

THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT

*but the laborers
are few.*

July 6, 2025
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 5

8:00am †Christine Verdico
5:00pm †Patricia Brown

Sunday, July 6

6:45am †Peter W. Kuhlman
8:30am †Ha T. Bay &
Nguyen V. Ngu
10:30am People of SSPP
12:30pm †Timothy O'Toole
4:30pm †Rosemary Hayes
7:00pm †Jeanne Kamps

Monday, July 7

6:45am †Bob Dietsche
8:00am †Leonard & Dorothy
Brummer
5:15pm †Michelle Alessi

Tuesday, July 8

6:45am †Cathy
8:00am †Stephanie Tivador
5:15pm †Russell Sauer

Wednesday, July 9

6:45am †Margaret Smego
8:00am †Kenneth Trunk
5:15pm †Richard DeGraff

Thursday, July 10

6:45am Int. Dolly & John Pisut
8:00am †Margaret
Rechenmacher
5:15pm Int. Amber Salzman

Friday, July 11

6:45am †America Ramirez
8:00am †Stanley & Dolores
Malnar

Saturday, July 12

8:00am †William Durow
5:00pm †Rose Powers



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-

Perpetual Adoration (24/7)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,
This weekend we welcome Father Raed Bader as the new Parochial Vicar, here at Saints Peter and Paul Church. I am so grateful to Bishop Hicks for sending a third Vicar to our parish. Father Rutnicki, Father Cerna, Father McGeean (our *Senior Priest in Residence*), and the entire Parish Staff, joins me in welcoming Father Bader to the Parish. We look forward to many happy, fruitful, and faith-filled years of service here at Saints Peter and Paul. Please help me in welcoming Father Bader. Father was so happy and eager to come to Saints Peter and Paul when the Bishop assigned him. We certainly all welcome him most earnestly!

The Fathers and I want to offer our sincere THANKS and blessings to everyone for the warm reception given to Father Michael Lane, when he came to the parish to preach on Eucharistic Adoration. Because of so many committed, prayerful, and faith-filled parishioners, we are now able to fully restore *PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT* in our Adoration Chapel. Now that the Covid shut-downs and restrictions are well behind us, it's great that we are finally able to restore Perpetual Adoration of Jesus, Really and Truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you so much for this beautiful expression of faith and love for Jesus. What a blessing adoration brings to the parish, and all those who give the Lord this one hour a week. There's still time to sign-up. Use the QR code in the bulletin or contact the Adoration Committee and/or Parish Office for details.

I also want to offer a word of thanks to all those who have contributed to the Capital Fund to repair our altar, refinish the pews, replace the kneelers, and refinish the wood floor in our church. Thank you for your generosity, faith, dedication and support for Saints Peter and Paul Church. If you have yet to make your gift, please do so in the next week, or so, and be part of the parish-wide effort to "Preserve our Heritage!"

Pentecost was celebrated at the beginning of June. That Solemnity ended the Easter Season, and we returned to Ordinary Time. However, as soon as the Easter Season ended, we celebrated on the remaining Sundays of June what are called the *Summer feasts*: Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi, and the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. And, finally, today, as we begin the month of July we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. But, we are also celebrating a national holiday, the 4th of July weekend. As we observe our Nation's birthday, we are reminded of the blessings of liberty we share as Americans and the responsibility we have for the freedoms we enjoy.

The readings today challenge us to place our HOPE in the Lord. In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah tells us that hope can be found in the restored Israel. Saint Paul, in the second reading places his hope in the cross of Jesus Christ. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to rejoice that their names are written in Heaven. All three readings remind us to have Hope, because we, too, are a people full of social division and unrest - not unlike the rebellious house of Israel in the Old Testament that Isaiah is calling back to faithfulness to the Covenant, their relationship with God. But God never abandons us! In our own faults and weaknesses, he has the power to work through

us if we but direct our efforts toward Christ and allow his grace to transform us. *God's grace is sufficient: for power is made perfect in weakness.* That truth is seen in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. And, because of that promise of salvation the Lord's Resurrection brings, we have great reason to rejoice, because *our names are written in Heaven!*

This weekend we're celebrating the 4th of July. Not only as disciples of Jesus, but as citizens of this great Nation, Catholic Citizens of the U.S., we're called to model our freedom as Americans... To recognize the great care and blessings God has given us as individuals and as a Nation, and to put our trust in Him, abandoning ourselves to *Divine Providence* - in His desire to help and save us. In imitation of Jesus, we are to serve others and show the graciousness of God to the "family of Nations" throughout the world.

