



PEACE

*I leave with you.*

MY PEACE

*I give to you.*

May 26, 2025 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, May 24

8:00am †Barbara Jungles  
5:00pm †Robert Hilz

## Sunday, May 25

6:45am Wladyslaw Tomczyk  
8:30am People of SSPP  
10:30am †Ronald Rieser  
12:30pm Willard "Bill" Brestal  
4:30pm †Joseph Sippel  
7:00pm †Kenneth W Hansen

## Monday, May 26

9:30am Deceased Veterans of  
US Military

## Tuesday, May 27

6:45am Maria Basler  
8:00am †Edmund Morrow  
5:15pm Fr. David Stalzer

## Wednesday, May 28

6:45am †Peg Marschalk  
8:00am †Donald Hall  
5:15pm †Colleen Kilbride

## Thursday, May 29

6:45am †Hubert Rodrigues  
8:00am †John L Miclot  
5:15pm †David Vasquez

## Friday, May 30

6:45am Int. Brad Berkshire  
8:00am †Bud Marschalk

## Saturday, May 31

8:00am †Josie Bustamante  
5:00pm †Isabell & Patrick  
Wagner



# MASS SCHEDULE

## Monday–Thursday

6:45am, 8:00am and 5:15pm

## Friday

6:45am and 8:00am

## Saturday

8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)

## Sunday

6:45am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm  
& 7:00pm

## Tridentine (Latin) Mass

4:30pm

# RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

*Held in Holy Family Chapel  
located in the Ministry Center*

## Monday

4:15pm - 5:15pm

## Thursday

11:00am - 12 noon

## Saturday

3:00pm - 5:00pm

# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Held in the St. Francis Eucharistic  
Adoration Chapel located in the St. Paul  
Center (Access code needed after hours)*

## Adoration Hours-

Sunday at 5pm- Saturday at 5pm

# PARISH OFFICE HOURS

## Monday–Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

## Friday

8:30am - Noon







## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,  
Summer is upon us, and Easter is still with us. Today, we are celebrating the 6th Sunday of Easter. We look forward to the Solemnity of the Ascension next weekend, then, on June 8th, Pentecost [the end of the Easter Season]. Throughout the month of June, we'll celebrate what are called the *summer feasts of Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.*

Monday is Memorial Day. It is much more than the "start of summer" or the signal for the "end of the school year." As we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend, let's all remember the reason behind the holiday. From the days of the American Revolution up to the present, countless numbers of men and women have served our nation in the armed forces and have given their lives in sacrifice for the ideals of justice, freedom, and the American way of life - our democratic society. Regardless of your politics, service to our Nation in the armed forces is an honorable pursuit, something every citizen of the United States should hold in high regard. Because of the sacrifice of so many Americans who have gone before us, you and I are able to enjoy our freedom. We are so fortunate to live in the United States, let's not take our freedom for granted.

Memorial Day was established, not to celebrate the beginning of summer, but the sacrifice and service of those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. *Most specifically, Memorial Day commemorates and prays for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and have given their lives in service to our Nation.* I think of Memorial Day as being a sort of nation-wide, secular, "All Souls Day." A day to remember our dead, in this case our fallen war dead



— all those who have died in service to the Country, while serving in the military from the days of the American Revolution until today.

Let's not allow their memory and sacrifice to fade from the consciousness of our Nation. Remember to pray for those who have died while serving in the Armed Forces of the U.S.. Join us for Mass on Memorial Day at 9:30am at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery [weather permitting]. The Naperville Memorial Parade Committee will sponsor military honors at 9am.

Pray for your own beloved dead on that day, but also remember the purpose of the day, and honor those who so gallantly gave their lives that we might enjoy the blessings and responsibilities of liberty. Pray for our Nation, and that for all, with God's help, we have yet to accomplish.

I also want to congratulate the 2025 Class of Saints Peter and Paul School. Graduation was held this past Thursday, May 22nd. What a blessing they and their families have been to our school — and, what a blessing their Catholic education will be to them as they move forward. God bless all those who are graduating from grade school, high school, or college this year. Congratulations on your accomplishments. I hope each of you will use your gifts and talents to say something beautiful for Jesus in the years ahead!

God Bless you and your family this Memorial Day weekend, and, God Bless America!



