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AUGUST 24, 2025 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 23

8:00am †Caroline Senetar

Sunday, August 24

6:45am Int. Patrick Cappy
8:30am †Lauren Slavic
10:30am People of SSPP
12:30pm †Mark Shreiner
4:30pm Fr. Michael Burrows
7:00pm †Maria Iturrieta

Monday, August 25

6:45am †David & Chrissy
Rechenmacher
8:00am Fr. Schutte
5:15pm †Anita Sosinski

Tuesday, August 26

6:45am †Gary Kirk
8:00am †Edward Modelski
5:15pm †Anthony Ross

Wednesday, August 27

6:45am †Barbara Jungels
8:00am †Andrew Kurtyka
5:15pm †Nancy Wanda

Thursday, August 28

6:45am †Salvatore Sciascia
8:00am Luis, Chris, Michael
5:15pm Geoffrey C Fortunato

Friday, August 29

6:45am †Kelly Hearn
8:00am †Marilyn Drea

Saturday, August 30

8:00am †Michael Dietsche
5:00pm †Ha Thi Bay &
Nguyen Huu Tien



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,

Our Parish *Homecoming Fest* was held on Saturday, August 23rd. I thank everyone who joined us, and all those who volunteered, worked so hard, and helped to make the annual festival a great success. The Homecoming Fest gives us the opportunity to join together for food, fun, music, and community building. A special “thank you” goes to Ed Flavin and the Homecoming Fest Committee and workers for the outstanding work they did to put the parish-wide event together. What a great job they did! The parish also needs to thank the many sponsors who provided the necessary funds to make the event possible. Their generosity and support of the Parish is greatly appreciated. The hard work to organize and host the event is certainly a labor of love for Saints Peter and Paul Parish. The priests join me in thanking everyone for supporting such a wonderful time of togetherness, not only for the parish, but for the entire Naperville area. Thank you to all!

Work continues in the church. This past week, half of the pews in the church were removed and were replaced with temporary seating. Once the pews have been repaired, refinished, and new kneelers installed, and before they are reinstalled, the wood floor under the pews will be repaired and refinished. Then, the other half of the church will be taken care-of. I’m told that the work of refinishing the pews will take until the end of September to complete, “if all goes well.” Let’s hope that it does. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we work to keep our beautiful church in good repair. The work to install the new sound system, which last year’s Light the Way Dinner raised funds for, has begun. Kayla Knisley, our parish Director of Communications will keep us informed on all of these Capital Improvement projects being done. Thank you



for your continued support and generosity to Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Everything we’re doing we’re able to do because of YOU! Thank you for your support and generosity.

School is back in session, and the “Fall activities” in our parish are beginning. In a few weeks Father Nestor will return to encourage our support for *Hope for Tanzania*. Father Francis “Rocky” Hoffman, the Chairman and CEO of Relevant Radio will be here on September 8th [the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary] to celebrate Mary’s feast. Our Religious Education and Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Programs will begin in a few weeks, as will various opportunities for adult faith enrichment in our Bible Study, Book Clubs, and programs being offered by both Father Rutnicki and Father Bader. There are so many opportunities for faith formation, service, and parish involvement. Think about what you’re going to do as the new “season” of parish life gets underway. We have a wonderful, faithful, vibrant, active, and evangelizing faith community here at Saints Peter and Paul. Let’s all do our part to build-up the Faith, give witness, and constantly invite others to join us and find the joy that we have found in the Lord, as faithful Roman Catholics proud of our faith, proud of Jesus Christ, proud of HIS Church.

God’s blessings!



Father De Salvo

Kneeling Adjustments During Pew Refinishing

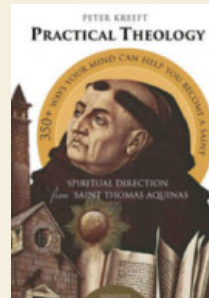
Marble work and repairs continue in the church during the week. Daily Masses—Monday morning through Saturday morning—will be held in the Holy Family Chapel. Removal of the pews for refinishing will begin August 11th. The project should be finished by the end of September, if all goes according to schedule.



