



SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Geneva, IL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 23RD 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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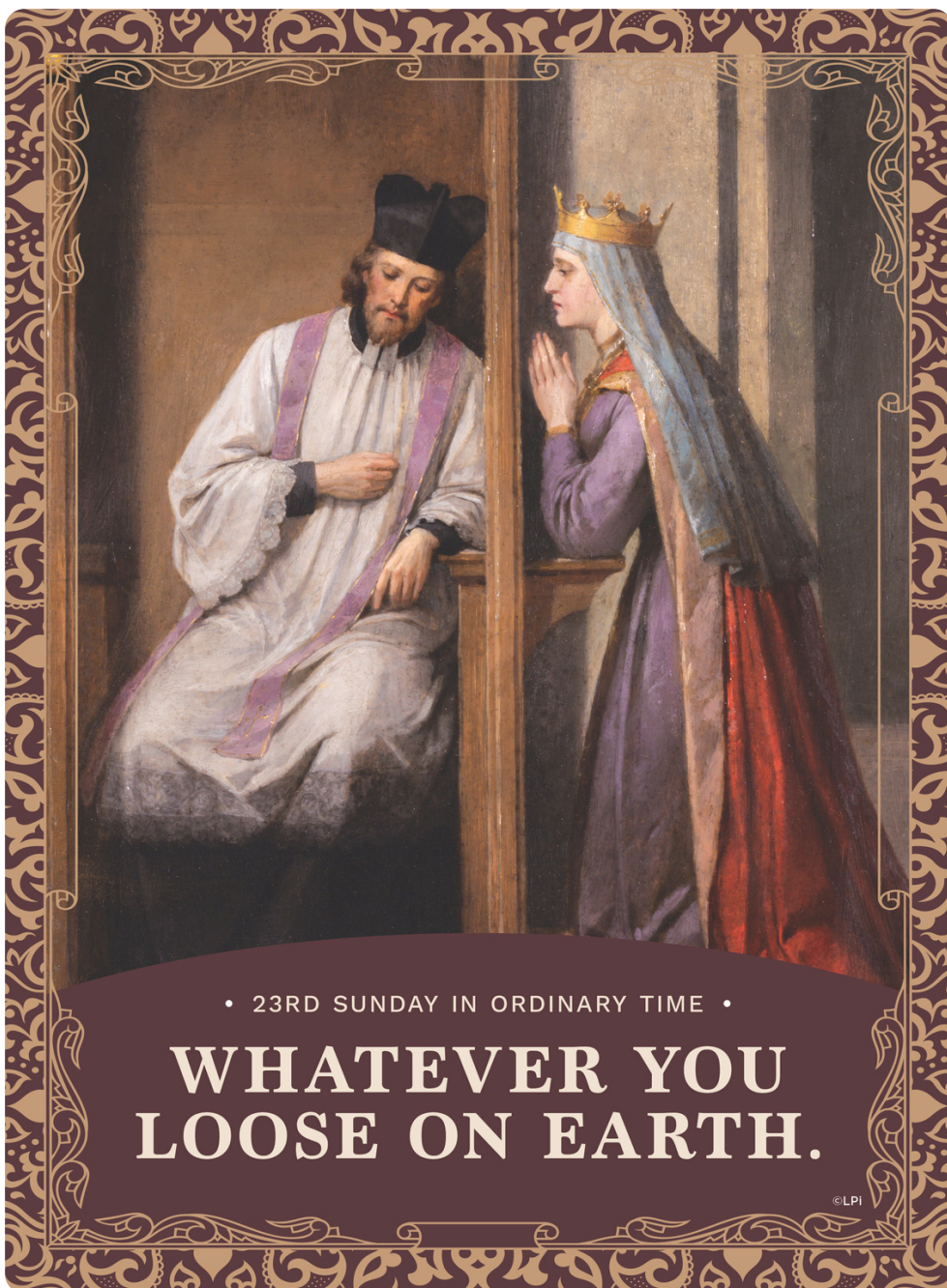
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*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 18:18

02 • FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GO FORTH: SENT TO BECOME WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED

Throughout this series, we have followed the movement of the Holy Mass. God gathers us as His people. Christ speaks to us in the Scriptures. We profess our faith and offer our prayers. We bring our lives to the altar. Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present in the Eucharistic Prayer. We receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion.