Father De Salvo

### Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 26th



This Monday, May 26th is Memorial Day, a National holiday to remember all those men and women who have died in service to our Country in the armed forces, thus, making the ultimate sacrifice of self, having paid the ultimate price for their patriotism. It is also a day to thank them, and above all, thank God for the blessings of liberty which we enjoy in the United States because of their sacrifice.

We have much to be thankful for as Americans, and much to pray and work for - with God's help. Join us for Mass on Memorial Day at 9:30am at Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery. The Naperville V.F.W. will offer military honors for the dead at 9am. In observance of the holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday and re-open for business on Tuesday morning. There will also be no Confessions on Monday, May 26. Have a wonderful holiday!

*As we observe Memorial Day, we acknowledge our responsibility as Americans to preserve the memory of the fallen.*

*Our nation is free because of brave Americans who volunteer to confront our adversaries abroad so we do not have to face them here at home.*

*Our nation mourns the loss of our men and women in uniform; we honor them by completing the mission for which they gave their lives.*

*God Bless the men and women of our Armed Forces, and God Bless America!*  
[George W. Bush, 2006]

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HOMECOMING FEST AUGUST 23, 2025

We are in need of chairpersons for Homecoming Fest 2025. Please email [sspphomefest@gmail.com](mailto:sspphomefest@gmail.com) for more information.

- Alumni Tent
- Permits
- Security
- Overall Event Chair



# The Sick

*Please remember in your prayers the following people who are seriously ill, and others who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:*

Chris Bruni	Sam Marra
Michael Condon	Samuel Mulay
Deacon Michael Crowell	Jillian Navarro
Carmen De Poalo	John Pisut
Linda Gentzen	Carter Polizzi
Dennis Gorecki	Carolyn Preston
Jim Gratzke	Joy Quinn
Rita Guill	Ramona Race
Lynn Higgins	Walter Rafacz
Donald Hinterlong Sr.	Lauren Reirson
Penny Holtz	Gina Rovito
Bob Hoole	Betty Ryan
Tori Hudgins	Mary Sagen
Grace Humphrey	Dr. Derek Speten
Maria Irittria	Randall Stall
Jeffrey Johns	Barbara Struggalla
Chris Johnson	Marty Szczech
Sarah Kukulski	Nancy VanderHye
Edmund Kurzawa	Marino Verdico
James Lohse	Theodore Weber
Michael Luft	Matthew Weidner
Catherine Magee	Jim Weidner
Joseph Marchese	Pam Willis
Christine Marra	Janis Wozniak
Mike Marra	Kristin Zwirkoski

*Prayers for the sick and for our beloved dead are included in every Mass celebrated in our church, and are in the daily prayers of our priests. If you would like the name of a family member or friend included in the list published in our Sunday Bulletin, please call Kayla Knisley at 630-718-2131. When adding someone to the list of the sick, please make sure you have permission from the person you want listed, before you call us to add their name. The list of the deceased will ordinarily carry the names of those who were buried from our church that past week, or will be buried from our church the coming week. Ordinarily, names of the sick will be kept on for three months. The publishing of the names in the Sunday Bulletin will be the ordinary way to request prayers for specific loved ones.*



## Prayers for our Beloved Deceased

*We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of-*

**Lois Lipinski, Dona Santucci,  
Clifford Kraft**

## Please Remember in Prayer Those Serving in the Military

**U.S. Air Force**  
Sgt. Cory Bassett  
Staff Sgt. Joseph Burns  
2nd Lt. Daniel Caddigan  
Lt. Col. Frank Girdwain  
Lt. Theodore M. Jackson  
Master Sgt. Mike McDonnell  
Sgt. Zachary McKenty  
Sr. Airman Patrick Neis  
Sr. Airman Daniel Shea  
Sr. Airman Amanda Shea  
Sgt. Dan Steenstra