If you are seated in a chair during this time, please make note of the following adjustments. There will be no kneelers, but you may choose to kneel, if you are able. If you choose not to kneel, you will remain standing after the Sanctus and throughout the Eucharistic Prayer. Alternatively, you may choose to kneel only during the Words of Consecration. Sitting at any time during the Eucharistic Prayer would not be appropriate. The same applies to after the Lamb of God and before receiving Communion. You may choose to kneel or remain standing prior to your reception of Communion. After you receive Communion, you should kneel or be seated. Those seated in the pews will kneel as usual.

Fr. Bader's Book of the Week

Practical Theology: Spiritual Direction from Saint Thomas Aquinas
By Peter Kreeft



Saint Thomas Aquinas has been admired throughout the ages for his philosophical brilliance and his theological sanity, but author and professor Peter Kreeft thinks the practical spiritual wisdom of Aquinas is just as amazing.

In this book, Kreeft brings together 358 useful, everyday insights from Aquinas' masterpiece the *Summa Theologiae*. He pairs these easily digestible quotes from the *Summa* with his own delightfully written commentary in order to answer the kinds of questions real people ask their spiritual directors. These 358 passages from the *Summa* have helped Kreeft in his own struggles to grow closer to the Lord. His practical, personal, and livable advice is the fruit of his labors to apply the insights of Aquinas to his own quest for sanctity, happiness, and union with God.

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:

Patricia Branham	Lynne McConaghy
Rosey Chudyk	Samuel Mulay
Michael Condon	Jillian Navarro
Michel Coniglio	John Pisut
Deacon Michael Crowell	Carter Polizzi
Finley Edgar	Carolyn Preston
Linda Gentzen	Joy Quinn
Dennis Gorecki	Ramona Race
Jim Gratzke	Walter Rafacz
Rita Guill	Gina Rovito
Lynn Higgins	Tim Roy
Donald Hinterlong Sr.	Betty Ryan
Penny Holtz	Mary Sagen
Bob Hoole	Pilar Salazar
Tori Hudgins	Bill Salzman
Grace Humphrey	Dr. Derek Speten
Chris Johnson	Randall Stall
Richard Korenchuk	William Stanish
Sarah Kukulski	Barbara Strugalla
Edmund Kurzawa	Marty Szczech
Myla Lavigne	Marino Verdico
Michael Lenz	Theodore Weber
James Lohse	Matthew Weidner
Michael Luft	Jim Weidner
Joseph Marchese	Pam Willis
Mike Marra	Janis Wozniak
Sam 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.



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 MSG Naomi Tillhof U.S. Coast Guard SR John Aabram P.D. John McNellis U.S. Space Force Major Nick DuPre
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To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at www.welcomyouhome.org

Daily Readings

Sunday

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Gospel Meditation

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— Father John Muir

Saint of the Week

August 27- St. Monica



The feast of St. Monica occurs the day before the feast of her son, St. Augustine. Her tears, prayers, and sacrifices over many years helped bring about his conversion. It is only proper that their feasts are celebrated close together.

Monica was born in North Africa. As a child she lived with her family, but she and her sisters were raised by an elderly servant. This wise woman had also raised Monica's father.

As a young girl, Monica had a shocking experience. According to the custom of the time, her parents would ask her to bring up wine from the cellar for them. Once Monica took a sip of the wine before she brought it up. After that, she gradually began to drink just a little more each day. She thought no one knew about it. Then one day, Monica quarreled with a servant, and the servant accused her of drinking too much.

Monica realized that the maid was right. This helped her to face this temptation. She decided then and there to stop drinking and she did.

Monica was raised a Christian, but was given in marriage to a pagan official named Patricius. They had three sons. Patricius was not only a violent man, but he had a number of other bad habits as well. Monica remained patient. Other wives with marriage problems came to her for advice. A year before Patricius died, he was converted—due to Monica's powerful example. In their early years of marriage Monica's mother-in-law turned against her because of ugly rumors spread by unhappy servants. Through patient forgiveness, Monica was able to win her cooperation.