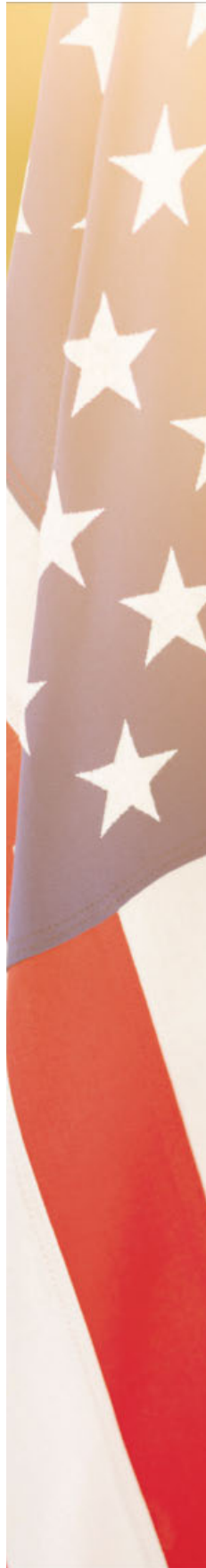
But, with our freedoms comes great responsibility. We are free, *not to do as we want, but to do as we ought.* As faithful Catholic Christians of this great Nation, let's be eager to do as we ought, to please the Lord wherever we find ourselves, at home, at work, in our neighborhood, the market place, and in the voting booth. *Faithful Citizenship* is our goal!... Citizens of the U.S., but first and foremost, citizens of God's Kingdom. On 1 July 1535, Saint Thomas More stood trial for treason, and he was condemned to death for maliciously denying the royal Supremacy of the King of England, Henry VIII. Five days later Saint Thomas More was beheaded on Tower Hill, proclaiming: *"I die as the King's good servant, but God's first."* Let's pray that our Catholic leaders and Catholic citizens will remember their duty before God, and to His Church. It's not correct to say that *"the Church has her opinion, and I have mine... so, it's ok to agree or disagree."* Nothing could be more misguided: On the one hand stands an individual's personal *opinion*, on the other hand is *Divinely Revealed Truth*... in no way are the two on equal footing. Those who say that our Catholic Faith should never be brought into the public square are trying to "silence" the Catholic Faith, silence the Truth, who is Jesus Christ. We are called to be courageous in our witness to our Catholic Christian Faith, to Jesus Christ. We need, as faithful citizens of this great Country to conform ourselves to the image and likeness of Christ, not trying to make Him conform to our own limited, self-serving, and often sinful inclinations. God expects much of us... let's do our part to witness to His truth — *From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded [Luke 12:48].*

Take the time to celebrate and thank God for the blessings we enjoy as citizens of this great Nation! And, as we offer a prayer of thanks, let's remember to pray for those who have served, and are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States: *Because of their sacrifices, we are free!* As we pray in thanksgiving for God's blessings, let us also pray for all, with His help, we have yet to accomplish as *One Nation, under God!*

God bless you, and God bless America!



Father De Salvo



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:

Deacon Michael Crowell	John Pisut
Linda Gentzen	Carter Polizzi
Dennis Gorecki	Carolyn Preston
Jim Gratzke	Joy Quinn
Rita Guill	Ramona Race
Lynn Higgins	Walter Rafacz
Penny Holtz	Lauren Reirson
Bob Hoole	Gina Rovito
Tori Hudgins	Betty Ryan
Chris Johnson	Mary Sagen
Richard Korenchuk	Pilar Salazar
Sarah Kukulski	Dr. Derek Speten
Edmund Kurzawa	Randall Stall
James Lohse	Marty Szczech
Michael Luft	Nancy VanderHye
Joseph Marchese	Marino Verdico
Christine Marra	Theodore Weber
Mike Marra	Matthew Weidner
Sam Marra	Jim Weidner
Lynne McConaghy	Pam Willis
Samuel Mulay	Janis Wozniak
Jillian Navarro	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.