**U.S. Army**  
PFC Sam Allard  
Major Angelo Bartocci  
PVT Justin Bielefeld  
Captain Michael Caddigan  
Major John J. Case  
Major Sydney Case  
Major Eileen Cassidy  
Major Mary Cassidy  
Major Tom Crane  
SPC Joshua Adam Demerin  
Captain Reilly Dougherty  
Col. Edward Fisher  
2nd Lt. Matthew Quinton Frame  
Sgt. Nick Gedvilas  
Major Thomas E. Goerling  
SPC Trevor Gomoll  
SPC Jarred Hampton  
Lt. Col. Sean Hermick  
Sgt. Kellen Jones  
SPC Mark Keough  
Lt. Colonel Stephen Laz  
1st Lt. Connor Mulhere  
SPC Steven Powell  
Col. Michael Predny  
Captain Daniel Rickert  
1st Lt. David Rickert  
Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Schmecht  
SPC John August Sopuch IV  
1st Lt. Winnie Springer  
Sgt. Craig Vladika  
1st Lt. Samuel Wehrli  
2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper

**U.S. Navy**  
LCDR Thomas Bock  
LTJG Brian Conlisk  
LCDR Dustin Flaum  
Captain Anthony Giglio  
Captain Michael Jelinek  
LCDR Tom Kuhrt  
Commander Chris Kurgan  
Lt Andrew Parent  
LCDR Patrick Marsh  
SN Jenny McLaughlin  
LCDR Caleb Moore  
LCDR Kasey Scheel  
LCDR Matthew Scheel  
Ensign Michael Schmitz

**U.S. Marine Corps**  
CPL BJ Boren  
CWO2 John Crites  
Major Donald J. Carlsen  
Sgt. Richard DiBiao  
PFC Jonathon Dragovan  
Sgt. Luke Focer  
2nd Lt. Robert Gortner  
2nd Lt. Eric Hovey  
Sgt. Ivan Karamysev  
Major Pete Keough  
Corporal Joseph Murray  
LCPL Matthew Prasse  
LCPL Maddox Ritter  
Corporal Luke Russell  
Corporal Joseph Taylor  
PVT Chris Vazquez

**U.S. Air National Guard**  
LTC Scott Paeth

**U.S. Coast Guard**  
SR John Aabram  
P.D. John McNellis

**U.S. Space Force**  
Major Nick DuPre

*To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at [www.welcomeyouhome.org](http://www.welcomeyouhome.org)*

## Daily Readings

### Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

### Monday

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20

### Friday

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56



## Praying with Our Lady During the Month of May

All are welcome to join us as we pray the Scriptural Rosary for Life led by Deacon Joe Tuesdays in May at 1:45pm at the Mary Statue outside the Jr. High.  
“Park & Pray” before school pick-up!



## God Bless America!

### Honoring our Deceased Servicemen and Women

[a moving account of an experience of two Nashville Dominican Sisters — April, 2016 Veritas Magazine]



Anyone who has viewed the poignant Golden Globe film *"Taking Chance"* [with Kevin Bacon] would understand the experience that two Nashville Dominican Sisters had on a South-west return flight from Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The film depicts the true account of Lt. Col. Michael Strobl, a volunteer military escort officer, accompanying the body of a 19 year-old fallen Marine, Chance Phelps, back to his hometown of Dubois, WY.

Unknowningly, the two Sisters had providentially stepped into this beautiful story, became part of it, and fulfilled a patriotic role, along with all the others on that memorable flight, as the flight Captain announced, *"We are privileged to soon be carrying the mortal remains of a navy serviceman back to his family. We request a moment of silence."*

With that, the casket (still in a transport box) was brought ceremoniously to the plane's storage space while Naval servicemen held their saluting pose. Silence reigned aboard the plane during this surreal but powerful experience. Later, into a quite subdued audience, the Captain asked the Attendants to "prepare for landing." He continued, *"Upon touchdown, you will notice military police, Naval officers and the family gathered in expectation. Please observe a respectful silence while they carry out their reverent duties. It has been an honor to bring our fallen brother on his final journey back home to his family and loved ones."*

As they witnessed this beautiful, moving, and sad scene, the two sisters began to pray the Rosary. With that, the flag-draped coffin was slowly brought out of the plane while the military personnel saluted and the family burst into tears. Tears were abundant on the plane as well, as passengers strained to witness the events — and one could sense many human hearts thanking GOD for America, and begging Him that we always witness to such a profound honor and respect for all life!

## Calling all Gardeners

Hopefully the cold weather is finally behind us and we can all enjoy the signs of springtime! If you plan to still maintain your gardening plot, please contact Paulette Shea at 630-718-2127 or pshea@sspeterandpaul.net.

