



SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Geneva, IL

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 24TH 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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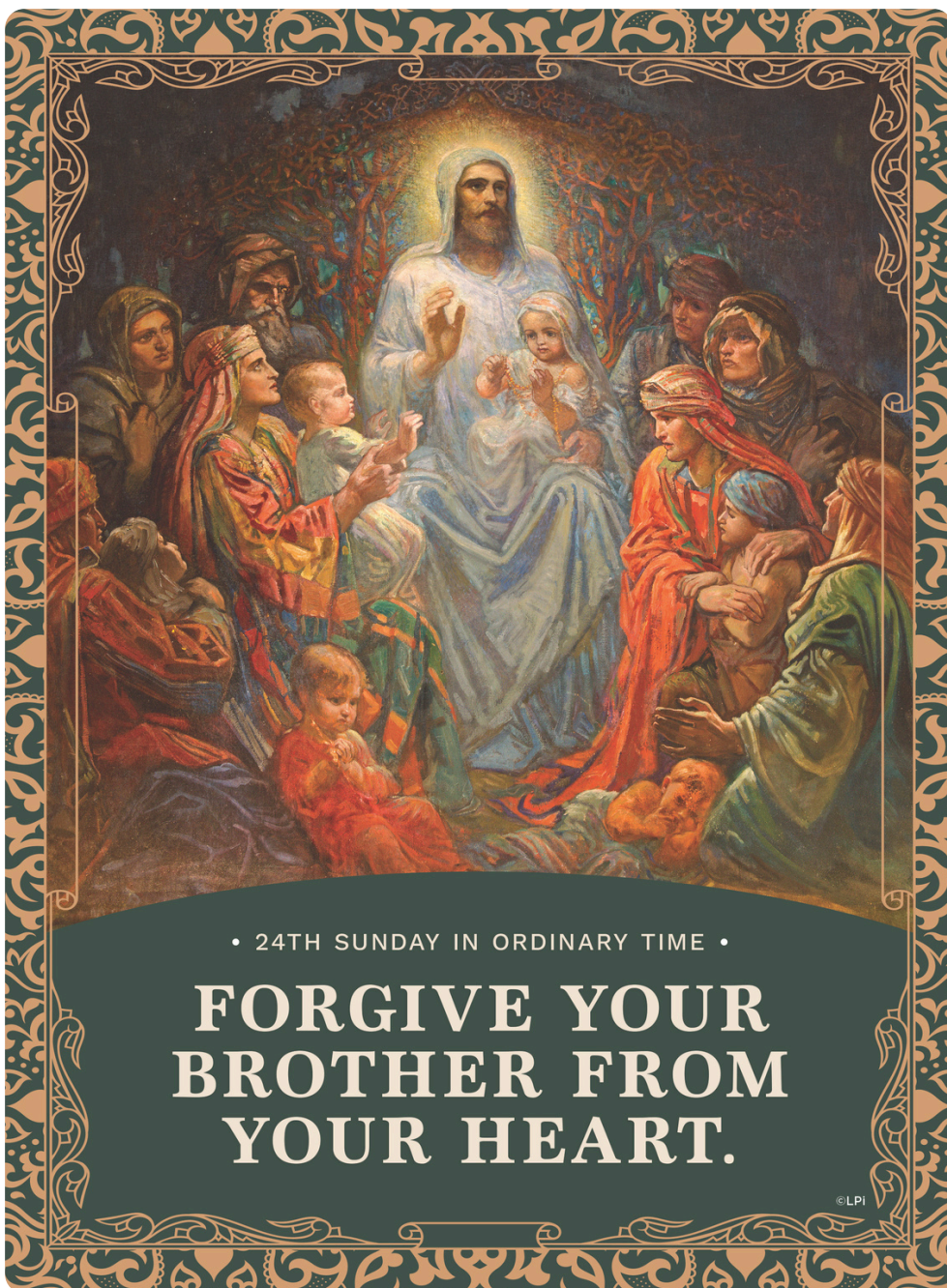
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Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

02 • FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WORSHIP GOD WITH REVERENCE: SACRED MUSIC, SILENCE, AND BEAUTY

In this series, we have walked through the Holy Mass from beginning to end. We have seen how God gathers His people, speaks through the Scriptures, makes Christ's sacrifice sacramentally present, feeds us with the Eucharist, and sends us into the world as witnesses.

