



SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Geneva, IL

OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 28TH 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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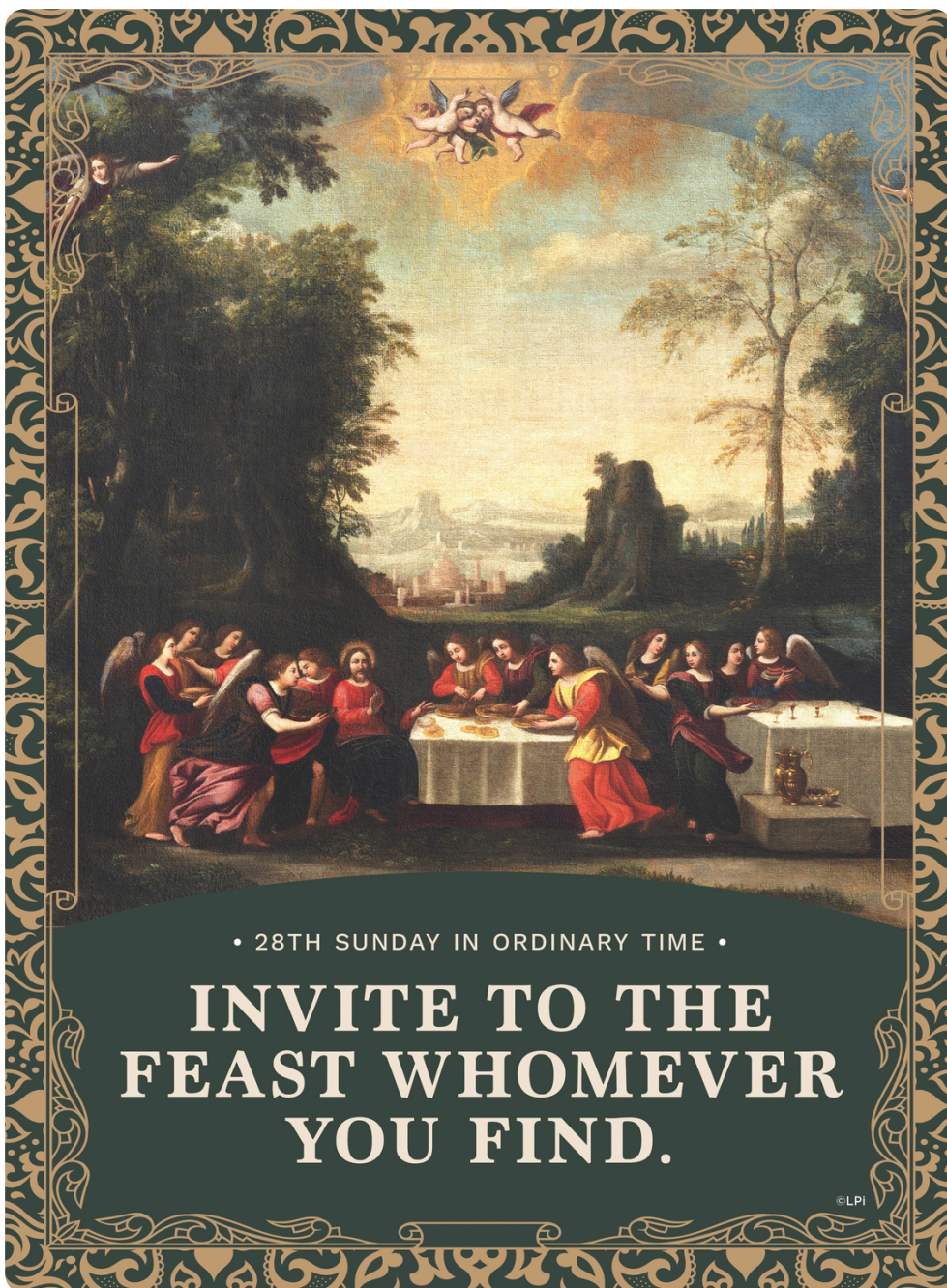
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“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.”

Matthew 22:9

02 • FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

CALLED AND SENT: BECOMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Part I: You Have a Mission

When you hear the term 'evangelization,' what images or ideas come to mind? Perhaps you envision a missionary traveling abroad, a preacher addressing a congregation, or an individual adept at explaining Catholic doctrine. While these images are common, this article argues that the Church's teaching on evangelization is broader and more personal. As emphasized in St. Paul VI's *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (§14), evangelization is a fundamental aspect of the Church's very identity. Specifically, the central thesis asserts that every baptized member of the Church, regardless of role or circumstance, is personally responsible for actively sharing the faith within their own unique contexts and relationships. Evangelization, therefore, is each person's responsibility in the Church.