We would like our volunteer gardeners to begin cleaning up their "adopted" areas to get them ready for planting.

Thank you!



## Connect With Us on Social Media



Keep up with our latest news, events and photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!

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## Patriotic Duty for Catholics

Patrick E. Kelly ~

Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus  
from Columbia Magazine / April 2025

It's been said that Anti-Catholicism is one of the last acceptable prejudices left in the U.S.. Yet, as Catholic citizens of this great Country, we have a responsibility to foster love of country in a spirit of gratitude to God and in service to all.

Americans questioned whether a Catholic could be a good citizen. Yet, from the beginning, we knew there is no conflict between our faith and commitment to one's country. And over the years, we've proven that, time and again, by serving proudly in uniform - fighting and dying alongside Protestants, Jews and non-believers. Catholics have also distinguished themselves in public service, serving loyally at every level of government, promoting human dignity and the common good. And throughout society, we have transformed entire institutions for the better.... from schools to charitable organizations to hospitals.

In our own day and age, many question whether anyone should be a patriot. Cultural elites tell us that patriotism means the same thing as blind nationalism - and that it tends toward arrogance, aggression and advancing one country's interest at the expense of others. They insist that patriotism is an outdated ideal that should be put aside for the sake of so-called progress. And they tell us that our love of country is misplaced because our country is not worthy of our love. The Church teaches us that patriotism is not and never has been about national supremacy. Nor is it an excuse to exclude or vilify the foreigner or the immigrant. It's not a weapon to be used against other nations or people. Rather, patriotism is a duty that flows from a sense of gratitude.

Saint John Paul II saw gratitude as the starting point for faith and hope. In his apostolic letter *Novo Millennio Ineunte* at the close of the Jubilee Year 2000, he urged us "to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm and to look forward to the future with confidence." Twenty-five years later, his words remain wise and timely counsel, and they reflect the spirit of true patriotism. Gratitude and hope lead to love of country and service to neighbor, and they are an antidote to the nihilism and meaninglessness that have a stranglehold on so many people today.

Patriotism is not only a virtue, but also an obligation for us all. And just as patriotism calls us to defend our country we have a duty to remind our fellow citizens that our nation isn't defined by its failures, past or present. Nations, just like people, are so much more than the sum of their mistakes. We have inherited something precious, which we must treasure, even if our nation will always be a work in progress. And we must teach future generations to do the same. Pope Benedict XVI observed that each successive generation faces anew the challenge to build a just and virtuous society - perennial yet ever urgent task. "Freedom," he wrote, "must constantly be won over for the cause of good." During the welcoming ceremony for his visit to the United States several months later, in April 2008, he further reflected, "Freedom is not only a gift, but also a summons to personal responsibility. The preservation of freedom calls for the cultivation of virtue, self-discipline, and sacrificing for the common good and a sense of responsibility towards the less fortunate. It also demands courage to engage in civic life and to bring one's deepest beliefs and values to reasoned public debate. Patriotism matters. And, it's our duty, a duty of gratitude to God that we must instill in our children and grandchildren.





Thanks to SSPP Parishioner  
Ware Landscaping Inc., we  
were able to replace our sod  
throughout the parish campus.  
They are also in the process of  
redoing and cleaning the  
retaining wall by the side of  
the church which was  
deteriorating.

**WARE** LANDSCAPING  
& SNOW REMOVAL  
THE LANDSCAPE DRAINAGE EXPERTS







## The Mass: Compass Points?

**To live and love our Catholic Faith, we have to know it!**

*[taken from Our Sunday Visitor & Inside the Vatican / August, 2016]  
Each week we will examine the mass, piece by piece, looking at all the elements that go into this great prayer, the greatest act of worship of the Roman Catholic Church.*

What difference does it make what direction the priest and people face when celebrating the Eucharist? What does it mean to “face east?” To speak of facing east during the Eucharistic prayer is not simply equated with facing “compass east.” Given grids of cities and the layout of buildings, churches cannot always be situated facing east. Facing east [*ad orientem*] refers to a common stance of the priest and the people, during the Eucharistic prayer, where both priest and congregation face toward the Tabernacle and crucifix. As such, they are looking through Christ, to the Father. Christ is our *Oriens*, our “East,” and he orients us to his Father.