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
SPC Ryan Bridgman
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
Ensign Nicholas Jacobs
Captain Michael Jelinek
CDR 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
1st Lt. Robert Gortner
2nd Lt. Eric Hovey
Sgt. Ivan Karamyev
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

Daily Readings

Sunday

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33



What does freedom mean? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, allowing yourself to be dominated by the passions, to pass from one experience to another without discernment, to follow the fashions of the day; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything that you don't like out the window... Let us not be afraid of life commitments, commitments that take up and concern our entire life! In this way our life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: *to have the courage to make these decisions with generosity!* [Pope Francis I]

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Palatine will be at the Masses at Saints Peter and Paul on the weekend of July 19th -20th to share information about our mission, which is to welcome the neediest elderly, regardless of race or religion, into our home as we would welcome Christ himself, and care for them as family until the moment when Our Lord calls them to himself. There will be a second collection for St. Joseph's Home as well. You can visit <http://www.little-sistersofthepoorpalatine.org> to read more, make a donation, or submit a prayer request, which will go directly to a sister. We look forward to seeing you!



Little Sisters of the Poor
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY

50th Annual Seminarian Sendoff fest

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Meet the seminarians from the Diocese of Joliet
Event Information
Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: In the Gym of Benet Academy in Lisle

Schedule of Events

1:00 p.m. – Welcome by Bishop Hicks, Socialize, Eat and Meet the Seminarians
2:30 p.m. – August Madness Free Throw Contest
4:00 p.m. – Closing Prayer

You can register and donate online on our website: www.serradupage.org



Catholics in the Life of Our Nation

Editorial Board of Our Sunday Visitor — July 2, 2017

For Catholics the Fourth of July holiday is a time when we ponder the role of the Faith in the public square. Our failure to imagine how the Faith should inform everything we do does great damage. Three facets of faith lived daily speak to the great potential the Church has to offer:

Our works: The Church in the world is a constant case study in the works of mercy. The hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, the homeless are sheltered, the sick and dying receive care. This charity amounts to an incredible witness, one that has a measurable impact on real-world problems and an immeasurable good in every life touched by this work.

What we believe: The Church is able to carry out this witness because of what we believe, not only that the Lord Jesus commands us to care for the least among us as a condition for sharing in eternal life with him, but also that the Church defends the intrinsic dignity of every person, loved by God and created in his image. This has informed a tapestry of teaching that the Church continues to weave.

How that belief transforms: Pope Benedict XVI once said, "*The one who has hope lives differently.*" This captures well the transformative nature of the Gospel, the animating spirit behind what we believe and do. This is the truly leavening part, the part that can smooth the coarseness of a society that has become cynical, angry and divided. It's also a challenge to continual renewal. To engage a society that needs the message of the Gospel requires us to be deeply imbued with grace. And this means engaging in an ongoing examination of conscience, of discerning where our lives are going and where they need to be. It means looking at where we're growing in grace and allowing God to change us in unexpected ways and where we're shutting God out. Not shutting out God, and growing in Catholic character, is a challenge. **But the way we change the world is to have faith in all we do!** As loyal Americans, let's faithfully live our Catholic Faith. God bless us all, and God Bless America!



GET INVOLVED

AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Are you looking for a way to grow in faith, serve others, and build community? Join one of our parish ministries! Browse through our many ministries by scanning the QR code or going to sspeterandpaul.net/our-ministries

- Parish Life
- Liturgy and Worship
- Adult Faith Formation
- Christian Service





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Religious Faith in the Public Forum

Donald Cardinal Wuerl —

Retired Archbishop of Washington, DC

Not long ago, during a visit to a Catholic high school, a student asked me what exactly it is that the Church brings to our society or, as she put it, "What does the Church bring to me?"

The answer to that question today is as significant as it was at the Country's founding. It is heard when Catholics stand up today to speak in defense of human life and human dignity, and when we extend a hand to immigrants, the less fortunate, the needy and all of those who turn to the Church for the great works of Catholic health care, education, social service and charities. This is how we answer who we are and what we bring. What the Catholic Church brings to the world, to our society and to each one of us is Jesus Christ, his Gospel, his vision, his way of life and his promise of a world of truth, justice, compassion, kindness, understanding, peace and love. We speak of a good and just society. With the eyes of faith, we see God's kingdom coming to be among us.