Now we turn to something that shapes our entire experience of the liturgy: the importance of **reverence, silence, sacred music, and beauty**.

These help reveal what the Mass truly is and enter into it more deeply.

If the liturgy is the action of Christ and His Church, if heaven and earth are united around the altar, and if the Lord of the universe becomes present among us, then the way we celebrate should reflect the greatness of the mystery.

Reverence Begins with Faith

Reverence is sometimes reduced to outward customs: standing, sitting, genuflecting, kneeling, bowing, and responding. Our Catholic calisthenics, as I like to call them.

These actions do matter because, as humans, we are body and soul. Our bodies participate in worship, and our outward behavior can help form our interior disposition. But genuine reverence is deeper.

God created us body and soul. That is what it means to be human. At the end of time, we will receive our glorified body to exist for all eternity in heaven. Therefore, we worship at Mass as a human - body and soul.

Each of our actions expresses the reality in which we are participating. But faith gives these actions spiritual meaning and deeper reverence. When faith weakens, gestures easily become empty habits. But when faith is alive, even the simplest gesture can become an act of love.

The deepest reverence is born from wonder and awe. May the Lord increase our wonder in the simplest gestures and practices that help us participate more fully and interiorly in Holy Mass.

The Gift of Sacred Silence

Our world is filled with noise. Televisions play in the background. Phones constantly demand our attention. Music accompanies us in stores, restaurants, cars, and homes. Even when the world around us becomes quiet, our minds may continue racing.

For that reason, silence can feel unfamiliar or uncomfortable.

Yet *Sacrosanctum Concilium* specifically teaches that "at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence" (SC 30). Silence is an important part of the liturgy. We will try to increase these moments in the Mass.

Silence may occur during the Penitential Act as we acknowledge our sins. After a reading or the homily, silence allows the Word of God to sink into our hearts. Following Holy Communion, silence gives us time to remain with the Lord whom we have received.

These moments of silence are filled with God's presence. Sacred silence allows us the space to listen to God. It gives the Holy Spirit room to work within us. It reminds us that prayer is not only speaking to God but also allowing God to speak to us. Silence creates an interior space in which the mysteries we celebrate can take root in our hearts.

We can also help create this atmosphere by entering the church quietly, silencing our phones, avoiding unnecessary conversation, and spending a few moments in prayer before Mass begins. The silence of the church before Mass says: **something sacred is about to happen**.

Sacred Music Is Prayer

Music has always held a privileged place in Catholic worship. The Council called the Church's musical tradition "a treasure of inestimable value" and taught that sacred music becomes more holy when it is closely joined to the liturgical action (SC 112).

This means that music at Mass is not merely background atmosphere. It is not entertainment added to make the liturgy more appealing. Nor is its primary purpose to showcase the talents of musicians.

The choir and musicians serve the Church's prayer. Their ministry helps the congregation worship, enter the mystery, and direct our hearts toward God. The music should illuminate the sacred texts and support the particular action taking place. The music belongs to the liturgy, and therefore it should always serve the liturgy.

Singing Is a Form of Participation

Sacrosanctum Concilium calls the faithful to full, conscious, and active participation. One important expression of that participation is singing/responding to the Liturgy.

When we sing, we unite our voices in a common act of faith and praise. St. Augustine said, "he who sings praises, not only praises, but praises joyfully." Lord, may my singing be joyful praise.

No one needs a perfect voice to sing at Mass (thankfully). God is not judging our performance. He desires our prayer. He desires our hearts to be in our singing.

The Church especially encourages the faithful to sing the parts that belong to the whole assembly: the responses, acclamations, psalms, hymns, and ordinary parts of the Mass.

When we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy," we join the worship of heaven.

When we sing the Memorial Acclamation, we proclaim Christ's Death and Resurrection.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK • 03

When we sing the Great Amen, we affirm the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

When we sing the Lamb of God, we plead for the mercy and peace of Christ.