This stance emphasizes that the priest, *acting in the person of Christ* the Head, is speaking to the Heavenly Father on our behalf. One who represents a group before an official, usually stands facing that individual with the people behind or beside him; so, too, here. After all, the Mass is not per se a re-enactment of the Last Supper. Rather, it is the making present of the once-for-all perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and his glorious Resurrection. Christ himself pointed beyond the moment of the Last Supper to the cross: “*This is my body, which will be given for you... This is... my blood, which will be shed for you*” (Lk 22:19-20).

“So when in the reflections on the liturgy we concentrate all our attention on how to make it attractive, interesting and beautiful, we risk forgetting the essential: the liturgy is celebrated for God and not for ourselves; it is His work, He is the subject.” [Pope Benedict, October 12, 2012]. Secularism purports that the ancient, sacred rites of the Church are not enough... they no longer “speak to us.” Therefore, in an attempt to make the liturgy meaningful and relevant to “me” all sorts of secular innovations and elements are vociferously and aggressively asserted by those who have embraced the secular culture around us [i.e. secular songs, non-scriptural readings, eulogies, sentimental additions of secular objects and “rituals” being added to the mass, etc.] These “innovations” or aberrations are contrary to proper Catholic piety, devotion and faith, and must be resisted if the sacredness and proper focus of the liturgy is to be maintained.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, former head of the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome, gave an interview in which he discussed the beauty of the

Catholic liturgy. Along with offering many other insights, he recommended that priests orient themselves “to the East” while celebrating Holy Mass. In other words, he is encouraging priests to celebrate the liturgy *ad orientem*, facing east. *This has nothing to do with the priest “turning his back” on the people; it is about the priest leading the faithful in facing the Lord.* The practice of orienting the liturgy toward the East — from where the Lord will return (Matt. 24:27) — has ancient roots. It remains the norm in Orthodox Christianity and Eastern Catholic Churches.

This posture was not discouraged by the Second Vatican Council in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium). The Council Fathers noted with eloquence in their document on the liturgy: “*In the earthly liturgy we take part in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the holy city of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God... Venerating the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them; we eagerly await the Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ, until He, our life, shall appear and we too will appear with Him in glory.*” This is the main point Cardinal Sarah is making: that the liturgy is an encounter with, a foretaste of, the heavenly liturgy — of heaven itself.

Saint John Damascene wrote in the 7th century... “We worship God seeking and striving after our old fatherland. Moreover, the tent of Moses had its veil and mercy seat towards the East. Also the tribe of Judah as the most precious pitched their camp on the East. Also in the celebrated temple of Solomon, the Gate of the Lord, was placed eastward... And when Christ was received again into Heaven, He was borne towards the East, and thus His apostles worship Him, and thus He will come again in the way in which they beheld Him going towards Heaven; as the Lord Himself said, ‘As the lightning cometh out of the East and shines even unto the West, so also shall the coming of the Son of Man be.’”

Pope Benedict XVI, one of the great liturgists of our age, in his seminal book, *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, written when he was still Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, should be read by every Catholic. In the last full year of his service, Benedict gave a beautiful series of instructions on the liturgy. On October 3, 2012, he reminded the pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square: “It is not the individual — priest or layman — or the group that celebrates the liturgy, but it is primarily God’s action through the Church, which has its own history, its rich tradition and creativity. This universality and fundamental openness, which is characteristic of the entire liturgy, is one of the reasons why it cannot be created or amended by the individual community or by experts, but must be faithful to the Forms of the universal Church.” Sacrosanctum Concilium, #3 states it very clearly.... *Therefore no other person, even if he be a priest, may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy on his own authority.*



## SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

**Parish Sacrificial Giving**  
*We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity & support*

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024  
through June 30, 2025  
(based on 52 Sundays)

Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average  
Sunday Collections  
(43 Sundays) \$46,336



### Offertory

Support the ongoing, operational needs at Saints Peter and Paul. As we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are reminded that every blessing we receive is a gift from God. The Offertory is not only the presentation of bread and wine, but also a moment when we are invited to offer ourselves—our time, talents, and treasures—back to the Lord in gratitude.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship. Your offerings support our parish ministries, outreach efforts, and the mission of Christ in our community. Make a gift online at [speterandpaul.net/online-giving](https://speterandpaul.net/online-giving).





