

SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Geneva, IL

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 25TH 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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• 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

THUS THE LAST WILL BE FIRST.

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*The LORD is just in all his ways, and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.
Psalm 145:17-18*

02 • FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A EUCHARISTIC PEOPLE: THE JOURNEY CONTINUES A JOURNEY THROUGH SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM — PART XIII

In recent weeks, we have studied the Holy Mass with the aid of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the constitution on the Sacred Liturgy passed by the Second Vatican Council.

The first step was to consider the reason why the Mass is important. We found that the liturgy is not just one of the many activities the Church carries out; it is the "summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed" and "the font from which all her power flows" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10).

We realized that active participation involves more than carrying out a visible ministry; it means giving our hearts, minds, bodies, prayers, and lives to Jesus Christ.

We considered how Christ is present, namely, in the assembled Church, in the ordained priest, in the proclamation of His Word, and most especially in the Eucharist, where He is present substantially, that is to say, in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

We then went through the movements of Mass. The Introductory Rites bring us together as one people. Christ speaks to us in the Scriptures. We respond with faith in the Creed and charity in the Universal Prayer. We offer our lives, together with the bread and wine, on the altar. The Eucharistic Prayer leads us to participate in Christ's single sacrifice of Calvary, made present sacramentally. The Church helps us prepare for Holy Communion in humility by proclaiming the Lamb of God. We receive Christ and are then sent forth to glorify the Lord through our lives.

In the end, we considered how sacred music, silence, beauty, and reverence help reveal the mystery we celebrate. Now our work is to continue putting this knowledge into action in our worship at Sunday Mass.

From Understanding to Encounter

We can learn a great deal about the Mass without letting the reality change us: knowledge and study matter. The Church wants us to understand the sacred rites, but that understanding must lead to an encounter. This series has aimed not only at giving more information but also at helping us realize what is already taking place every Sunday:

Jesus Christ is real, alive in His Church, and waiting for us.

Jesus gathers us together as a family. He forgives us our venial sins in the Confiteor, preparing our hearts for Mass. He speaks to us in the Scriptures and through the Priest. He receives the offering of our hearts along with the bread and wine. He makes His sacrifice present. We are drawn into eternity to worship with the Saints and Angels in Heaven. He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist. It is His greatest gift. Then, He sends us into the world to bring the gift we have received to our home, work, and recreation.

Ask Jesus to help these truths move from your head to your heart.

Come with Expectation

Our preparation for Sunday begins before we enter the church. If we approach Mass as an obligation to complete, we may experience it as a burden. If we approach it merely hoping to be entertained, inspired, or emotionally moved, we may leave disappointed. But if we approach it expecting to encounter Jesus Christ, everything changes.

We can prepare by reading the Sunday Gospel beforehand. We can reflect on the past week and identify what we need to place upon the altar. We can examine our consciences and, when necessary, seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can pray for a deeper hunger for the Eucharist.

Before leaving home, we might pray: Jesus, help me recognize You at Mass today. Speak to my heart. Receive my life. Make me more like You. Amen.

We don't come to Mass because we have it all together, but because we need the Lord. We come with our gratitude, wounds, struggles, and sins, but filled with desire for deeper conversion. We bring our family, worries, hopes, and joys. We come filled with the expectation of meeting Jesus, who waits for us with great love.

Active Participation - bringing our offering

At every Mass, Jesus offers Himself completely to the Father for us.

Our participation becomes fruitful when we join our lives to His sacrifice. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* teaches that the faithful should offer the Divine Victim to God and learn to offer themselves with Him (SC 48).

A little preparation before Mass will help us offer our hearts, minds, and lives to the Lord. We can also bring specific prayer requests, sufferings, struggles, families and friends, daily work, hidden sacrifices, and acts of service. Ultimately, we try to offer everything to the Lord as the priest offers the bread and wine.

Let us be grateful for the week we have finished and the week ahead.

When the priest says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father," remember what you brought. Notice we are offering to the Lord both my sacrifice and yours. Jesus will unite your offering to His own. Nothing given to Him in love is wasted.

Listen as a Disciple

Listen as one who desires to learn. A disciple is a learner. When the Scriptures are proclaimed, listen expecting that Christ desires to speak personally to you. He may console you, challenge you, reveal His love to you, bring someone to mind, or reveal a sin He wants to forgive in confession.

