ST. PETER the APOSTLE Catholic Church



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MARCH 30, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am Monday - Friday: 8:00am First Saturday: 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15pm - 4:45pm Wednesdays: 8:30am First Saturdays: 9:30am

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm Friday -Sunday: CLOSED or by appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext.200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.



Bishop Ronald A. Hicks has designated St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church as a place of pilgrimage for the Diocese of Joliet.

(scan more information)





FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

OUR MISSION

We, the people of St. Peter the Apostle, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.

MASS INTENTIONS

WI1100 II	
Sunday	March 30 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
8:30am	†Marcellino Turcio
10:00am	†Pat Hayes
11:30 am	†Gaetano Genualdi
	†Dorotea Gerena
	†Joe Halac
	†Jeanne Murphy
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	People of the Parish
Monday	March 31 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00am	†Chiarangela and Eufrosina Ranallo
Tuesday	April 1 (The Annunciation of the Lord)
8:00am	†Richard George Dombrowski
Wednesday	April 2 (Lenten Weekday; St. Francis of Paola, Hermit)
8:00am	†Jennifer Ruffing
Thursday	April 3 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00am	For an End to Abortion
Friday	April 4 (Lenten Weekday;
	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
8:00am	The James Family - Special Intention
Saturday	April 5 (Lenten Weekday; St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest)
8:00am	†Mike Cummins
Saturday	April 5 (Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent)
5:00pm	†Paulina Dempsey
	†Jerry Krautkramer
	†Julio Monge
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	†Fr. Tuan's Brothers
	Zbigniew Szostek - Special Intention
	People of the Parish
Sunday	April 6 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:00am	†Mike Cummins
11:30 am	†Francesca Fricano
	†Dianna Kompanowski † Joanna Murahy
	†Jeanne Murphy
	Natalia Garcia - Special Intention
	Reetha George - Special Intention

WEEKLY READINGS

For an End to Abortion

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 <i>Scrutiny:</i> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	ls 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines Cpl Michael Fudacz, US Marines SSG Michael Helle, US Army Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy LTJG Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy 2LT Jacob Los, US Army MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf) SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear parishioners,

Greetings! We are halfway through Lent!! I want you to know that I continue to pray for you... I pray that you will be able to follow through with your Lenten resolutions – specifically prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, as asked of us by the church. Please don't give up.

As we move into the next half of Lent, keep in mind what I ask last weekend –

What are the desirable changes you want to make in your life? How sincere are you in your efforts to make these desirable changes in your life? How do you manifest sincerity in concrete ways?

May you continue to have a blessed Lent.

I pray for all of you and ask you to continue praying for me during this Lenten season.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

APRIL 4

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins following 8:00 am Mass.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This is a wonderful time to offer your prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions for yourself or loved ones.

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot is asked to sign up. Please use the link available on the parish website or scan the QR code to sign-up.



HELPING HANDS CLOTHING COLLECTION

Beginning at the end of March, there will be a clothing collection bin installed on our parish property. It will be located at the north end of the west side of our parking lot. Operated by *Helping Hands*, the bin is for **clothing and textile** recycling. Wearable clothing will be cleaned, sorted and given a new life for those in need. Worn-out clothing and other fabrics/textiles will be separated out, bundled and sold to manufacturers who use textile fibers in making other products and materials.

Helping Hands will pay our parish based on the volume of materials collected. All money received will be doated to the Itasca Walk-In ministries to support their efforts in caring for those in need.

Please only donate clean materials. This can include clothes, sheets, blankets, towels, unwanted fabric, quilts, bedspreads and any other fabric materials. Clean shoes are also accepted, regardless of condition. Your contributions support corporal works of mercy; specifically clothing the naked, feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty.

So, in the future, don't throw away fabrics. Clean them and turn them in. You will be helping others in a wide number of ways.

For more information, contact Deacon Fred or visit www.clothingbinusa.com



FR. TUAN, PASTOR



My young students in music class enjoy singing this little song: The birdies in the treetop sing their song; The angels chant their chorus all day long; The flowers in the garden blend their hue; So, why shouldn't I, why shouldn't you, praise God too?

Another favorite: God is good – all the time. He put a song of joy in this heart of mine; God is good, God is good, all the time!

Some hand claps, a bit of movement, big smiles and the children's voices become more enthusiastic with each repetition.

No wonder Jesus pointed out the value of becoming like little children. Their wide-eyed wonder as they discover animals , insects and flowers; their unabashed joy in dancing and singing, in loving and forgiving; their humbleness in saying "I'm sorry" and fearlessness in the face of mistakes – oh, to keep that childlike spirit alive throughout our lives! Are you afraid of making mistakes? Does that terribly uncomfortable cloak of self-consciousness prevent you from

joyfully singing out? Perhaps, many years ago, you were told to "stand in the back and mouth the words." Well, that time is past.