After so great an encounter, what remains? In the sections ahead, we will consider practical and concrete steps for letting the graces of the Mass keep shaping our daily lives. As we go forward, you'll find simple ways to go forth from the altar and carry Christ into the world each week.

It might seem that the Mass is over. The sacred vessels are purified, the announcements are made, the priest gives the blessing, and everyone leaves. But the final moments of the Mass are not an unimportant conclusion. They reveal something essential about the Eucharist:

Christ gathers us so that He can send us.

We have encountered the Lord, received His grace, and been united more deeply to His Body, the Church. Now we are commissioned to carry His presence into the world.

Thanksgiving After Communion

After Holy Communion, the Church leads us into sacred silence. We have received not a symbol nor a reminder but Jesus Christ Himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

This silence is a time for thanksgiving.

We may speak to Jesus about our joys and burdens. We may pray for those we love. We may ask Him to heal what is wounded, strengthen what is weak, and transform whatever in us does not yet resemble Him. We may ask forgiveness for our failures or sins and open ourselves to His mercy. We may ask His guidance for the decisions and challenges we face. We may pray for the grace to forgive others, or for help in loving those we find difficult. We may also rest in His presence.

The saints understood that these moments remain among the most precious of our week. Christ has given Himself completely to us. Our first response must be gratitude.

The word **Eucharist** means "thanksgiving." The entire Mass is an act of thanksgiving to the Father through Christ, but our personal prayer after Communion allows that thanksgiving to take root within our hearts.

We might pray:

Jesus, thank You for coming to me. Help me to become more like You. Let Your thoughts become my thoughts, Your desires become my desires, and Your love become visible through my life. Amen. And something that permits Jesus to do His work in us: Jesus, by the grace of Holy Communion, transform in me all that needs to be transformed.

The Prayer After Communion

After the quietness, the priest stands and says:

"Let us pray."

The Prayer after Communion gathers the prayers of the faithful and asks that the sacrament we have received may bear fruit in our lives.

The Prayer After Communion asks that the Eucharist renew us, strengthen us, unite us, heal us, or prepare us for eternal life. These prayers teach us that receiving Holy Communion is not the end of our spiritual journey. It is the beginning of a renewed way of living.

The grace of the Eucharist is intended to continue operating within us beyond the church doors. As articulated by Pope John Paul II in *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "the authentic sense of the Eucharist becomes the school of active love for neighbor" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 20). Christ desires to transform our relationships, decisions, work, suffering, and service to others through this ongoing Eucharistic grace.

Blessed by the Triune God

The Mass concludes as it began: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the beginning of Mass, we made the Sign of the Cross as we entered the sacred mysteries. At the end, the priest blesses us with that same saving sign of the Cross.

Blessings are not simply words. They are effective in our lives. Through the priest's ministry, the Church invokes God's grace and protection upon His people as they return to their daily lives.

We leave under the sign of the Cross. We return to our families under the sign of the Cross. We go to our workplaces under the sign of the Cross. We enter the joys, struggles, and responsibilities of the coming week under the sign of the Cross.

The same love we encountered upon the altar must now shape the way we live.

"Go Forth"

The final words of the Mass are a dismissal:

"Go forth, the Mass is ended."

Or:

"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

Or:

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK • 03

Our response is:

“Thanks be to God.”

These words deserve our attention. The priest or deacon sends us forth on a mission, as Jesus sent His first apostles after His Ascension (Matthew 28:19). We are sent to announce the Gospel, the Good News of Salvation. We are sent to glorify God by our lives. We are sent in the peace of Christ.

The dismissal connects the worship of God with the way we live in the world. For example, just as we receive Christ at the altar, we are called to bring His presence into our daily lives—showing patience and kindness with family members at home, acting with integrity in the workplace, supporting classmates at school, and serving those in our community. In this way, the power of the Eucharist must become visible in our lives beyond the church walls.

We have received the mercy of Christ, so we must become merciful. We have received the peace of Christ, so we must become peacemakers. We have received the self-giving love of Christ, so we must learn to give ourselves for others in love. We have become one Body in Christ, so we must care for the lonely, the suffering, the poor, and the forgotten.

The Mass sends us into the world to become who we have received. We are to become Christ to others.