Today, however, we have witnessed a movement in recent years away from the appreciation of the basic religious values that underpin our culture, our society and our laws. In place of the religious values accepted and expressed by a great variety of faith communities, we face today the assertion of the need to substitute a so-called secular frame of reference within which public policy should be articulated. It is as if we were supposed to paint over all of those road signs, erase all of our roots and start over — this time without God. American society seems to be seeking to re-define itself and live without reference to God.

Among the earliest European colonists to arrive in the New World were the pilgrims who landed on the coast of Massachusetts. Before they ventured to shore to establish what would be for them a new society, they reached an agreement known as the Mayflower Compact. In 1620, these intrepid men and women seeking a life of freedom determined that they would recognize two principles by which their freedom would be guided: the law of God and the common good. They began this first written articulation of a political philosophy in the English Colonies, which has served as a foundation for the American political experience for almost 400 years, with the words, "In the name of God, Amen."

At the heart of this formula is the understanding that God and His law — however it is known — is normative for human action, and that in the application of that basic belief into positive civil law, the common good would also exercise a normative function.

We recognize that same vision among the first Catholic colonists who arrived in Maryland in 1634 and set about establishing a civil government based on religious freedom and God's law, believing them normative elements of a truly good and just society. This theme is repeated over and over again in a whole series of founding documents, including the Fundamental Orders of 1639, which was an effort at the first written Constitution that set permanent limitations on government power; the Virginia Bill of Rights, authored by Thomas Jefferson, and the Declaration of Independence in 1776; and the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

We are a free people who recognize the sovereignty of God and God's law in our personal and societal life. This is a cornerstone of the American experience, and it finds expression in our deep-seated conviction, expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that we have inalienable rights from "the Laws of Nature and Nature's God."

Out of all of many threads, there is woven one common principle: the belief in the binding character of moral law is fundamental to any understanding of American thought. Government must be guided by foundational moral principles. All human government must be limited. The understanding that God's law is at work and discernable through our rational nature and human reason also finds resonance in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which speaks not only of the foundational nature of the natural moral law, but also describes the commandments themselves as privileged expressions of the natural law.

We have become accustomed over centuries to the voice of the Church as the voice of conscience. Today, that voice is challenged in so many matters: abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, physician-assisted suicide, immigration reform, gender identity issues, and so many other issues that touch on the common good. This explains the Church's defense of family, marriage and human rights. As believers, we look to our faith. We are both citizens of the nation and members of the Church. We should look to our most deeply held convictions when we address matters that affect our nation's activities at home or abroad.

Our choices in the political arena must be conscientious ones, consistent with Catholic teaching. As Catholics, we look to our Church for guidance that can only come from God. Christ promised that he would not leave us orphans. He established the Church as his new body so that he would remain present with us, and he sent the gift of the Spirit, who guides us and reminds us of all he taught. As members of Christ's Church, we look to her teaching — guided by the Holy Spirit — to help form our conscience. The bishops are not just one more voice, one more opinion; they speak with Christ's authority. Jesus told his Apostles, "Whoever listens to you listens to me." (Luke 10:16). The bishops, the successors of the Apostles, continue to speak with authority today.

The voice of faith today is still the voice of conscience. It is the echo of God within us. As faithful citizens, we must speak out in defense of Gospel values, our faith heritage; we must proclaim the dignity of each person; and we must insist on the obligation of the state to foster such values. To do this is to give voice to our own identity. We are a people of faith, and faith counts in life.

The secular view of life being imposed on our diverse society does not reflect the reality of a nation made up almost entirely of people of faith. The recently espoused and increasingly imposed secular view of separation of God from public life does all of us a disservice because it is not reflective of the actual situation in which people live and institutions thrive.

Indeed, the secular model as the sole model for public political discourse fails us. The secular model is not sufficient to sustain a true reflection of who we are as a people. Every culture in human history that has endured has recognized as innate to the human experience the need for a transcendent authority to sanction and recognize right from wrong.

As we face the challenges of today, we should do so with confidence, hope and enthusiasm. As both believers and citizens, we not only have a right and an obligation to speak to the values that guide our nation, but we do so out of a 2,000-year tradition and with wisdom guided by the Holy Spirit. We share the wisdom and love of God, and we bring something that no one else can to the effort to build a good and just society.

We should be proud of who we are — Christ's Church. We must be proud of our history, our heritage and our faith. We must be proud of what we bring to today's world. We bring Jesus Christ. We bring the power of the Holy Spirit, which makes us capable of transforming our circumstances, our community, our lives, into everything that Jesus says we can be, everything he calls us to be.