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God will give us a phrase or word to carry into the week. Listen for it. A disciple does not listen merely to acquire information. A disciple listens to follow.

Here is a prayer to open your heart to what He wants to give: Jesus, what do you want me to take with me this week from the Scriptures or homily?

Say Your "Amen" with Your Life

We say "Amen" many times during the Mass. Each "Amen" means, "Yes, I believe. Yes, I accept. Yes, let it be so." The Great Amen concludes the Eucharistic Prayer. It expresses our assent to Christ's perfect offering to the Father. Our "Amen" before Holy Communion professes our faith that the Host is truly the Body of Christ.

Our "Amen" must continue in how we live throughout the week. Our lives reveal whether our "Amen" on Sunday was sincere.

Guard the Sacredness of Sunday

Sunday is not merely the end of the weekend. It is the Lord's Day. It is the weekly celebration of Christ's Resurrection and the foundation of Christian life.

The world will always offer reasons to place something else first. Work, sports, travel, entertainment, and endless responsibilities compete for our attention. Many of these things are good, but none can replace the Eucharist. We do not attend Sunday Mass because God needs us. We attend because we need Him.

When I drifted from going to Mass and it was no longer a priority, I lost who God was, who I am, and what life is about. When this occurs, we often become absorbed by the demands of the world and lose sight of eternity.

At Mass, our lives are placed back in their proper order. God is worshiped. Christ's victory is proclaimed. Our sins are confronted by mercy. Our suffering is united to the Cross. Our hope is renewed. We receive the Bread of eternal life.

Making Sunday Mass the immovable center of life and family teaches children something no classroom lesson can replace: **God is first, and we belong to Him.**

Become What You Receive

The saints understood that the Eucharist is not given merely to comfort us but to transform us. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we become more like Him and more perfectly united to His Body, the Church. Little by little, this transformation happens over time.

The Eucharist forms us into people of thanksgiving rather than entitlement, sacrifice rather than selfishness, communion rather than isolation, and mission rather than complacency. Becoming a Eucharistic people is the only way to live this life well and live for Heaven.

Conclusion

The conclusion of this series is not the conclusion of our discovery of the Mass. The mystery is inexhaustible. Even a lifetime is not enough to comprehend the gift God places before us.

Every Mass the Lord reveals more to us. Closely connected to Mass is Eucharistic Adoration. We are blessed to have a perpetual adoration chapel at St. Peter's. Sign up for an hour a week to sit with the Lord, or stop by for 10 or 15 minutes when you can. The intimacy of prayer in the chapel is heavenly. It is the best place to pray, discern, and encounter Jesus.

Finally, I leave you with a prayer for Eucharistic renewal.

A Prayer for Eucharistic Renewal

Lord Jesus Christ,
You gather us around Your altar,
speak to us through Your Word,
offer Yourself to the Father,
and feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Open our eyes to recognize You.
Free us from distraction and indifference.
Teach us to worship with faith, reverence, and love.

Receive our joys, our sufferings,
our work, our families, and our entire lives.
Unite them to Your perfect sacrifice.

Give us a deep hunger for the Eucharist.
Transform us into what we receive.
Make our parish a community of prayer, communion, and mission.

Bring home those who have wandered away,
strengthen those whose faith is weak,
and send us forth to reveal Your mercy to the world.

May every Mass draw us more
deeply into the life of the Father,
through You, His beloved Son,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayers,

Fr. Browning



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.

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04 • INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS



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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

**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

Monday, September 21st - St. Matthew

7:00 am | † Joseph Speth by Ken & Sheila Finch

8:35 am | † Helen Alfredson by Alfredson Family

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:00 am | † Joann Follkie by Enguita family

8:35 am | Father James Parker (In Celebration) by
Chris & Kathy Singer

Wednesday, September 23rd - St. Pio of Pietrelcina

7:00 am | † William Masters by Gower Family

8:35 am | † James R. Fleming by The St. Patrick Marian
Prayer Group

Thursday, September 24th

7:00 am | † Harry Zenna by Jessica and Joe Novak

8:35 am | † Steve Trapp by John Trapp

Friday, September 25th

7:00 am | † Judy Barker (In Celebration) by Alma and Kyler Wulff

8:35 am | † Jacqueline Andrews by Nicholas & Claire Bersani

**Saturday, September 26th - Ss. Cosmas & Damian,
Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 am | Stephani Q. Pang (In Celebration) by Amalia Quiambao