From the Altar to Daily Life

As *Sacrosanctum Concilium* affirms, “the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time, it is the font from which all her power flows” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10).

The Mass is the source of Christian life because we receive from Christ the grace we need to live as His disciples. It is the summit because everything in our lives, our work, prayer, relationships, sacrifices, and service, is meant to be brought back to God as an offering of love.

Mass helps set a beautiful rhythm to the Christian week:

We come to the altar carrying our lives. Christ receives our offering and unites it to His own. He feeds us with His Body and Blood. Then He sends us back into the world strengthened by His grace.

The following Sunday, we return with another week to offer. We return with new joys, new wounds, new failures, new acts of love, and new reasons for thanksgiving.

Again, Christ receives us. He speaks to us. He offers Himself for us. He feeds and sends us out.

Sunday after Sunday, participation in the Eucharist gradually forms us in holiness. The pursuit of sainthood, understood as growing in holiness and union with God, constitutes the fundamental aim of human life.

The Mass Must Continue in Us

Have you ever received Holy Communion and then left the church only to speak harshly to family members, ignore someone in need, spread gossip, refuse to forgive, or live as though Christ had nopresence into every aspect of life. Theologically, the Eucharist

imparts not only individual grace but also calls believers into deeper communion with Christ and neighbor by configuring them more closely to Jesus’ self-giving love.

Therefore, when one’s actions fail to reflect this Eucharistic transformation, it highlights a significant deficiency in authentic discipleship. As Scripture reminds us, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Authentic participation in the Eucharist should manifest in concrete acts of charity, reconciliation, and compassion, making the sacrament a living reality in our relationships each day.

For a husband or wife, this may mean greater patience and sacrifice. For a parent, it may mean forming children in faith through word and example. For a young person, it may mean courageously living the Gospel among friends. For someone who is suffering, it may mean uniting that suffering to the Cross. For every Christian, the Mass helps us recognize Christ in those who need our attention, mercy, and love.

After returning home from Mass, families might dedicate intentional time to reflect together on the experience of Mass and discuss a specific way they will live out the Eucharist as a family in the coming week. For example, they could choose a concrete action, such as preparing a meal together for a neighbor in need, committing to pray as a family each evening, or making a collective effort to forgive and support one another in difficult moments. By engaging in these practices, each family member participates in carrying Christ to one another at home and in daily life, allowing the Eucharist to shape their relationships and fostering deeper spiritual growth within the family.

“Thanks Be to God”

Our final response at Mass is one of gratitude:

“Thanks be to God.”

We thank God for speaking to us, forgiving us, allowing us to participate in Christ’s sacrifice, feeding us with the Bread of Life, and committing us with a mission.

Even the command to “go” is a gift. God allows us to participate in His work of salvation. Through ordinary acts of faithfulness, forgiveness, courage, patience, and love, we can make Christ present to others.

The people we encounter during the week may never enter a Catholic church. They may never open a Bible or listen to a homily. But they will encounter us.

In encountering us, what will they discover? Will they encounter a heart on fire with God’s love, a heart of tenderness and love, a heart that Jesus has changed? Will they recognize in us the love of the One who gave Himself upon the altar? Pray that Jesus will do this in our lives.

Remember, though, that we will stumble and fall at times. It is not easy to let Jesus change our lives. This is why prayer is so important. We have to keep turning to the Lord for his help.

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Do not be discouraged. In the words of St. Paul, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9). Trust that God's grace is at work because it is, even when improvement feels slow. Keep persevering, confident that He will keep shaping your heart and life.

Glorify the Lord by Your Life

Hear the dismissal as Christ's personal commission:

Go into your home and love your family concretely. Go into your workplace and serve. Go into the world and announce the Gospel. Go to the suffering and bring mercy. Go to the lonely and bring friendship. Go to those who have lost hope and bring the light of Christ.

We enter the church as individuals carrying the concerns of our lives. We leave, though, recognizing that we are not alone but are members of Christ's Body, nourished by His Word, strengthened by His sacrifice, and filled with His life. While the liturgical celebration concludes, our participation in Christ's mission continues in the world.

Prayer: Jesus, send me on mission and strengthen me with the grace and love of the Eucharist. Help me live by the love and mercy I have received and share it with all those you allow me to encounter each day, especially my family. Thank you, Lord! Amen.