Each of us has been given a part to play in Jesus' mission. When he ascended to the Father, he instructed his disciples to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19–20). The Church still carries out this mission today. Through Baptism, we are made one with Christ and become members of his Body; we receive the gift of faith and, at the same time, the duty of helping others come to meet him.

You and I have a mission because we belong to Jesus.

So what exactly is evangelization? It involves passing on the Good News about Jesus Christ and calling people to place their faith in him. God created us out of love; everything was very good; but sin entered the world through disobedience. He did not leave us, though. The Father sent his Son, who became man, died as a sacrifice for our sins, and rose from the dead. Through Jesus, people receive forgiveness, a restored relationship with God, and a new life that begins now and reaches its fullness in eternal life.

This is not just good news. It is great news. News worth sharing. After seeing a great movie, play, or concert, do you tell others about it? Most of us can't wait to share great things with others. Even more so as Catholics, we should want to share God's love with others. The Great News of the Gospel speaks to the deepest questions of the human heart: Who am I? Where am I going (or what is life all about)? How do I get to where I am supposed to be going? Does my life have meaning? Is there hope beyond suffering and death?

A missionary disciple listens, follows Jesus, and helps others come to know him; being a disciple and evangelizing go hand in hand. For instance, I recall a time when, after deepening my prayer life and experiencing a renewed sense of God's mercy, I felt more confident to share my faith with a friend who was struggling with faith. The more we learn to trust the Lord, accept his mercy, and deepen our love for him, the more ready we will be to share what we have received.

We might feel unprepared. We may feel our faith is still new and growing. We may be concerned about saying the wrong thing. As a starting point, we can give the Lord our willingness and let him shape us as we go.

For most people, the journey starts right where we are: with a child who has given up on the faith, a friend going through grief, a colleague looking for meaning, or a neighbor who feels lonely. We should love these people, listen to them, pray for them, and stay by their side. True friendship acknowledges their freedom and allows for honest talks about God.

My hope and prayer is to form the parish into one where this kind of discipleship becomes a normal feature of Catholic life. By allowing our worship, formation, and service to deepen our communion with Christ, we will be empowered to share his love beyond the church walls. In this way, evangelization will become not only a parish initiative but also an integral part of our personal and communal identity as missionary disciples.

In the weeks to come, we will look at how to do this with confidence, humility, and charity, and we will start at the very beginning of every Christian mission by turning to the Lord.

This week's step as a missionary disciple is to think about one person or family you can pray for each day and ask the Lord to bless that person, draw them nearer to Him, and help you see an opportunity to be a friend and encourage them.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, fill me with your love, courage, and grace. Help me to see the people in my life with your eyes of love and compassion. Give me the prayer, words, and help to share your love with them. Jesus, I place my trust in you. You promised to provide the words when I need them. I pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For Further Reading

The following are papal documents on evangelization and the basis for this series. Each week I will share paragraphs from them. The references are paragraph numbers in each document.

- **St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (On Evangelization in the Modern World), §§14–15:** Evangelization belongs to the Church's identity, and the Church must continually receive the Gospel herself to share it.
- **St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio* (On the Permanent Validity of the Church's Missionary Mandate), §71:** All the baptized share responsibility for the Church's mission, including laypeople in their everyday lives.
- **Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), §§120–121:** Every baptized Christian is called to be a missionary disciple, sharing the faith while continuing to grow in it.

Prayers,
Fr. Browning



INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS • 03

Mass of Hope

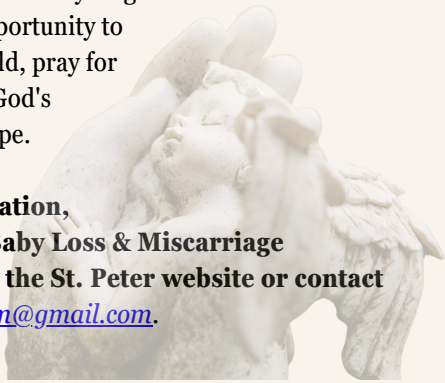
REMEMBERING OUR CHILDREN

Saturday, October 24th at 10:30 am

We will be hosting a special Mass for parents and families who have lost a child at any stage of life.