Singing together expresses the unity that the Eucharist both signifies and brings about. Many voices become one act of worship.

The Church's Musical Heritage

The Council did not envision sacred music beginning anew in every generation. It asked Catholics to preserve and cherish the Church's inherited musical tradition.

Sacrosanctum Concilium states that Gregorian chant should be given "pride of place" in the Roman liturgy, while also recognizing and welcoming other forms of sacred music that are suitable for worship (SC 116).

Gregorian chant has a unique relationship with the Roman Rite. It grew from the Church's prayer; it expresses the Scriptures through chant, and carries centuries of the Catholic faith to us.

The Council also taught that the Latin language should be preserved in the Latin rites while permitting appropriate use of the vernacular (SC 36). It encouraged pastors to help the faithful sing or say together in Latin those parts of the Mass that properly belong to them (SC 54).

This does not mean that the entire Mass must ordinarily be celebrated in Latin or that every piece of music must be Gregorian chant. It means Catholics should recognize Latin and Gregorian chant as part of their spiritual inheritance.

Using the Latin *Sanctus*, *Agnus Dei*, or simple chant can remind us that we belong to a Church extending across nations, cultures, and centuries. The Church wisely welcomes legitimate variety while preserving the inheritance that unites us. We hope to use these beautiful chants during special liturgical seasons such as Advent and Lent.

Beauty Leads Us Beyond Ourselves

The Catholic Church has always surrounded divine worship with beauty: sacred architecture, stained glass, statues, vestments, candles, incense, vessels, music, and ceremony.

Why? We need beauty.

Authentic beauty lifts the human heart beyond the ordinary and directs it toward God. It reminds us that the visible world can become a window into the invisible. Material things can serve a sacred purpose because the Son of God Himself entered the material world and took on human flesh.

Sacrosanctum Concilium describes sacred art as being oriented toward the infinite beauty of God (SC 122). Sacred beauty does not draw attention to itself alone. It leads us through what can be seen toward the God whom we cannot yet see.

A well-prepared altar, dignified vestments, worthy sacred vessels, reverent music, and graceful ceremonial communicate an important truth: **What happens here matters.**

At the same time, liturgical beauty should not become excessive, theatrical, or self-conscious. The Council called for rites marked by "noble simplicity" (SC 34).

Noble simplicity means that the liturgy should possess clarity, dignity, and authenticity. Every element should serve worship. The liturgy, the church, and the liturgical aids should be worthy of the God they help us worship; in other words, noble. Simplicity means they should be harmonious and ordered to the divine without obscurity.

The Liturgy Is Received, Not Invented

Reverence also means recognizing that the liturgy belongs to Christ and His Church.

The Mass is not the personal possession of the priest, musicians, liturgical ministers, or congregation. We receive it as a sacred gift handed down through the Church.

This is why fidelity to the approved prayers, texts, gestures, and structure of the Mass is important. The liturgy is larger than any one community or generation. When we celebrate faithfully, we enter the common prayer of the whole Church.

Creativity can serve pastoral life in many good ways. But within the liturgy, our primary task is not to reinvent the Church's worship. It is to enter humbly into what we have received.

This humility protects the congregation from any individual's preferences and allows Christ, rather than our personalities, to remain at the center.

Our Conduct Helps Others Pray

We each contribute to the reverence of the Mass.

Arriving before Mass begins helps us prepare and prevents unnecessary distraction. We also need to be merciful to ourselves when things do not go as planned. So if we do not arrive early or even arrive late, we must be kind to ourselves.

Dressing with appropriate dignity expresses respect for the Lord and consideration for the community. Praying and singing the responses expresses our union with the Church. Remaining through the final blessing and dismissal honors the integrity of the liturgy. Plus, we need the blessing for the upcoming week. Making a prayer of thanksgiving after Communion acknowledges the greatness of the gift received.

Parents perform an especially important act of love when they bring young children to Mass. Children will naturally move, whisper, or become restless. Welcome their presence with patience and love. Over time, they learn reverence by watching the adults around them pray, kneel, sing, listen, and approach the Eucharist with faith. Always be quick to smile at little ones and their parents.