Prayers,

Fr. Browning



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.

Communion: For information about First Communion, please contact Nicole Billapando, re.director@stpetergeneva.org.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5th - Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am | † Tom Tuton by Gladfelder Family

Anticipated 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | † Lauren Smetana by Ron & Sue Lingle

Sunday, September 6th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | † John Kozak Jr. by Flanagan Family
9:00 am | Sienna D'Argento (Special Int.) by D'Argento Family
11:00 am | People of the Parish

Monday, September 7th
9:00 am | Ada Krusinski (Special Intention) by Tanya Goulding

Tuesday, September 8th - *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:00 am | † Ralph & Sera Dantino by Nancy Dantino
8:35 am | Mike & Melinda Bernhard (In Celebration) by The Family

Wednesday, September 9th
7:00 am | † Sally Ruark & the deceased members of the Seymour Family by Ruark family
8:35 am | † Patrick Harper by Ron Volk & Lisa O'Leary Volk

Thursday, September 10th
7:00 am | † Gail M. Noonan by Brian Noonan
8:35 am | † Charles Kirk by His Friends

Friday, September 11th
7:00 am | † Thomas & Donna Gallagher and Kevin & Michael Byrne by Laura M. Dunne
8:35 am | † Doris Trapp by John Trapp

Saturday, September 12th - *Most Holy Name of Mary*
8:00 am | Mollie & Christopher Fecko (In Celebration) by The Family

Anticipated 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | People of the Parish

Sunday, September 13th - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | † Mauricio Dos Santos by The Family
9:00 am | † Thomas Dwyer by Terry & Peggy Martinek
11:00 am | † Vincent & Margaret Gereg by Carole Scheid & Family

FLAMES OF FAITH

September 5th to September 18th
Gates Family (Special Intention) by Sara Gates

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 5th to September 11th
† Ralph & Sera Dantino by Nancy Dantino

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 stop by the Parish Center, or visit stpeterchurch.com and use the link on the home page. NOTE: For Mass Intentions, requesters are limited to a total of 7 Masses, to allow more people to offer intentions.

PRAYER & SACRAMENTS • 05

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Need

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

Service Members

2nd LT Benjamin Adams	1ST LT Thomas J. Menn
SGT Ben Baker	PVT Charles Mick
SSGT Katherine Brooks	SGT J. Patrick Morrissey
S/SGT Rayce Burns	PFC Sean Morrissey
LT Henry Cella	SGT Mark Murphy
CPT Joseph Cella	SSGT Matthew Musielski
ENS Thomas Conroy	LT Andrew Niedbala
1ST LT Harold G. Cubillo	MAJ Richard Niedbala III
SGT Ryan DiBenedetto	SA Dominick Pistorio
AOMT2 Joseph Duley	MIDN Blake Powers
SGT Maj. David Eastwood	SCPO Michael Purvis
CPT Henry Feldhaus	PVT Jullian Reed
CE3 Robert Farrell	PFC Rob Regan
SGT Neil Garity	SGT Michael W. Renner
SSGT Zacharaih Kwasniewski	SPC David Reo
2ND LT Chris Gensler	CPT Ashley Ritchey
MM3 (SS) Kenneth Graff	2LT Bryce Riner
LCpl Katrina Kwasniewski	LCPL Ruben Rodriguez
Capt. Therese Hein	SGT 1st Class Eric Romero
LT Edward Honey	CPT Delaney Shanahan
SGT Thomas P. Horvath	1st LT Jameson P. Shanahan
CDR David A. Keating	SPC George Smith
LCDR Theresa Keating	PFC Christian Stevens
HM3 Donny Klein	SGT Matthew Stover
SPC Charles Kropp	BM1 Nathan Stover
2LT Max Lambert	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

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

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.



WEDDINGS

Jack Konicek & Cate Landry

Saturday, August 29, 2026



06 • STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22 & 23.....\$26,566.45
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\$797.99
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.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2026 Mission Co-Op Appeal! **Our parish raised \$13,196.55** in support of the Catholic Diocese of Sagar in Madhya Pradesh, India. We extend our deep gratitude to Fr. Shaju Devassy for sharing his moving witness with St. Peter Parish.