We are just three weeks away from Resurrection Sunday – the most joyful day of celebration in the Christian year. Let's lift our hearts, our heads, our voices, our hymnals and sing from the bottom of our hearts. And if someone is so bold as to give you a funny look, smile big and sing louder. The woods would be a silent place indeed if the only birds that sang were those who sang best!

Best regards,

Roberta Moroz Parish Music Director

Bishop Hick's Column



March 2025





The title of this article, "If," is so short that it's easy to overlook — yet few words carry so much weight in the Catholic imagination. These two simple letters hold the potential to launch beautiful dreams or plant seeds of destructive doubt.

On the positive side, the word "if" opens possibilities, like saying, "If I work hard, I can succeed." It encourages hope and stimulates creativity, like wondering, "What if we did it this way?" It motivates action by highlighting the rewards, like a teacher saying to their student, "If you study, you'll pass the exam." And it suggests a promising outcome, like me predicting, "If you are reading this article, you are probably a disciple of Jesus."

"If" is the kind of word that sparks dreams — If I trust in God, maybe He will take care of everything. It invites us to imagine what God could do if only we dared to trust and surrender ourselves to His will. Consider the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus says, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20). That tiny word, "if," encourages us to believe in the miraculous, and to trust that God can work wonders through even the smallest act of faith. It does not demand perfection but presents many hopeful possibilities.

There is, however, another side to "if" that can be perilous. When used with doubt or hesitation, "if" becomes a stumbling block. During this Lenten season, we are reminded that Jesus was tempted in the desert by Satan with the word "if" (Matthew 4):

"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

"If You are the Son of God, throw yourself down."

"All these I will give you, if you kneel down and worship me."

Satan's use of "if" was not just about testing Jesus' power — it was about trying to plant doubt in Jesus' very identity as the Son of God. That is the same tactic the enemy uses against us today, aiming to make us question who we are in God's eyes. But Jesus bravely resisted these "if"-based lies. He knew and fully embraced His identity as the Son of God and remained grounded in His mission, united with His Father and the Holy Spirit. In moments of trial, we too face the temptation to question God's love or plan: "If God is good, why am I suffering?" We are fallible humans; our faith is often tested during challenging times. But our faith calls us to move beyond these doubts, trusting in God's greater purpose even when we do not completely understand.

Just as Satan tempted Jesus to doubt His own identity, we too can be lured into believing a deceitful lie about our identity. But there is no "if" about our awe-inspiring identity: we are all made in the image and likeness of God. We are God's beloved sons and daughters. And although we are sinners, Jesus came to forgive us and save us from our sins. We trust that promise. Our faith is founded on that truth.

I have seen too many people accept the lie about their true identity. That lie is often planted subtly through internal narratives like, I cannot really be God's beloved son or daughter because I am not smart enough, not good enough, not holy enough, not attractive, not athletic, not popular, not likable... or even worse, not lovable. We are bombarded daily with subtle lies about our worth in social media, in relationships, and even in our own thoughts. But God's truth is unwavering: you are His beloved. There's no "if" about it. When we reject that basic lie and live in the light of our identity as a beloved daughter or son of God, we are on the road to true joy and salvation.

I invite you to eliminate any and all doubts about Jesus and yourself. God never says, I will only love you "if" you are perfect. God's love and mercy for you are unconditional.

So, as we journey through this Lenten season, let us reject the "if" of doubt and embrace the certainty of God's love. Pray for the strength to ignore the negative "speak" and to center on the positive truths. With clarity and conviction, we proclaim that Jesus is God. He alone is worthy of our praise, honor, and glory. He is our Savior through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection. He has won the victory over death and offers eternal life to all who believe and follow Him.

You are a beloved child of God. When it comes to God and the divine love freely given to all of us, there is no "if" whatsoever!

SOUP & SALAD + STATIONS

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 5:15-6:45 PM

Margaret Woods Hall

followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

Church

Make time on your Lenten journey to gather for fellowship at St. Peter's traditional Lenten Soup and Salad followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

St. Peter's traditional Soup & Salad is back this year and will take place every Friday during Lent, followed by Stations of the Cross. Everyone is invited to join fellow parishioners for food and fellowship, while also assisting the people less fortunate. A FREE WILL DONATION is requested-please give accordingly.



If you are interested in bringing a **MEATLESS** soup, salad fixings, or other side dish or a loaf of bread, please scan the QR code to sign up or use the sign-up forms by Margaret Woods Hall.

For additional information or questions, contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197 or Cynthia Serrano at 630-625-6057.

7 HOURS OF CONFESSION

When was the last time you received Reconciliation? Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

The priests of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin for all who come forth!