Reverence is contagious. When one person prays attentively, it quietly helps others pray. When a family makes the Mass its true priority, it bears witness to everyone around them.

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04 • INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Let the Liturgy Reveal Heaven

What matters most is that everything, music and silence, words and gestures, art and architecture, priest and people, serves the encounter between Christ and His Church.

God, through His Church, has given us the Mass to worship Him. It is His gift to us.

When the liturgy is celebrated with faith, reverence, and beauty, we begin to perceive that we have entered something greater than ourselves and something different from what the world can provide. We hear the song of the angels. We stand with the saints. We encounter the sacrifice of the Cross. We receive the risen Lord. Heaven touches earth.

Allow the beauty of Mass with all of its sounds, smells, and words to lead you into an encounter with the living God. This encounter will transform your heart. Your heart will be set on fire for God, and your desire for Heaven will guide your life.

Begin this week with one idea that seems possible for you and your family: prepare the night before by reading the Gospel, arrive a few minutes early to Mass for prayer, make a prayer of thanksgiving after Communion, or be more intentional with your responses (remember to whom you are speaking the responses - God).

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of worship, the gift of Holy Mass. Please open my mind and heart to all of the gifts and graces you desire to pour upon my family and me. Help me find rest and restoration in the moments dedicated to you. Lord, I love you. Help me love you more today. 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 need 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 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

Monday, September 14th - Exultation of the Holy Cross
7:00 am | † Denise Gibbons by Alice Truty, Lynne Lightbody, Jean Scolaro & Cathy Linley
8:35 am | † Jed Trapp by John Trapp

Tuesday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00 am | † David Whitfield by John & Jennifer Rittenhouse
8:35 am | † Jeane Houghton by Mike & Melinda Bernhard Family

Wednesday, September 16th - St. Cornelius
7:00 am | † Philip J. Columbus by Jenny & John
8:35 am | † Ron & Lisa O'Leary Volk (In Thanksgiving) by Ken & Laurie Brown

Thursday, September 17th - St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard of Bingen
7:00 am | † Leo Gagnon by Paul & Kathy Gagnon
8:35 am | † William & Ida Heisten by Ron & Sue Lingle

Friday, September 18th
7:00 am | † Mary Catherine Antonino by Stith Family
8:35 am | † Lillian Joyce by Eileen, Jim & Lucas Morrissey

Saturday, September 19th - St. Januarius, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am | † Jerome Bettag by Bettag Family
Anticipated 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | † Marie Lentz by Susan & Joseph Jarocki

Sunday, September 20th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | People of the Parish
9:00 am | † Mira 'Mi' Loran by Michael & Mira Franco
11:00 am | † Samuel Falbo by Jennifer Falbo-Negron

FLAMES OF FAITH

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

September 19th to October 2nd
In Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Kevin and Donna O'Dea (In Thanksgiving) by Kevin and Donna O'Dea

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 12th to September 18th
In Celebration of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Fredrick & Sharon Schmidt by Schmidt Family

September 19th to September 25th
† David Whitfield by Rittenhouse 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 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.	Sirgo
James C.	Antonio H.	Patrick M.	Brianna T.
Joanna C.	Carl H.	Kathy M.	Rupert Touns
Joe Cannizzaro	Sarah Henschel	Vicky Majewski	Loretta Wegrzyn
Lori Carlson	Marla Hoelscher	Steve O.	Anthony White
Carter	Alan J.	Steve P.	Jonathan Woodin
Cheryl	Amanda Jensen	Miriam P.	Dennis Zeitler
John Connolly	Joey & Charlie	Martha Penaflor	

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.