Thank you for helping St. Peter Parish exceed our goal for the 2026 Diocesan Appeal. Your generosity supports Catholic ministries throughout the Diocese of Rockford and beyond. Each dollar given above our goal is returned directly to our parish. If you would still like to contribute, scan the QR code to give online.



ST. PETER GOAL: \$192,197
Total funds raised to date: \$222,975
Above goal: \$30,778
Percent participation: 14.4%

I WILL COME to you
2026 Diocesan Appeal



BEAUTY’S ARROW

Pulchritudo vulnera

From a very young age, I have always been fascinated by superheroes. In many ways they have become our own modern myths, telling stories of the human condition through epic tales to astonish. This particular image is of Hugh Jackman’s Wolverine from X-Men. (I think the image I based it on is from the second X-Men movie, but I’m not sure.) X-Men stories are unique because almost all of them revolve around seeking acceptance. The X-Men, and many others like them, are “mutants” meaning they were born with their super powers. This obviously brings them into conflict with a humanity who has no idea how to engage with a growing mutant population. The mission of the X-Men is a relatable one. Who wouldn’t want to be accepted? But, as Christians, we need to take seriously the words of Jesus regarding who we seek acceptance and approval from. And Jesus’ advice ultimately boils down to this: *Worldly acceptance is kinda overrated.* Christianity has always fluctuated in its public esteem, but in a world that has been marred by sin and occupied by the spirit of evil, there is always going to be a part of it that recoils at the very idea of the Christian, to one who chooses to renounce this spirit of evil and follow after the Lord himself. Jesus tells us that the world will hate us. It shouldn’t be shocking, but it often is. What do we do with that? Do we hate the world back? Of course not. Do we become ambivalent to those in the world and do nothing as we see the suffering around us? Of course not. Do we speak up when we see human rights violated? Of course. But what we must recognize is that the trajectory of the Christian life is not toward the world, but beyond it. Our mission, first and foremost, is not to fix the world, but to lead others to know Christ and point them as well to that eternal horizon. And if others in the world hate us for doing so, great, fine. We’re not after their affirmation, only the Lord’s. So, let’s concern ourselves with only one person’s thought of us, the only one that really matters, the Master himself.

+JMJ+
Fr. Noorae



FOOD PANTRY

Next Distribution:
Wednesday, September 9th

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.

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.

For the month of September we are collecting:

Tea bags
Canned tomato sauce
Fruit cocktail
Baking mixes
Baking essentials (baking soda, powder, chips, sugar, etc.)

Thank you for your generosity!

**"A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25**



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

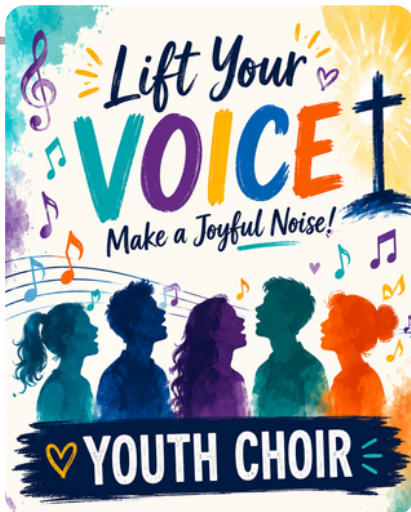
You are invited to join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group as we grow in our relationship with Jesus through the sacred scriptures.

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.**



**COME STUDY
ST. MATTHEW**



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!

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

Psalms 100:2

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.**

IF TODAY YOU
HEAR GOD'S
VOICE, HARDEN
NOT *your*
hearts.
PSALM 95

LAZARUS HOUSE MONTHLY DINNER

Looking for Volunteers!

On the first Sunday of every month, St. Peter Parish provides a monthly dinner for the guests of Lazarus House Homeless Shelter in St. Charles. We use our [mealtrain.com](https://mealtrain.com/w1yw3q) website for volunteers to easily sign up to bring a dish or other part of the meal for the coming months, including opportunities to serve the meal.

<https://mealtrain.com/w1yw3q>.

All the instructions are on the site and we update the site as their needs change. The process is easy! You make the food in your home, or purchase the food, and drop it off at Lazarus House during our designated Sundays before 6:00 pm. Or, if coordinated ahead of time, I could pick it up at Mass that morning!