THANK YOU!

Because of so many committed, prayerful, and faith-filled parishioners, we are now able to fully restore PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in our Adoration Chapel. We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you who have generously committed your time and devotion to bring Perpetual Adoration back to our parish. Thanks to your “yes,” our church will now be a place of continuous prayer and peace. This beautiful act of worship will bless not only those who participate directly, but the entire community, as grace flows from the Eucharistic heart of our church into every aspect of our lives.

-Fr. De Salvo, Fr. Rutnicki, Fr. Cerna, Fr. Bader, and Fr. McGeean

St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Now Open All Week (24/7)

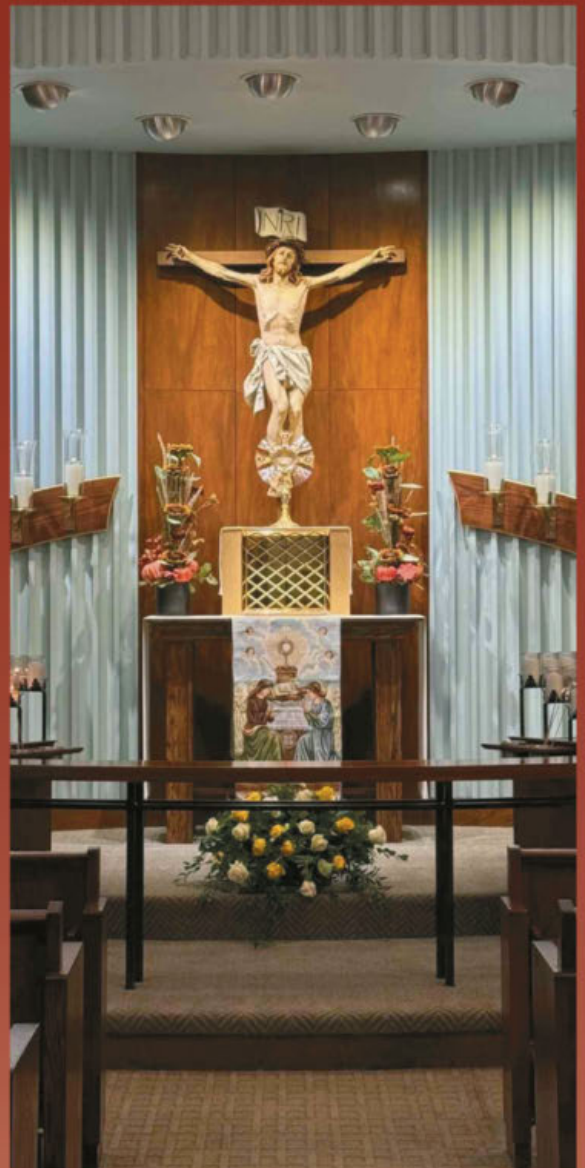
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and continued need for
Thursday at 1am.**

Security access code from 9:00pm to 6:00am
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Dear Parishioners,

With a beautiful church building, we have many non-Catholics visiting our parish each week. While we welcome all people to pray with us, only Catholics are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please be vigilant during Communion time. If you are comfortable, kindly request anyone who walks away with the Eucharist to return it. If not, please swiftly make this known to a Priest, Eucharistic Minister, or Usher.

While the Priests/Deacons, Ministers of Communion and Ushers are diligent and do their best to prevent non-Catholics, and others wishing to do harm to the Eucharist, from taking Communion, we appreciate parishioners who step-up and help monitor visitors in our church who may be confused or unaware of proper reception of the Eucharist.

When coming forward to receive Holy Communion with little children, who are not receiving Holy Communion, please remember it is not "play time." The Communion Procession is for the reception of Holy Communion. Children not receiving should not stand alone in front of the minister, put their hands out to receive Communion, and present as though they are receiving. This is a spiritual moment in the liturgy, not a moment for children to pretend. Likewise, all those not receiving, MAY ask the priest for a blessing. Lay ministers may not give priestly blessings, and have been instructed to simply offer the invocation, "May God bless you."