BAPTISMS

Isabella Lidia Duran

Parents: Alonzo & Nancy
Godparents: Gustavo Perez & Marlisia Duran

WEDDINGS

Javier Madan & Rebecca Kaminski

Saturday, September 5, 2026

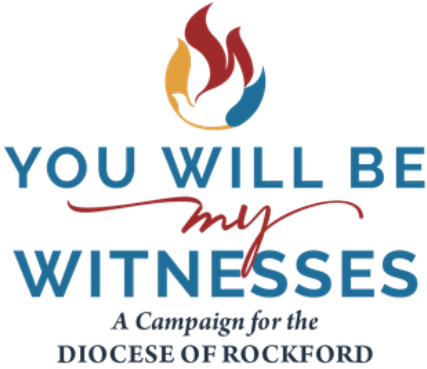
06 • STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29 & 30\$35,800.38

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.

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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 all the families who participated in the You Will Be My Witnesses campaign. We will continue updating our final campaign total over the next few weeks as more pledges arrive at the Diocese and are processed. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, there is still time! Drop your pledge card off at the office, place it in the collection basket on Sunday, mail it to the diocese, or use the QR code to make your pledge online.



ST. PETER GOAL: \$2,016,877
Total funds raised to date: \$2,120,494
Percent to goal: 105.1%
Percent participation: 15%

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. Nooraee





FOOD PANTRY

Next Distribution:
Wednesday, September 23rd

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.

September is Hunger Action Month.
Please consider donating to help build a future where no one goes hungry.

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***



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,
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(630) 232-0124, ext. 105.**

08 • MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

FROM THE DESK OF...

**Elizabeth Gonella
and the Welcome
Ministry**



Our ministry helps people feel valued and included and gives them a better understanding of all our amazing church has to offer! When we are involved, we feel more connected and we build a stronger church family. I enjoy welcoming new parishioners through the Welcome Ministry. The people that attend have the opportunity to meet each other, our priests and deacon and start making friends and connections. As we walk around the campus, we talk about parish history, how St. Peter has evolved over the years and the beautiful artwork, windows and gardens on our campus. I have received a lot of positive feedback about the ministry, especially that when joining a large parish, it is easy to get lost in the crowd. I encourage everyone to get involved in the many ministries St. Peter has to offer.

We would like to host our Welcome Ministry at additional Masses. If you have a welcoming heart and want to help others get to know St. Peter Church, please reach out to evangelization@stpetergeneva.org.



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 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!

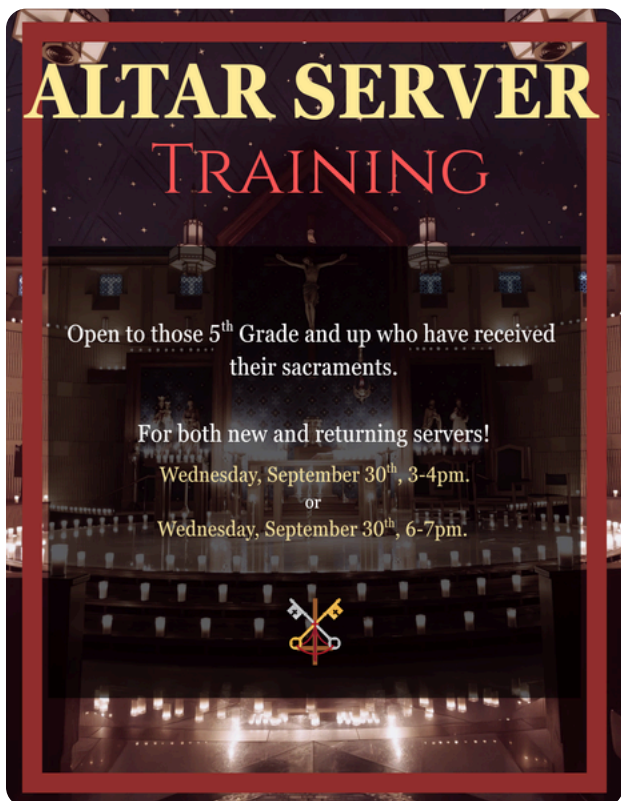
Lazarus House needs freezer meals! The shelter relies on frozen meals whenever they run low on food, or a volunteer is unable to bring a scheduled meal. There is no need to schedule a frozen meal ahead of time. Just bring it to Lazarus House, Door #1, whenever you have an extra store-bought item or a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

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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STEP UP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Join us for a friendly walk along the Fox River Trail or donate from wherever you are. Every dollar raised stays in our community, helping local families with rent, utilities, food, transportation and other urgent needs.