This is a special opportunity to remember your child, pray for them, and receive God's love, peace, and hope.

For more information, please visit our **Baby Loss & Miscarriage Ministry** page on the St. Peter website or contact babyloss.stpeterlm@gmail.com.



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 www.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.

FLAMES OF FAITH

October 3rd to October 16th

For † Barbara Beale Davies by Clausen Family

October 17th to October 30th

For the Bernhard Family (In Thanksgiving) by Mike & Melinda Bernhard

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 10th to October 16th

For † James A. Adrian Sr. by James Adrian Jr.

October 17th to October 23rd

For † Ken Neahring by Deborah Neahring

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10th - Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am | † Charles Rogers by Jenine Olson

Anticipated 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm | People of the Parish

Sunday, October 11th - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am | † John & Anna Kozak by Flanagan Family

9:00 am | † Dorothy Madsen by Norma Jaeger Family

11:00 am | † Joseph & Barbara Pavlik by Carole Scheid & Family

Monday, October 12th

7:00 am | † Julie Rittenhouse by Nancy Dantino

8:35 am | † Edward Kozlow by Kozlow Family

Tuesday, October 13th

7:00 am | † James A. Adrian Sr. & Pamela Lohr by James Adrian Jr.

8:35 am | † John Falgoust by Bob & Jan Grant

Wednesday, October 14th - St. Callistus I

7:00 am | † Marshall Brodien by Mary Doyle Brodien

8:35 am | † Marilynne Kowalski by Beck Family

Thursday, October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus

7:00 am | Maggie Cooper (In Celebration) by Cooper Family

8:35 am | † Albert Morris by John Trapp

Friday, October 16th - St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:00 am | † Patricia Rose Herman by Cella Family

8:35 am | † Robert Gibbons by Cindy Byker

Saturday, October 17th - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:00 am | † Robert Brandt by The Family

Anticipated 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 pm | † Adeline M. Riemenschneider by Johnson Family

Sunday, October 18th - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am | People of the Parish

9:00 am | † Eileen Springer by Mary Jane & Steven Sanders

11:00 am | † Leonard Noga by The Family



04 • WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Shepherd Beau Boyle

Parents: Robert & Erica

Godparents: Daniel Conway &
Brianne Conway

Clarke Joshua Franz

Parents: David & Justine

Godparent: Thomas Miller
Witness: Kayla Houchins

Rhodes Martin Petzold

Parents: Kevin & Paige

Godparent: William Zullo
Witness: Michelle Hodum

Colin Joseph Sweeney

Parents: Joseph & Emily

Godparents: Kevin Sweeney &
Rachel Hinchman

Weddings

Ryan Reichardt & Hannah Banks

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Jack Diederich & Katie Rentz

Saturday, October 3, 2026

**IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY,
THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th.**

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.

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 s w i p e c a r d, busmgr@stpetergeneva.org. To sign up for a weekly commitment, follow the QR code.



BEAUTY'S ARROW

Pulchritudo vulnera

As we celebrate the elevation of the newly beatified Blessed Fulton Sheen, I wanted to share a piece of artwork that I had made quite a few years ago. It was during the summer before I began studies at Mundelein. A friend of mine had given me a copy of a book that contained transcripts of Fulton Sheen's broadcasts which shared the same title as his television show: *"Life is Worth Living."* Spending time with those broadcasts, and even watching quite a few of them, I realized just what a gift he was to the Church. He spoke with a clarity and a directness that I have tried to emulate ever since.

There is one major contribution of his that was felt immediately when I entered seminary, and that was the Eucharistic "Holy Hour." Of all the things we were taught, this held special emphasis: to spend an hour each day in front of the Blessed Sacrament. That hour of adoration became the place where the Lord did most of his work in those years and continues to work today. In fact, my vocation story even began with an encounter with the Eucharist in an Holy Hour of adoration. In a way of mysterious divine providence, it seems that Sheen has been interceding for me and my priesthood from the very beginning.

Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

+JMJ+

Fr. Nooraee



PRAYER INTENTIONS • 05

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Need

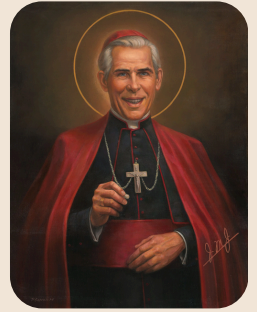
Anna A.	Cheryl	Joey & Charlie	Miriam P.
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Armando	Louise D.	Denise K.	Maureen Pott
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Spencer B.	Betty Denotto	Kim K.	Charles S.
Terry B.	Douglas	Thomas K.	Dan S.
Mark Bishel	Helene E.	Flora Kaindl	Johnny S.
Brandon	Elaine	Kellen	Patrick S.
Karen Bricher	Kay F.	Denise Kelly	Jane Sarmiento
Chris Brown	Catherine G.	Steve Kelly	Scott
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Denise C	Dena H.	Betty Kryger	J. Sharp
James C.	Kris H	Allison M.	Sirgo
Joanna C.	Antionio H.	Karen M.	Brianna T.
Kim C.	Carl H.	Mike M.	Rupert Touns
Matthew C.	Sarah Henschel	Patrick M.	Loretta Wegrzyn
Joe Cannizzaro	Marla Hoelscher	Kathy M.	Anthony White
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Carter	Amanda Jensen	Steve P.	Dennis Zeitler

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"Prayer is helplessness casting itself on Power, infirmity leaning on Strength, misery reaching to Mercy, and a prisoner clamoring for Relief."

~Blessed Fulton J. Sheen



"God's Healing Power"



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Come together for fellowship to pray and praise God, and to be inspired by the personal testimony of a woman or priest whose life has been dramatically impacted by God's grace.

Sunday, November 7th

From: **9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Location: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church - Seton Hall**

1023 McHenry Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL

Keynote Speaker: Judy Truett

Over 50 years in various Catholic ministries, she will be sharing her testimony of God's healing power through the struggles of her daughter's childhood cancer and disabilities, widowhood, miracles, and more.



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, here am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

06 • STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 26 & 27\$31,258.76

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\$937.76

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.



GUIDEBOOK & DIRECTORY UPDATE DEADLINE

The 2027 edition of the St. Peter Guidebook and Directory will be heading to the printer soon! To make this edition as complete and accurate as possible, we invite you to take a moment to review your information. Has anything changed in the past year? A new address, phone number, or email? We'd love to hear about it! If you'd prefer to keep your family's listing private, we're happy to honor that as well. Just let us know.

To update your information or adjust your listing, **please contact us by Friday, October 30.**

Call the parish office at **630-232-0124**
or email database@stpetergeneva.org.

Thank you for helping us keep our parish family connected. We look forward to sharing this new directory with you and to continuing to grow together in faith, fellowship, and service.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As Christians, we know the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy, or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PARISH EVENTS • 7



Pets of all kinds are blessed by our parish priests. This is a beautiful way to honor the responsibility God has given us as stewards of his creatures, and a fantastic opportunity to include our beloved "pet family" in the practice of our faith.



MOM'S *Group*

Thursday, October 29, 2026

7:30 PM

St. Peter Teen Center

(enter through door 6 by the school gym)

fellowship, prayer, and a conversation on

Exorcisms & Spiritual Warfare

All moms are welcome. No prep needed.

Text STPGENEVA to 84576 to join our Flocknote
and hear about upcoming events.



FOOD PANTRY

Next Distribution: Wednesday, October 14th

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.

The Fall Food Drive is October 24th-25th.
We will be handing out food drive bags and a list of desired donations after Masses on October 17th-18th.

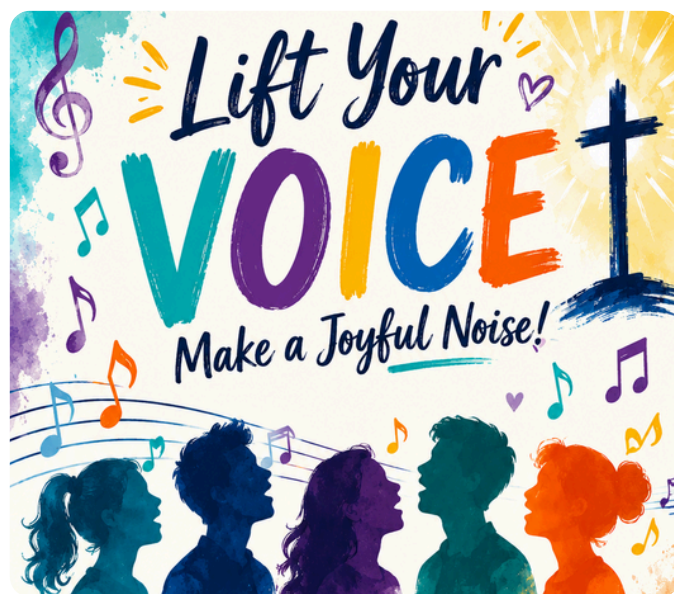
Food donations can be placed in the bin outside the Food Pantry doors on the west side of the parish center, or in the collection boxes at the east and west entrances of the church.