Thank you,
Saints Peter and Paul Clergy and Worship Commission



2025 ALTAR AND CHURCH RESTORATION

The Altar

While the parish priests were performing the traditional washing of the Altars and sanctuary floor in preparation of the Good Friday Services, Father De Salvo discovered that all eight of the black marble supports/legs holding up the massive marble top of the Main Altar of Sacrifice in our church were shattered. The weight of the mensa [the top of the Altar], is too heavy to be supported by the eight marble pillars/legs of the Altar. Installed in the 1970s for the reformed liturgy, the Altar has failed.

Church Pews and Floors

The pews in the church need refinishing. During the Covid shut-down, harsh chemicals were mandated to be used to sanitize the church. Because of this, the finish on the pews was ruined and must be replaced. Additionally, new kneelers need to be installed on the pews. They are more than 40 years old and are failing. Most importantly, the 100 year old wooden floor under the pews MUST be refinished. The old finish is completely worn. Sanding and refinishing the floors before further damage is done will save us the expense of completely replacing the wood floors under the pews.

Total cost to refinish/repair pews: \$274,000

Total cost of new kneelers: \$49,400

Total cost to refinish the wood floor: \$35,000

**to totally replace the wood floor would be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Our 100 year floor has one more refinishing in it, saving us a lot of money.*

Total cost to properly repair the Altar of Sacrifice in our Church:
\$59,200

**Total cost to restore High Altar [Tabernacle Altar]
and Baptismal Font:**
\$82,400 [if available/provided]

OUR GOAL!

**To make the necessary immediate repairs to our church...
\$500,000 is the Total Parish Goal.**

Please do what you can, allow the Lord to direct you in your generosity, and make your gift today. We have to have the funds in hand by July so that the work can be done as soon as possible. Gifts received at the \$250 level or more will be included on a permanent scroll of names to be placed within the leg of the restored Altar.

GIVE ONLINE

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Bishop Hicks' Column | July 2025

A Revival on the Road

"Please don't let this be a one and done!" That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this National Eucharistic Revival.

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles.

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at St. Mary Parish in Paxton, Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to Immaculate Conception in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, Bishop McNamara High School, with Bishop Spies, hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to Immaculate Conception in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50 beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of Joliet.

Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

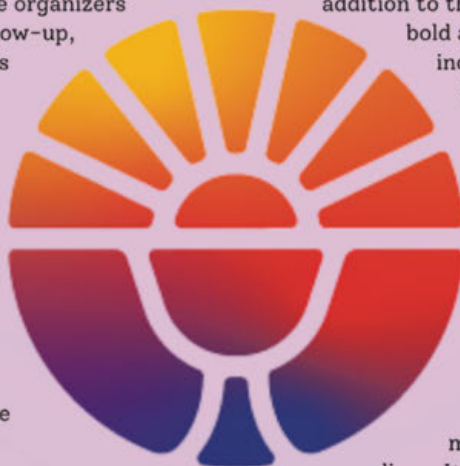
As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to Bishop Lou Tylka in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the National Eucharistic Revival is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the 2029 National Eucharistic Congress is already on the horizon!

But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this Eucharistic Renewal is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival or email us at dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org.



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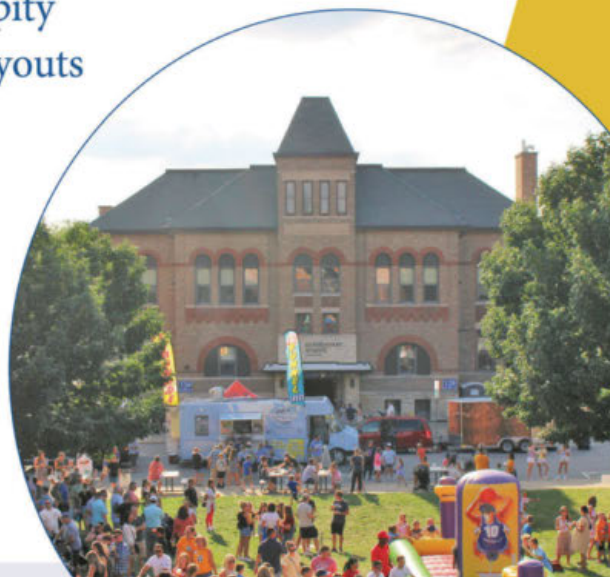
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5:30 to 7:30 pm Serendipity
8:00 to 10:00 pm The Wayouts

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EVANGELIZATION



Are you Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or are you already baptized Catholic, but have not yet been Confirmed? Classes begin in August!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Participants can be those who are unbaptized and have no Christian background, or those who were baptized and raised in other Christian communities.

