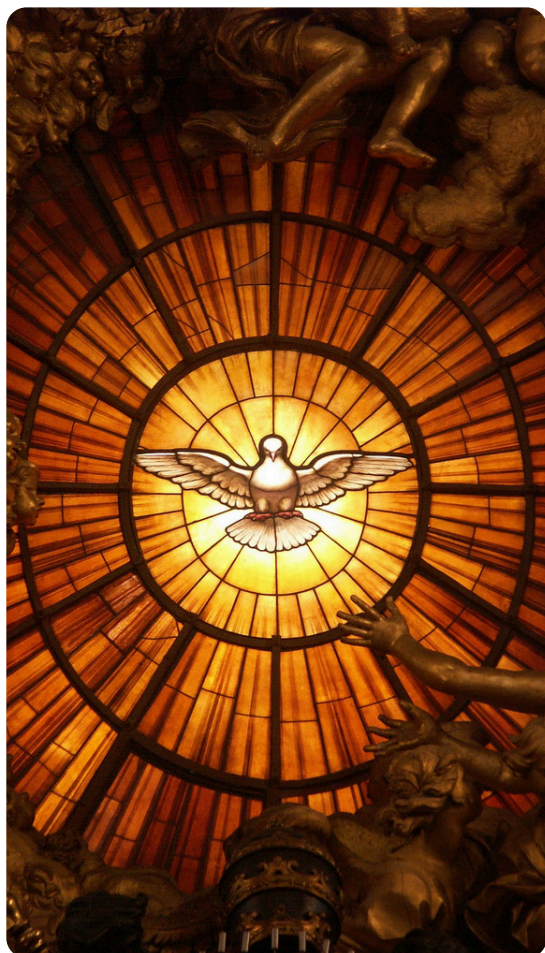
Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry meets on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Muldoon Room (Enter through Door #14 at the school).

Upcoming Fall Session Schedule:

- September 14
- September 21
- September 28
- October 5
- October 19 (No meeting on October 12 due to the holiday)
- October 26



**For more information,
contact Colette McKenna,
ols@stpetergeneva.org, or
(630) 232-0124, ext. 105.**



NEW OCIA SESSION BEGINS! **Wednesday, October 7th**

Do you have friends or family members who have mentioned they are interested in exploring the Catholic faith?

St. Peter has an inviting process where people can learn more about the Catholic faith in a relaxed setting. The process is called Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Candidates for OCIA are:

- Those who were raised in another faith who would like to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized Catholic and want to be Confirmed and/or receive Communion
- Those without a faith tradition who are looking for a spiritual home

**The first session is Wednesday, October 7th, 7:00-9:00 pm
in McLoughlin Hall.**

Contact Deacon Greg D'Anna for more information
(630) 232-0124, ext. 110
deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org

7 DYNAMIC SPEAKERS | NEWLY FILMED | MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER



THAT MAN IS YOU! HAS PROVEN TO:

- Facilitate a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.
- Turn the hearts of fathers to their spouse and children.
- Form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and greater society.
- Form bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Beginning Saturday, September 19th
Running every Saturday morning
until December 19th.
(off Thanksgiving weekend)

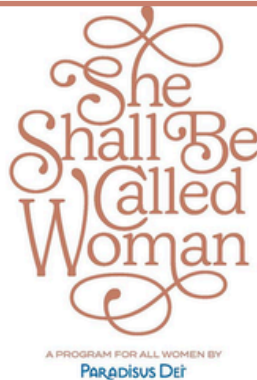
SCHEDULE:

Breakfast at 6:30am
Group Video: 6:45am
Small Group 7:15am
End: 7:45am

REGISTRATION:

Come sign up after Mass on August
22-23rd or September 5-6! We hope
you join us!

For more information,
visit www.thatmanisyou.com
or contact Pete Talarico, (908) 268-2334



SEASON FIVE
LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

OFFER CHRIST YOUR LOVE

Each Session Offers:

ENCOUNTER

MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP

Worship is one of the most fundamental aspects of what it means to be Christian. It is what we were made for. This season, dive deep into not only the practical aspects of worship, but more importantly, recenter your deep longing to pour out your heart fully to the Lord.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Thursdays beginning Sept. 10
Morning Session 10:15am
Evening Session 6pm

SCHEDULE:

Fellowship
Video Presentation
Small Group
No Homework!



REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR code to register.
For more information contact
Michelle at 232-0124x126

10 • RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS
6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, September 2
Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, November 4
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, January 6
Wednesday, February 3
Wednesday, March 3
April No Session
Wednesday, May 5

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd AT 6:00PM

- Parents should take their students to their classrooms upon arrival.
- Then, Parents proceed to the church for their session.
- Contact Nicole Billapando, DRE with any questions, (630) 232-0124x117
re.director@stpetergeneva.org



FINAL: RE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please consider being a Volunteer for this upcoming year.
Time commitment is two Wednesday evenings a month.

Final Volunteer Needs:

6th Grade: 2 Catechists & 2 Assistants

Volunteer through this link:

<https://www.stpeterchurch.com/re-volunteer-form>

Questions? Contact Nicole Billapando at re.director@stpetergeneva.org

Honoring and Defending ALL Life at Every Stage



Rosebud Prayer Ministry

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Complete a prayer intention card and place it in the box on the Rosebud table in the Narthex.

Intentions will be shared with our prayer warriors via weekly Flocknote email.

Join our "Respect Life Prayer Warriors" group in Flocknote.

New to Flocknote?
Register at <https://stpgerneva.flocknote.com/>

Lovingly united through prayer.

WALKING WITH Moms IN NEED

CURRENT NEEDS

Visit <https://walkingwithmomsneeds.stpeterchurch.com> to review our current needs and 'claim' items you wish to donate.

scan me



Thank you for loving our moms in need. ♥

UPCOMING ANNUAL LIFE EVENTS

NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

is a public, prayerful, and peaceful stand for life that has been taking place on the 1st Sunday of October since 1987.

ECUMENICAL LIFE CHAIN PLANNING MEETING

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 - 8:00 PM

St. Peter Church - lower level Cabrini Room

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Stay tuned for additional details

Invite your friends and neighbors from other Geneva churches

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM

St. Peter Church Respect Life Garden
(by the St. John Paul II statue on the east side of church)

Gather outside immediately following 8:00 AM Mass to join in prayer for all aborted children

MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

Saturday, October 24

10:30 AM

St. Peter Church
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- **Session One: Condemnation, Acceptance, and Beginning Again**
Thursday, September 10th
- **Session Two: Receiving Help, Showing Compassion, and Releasing Resentment**
Thursday, October 8th
- **Session Three: Children, Surrender, and the Healing of Shame**
Thursday, November 12th
- **Session Four: Truth, Grief, the Sacraments, and Resurrection**
Thursday, December 17th

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: St. Patrick Crane Road Church (St. Anne Room)
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The St. Patrick Parish Divorce Ministry is a Catholic-based, peer-ministry support group designed to help men and women heal and find a faith-filled joy after divorce. The program explores the issues of divorce and navigating life after divorce with the goal of leading participants toward ultimate forgiveness, happiness, and new life.

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We will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am at St. John Neumann Parish (2900 E. Main St, St. Charles) from September 17th to November 19th. A Zoom option is available.

The \$30 fee includes the study materials. Scholarships are available. Children ages 2 and under will stay with their mothers in a special small group.

Registration is on our website fvwbiblestudy.org. Registration forms can also be obtained by emailing us at fvwbiblestudy@att.net or by calling Kathy at (630) 370-4629. Please register early. We hope you will be joining us for this interesting study!



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Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS****Sunday, August 23rd**

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Monday, August 24th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Finance Council Meeting 6:00 pm Cabrini Room
- School Social 6:00 pm Outside

Tuesday, August 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
- Quilters Ministry 10:15 am Seton Hall
- SVdP Technology Training 5:00 pm Cabrini Room
- Tri-County AD Meeting 6:00 pm School Library
- Diocesan Ministry Formation 7:00 pm Seton Hall
- Lifechain Planning Meeting 7:00 pm Cabrini Room

Wednesday, August 26th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Food Pantry Distribution 8:00 am Food Pantry
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Morning Bible Study 10:15 am Muldoon Room
- Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 pm Food Pantry

Thursday, August 27th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- SVdP Meeting 6:30 pm Muldoon Room

Friday, August 28th

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

Saturday, August 22nd

- No Scheduled Events

Sunday, August 23rd

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE**Next Weekend****Saturday, August 29**

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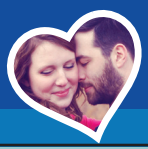
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