### Eucharistic Miracles LEGNICA, POLAND 2013

*Eucharistic Miracle Legnica, Poland 2013*



In St. Hyacinth's Church in Legnica, during Holy Mass, on December 25, 2013, a Host accidentally fell on the ground, during the distribution of Communion. It was immediately placed in a container with water and closed

in the tabernacle as required by code of Canon Law.

A few days later, a red spot appeared on Its surface. The Bishop of Legnica at the time, Stefan Cichy, decided to establish a commission for a scientific analysis. The results were surprising, and confirmed that It had similarities to "human heart muscle with alterations that often appear during the agony".

... St. Hyacinth's priest, Father Andrzej Ziombra, said that on January 4th, along with other priests, he went to see if the consecrated Host had dissolved in the water after nearly two weeks: "Immediately we noticed that the Host had not dissolved, and that a red spot covering a fifth of Its surface appeared. We decided to inform the Bishop, who established a special theological scientific commission to analyze the event.

We noticed that over time the stain on the Host changed color from deep red to red brown (...). The sample was taken directly by the scientists on 26 January 2014. For the priests the miracle was evident.

The commission checked if It was some fungus, mold or another external agent (...). The Wrocław Forensic Medicine Institute immediately excluded the presence of bacteria or fungi as a cause for the Host turning red. A second histopathological analysis pointed out that some fragments seemed to belong to myocardial tissue.

An additional opinion was sought using the same samples at the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Szczecin without specifying where the samples came from. The Institute used a different analysis method. After the analysis, The Pomeranian Medical University's Department of Histopathology in Szczecin announced that "tissue fragments containing fragmented parts of cross-striated muscle" was found in the histopathological image. This is similar to "human heart muscle with alterations that often appear during the agony. We have not tested the blood found on the Host, we only know that human DNA was found." The results of the analysis were presented to the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which recognized the supernatural nature of the event.

It is striking that the examination results were similar to those of the Lanciano Eucharistic Miracle of 700 A.D. and other Miracles that occurred recently such as Sokolka in 2008, in Poland, Tixtla in 2006 in Mexico, and Buenos Aires, in Argentina in 1996.

On April 17, 2016, following the instructions received by the Holy See, Monsignor Zbigniew Kiernikowski, the new Bishop of Legnica, announced during Mass that the parish priest Fr Andrzej Ziombra should "prepare a suitable place for the exhibition of the precious relic, so that the faithful can express their adoration properly".

## Saint Francis Adoration Chapel

Open Sunday at 5pm -  
Saturday at 5pm

Make a Holy Hour Each Week with Jesus

WHAT HOUR DO YOU WANT

THURSDAY 1:00 AM

THURSDAY 2:00AM

CO-ADORERS NEEDED:

MONDAY 8pm; MONDAY 4am;

WEDNESDAY 10pm; FRIDAY 12am;

THURSDAY 9am; SATURDAY 10am

Security  
access  
code from  
9:00p.m.  
until  
6:00a.m.  
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the church  
enter off  
the Benton  
Street  
alleyway.





# ITALIAN PILGRIMAGE

WITH FR. DE SALVO

OCTOBER 6-16, 2025

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## MAY CROWNING 2025



## OPEN POSITION



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School is seeking a dynamic office professional who is a faithful Catholic, team player, personally motivated, and enjoys the vibrancy of an exceptional educational setting. This highly qualified candidate must have strong organizational skills, pay attention to detail, effectively communicate, while also providing office leadership to all stakeholders. The candidate must glean high ethical standards, exhibiting a "can do attitude" while confidently handling a multitude of unforeseen situations. This position will include high level support and daily communication with the Saints Peter and Paul school principal. Background and experience will determine the hourly pay rate. This position will require 25 to 30 hours weekly.

Those interested in the school administrative assistant position should reach out directly to Mrs. Tricia Weis at [twis@sspeterandpaulschool.com](mailto:twis@sspeterandpaulschool.com)

### Scheduling and Calendar Management:

Managing numerous school calendars, scheduling meetings/ tours, and coordinating varying school events and activities with ease.

### Correspondence and Communication:

Handling incoming and outgoing correspondences, creating professionally written communications, including positive/confident interpersonal communication at all levels.

### Office Support:

Problem solving small and large tasks, answering phone calls, greeting visitors, ordering office supplies, accessing school data management systems, processing bills.