This class is also intended for baptized Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed.

If you would like more information, please contact Michael Lewandowski, Director of Adult Catechesis and Evangelization, at 630-718-2156 or mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net.



Blue Army

July 7 at 6pm in the Holy Family Chapel



The World Apostolate of Fatima is made up of individual members around the world who strive to practice the spiritual requests of Our Lady of Fatima in reparation for sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the salvation of souls, and to obtain the triumph of her Immaculate Heart and peace in the world.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary group at Saints Peter and Paul Parish is called Our Lady of Sorrows. The Legion of Mary is one of the largest lay apostolic organizations, with over three million active members throughout the world. The Saints Peter and Paul Legion of Mary group has been active since 2007. In addition to devotional prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we do Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy, such as visiting nursing homes and parish homes. We also foster Catholic ideals and devotions in our parish with the Pilgrim Virgin Visitation Home Program. Our members share a fellowship with others who share their ministry, a sound prayer life, and a devotion to Our Lady, who invariably leads all souls to Jesus Christ.

We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:30a.m. at SSPP in the Ministry Center (Room 227).





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
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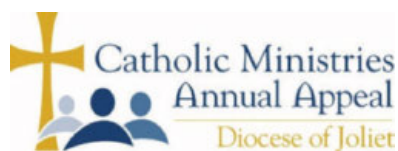
Offertory

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.



Important Notice Regarding CMAA Donations



The Diocese has recently learned that several Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) envelopes have been lost in transit by UPS. Saints Peter and Paul is among the parishes affected, having sent two UPS packages containing a total 189 CMAA In-Pew envelopes that have not been received. If you made a CMAA gift during the month of March, we kindly ask that you verify whether your check or credit card donation has been processed.

If your gift was not processed or if you donated cash, please contact the Parish Office at 630-355-1081 or reach out to the Diocese of Joliet Development Office at development@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815) 838-8515.

We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and truly appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued generosity as we work to resolve this issue.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER NOW FOR 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

If you have a child in public school and have not registered them in Religious Education, we invite you to register! Registration packets can be downloaded from the RE page of the parish website or picked up in the RE Office.

The Diocese of Joliet requires two years of preparation prior to receiving a sacrament, which means that children typically start preparing for First Communion in 1st or 2nd grade. Those preparing for Confirmation must complete Grade 5 prior to entering PreConfirmation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The following volunteer opportunities are available, and you don't need to have a child in the program to volunteer! Material, training, and support provided, as well as the opportunity to work with other amazing volunteers.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 4:15 – 5:30 PM

Catechists and assistants needed for Eucharist 1, Eucharist 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7:15 – 8:30 PM

Catechists and Assistants needed for PreConfirmation and Confirmation 1.

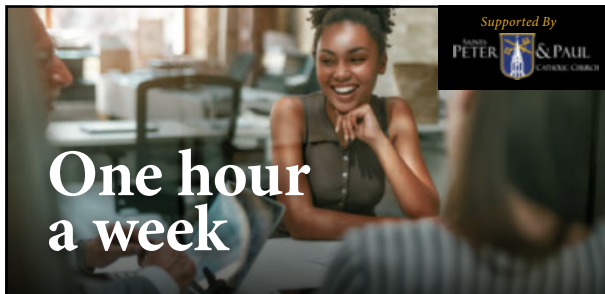
Safety monitors are needed for all sessions. Free childcare is available for the younger children of volunteers for the Wednesday 4:15 session.

For more information about registering or volunteering, contact the Religious Education office at 630-357-2436.





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Prayer Shawl Meeting

The prayer shawl ministry knits or crochets lap blankets, prayer shawls, baby blankets, caps and booties. When the shawl is completed it is blessed by a priest and gift wrapped and presented with a prayer card to the recipient. The next prayer shawl meeting will be on July 9 at 10am in the St. Paul Center.



Nourish



Nourish is a unique, Christ-centered Catholic support group for caregivers. Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for another person in town or at a distance. Whether it be an aging parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse or special needs child, Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, useful tools and shared experiences, all with a Christ-centered view. Our next Nourish meeting is on July 10 at 7:00pm in the St. Paul Center.

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.).

