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ARE YOU NOT *the Christ?*

November 23, 2025 | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22

8:00am †Mary Smierciak
5:00pm †Kathleen C. Day

Sunday, November 23

6:45am †Mariamma Thomas
8:30am †Shirley Kuefler
10:30am People of SSPP
12:30pm †Angela D'Argento
4:30pm †Decd. Priests of DOJ
7:00pm †Judith DiCicilia

Monday, November 24

6:45am Int. of Noreen
Fitzgerald
8:00am †John Grote
5:15pm †Kenneth Rimkus

Tuesday, November 25

6:45am †Mathai Thomas
8:00am †Louise Matusiak
5:15pm †John Pisut

Wednesday, November 26

6:45am †Isabelle Wagner
8:00am †Daniel Chiamonte
5:15pm In thanksgiving for
God's Blessings

Thursday, November 27

9:30am In thanksgiving for
God's Blessings

Friday, November 28

6:45am †John & Julianna
Brani
8:00am †David Styler

Saturday, November 29

8:00am †Agnes Micklas
5:00pm †Leticia Diaz



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





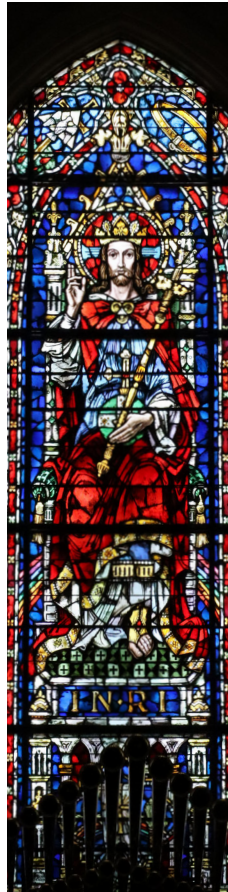
A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King*. A relatively new feast, established in 1925, this Feast in honor of Jesus Christ the King was inaugurated at the end of World War I. When the War ended, practically speaking, the great monarchies of Europe no longer existed. The King or Queen who had provided national security, united the people, and had given them their national identity was no more. The Church, wishing to assure people that while earthly kingdoms and kings will fade away, we have a King that lasts forever. A King who provides us with lasting protection, true identity, and is the source of all unity. We have a King, and the Lord Jesus is His name! And, it is through our Baptism that we have become citizens of His Kingdom. With today's feast, we celebrate the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, and look forward to the beginning of a New Year of Grace, a new Liturgical Year, next Sunday.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving. A day our Nation sets aside to offer thanks to God for all His blessings. A perfect way to offer thanks would be to attend Mass, thanking the Lord, the giver of all gifts. The Masses of Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 5:15pm and on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30am.

I hope you have a beautiful holiday with family, friends, and all those you love. This really is *the most wonderful time of the year!* As we stand on the threshold of this beautiful holiday season, I would encourage you to reach out to family and friends. Connect or "re-connect" with those you love and spend time with them. Make beautiful memories with and for your family. And, remember the poor. Make your gifts to both



the poor and to the Church *part* of your holiday preparations and celebrations. Make a conscious effort to be generous and mindful of those who have far less. Share your bounty, great or small, and you'll see the holidays will be happier and more centered on the Lord, thus making for beautiful days for you and your family.

Looking ahead, on Monday, December 1st we are holding our annual Advent by Candlelight for the ladies of the parish, and their guests. On Thursday, December 4th we'll hold our 28th Annual Light the Way Dinner. On Tuesday, December 9th will be our *Christmas Lunch With Father* at 11:30am for all parishioners and friends, age 55 and older. It's a beautiful gathering to welcome the coming of the Holiday Season. Last year's event was so well-received, and people are looking forward to another great afternoon of food, fun, and holiday togetherness with our Priests, Deacons, Parish Staff, and our Franciscan Sisters. The luncheon is hosted by our Parish Staff, and our school children help serve the lunch and entertain. There is no charge for the lunch, but reservations are necessary so that we can have an adequate count for the food. Plan on joining us for all of these special events, and make your reservations today.

God's blessings on you and all those you love as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day this week!



Father De Salvo

Masses of Thanksgiving:

Wednesday, 5:15pm &

Thursday, 9:30am

The collection for the Thanksgiving Day Masses are taken-up to provide for God's poor. Please be generous.



Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office is Closed Tuesday Noon through Monday Morning 8:30am

A Blessing for Your Thanksgiving Feast...

[The Book of Blessings]

God most provident, we join all creation
in raising to you a hymn of thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation
peoples of this land have sung of your bounty;
we too offer you praise for the abundant blessings
we have received at your hands.

Bless us. Bless our home, our family, our Church, and our Nation.

And bless this food which we share with grateful hearts.

Continue to make our land fruitful and let our love for you be seen
in our pursuit of holiness, peace and charity.

Keep us mindful of those who have less,
and make us generous in our response to those in need.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God,
Father of all, now and for ever. Amen.

Advent Begins Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 30th is the First Sunday of Advent. We will begin a new liturgical year, the cycle of feasts and seasons that recalls the coming, birth, life, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, sending of the Holy Spirit, and mission of Jesus Christ. In short, the cycle of feasts and seasons that celebrates the Paschal Mystery of the Lord — His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.