Another source of worry for Monica was her son Augustine. This brilliant and gifted young man rejected the faith his mother had taught him. Augustine lived an immoral life and had a son although he was not married. Monica was ready to disown Augustine, but in a dream it was revealed to her that eventually he would come back to the faith. She prayed and fasted for her son and stayed close to him, following him to Rome and Milan. In Milan, she met Ambrose, the bishop, who became her spiritual director. He promised her, "Surely the son of so many tears will not perish."

It was Ambrose who finally converted Augustine. Together, Augustine, Monica, Augustine's son, and some other devoted people moved to the country to pray and write. From there they began a journey back to Africa. Monica died on the way. The day before she died, she and her son had a beautiful conversation about the joys of heaven. from *Saints Kit*

Saints Peter and Paul Church is designated as an official Pilgrimage Church for the Jubilee Year of Hope ~ 2025 by The Most Reverend Ronald Hicks Bishop of Joliet-in-Illinois

An Indulgence is a special form of God's infinite mercy. His love is so great that He forgives us all our sin. But also, He wants to free us from all the consequences of suffering, wounds, pain and bitterness that have been caused by our sins. He wants to give us the grace of sincere and profound repentance that opens us to Him and enables us to reconcile with all the people with whom we are in conflict in any way because of wounds inflicted on each other in the past and not yet truly forgiven. Indulgence is like a super abundance of love that also eliminates the penalty of Purgatory.

By making a special visit to Saints Peter and Paul Church and by fulfilling certain conditions, the Jubilee Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained by the faithful. Individuals fulfilling the following conditions may gain a Plenary Indulgence once a day for themselves or for the souls of the deceased:

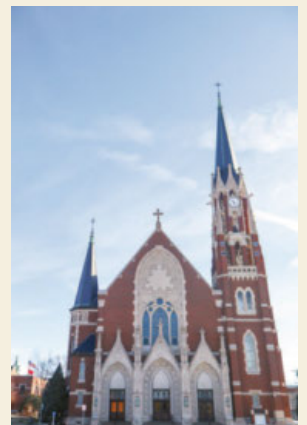
Requirements for gaining the Jubilee Indulgence:

[1] Performance of the indulgenced work (making a visit to the church and assisting at a liturgical/devotional celebration).

[2] Fulfill the conditions of Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayers for the intention of the Holy Father (Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and a prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary).

An Indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. In other words, we can receive from God a partial or complete canceling of our "purgatory time" by gaining an indulgence. An indulgence is NOT a way of buying your way into Heaven, as it is sometimes erroneously thought. The practice of "buying" an indulgence was never approved of by the Catholic Church, and the practice of it was forbidden when various preachers attempted to do so.

Salvation is God's free will gift to us. As Saint James says: "So faith, by itself, if it has no works, is dead" [James 2:17]. Receiving the Jubilee Year Indulgence is an act of faith, a response of love, a deepening of the desire within us to pursue holiness and turn from sin.



Saints Peter and Paul

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MOTHER MARY WITH FR. ROCKY HOFFMAN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL

5:30PM- Mass

7:00PM- Rosary with Relevant Radio

7:30PM- Talk

8:00PM- Reception in Ministry Center



FR. ROCKY HOFFMAN

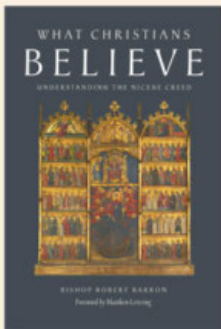
CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF
RELEVANT RADIO





BOOK CLUB

September 8 to December 8, 2025



What Christians BELIEVE

Understanding the Nicene Creed

By Bishop Robert Barron

In this short book, renowned preacher, teacher, and theologian Bishop Robert Barron invites skeptics, seekers, and lifelong Christians alike to consider

this question through one of Christianity's most pivotal texts: the Nicene Creed, an ancient statement of faith that has guided Christian thought for 1700 years and is still accepted by Christians around the world today. Drawing on Sacred Scripture, Church teaching, and the richness of the Catholic intellectual tradition, *What Christians Believe* unfolds the essentials of the Christian faith with conviction and clarity.