Saint Vincent de Paul

"I am sure that many of you have discovered in your work for the poor that, while their material needs are often great, their spiritual needs may be greater still. I am sure, too, that many of you have discovered that on many occasions, when the poor present a problem to you or seek your advice, you come eventually to realize that their real need is not your advice, but rather the sympathy of your listening heart. Often I feel that I have given advice to people when what they were really asking for was understanding and compassion. They were seeking a listening heart rather than a speaking bureau of information." (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 538-9)

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.



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Go and Do Likewise

What if the man who passed by the robbery victim had stopped?
Are you willing to stop and help?

**Saturday, July 12th
Sts Peter and Paul Ministry Center**

Come and hear stories about a modern-day Good Samaritan who never sought attention, but lives the virtues of the Gospel in quiet, powerful ways—especially when no one is watching.

If you cannot join us in person a Zoom link will be emailed this week.
Email us (see below) if you want to be added to our contact list.

AGENDA

6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests
6:30am: Rosary in Holy Family Chapel
7:00am: Talk Theme: Go and Do Likewise
7:15am: Small-group discussions
7:40am: Wrap up
7:50am: Closing prayer
8:00am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul
Bring your own coffee and reflection guide (see email).

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A free 3-part virtual retreat via Zoom meeting on Saturday mornings.

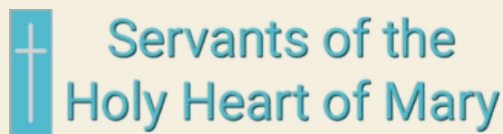
Date: August 9, 16, & 23

Time: 9:00-11:30 CT

Cost: No charge. It is our gift to you.

Presenters: Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur, sscm; Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm; Sr. Amy Mejia, sscm; Kathy Brady-Murfin, Vocation Director

To Register: email to sscm.vocations@gmail.com or call 815-814-1414



Quo Vadis Days

July 27-July 30

Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Semarians, 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!



Jubilee Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly

All grandparents and the elderly and their family members are invited to a special Jubilee Mass with Bishop Hicks at the Cathedral of St.

Raymond Nonnatus

Sunday, October 4, 2025, at

11:00AM

Location: Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus,

604 N. Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL



Save the Date!

The celebration of the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Revival will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on Sunday, July 13 beginning with the 10:30am Mass. After the Mass, Bishop Hicks will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the Cathedral grounds ending in the Cathedral with Benediction.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this Mass and Eucharistic Procession.



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Learn how to make decisions according to God's will

WHAT IS SAMUEL GROUP?

Samuel Group invites young adults ages 21-35 who are striving for holiness and seeking a deeper relationship with God to commit to a rigorous seven-month program of prayer, discernment, and fellowship, guided by the spirituality and wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Samuel Group challenges participants to deepen their prayer life, heal from past brokenness, and find freedom in Christ to discern the call to marriage or consecrated life.

The goal for each participant is to know oneself, to know Jesus, and to know one's role in the Church and in the world.

AT EACH OF THE MONTHLY SESSIONS, PARTICIPANTS WILL EXPERIENCE:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Mass
- Confession
- Talks
- Small group sharing

Talks focus on topics such as prayer, healing from past wounds, vocation to marriage, vocation to consecrated life, and more.

Participants will be assigned a spiritual director (if they do not already have one) and are required to meet with a spiritual director to continue the discernment journey.

TO REGISTER:

Visit catechesis.diojoli.org/samuel-group



WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Single and Dating Young Adults, ages 21-35, who are:

- Open to God and His prompting
- Committed to a regular spiritual life
- Willing to meet with a spiritual director monthly

Cost for the program is: \$75
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Sunday, November 24

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Sunday, April 13

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The 2025 ICSC Stewardship Conference offers attendees a chance to gather, share common experiences and challenges and reflect on stewardship in the Catholic Church and how it is an integral part of our faith.

The Conference presents inspiration and practical ideas through conference liturgies, plenary sessions, 80 conference sessions to choose from and much more with experienced leaders presenting best practices, strategies and inspiration you need to continue building up Christian Stewardship in your part of the Lord's vineyard.

Go to <https://catholicstewardship.com/icsc-2025-annual-conference> for more information.





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Friday	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

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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.

First Communion There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tp Pratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

Confirmation There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tp Pratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

OCIA To inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults contact Mike Lewandowski, 630-718-2156, 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 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.

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 for Perpetual Adoration. Code needed from 9pm-6am.

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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