Anticipated 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm | Elliott Heinrich (In Celebration) by Mary Lee Heinrich

Sunday, September 27th - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am | † Agnita Lawler by The Family

9:00 am | People of the Parish

11:00 am | † Vicky Waterman by Turcich Family

FLAMES OF FAITH

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 19th to September 25th

† David Whitfield by Rittenhouse Family

September 26th to October 2nd

For The Marriage of Tom & Tanya Goulding (In Thanksgiving) by
Christian, Paul, and Jack Goulding

PRAYER & SACRAMENTS • 05

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Need

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

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Baptisms



Riley Rae Sheahan & Ryne Quinn Sheahan

Parents: Michael & Casey
Godparents: Rory Sheahan & Brian Collier

Lorenzo Romero Pisano

Parents: Christopher & Deborah
Godparent: Natalie Maglietta

Bruce Dominic Franco

Parents: Michael & Mira
Godparents: Timothy Theisen & Julie Theisen

Connell Steven Jamnik

Parents: Jeremy & Sarah
Godparents: Jameison Jamnik & Rachel O'Connell

Elise Margaret Mandel

Parents: Mitchell & Katrina
Godparents: Logan Pankratz & Michaela Pankratz

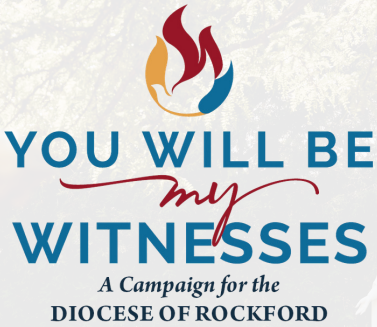
06 • STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 29 & 30\$43,382.57

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\$1,301.48

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.



**YOU WILL BE
my
WITNESSES**
*A Campaign for the
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD*

ST. PETER GOAL: \$2,016,877
Total funds raised to date: \$2,122,669
Percent to goal: 105.2%
Percent participation: 15.1%

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: \$225,475
Above goal: \$33,278
Percent participation: 14.2%

**I WILL
COME
to you**

2026 Diocesan Appeal



GIVING GREENER

Are you trying to cut down on the paper you use? Is the check you write to our parish one of the few checks that you write anymore? You can give greener by using our online giving program.

Simply go to our parish website at www.stpeterchurch.com/giving or use the QR code to set up online giving.



You can set up the amount that you would like to give on a schedule that meets your needs and you never have to worry about writing another check, forgetting your envelope, or having cash in your wallet.

Our parish greatly appreciates all those who choose to give in this manner as it helps us maintain a consistent cash flow and pay all of our bills in a timely manner.





FOOD PANTRY

Next Distribution:
Wed. 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.)

We thank our neighbors at the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry of Chapelstreet Church for their generous donation of frozen chickens! Thank you for sharing and your generosity!

“A Generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25



Corbella Clinic is thrilled to share:

St. Peter raised \$8,387.60 through this year's Baby Bottle Campaign.



Thank you for making the 2026 Baby Bottle Campaign a great success!

Thanks to your generosity, we can reach mothers facing unexpected pregnancies with the medical, emotional, spiritual, and material support they need to choose life for their precious babies.

May God richly reward all parishioners for your witness to the dignity of human life and your partnership in Corbella's life-saving mission!



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Donate: www.MissionariesofLife.org

Learn More: www.CorbellaClinic.org

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.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! DONATE LOCAL.

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, Déja 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!

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

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!