Book Club begins Monday, September 8 in the Ministry Center, Room 217/218, from 9 to 10 a.m. Interested participants should purchase the books on their own and **RSVP** to Bonnie O'Donnell at 67lbod@gmail.com.

What happened at Vatican II?

There's much confusion about what the Second Vatican Council actually said. Join Father Rutnicki for a dive into the major documents and the events leading up to one of the greatest events in ecclesial history. Over two months, participants will read from *Lumen Gentium*, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, *Dei Verbum*, and *Gaudium et Spes*. No cost to participate.

Contact Father Rutnicki at jrutnicki@sspeterandpaul.net or 630-718-2104 to register. Thursday evenings in September and October.



Bible Study

The Book of Jeremiah

Bible Study with Michael Lewandowski begins next month! Tuesdays from 9:30am-11:30am begins on September 16 and Mondays from 7pm-9pm begins on September 29.

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).



SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Parish Sacrificial Giving

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity & support

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 the weekly Sunday collection budget is \$47,269 (based on 52 Sundays)

Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections (4 Sundays)
\$45,969



Sunday Offering

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.



Make a will. Make an impact rooted in faith.

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and there's no better time to create or update your will. The Diocese of Joliet is offering parishioners a free resource through FreeWill, a simple online tool that can help you plan ahead in about 20 minutes.

Your will reflects your values—caring for your loved ones, stewarding your blessings, and strengthening the Church for generations to come. Visit FreeWill.com/Diocesefofjoliet to put your faith into action

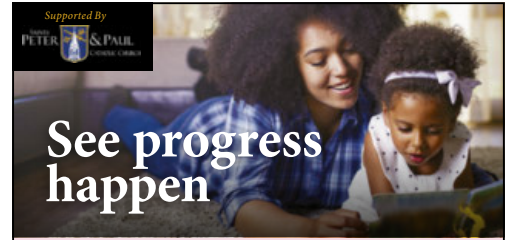




Saint Vincent de Paul

"Learning to bear the beams of God's love, as they shine through the personality of the living Christ, is the work of our lives. His experience of suffering and dying on the Cross is there to remind us that, for one who lives in a world that is enveloped by the clouds and fog of sin, the learning process will at times be a painful one. We are called to bear the beams of God's love in our personal lives. The events of our lives, so inscrutable, so perplexing, so painful at times, are slowly strengthening us, if we could but see them with the eyes of faith, to look steadily one day at the open face of God, Who is a consuming fire of love. We are also called to refract the beams of God's love for the poor. We are called, not to stand immobile before the mystery of suffering that we find in so many poor, hungry, lonely, homeless, wandering people, but to break down for them through our service of them, the strong light of God's love so that they, too, can learn to bear the beams of God's love." (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p. 368-9)

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.



Yes, you can be the difference in helping a family get their lives back on track. All it takes is a weekly one-hour meeting to go over basic budgeting and life-building skills. Your everyday knowledge is all that is required to guide single mothers toward the goal of independence and financial freedom. With your help, you'll witness generational change!



**Transitional
Housing Ministry**

GET INVOLVED TODAY!
Tom Dorn (630) 270-7303
tdorn@sbcglobal.net

Seasons of Hope



At Saints Peter & Paul, Seasons of Hope is a unique, Christ-centered Catholic support group for the bereaved. Sessions are intended for the bereaved who have lost a spouse, family member or close friend through death. The program is divided into four, six-week sessions, called Seasons, which are held throughout the year. **Our next Seasons of Hope meeting is on August 25 from 6:30—8:00pm in the St. Paul Center.** Pre-registration is required. Please email Deacon Joe at jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net.

Annual Service Day

Save the date for our Annual Service Day on **October 25!** The day brings together the entire Saints Peter and Paul parish with local organizations across Naperville to serve people in our community. The goal is to strengthen our parish community and serve as the body of Christ to individuals, organizations, and facilities in our greater community.

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.).