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 October we are collecting:

- Evaporated milk
- Fruit cocktail
- Chicken soup
- Diced tomatoes

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



YOUNG VOICES, BIG PRAISE!

Music is one of the most powerful ways young people can share their gifts with our church family. For all youth in grades 2 and up, 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! Come sing with us!

Next Rehearsal: Friday, October 23rd from 3:45-5:00 pm in the church

Next Mass: Sunday, October 25th at 9:00 am Mass (Meet at 8:15 am in the church)



-FUTURE DATES-

If you cannot make Youth Choir in October, but are interested at joining us in the future, mark your calendars for the following Masses:

- Sunday, November 22nd
- Thursday, December 24th
- Sunday, January 24th
- Sunday, February 21st
- Sunday, March 28th
- Sunday, April 25th
- Sunday, May 16th



Walking with Moms in Need

LITTLE BLESSINGS BABY SHOWER

wish list

October 17/18

Drop donations off in McLoughlin Hall
after all weekend Masses.

- ♥ Baby wipes
- ♥ Baby shampoo/body wash
- ♥ Diaper rash cream
- ♥ Bottles w/ nipples
- ♥ Bottle brushes
- ♥ Pack & play sheets
- ♥ Baby towels & washcloths
- ♥ Swaddle blankets



FALL/WINTER CLOTHING*
new or like new only

♥
boys & girls
0-3 months thru 3T

URGENT NEED

♥
boys & girls 18 months to 3T
tops, bottoms, outfits, pjs

**if clothing donations surpass our storage capacity,
clothing may be shared with other organizations
that help moms in need.*

join our brand new
**DIAPER
DREAM TEAM**
dry bottoms. sweet dreams.

- ♥ commit to donating diapers on a monthly basis
- ♥ receive a monthly text indicating what size
diapers we need
- ♥ purchase package of diapers (any brand)
- ♥ drop diapers off under coatrack in narthex hallway
- ♥ sign up at the shower or text MaryKay @
630-232-9026 to register



ST. PETER SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 12: Columbus Day, No School
- Oct 14: Restaurant Night at Portillo's
- Oct 16: Sports Booster Pizza Lunch
- Oct 19: Home & School at 6:30 pm
- Oct 21: Early Release at 2:00 pm
- Oct 22: RED OUT Volleyball
8th Grade Recognition
- Oct 23: End of the First Quarter
Spirit Wear Friday
SVdP Walk-a-Thon at 1:30 pm
Middle School Social

Portillo's®

FUNDRAISER

Come Join Us!

Eat Portillo's. Support a Cause. Receive 20% of the proceeds!

Present this flyer in-restaurant or use the online code for online/app orders, and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to:

St. Peter School - Geneva

At the Portillo's located at: When:

531 N. Randall Rd.
Batavia, IL

October 14, 2026
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ONLINE CODE: PORTILLOS22

PENNIES ADD UP!

During the last two weeks of September, the Student Council hosted a "Penny Wars" fundraiser, inviting St. Peter School students to bring in spare change for a friendly classroom competition. Our Rockets rose to the challenge, raising an impressive \$1,135.04! The Student Council will use these funds to host events throughout the year.

Congratulations to our second-grade class, who brought in the most change and earned a dress-down day for their efforts. Their enthusiasm set a wonderful example for the whole school. Because the fundraiser met and exceeded its goal of \$900, the entire school will get a dress-down day as well.

Thank you to the Student Council for organizing this event, to our teachers for cheering on their classes, and to all the families who emptied pockets, piggy banks, and couch cushions to help.

Well done, Rockets!



LAST SUPPER CLUB



ATTENTION TEENS!

**JOIN US FOR 4:30 MASS, DINNER, AND OPEN GYM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
SIT NEAR THE CHOIR TO BE WITH YOUR PEERS!
PIZZA, SALAD, AND DRINKS PROVIDED**

**“FOR I WAS *hungry* AND YOU
GAVE ME SOMETHING TO *eat*...”**

—Matthew 25:35



FAMILY SERVICE EVENT



**When: Thursday, October 22nd
from 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

*Arrive 10-15 minutes prior to our
scheduled start time to check in.*

**Where: 555 Exchange Court
Aurora, IL 60504**

**Please do your best to register by
October 15th.** We have currently
reserved 60 spaces, and we want
them to be filled so that the packing
session is as productive as possible.