### Data Management and Document Preparation:

Preparing reports, updating databases, proactively looking for efficient/creative systems to ensure professionalism and success for all stakeholders.





## Registration for the 2025/2026 Religious Education year is now open.

Register and pay by May 31st to pay the lowest amount.

Children can be registered in the program beginning in 1st grade. The Diocese of Joliet requires two years of preparation prior to receiving sacraments, so in order for children to make their First Communion at the end of 2nd grade (Eucharist 2), they must complete Eucharist 1.

Similarly, with the move to Confirmation to the fall of Confirmation 2 (typically 8th grade), preparation for this sacrament must begin earlier, in what is currently called "PreConfirmation" (typically 6th grade). The completion of the 5th grade curriculum is a prerequisite to register for PreConfirmation.

Registration packets are available on the RE Page of the parish website and in the church vestibule.

We also offer specialized classes for children and adults with disabilities through our REACH program, generously subsidized by the Knights of Columbus. Please contact us if you are interested in this program.

Volunteers are always needed! If you are interested in helping in the religious education program next year, please contact the RE Office at 630-357-2436. You don't need to have a child in the program to help!



## FISHERS OF MEN

Are you a dad with young kids, with a crazy schedule, and are seeking more peace and freedom in your life?

JOIN US for a night catered towards dads with school aged kids

**Thursday Evening May 29, 2025**

PS: Your wife will be pleased if you come. Ask her.

### Agenda

7:00pm: Adoration (Adoration Chapel)  
7:20pm: Discussion & Fellowship (Location TBD)  
8:45pm: Wrap Up &  
Closing Prayer  
Refreshments provided.

*"It's impossible to lose your footing when you're on your knees."*  
– Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



## Serve the Lord

**Rejoice in Hope, Endure in Affliction**

**Saturday, May 31, 2025**

**Sts Peter and Paul Ministry Center**

Come and hear the stories of a man who seeks to find peace amidst the turmoil of life.  
If you cannot join us in person a Zoom link will be emailed this week.

### AGENDA

6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests

6:30am: Rosary in Holy Family Chapel

7:00am: Talk Theme:

**The Battles between Peace and Turmoil**

7:15am: Small-group discussions

7:40am: Wrap up

7:50am: Closing prayer

8:00am: Daily Mass at  
Saints Peter & Paul

Bring your own coffee and reflection guide (see email).

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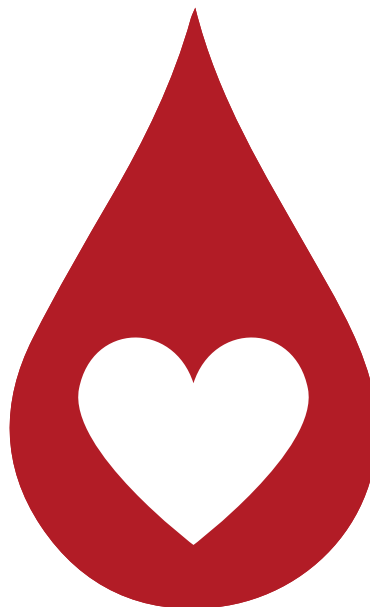
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Saturday, May 24: 12:00pm-6:00pm  
 Sunday, May 25: 7:00am-2:30pm  
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 Bags will be distributed after  
 ALL Masses on 5/17 and 5/18

We will accept . . .

- Clothing, shoes, linens and books (any condition). Unusable clothing, shoes, linens and books generate income for the needy as they are sold for rags or in bulk.
- Small housewares. Toasters, blenders, mixers, etc.
- Electronics. The SVdP Thrift Shops are electronic recycling centers! We can take small electronics and computers at our clothing drive. Sorry, no televisions.
- Used bicycles (any condition). Even broken bicycles can be repaired and donated to those who do not have any other means of transportation.

*Please note: We cannot accept baby equipment, such as car seats, cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc.*

Your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where some donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some items are sold at the thrift shops so that families can shop with dignity. Proceeds from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches help families with rent, mortgage or utilities.