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

For Aborted Children

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CEMETERY

911 NORTH AVE, NAPERVILLE, IL 60540

12:30PM- ROSARY

1:00PM- MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saints Peter and Paul music ministry will lead us in sacred music. The Knights of Columbus will post an honor guard throughout the event at the memorial. This year's speaker is **Mary Burruss**. Mary will share her story of how both God and abortion have changed her faith life and her life's journey bringing her to join us today. You don't want to miss this talk.





Patroness of the
501(c)(3) charity



Fr. Nestor Mtweve, the managing
director of the INUKA
Rehabilitation Hospital, will be
speaking at all Masses on
September 6 and 7, 2025.

Healing Bodies, Saving Souls

YOU CAN BE A SOURCE OF HOPE!



Razhia (Clubfoot)



Sr. Margaret with her
mother Anna (Stroke)



Livinus (Ricketts)



Jayden (Clubfoot)

See our website and Facebook
page for additional information



HopeForTanzania.com
Facebook.com/HopeforTanz

Goals for the 2025-2026 Campaign - \$325,000 goal this year!



Checks to: Hope for Tanzania, Inc.
c/o Edward P. Graham
1730 Park St Suite 200B
Naperville, IL 60563
HOPEFORTANZANIA.COM/DONATE

- Build and furnish rehabilitation housing to increase capacity, expand patient service options, and improve INUKA's overall financial sustainability. This would include twelve standard patient rooms for housing plus two executive suites as some patients will pay for larger rooms and thus subsidize treatment for others.
- Build a new orthopedic workshop that meets government requirements and improves patient services. The facility will also include three standard patient rooms.
- Add a hydrotherapy option to INUKA's growing rehabilitation capabilities. A small swimming pool (4 by 8 meters) in a separate building with one standard patient room makes up this project.

Your Donations Have Helped Build An Oasis of Hope!



Ambulance (2022)



Outpatient Clinic (2022)



Therapy Building (2023)



O.R. & Surgical Ward (2024)



Chapel at INUKA (2024)



Apartment Building for Traveling
Medical Mission Personnel (2024)



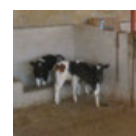
New Staff Apartment
Buildings (2025)



75,000-liter Water
Tower (2025)



Enhanced Farm Operations (2025)



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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

RE classes begin on Wednesday, September 10th. If you have not yet registered your child for RE, please do so as soon as possible as class lists, supplies, etc. are being finalized. Classes are filling up, but we are still accepting registrations for the upcoming RE year. Registration packets can be downloaded from the RE page of the parish website or picked up in the RE Office.



Is Jesus choosing you? The Religious Education program is looking for a few volunteers to complete our dedicated and amazing team. You don't need to have a child in the program to volunteer. Help pass on faith and hope to a future adult!

Wednesday 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM

A catechist is needed for Eucharist 2 (2nd grade).

Wednesday 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM

A catechist is needed for Confirmation 1 (7th grade)

Assistants are needed for PreConfirmation (6th grade) and Confirmation 1 (7th grade)

Crossing guards are needed for ALL sessions (4:15 – 5:30 PM, 6:00 – 7:15 PM and 7:15 – 8:30 PM).

Free childcare is available for the younger children of volunteers for the Wednesday 4:15 session.

All volunteers are required to undergo a background check and take the on-line *Protecting God's Children* and *Mandated Reporter* workshops. Please contact the RE Office at 630-357-2436 or email tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net for more information or to volunteer.

Contact Theresa Pratt in the Religious Education office. tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net or 630-718-2133 for more information.



FISHERS OF MEN

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Have a Safe and Blessed Labor Day!

We are not having a presentation on Saturday, August 30th due to the Labor Day holiday. You are welcome to join us on Zoom for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Scriptural Rosary followed by Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul 8:00am on Saturday.

The Zoom invitation will be sent out on Tuesday. Join us for all or part of these prayers on Saturday morning.

AGENDA

6:50am – Settle in; welcome

7:00am – Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:15am – Scriptural Rosary

8:00am – Daily Mass at
Saints Peter and Paul

*Fellowship of Authentic Catholic
Men Following Christ,
Leading Families to Heaven!*

New men welcomed every week!

*Our Lady, Undoer of Knots,
pray for us!*

fishersofmenspp@gmail.com





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

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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.).

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