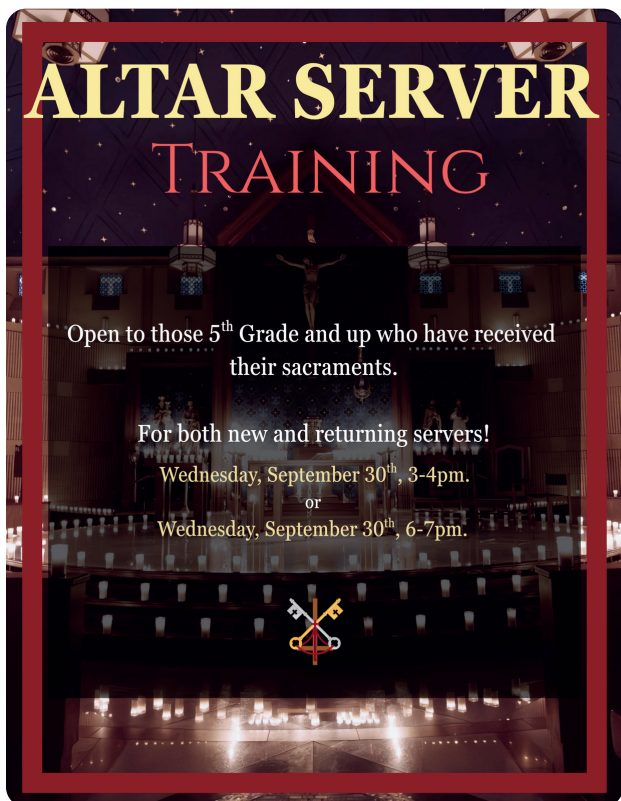
Lazarus House needs freezer meals! The shelter relies on frozen meals whenever they run low on food, or a volunteer is unable to bring a scheduled meal. There is no need to schedule a frozen meal ahead of time. Just bring it to Lazarus House, Door #1, whenever you have an extra store-bought item or a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

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Dayna Sweders

(331) 771-3651

dsweders@mac.com





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WALK

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.

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

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



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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
(630) 232-0124, ext. 110
deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org



Honoring and Defending ALL Life at Every Stage



Walking with Moms

— PHONE LINE —
630-232-0124 x222



ROSEBUD PRAYER MINISTRY

Our table has returned to the side chapel near the baptismal font in church. Please visit to leave a prayer intention for our prayer warriors.

Walking with Moms in Need

**LITTLE BLESSINGS
BABY SHOWER**

October 18/19
after every Mass



Stay tuned for our baby shower "wish list."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.
PRAY | FAST | END ABORTION

FALL VIGIL
SEPTEMBER 23 – NOVEMBER 1

Pray at
Waterleaf Women's Center
3055 E. New York Street, Aurora
Across the street from Aurora Planned Parenthood

Parking:
Please park in the lot behind
AutoZone Auto Parts.

KICKOFF
Saturday, September 26
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Choose Life

40daysforlife.com/en/aurorail

St. Peter Catholic Church  Geneva, Illinois



**LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY**

**JOIN US IN SILENT PRAYER
TO END ABORTION**

INTERSECTION OF RT 38 &
WILLIAMSBURG AVENUE, GENEVA

10/4/26
2:00-3:00PM

JOIN US AND HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S LIFE CHAIN PRAYERFUL AND UPLIFTING!

Parking at Living Well Center * Signs will be provided
Questions? Email respectlife.stpeterlm@gmail.com

Effective immediately,
all activities for the intake and
distribution of baby items to moms
in need are under the umbrella of

**LITTLE
BLESSINGS**

SUPPORTING MOMS IN NEED
AND THEIR LITTLE BLESSINGS

Monthly distribution
on 2nd Wed of month

Parish Wide
Baby Shower

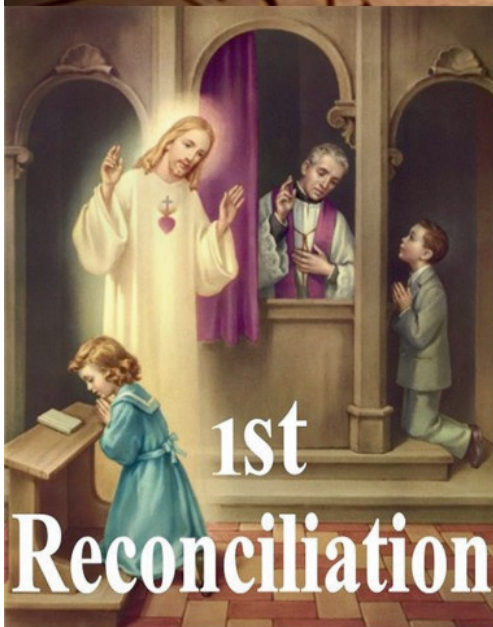
Needs list



Providing
little blessings
for a big
impact.