Saturday, April 5 | 8:00 am until 3:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Church 132 Arthur Street, Elmhurst 630-530-8515

Polish and Spanish speaking priests available during select times. ALL ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE





St. Peter the Apostle Parish offers the following spiritual and social opportunities during Lent. We hope you will join us on our Lenten Journey.

SOUP & SALAD Every Friday during Lent | 5:15-6:45pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday during Lent | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm Every Wednesday | 8:30 am (following weekday Mass) Monday-Tuesday, March 24-25 | 6:00-7:00 pm (before the Parish Mission) Saturday, April 5 | 9:30 am (following First Saturday Mass) 7-Hours of Confession: Saturday, April 5 | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (Immaculate Conception Parish - Elmhurst)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, March 7 | 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (Note: Adoration concludes early this month to accommodate Stations of the Cross)

Friday, April 4 | 8:30 am - 7:00 pm (Note: Adoration concludes early this month to accommodate Stations of the Cross)

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE Sunday, March 16 | 12:30 pm (following 11:30 am Mass)

PARISH MISSION | Presented by Hallow March 23-25 | 7:00 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY Friday, April 11 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

> PALM SUNDAY | April 13 Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm Sunday - 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY | April 17

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight)

- GOOD FRIDAY April 18 3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm: Passion of our Lord (Church will remain open until midnight)
- HOLY SATURDAY | April 19 10:00 am: Blessing of Food (in church) 10:15 am: Faster Egg Hunt (outdoors)
- 10:15 am: Easter Egg Hunt (outdoors) 7:30 pm: Easter Vigil

There is no 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY | April 20 Mass Schedule: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | April 27 Regular Mass Schedule

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE EISCAL WEEK 27 / MADCH 22 2025

FISCAL WEEK 37 / MARCH 23, 2025					
Weekly Goal	\$1	1,250.00	Annual Goal	\$5	85,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$	8,836.00		\$	415,883.45
E-basket	\$	575.00		\$	39,059.00
GiveCentral	\$	1,100.00		\$	43,510.32
Candles	\$	467.81			
Donuts	\$	79.00			
Transitional Housing	\$	100.00			
St. Joseph Table	\$	600.00			
Soup and Salad	\$	144.00			
Easter Flowers	\$	205.00			

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for your generous support!

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal. You can also connect directly by using the



QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC **RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

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Please consider a donation in this weekend's second collection

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF MARCH 30 - APRIL 6

Sunday	March 30	
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses)	MW Hall
Monday	March 31	
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting	MW Hall
Tuesday	April 1	
10:00 am	Crochet Group	MW Hall
6:45 pm	OCIA Class	PC Conf Rm
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary	Church
Wednesday	April 2	
8:30 am	Confessions	Church
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir	Church - Loft
7:15 pm	Adult Choir	Church - Loft
Thursday	April 3	
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class	PC Conf Rm
Friday	April 4	
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins w/Mass	Church
5:15 pm	Soup & Salad	MW Hall
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday	April 5	
8am-3pm	7 Hours of Confessions @	
	Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst)	
9:30 am	Confessions	Church
4:15 pm	Confessions	Church
Sunday	April 6	
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses)	MW Hall

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Celebrant		Commur	Communion Ministers		
5:00 pm	Fr. Tuan	5:00 pm	Nancy Ferenzi		
8:30 am	Fr. Tuan		Beth McKenna		
10:00 am	Fr. Tuan		Frank McKenna		
11:30 am	Fr. Tuan	8:30 am	Marty Hower		
Lectors			Sharon Hower		
	John Los		Dorie Calip		
			Barb Castellano		
8:30 am	Chris Aument		Deacon Fred		
10:00 am	Nancy Magnus	10:00 am	Mary Booth		
11:30 am	Stella Capobianco		Mary Booth		
			Deacon Anthony		
		11:30 am	Bill Kolf		

Carmela Graziano Michael Graziano

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN HIS APRIL PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For the use of the new technologies.

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.





ARE YOU CONNECTED???

DO YOU RECEIVE ST. PETER'S ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS?

This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.

If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com. Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.

And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:



facebook.com/SaintPeterApostle.Itasca

BULLETIN/ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin submissions should be e-mailed to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com, and are due no later than 8 days preceding requested publication date. Run time is at the discretion of the bulletin editor; priority will be given to items that are date sensitive.

REGISTER TODAY!

Many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their "spiritual home."

If you attend on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your "spiritual home," we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our parish family.

Please fill out the form below and mail it or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. You can also register by calling the parish center or by visiting the parish website.

Welcome to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

INVITATION TO REGISTER!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

Family Name			
Family Member Name(s)			
Addressew			
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone			
E-mail Address:			
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Pulpit announcement requests should be submitted no later than the Tuesday preceding the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

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