NEW NEED!

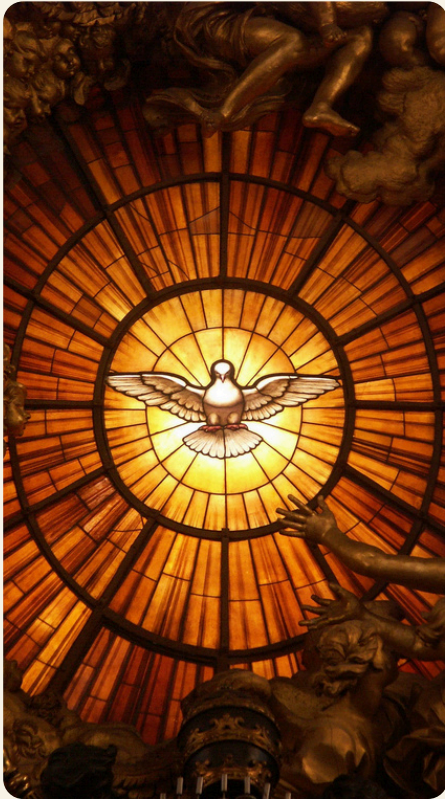
Lazarus House needs freezer meals! The shelter relies on frozen meals whenever they run low on food, or a volunteer is unable to bring a scheduled meal. There is no need to schedule a frozen meal ahead of time. Just bring it to Lazarus House, Door #1, whenever you have an extra store-bought item or a homemade dish!

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Dayna Sweders

(331) 771-3651

dsweders@mac.com



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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



SATURDAY
SEPT 26 2026

CHECK-IN BEGINS 8:30 AM

Fabyan Forest Preserve, Shelter #1

1925 Batavia Avenue (Rt 31), Geneva, IL

Walk the Fox River Trail – any distance, any pace

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to raise funds and awareness for the Society's work serving people living in poverty. Funds raised stay in our community to help neighbors facing financial hardship keep a roof overhead, food on the table and gas in the tank.

100% OF FUNDS STAYS LOCAL

svdpsedistrict.org/2026-friends-of-the-poor-walk.html



**EVERYONE'S WELCOME.
EVERY STEP HELPS.**



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OR DONATE**

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Conference*

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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)

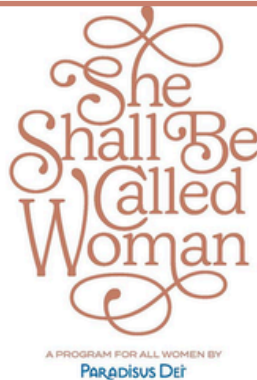
SCHEDULE:

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



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PROGRAM INFORMATION:

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UPCOMING LIFE EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE MEETING

**Tuesday,
September 8
7:00 PM**

St. Peter Church -
lower level Muldoon

BABY ITEM DISTRIBUTION

**Wednesday,
September 9
7:30 – 11:00 AM
5:30 – 7:00 PM**

outside food pantry

NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS

**Wednesday,
September 9
1:00 PM**

St. Peter Church -
lower level Cabrini

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

**Saturday,
September 12
8:30 AM**

St. Peter Respect Life Garden
Meet by St. John Paul II statue
immediately after 8:00 AM Mass

ST. PETER LIFE CHAIN

**Sunday,
October 4
2:00 – 3:00 PM**

final details TBD
Invite friends and
neighbors from other
churches

MASS OF HOPE AND HEALING

**Saturday,
October 24
10:30 AM**

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St Peter will be launching this initiative in early 2027.
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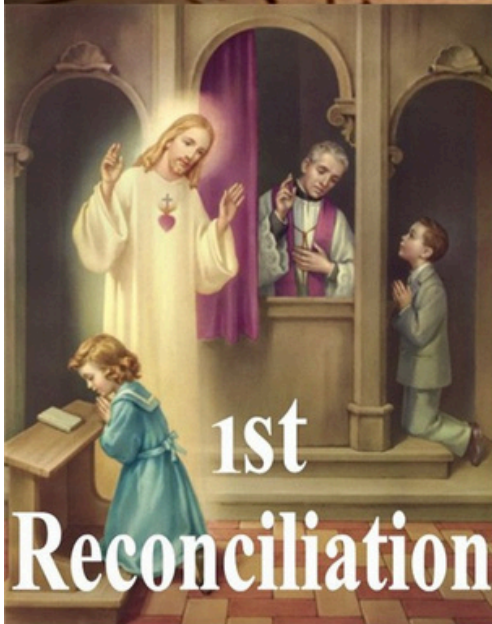
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Tuesday, September 15th at
6:00pm in Seton Hall
or