Because we are created in God's image, all human life is sacred. As a people of God, we must witness to this sacredness.

**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. 21: Picture Day

Sep. 24: Fall Sports Picture Day

Oct. 2: Sports Boosters Pizza Lunch

Oct. 8: Grandparents' Day

Oct. 9: Diocesan Inservice No School

Oct. 12: Columbus Day No School



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Last week, St. Peter School's Student Council hosted a \$1 dress down day. Our students raised over \$180 which was donated to the Knights of Columbus to support their mission of helping people with intellectual disabilities. Students also created a mural of flowers with messages celebrating differences which was displayed on the wall in the McLaughlin Hall. St. Peter students were excited to support the Knights of Columbus and the event was a great opportunity to teach them about generosity and service to others.

High School Night

All junior high students and their families are invited to join us for an informative evening with representatives from local Catholic high schools, including Rosary College Prep, Aurora Central Catholic, St. Francis High School, Marmion Academy, and Chesterton Academy of the Holy Family. Come learn more about each school's unique opportunities and ask questions to help prepare for your high school journey.



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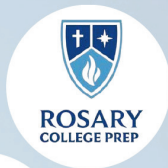
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This month, let's take time to check in with our loved ones, those with mental health challenges, and members of our community.

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ORDINATION OF PERMANENT DEACONS

Five new permanent deacons will be ordained on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Rockford. The public can tune in to watch this joyous event through Facebook live on the Diocese of Rockford Facebook page and on the Diocese of Rockford YouTube Channel.

JOB OPENING

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DATES TO REMEMBER

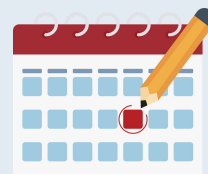
The Official Directory for the Diocese of Rockford will be arriving in parishes in early October.

The Diocesan Administration Center will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

- October 12—Columbus Day
- November 11—Veteran's Day
- November 26-27—Thanksgiving
- December 8 - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 24-25—Christmas
- December 31—New Year's Eve

SAVE THE DATE

*Be Reconciled Day is set for
Wednesday, March 17, 2027*



NEW TIMES FOR CATHOLIC MASS ON WREX-TV

The Catholic Mass broadcast every Sunday Morning on NBC's Rockford affiliate WREX-TV will be shown at a new time beginning Sunday Sept. 20, 2027. The Mass will now be broadcast each Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The Mass can also be heard on radio every Sunday at WROK 1440 AM at 11 a.m.



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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

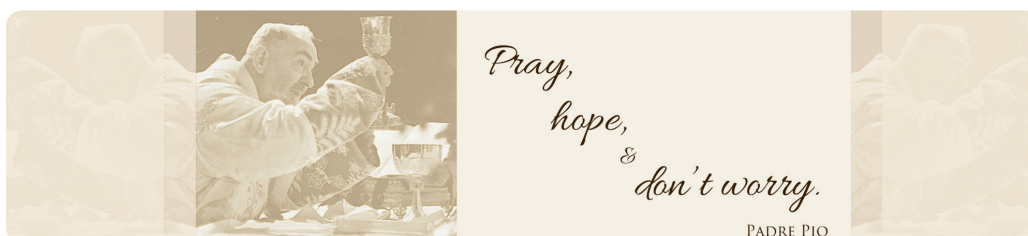
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Sunday, September 20th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Monday, September 21st

- 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 22nd

- 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
- Confession 6:00 pm Church

Wednesday, September 23rd

- 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
- Catechist Planning Meeting 6:00 pm Seton Hall

Thursday, September 24th

- 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 Society 6:30 pm Muldoon Room
- Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church

Friday, September 25th

- 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 26th

- That Man Is You (TMIY) 6:30 am Seton Hall
- Confession 8:30 am Seton Hall
- 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 10:00 am Church

Sunday, September 27th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Weekend

Saturday, September 26th

4:30 pm - Fr. Ryan Browning

Sunday, September 27th

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