Link to sign up with our group:
(IMPORTANT - please register ahead):
<https://www.fmssc.org/dashboard/my-volunteer-reservations/details?sgid=4080772#>

QR Code to sign up:



Volunteer/Chaperone guidelines:

The minimum age for volunteering is 5 years old. For safety reasons, children under the age of 5 are not allowed to participate in packing sessions. We recommend groups of youth be third grade or older.

We require the following adult to child ratios for school/church groups:

- Grades K-2: 1 student to 1 adult
- Grades 3-6: 3 students to 1 adult
- Grades 7-12: 4 students to 1 adult

NOTE: Everyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult that can pack (an adult is someone 18 years of age or older). Also, no jewelry allowed. If you have any other volunteering questions, visit the FAQ page at <https://www.fmssc.org/about-us/faqs>

**If you're new to volunteering at
FMSC or returning, all are
welcome!**

LOCAL AREA EVENTS • 13



St. George's Romanian Garlic Sausage Sale is taking place now through November 2nd. The cost is \$7.50 per pound, with a two pound order minimum.

Pre-orders are required by Monday, November 2nd.

Orders can be placed online at www.stgeorgeaurora.org/category/all-products or by calling the "Order Hotline" at 630-440-9546. Pick up is Sunday, November 8th from 2-5 pm at St. George Hall, 667 Sheridan Street, Aurora.

Save the Date!

BY POPULAR DEMAND!

God Chose You For Me Enrichment
is back in the Chicagoland area!



GOD CHOSE YOU FOR ME



♥ SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 14TH | 2026 ♥

A one day experience created by Worldwide Marriage Encounter to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. Participants will create a personal prayer for their marriage that they can continue to use at home. Widowed and Religious are warmly invited and encouraged to join us! While some activities are specifically designed for married couples, the spiritual experience offers an opportunity for everyone to reflect, pray, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Pre-registration necessary.

\$100 per couple

\$50 for widowed or religious

Includes Lunch/Materials

Holy Cross Catholic Church
2300 Main Street
Batavia IL 60510



For more information, contact
Tim & Doris Trout
Tim.Doris.Trout@wwme.org

Aurora Central Catholic

Are you a creator, artist, or maker with handmade goods to share? We're inviting vendors to showcase their work at our upcoming Makers Market!

JOIN US FOR OUR SECOND

MAKERS MARKET

Event Details

Saturday,
November 14th
9 AM - 2 PM

1255 N Edgelawn Dr
Aurora, IL 60506



How to Sign Up

Applications due
no later than Friday,
November 6, 2026.

Apply here:

<https://forms.gle/JCgEZaHFFSENMtzu6>

OR scan the QR code below

Contact Information

Contact us at
(630) 907-0095
or email us at

jmay@auroracentral.com



Consider becoming a Permanent Deacon

Discern a call to serve through diaconate formation



Attend ONE information meeting to learn more

- October 21 at 7:00 pm + St Peter Church, Geneva
- November 3 at 7:00 pm + St Rita Church, Rockford
- November 5 at 7:00 pm + St Mary Church, Huntley



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OCTOBER IS FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

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WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
 Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Sunday, October 11th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Monday, October 12th

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

Tuesday, October 13th

- 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
- Tri-County AD Meeting 6:00 pm School Library
- Respect Life Meeting 7:00 pm Muldoon Room

Wednesday, October 14th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Food Pantry Morning 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 Evening Distribution 5:30 pm Food Pantry
- OCIA 7:00 pm McLoughlin Hall

Thursday, October 15th

- 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

Friday, October 16th

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

Saturday, October 17th

- That Man Is You (TMIY) 6:30 am Seton Hall
- Food Pantry Bag Distribution After 4:30 pm Mass Church
- Youth Ministry Last Supper Club Start at 4:30 Mass Church, then Gym

Sunday, October 18th

- Food Pantry Bag Distribution After all Masses Church
- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Weekend

Saturday, October 17th

4:30 pm - Fr. Ryan Nooraee

Sunday, October 18th

7:00 am - Fr. Jerome Leake

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