Saturday, September 19th at
10:00am in Seton Hall



Confirmation Parent Meeting
Tuesday, September 29th at
6:00pm in Seton Hall
or

Thursday, October 1st at
6:00pm in Seton Hall



ST PETER SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep. 7: Labor Day, No School

Sep. 14: Home & School, 9:15 am

Sep. 16: Early Release, 2:00 pm

Sep. 16: Restaurant Night, Chipotle in
Batavia, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Sep. 18: Sports Booster Pizza Lunch

Sep. 21: Picture Day

Sep. 24: Fall Sports Picture Day

Oct. 2: Sports Boosters Pizza Lunch

Oct. 8: Grandparents' Day



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- Tuesday, October 6th
6:00 - 7:30 pm
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WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS THROUGH DIVORCE

St. Patrick Parish Divorce Ministry invites you to a four-part Catholic Healing Series. Through prayer, Scripture, and guided discussion, we will reflect on judgment, acceptance, personal responsibility, healing, and beginning again through Christ after divorce or separation. Each session will connect Christ's Passion with experiences that often accompany divorce, including loss, forgiveness, concern for children, shame, grief, surrender, the sacraments, and hope.

Four-Part Catholic Healing Series:

- **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)
6N491 Crane Road, St. Charles

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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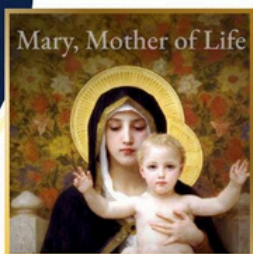
We are excited to host Bingo Night after a successful event last school year! Tickets are \$25 each and include the above. All money raised will go towards scholarships to help students attend ACC. Join us for a fun night with the chance to win some amazing prizes! This event is a 21+, BYOB event.

For more information, reach out to Owen Clayton at oclayton@auroracentral.com

Navigating Legal Physician Assisted Suicide:

Nurturing Hope

A respect life gathering hosted by
Diocese of Rockford
Life and Family Evangelization Office



Physician Assisted Suicide is legal in Illinois
on September 12, 2026

Learn about:

- The Illinois law and the legal challenges to the law
- Catholic teachings on assisted suicide
- Making end-of-life decisions in line with Church's teachings
- Accompanying the dying and those with grave illnesses

Pray that:

- Suicide prevention efforts reach those considering suicide
- Those who are dying receive the care that respects and protects their lives

Saturday, September 19, 2026

10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

St. Edward Church
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For more information, contact the LiFE Office:

815- 399- 4300

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To register, scan QR code
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CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Weekend

Saturday, September 12

4:30 pm - Fr. Ryan Browning

Sunday, September 13

7:00 am - Fr. Ryan Nooraee

9:00 am - Fr. Ryan Browning

11:00 am - Fr. Ryan Nooraee

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Sunday, September 6th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Monday, September 7th

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

Tuesday, September 8th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Flame of Love Rosary 9:10 am Church
- Parish Staff Formation 9:30 am Muldoon Room
- Quilters Ministry 10:15 am Seton Hall
- High School Board Retreat 4:00 pm Seton Hall
- Respect Life Ministry 7:00 pm Muldoon Room

Wednesday, September 9th

- 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
- Nourish for Caregivers 1:00 pm Cabrini Room
- Food Pantry Distribution 5:30 pm Food Pantry

Thursday, September 10th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- SHE Morning Session 10:15 am Seton Hall
- SHE Evening Session 6:15 pm Seton Hall
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:30 pm Muldoon Room
- Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church

Friday, September 11th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Mustard Seeds 10:15 am Muldoon Room
- Youth Choir Rehearsal 3:45 pm Church

Saturday, September 12th

- Diocesan Ministry Formation 9:00 am Seton Hall

Sunday, September 13th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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