WHEN Saturday, September 26, 2026 • check-in 8:30 AM

WHERE Fabyan Forest Preserve, Shelter #1
1925 Batavia Avenue (Rt 31), Geneva, IL



SCAN TO WALK OR DONATE

Choose St. Peter as your SVdP Conference

100% OF FUNDS STAYS LOCAL

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



MAKE A DIFFERENCE! DONATE LOCAL.

One man's trash is another man's treasure!

In this case, home items collecting dust or packed away in a closet could have a big impact on your neighbors in need. The local Catholic charity, St. Vincent de Paul (known for his sacrificial service to the poor), is requesting donations such as gently used kitchen and dining items, home decor, books, furniture, jewelry, and art to sell in its charity thrift shops located in Geneva and Aurora. The shop and warehouse, operated by fellow parish volunteers, sell donated items with all proceeds benefitting local neighbors in need of assistance such as clothing, rent or utility support, medical expenses, linens, and other basic necessities. Each parish has a team of volunteers who assess the needs of community members

and then provide referrals to St. Vincent de Paul for financial assistance or goods and services including volunteer home visitors. As you commence fall cleaning or purging the homes of family members, please consider donating items no longer needed to St. Vincent de Paul. All items, with the exception of furniture, can be dropped off on the porch of the St. Vincent de Paul shop, Déjà Vu, at 427 S. 4th St., Geneva (Victorian house on the corner of 4th and South Street). Please email furniture donation photos to dejavu01@comcast.net for approval to be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul warehouse, 911 Sullivan Rd., Aurora or for possible pick-up. Your help in serving the most needy in our community is appreciated. Thank you!



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“Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another.” - St. Vincent de Paul

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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
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deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org



Honoring and Defending ALL Life at Every Stage



Walking with Moms

— PHONE LINE —
630-232-0124 x222

WALKING WITH
Moms
IN NEED

CURRENT NEEDS

<https://walkingwithmomsneeds.stpeterchurch.com>

Review current needs
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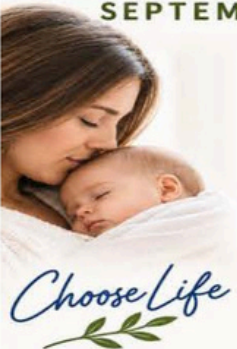


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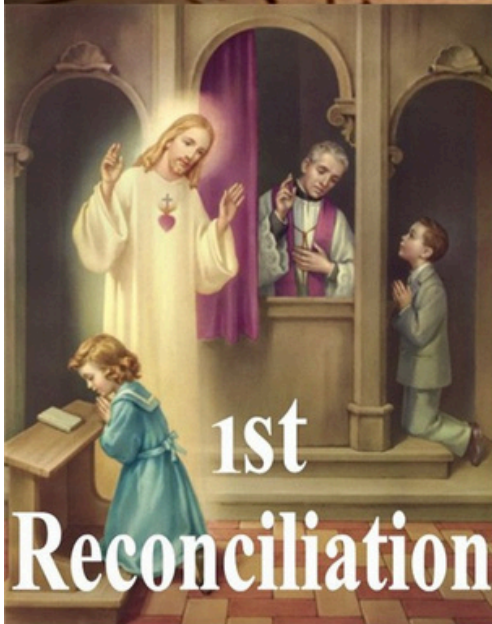
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St. Peter Church near organ after every Mass	St Edward Church Rockford Info: 815-399-4300	final details TBD Invite friends and neighbors from other churches	outside food pantry	St. Peter Church – lower level Cabrini	St. Peter Church Remembering our children who have gone before us at any stage in life. All are welcome.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
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Confirmation Parent Meeting
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or

Thursday, October 1st at
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ST PETER SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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Oct. 2: Sports Boosters Pizza Lunch