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## Change for Babies



Help save a life! Adopt a baby bottle and fill it with your loose change, a check or cash to support Waterleaf Women Center's CHANGE FOR BABIES campaign, which takes place in our parish from Mother's Day (May 11) until Father's Day (June 15). The proceeds of this event will help support the life-saving work of Waterleaf, a Catholic pregnancy center serving the Diocese of Joliet with its pregnancy medical clinic and education center located in Aurora. Baby Bottles will be available at the exit doors after Mother's Day weekend Masses. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

## Waterleaf is Hiring

Due to continuing growth, Waterleaf is hiring a Director of Patient Services and a Sonographer. We are seeking individuals who share our deep commitment to honoring life and supporting individuals through one of their most important journeys. If you, or someone you know, feels called to be part of this life-saving work, we would love the chance to connect. To learn more about these opportunities or to share your interest, please reach out to Barbara Wichman at [barbara@barbarawichman.com](mailto:barbara@barbarawichman.com) or 630-423-1353. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you or someone you know to our team.



## Saint Vincent de Paul

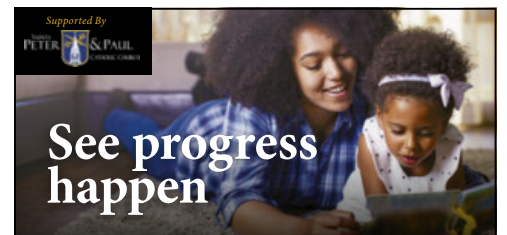
St. Vincent was interested in feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoners, caring for the sick, educating the poor. But he was also intensely interested in helping people, particularly the poor, to be reconciled with God, to cherish their faith, and to be loyal to the Church. In one word, St. Vincent was interested not only in the bodies of the poor, but in their souls also. There are some people who are only interested in improving the material conditions of the poor. That is important, certainly, but that is only half the work. Every poor person has a soul. Every poor person has a responsibility to save his soul. Every poor person has need of help in that task. It was St. Vincent's great achievement that he worked to save both the bodies and souls of the poor. He worked to save the whole person. (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 255)

Society of Saint Vincent dePaul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. Call 630-718-2127 to learn more or to request assistance.



## Respect Life at Planned Parenthood

Join us every Monday from 2pm-3pm to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood in Aurora (3051 E. New York St.).



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## Jubilee Mass for Persons with DisABILITIES

June 1, 2025



You are cordially invited to the Jubilee Mass for Persons with disABILITIES and their families! People of all abilities welcome. Hospitality and photo opportunity with Bishop Hicks to follow

the Mass.

Location: Cathedral of St. Raymond:

604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet

Time: 12:30 PM

Register by scanning the QR code.



## A Legacy of Faith This Easter



As we rejoice in the Easter season, we reflect on

Christ's resurrection and the new life it brings. Just as Jesus's sacrifice created an eternal legacy of hope and salvation, we are called to consider how our lives and resources might continue to serve God's kingdom beyond our time on earth.

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## Quo Vadis Days

July 27-July 30

Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood. Scan the QR code for registration and more information!



## ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond

604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL

Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link: <https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEpfkr>



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**Baptisms** Held each Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Prep classes are held every other month on the first Monday in the Parish Ministry Center at 7 p.m. If this is your first child, you must attend a class before receiving a date for your baby's baptism. To register for a class, contact Lynne Passarella, 630-718-2101, [lpassarella@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:lpassarella@sspeterandpaul.net).

**First Communion** There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, [tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net).

**Confirmation** There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, [tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net).

**OCIA** To inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults contact Mike Lewandowski, 630-718-2156, [mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net).

**Marriage** Diocese requirements include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding. Wedding dates fill up quickly and you must confirm a date as your first step in the process. Visit [sspeterandpaul.net/marriage](http://sspeterandpaul.net/marriage) if you are interested in being married here.

**Holy Orders** Contact any priest to be connected to others exploring a vocation. For more information on formation events, visit [dioceseofjolieta.org/vocations](http://dioceseofjolieta.org/vocations).

**Reconciliation** Confessions are held in the Ministry Center on Mondays (4:15 to 5:15 p.m.), Thursdays (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Saturdays (3 to 5 p.m.).

**Anointing of the Sick** If you or a loved one are in need of anointing, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

**Eucharistic Adoration** The St. Francis Adoration Chapel is open Sunday at 5:00pm to Saturday at 5:00pm.

**Funerals** Most funerals are scheduled through area funeral homes. To inquire about a liturgy, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

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