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- Tuesday, October 6th
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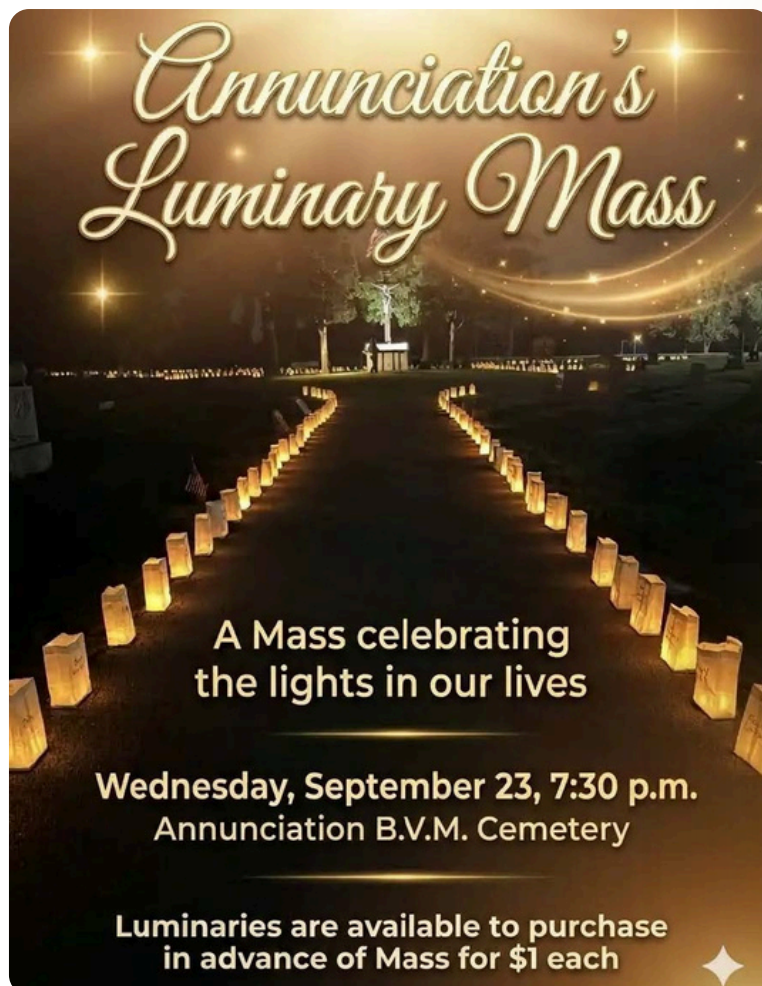


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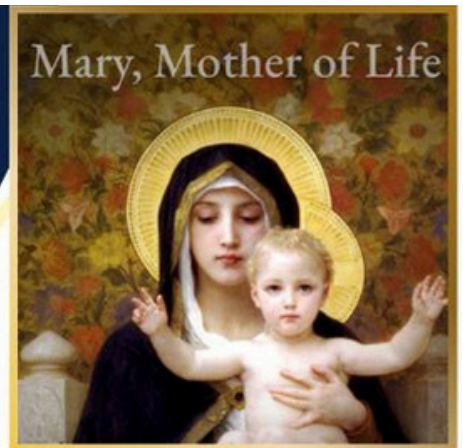
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fears the LORD
is to be
praised.

Proverbs 31:30

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.



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For more information, contact the LiFE Office:



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SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

As Christians, we are all called to carry each other's burdens. No one is meant to live in isolation. We are called to live in community, to lift each other up, and to shine the light of Christ to each

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
 Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Sunday, September 13th

- Tootsie Roll Drive After All Masses Narthex
- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Monday, September 14th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Bereavement Ministry 10:15 am Muldoon Room

Tuesday, September 15th

- 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
- 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:00 pm Seton Hall

Wednesday, September 16th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Morning Bible Study 10:15 am Muldoon Room

Thursday, September 17th

- 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
- Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church
- MOMs Group 7:30 pm Teen Center

Friday, September 18th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Mustard Seeds 10:15 am Muldoon Room

Saturday, September 19th

- That Man Is You (TMIY) 6:30 am Seton Hall
- 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 10:00 am Seton Hall

Sunday, September 20th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Weekend

Saturday, September 19

4:30 pm - Fr. Ryan Nooraee

Sunday, September 20

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