As we prepare for the coming feast of Christmas, we should prepare our hearts as well as our homes. One of the ways we should do that is by making a good confession of our sins. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: *You Shall confess your sins at least once a year* [#2042, CCC]. Especially during Advent, the priests wish to make confessions readily available to all. And so, confessions will be heard during the following times...

- Saturdays: 3:00 - 5:00pm
- During the Advent season, Confessions will be heard approximately 30-minutes before each of the Sunday morning Masses (6:45am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm)
- Mondays: 4:15 - 5:15pm
- Thursdays: 11:00am - Noon

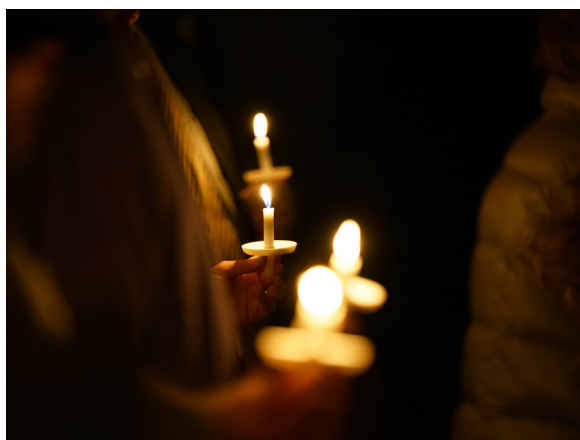
*Prepare for the Lord's coming, not only at Christmas,
but for his coming at the end of your own life, and at the end of time.
Make a good confession of your sin in preparation for the coming feast of Christmas.*

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	Mike Marra
Joan Buckingham	Sam Marra
Wally Buckingham	Samuel Mulay
Rosey Chudyk	Jillian Navarro
Michael Condon	John Pisut
Michel Coniglio	Carter Polizzi
Deacon Michael Crowell	Carolyn Preston
Carmen DePoalo	Joy Quinn
Finley Edgar	Gina Rovito
Linda Gentzen	Tim Roy
Dennis Gorecki	Betty Ryan
Jim Gratzke	Mary Sagen
Rita Guill	Bill Salzman
Donald Hinterlong Sr.	Dr. Derek Speten
Penny Holtz	William Stanish
Bob Hoole	Barbara Strugalla
Tori Hudgins	Marty Szczech
Grace Humphrey	Akiko Toyahara
Chris Johnson	Marino Verdico
Sarah Kukulski	Theodore Weber
Edmund Kurzawa	Matthew Weidner
Myla Lavigne	Jim Weidner
James Lohse	Katie Tyrrell Weimann
Michael Luft	Pam Willis
Joseph Marchese	Janis Wozniak
Evelyn Marcus	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-

Ronald Fessler

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 1st Lt. Robert A. Freas 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

2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

What do you give someone who has everything?...

Baptisms, weddings, birthdays, engagements, anniversaries, mourning the death of a loved one... there are a host of events and milestones in life when we give gifts. But, what do you give, especially when the recipient wants nothing, needs nothing, and seems to have everything? The answer is simple: *Give the gift that keeps giving, and lasts forever...*

The Mass!

Catholics have a beautiful custom of having a particular mass offered for a particular intention, for living, and more commonly, for the dead. According to our Catholic understanding, every mass is of infinite value, and a never-ending wellspring of spiritual graces. And so, each mass is offered for a plethora of intentions... everyone who attends have a variety of intentions they bring with them. When the mass intention is announced at the beginning, or when a priest accepts a stipend for a particular intention, it means that the priest — among his many intentions — is taking as his primary intention, and the intention for which the Church has accepted an offering, the published or “stated” intention. Although, it must be remembered that it is the decision of the priest/pastor whether or not an intention will be mentioned during the mass. To avoid confusion among the faithful, mass intentions are published each week in the Sunday bulletin.

It's a beautiful, heart-felt, and faith-filled gift to give them a mass to celebrate a special occasion in their lives. Contact the Rectory Office to have a mass offered. Cards are available for you to make your gift to your loved ones.

Francis Fernandez, in his series of books, *In Conversation with God* writes beautifully about the infinite value of the Mass: *...Each Mass has an infinite, immense value that we can never fully understand. It causes the whole heavenly court to rejoice. It alleviates the pain of the souls in purgatory. It draws down all types of blessings upon earth, and gives more glory to God than all the sufferings of all the martyrs together, more glory than the penances of all the saints, than all the tears shed by them since the beginning of the world and all that they may do till the end of time. [St. John Vianney, The Cure d' Ars, Sermon on the Holy Mass]*

As well as the effects of praise and of adoration that are given to God, the Mass also produces fruits of remission for our sins, and of petition for all our needs. They are of themselves capable of being infinite and unlimited, but may be finite and limited according to our dispositions. This is why the preparation of our soul to attend and partake of this unique Sacrifice, and the moments of thanksgiving and recollection once the sacred action is over are so very important. If people knew the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass they would flock to it. Let us together spread this powerful Truth.

Let's eagerly share this blessing with our family and friends, for the needs of our world, of our Church, our Nation, and ourselves. Giving “the gift that keeps giving,” will, hopefully, lead to deeper faith and devotion in all of us.

Purgatory?

Monsignor Charles Pope / Our Sunday Visitor

The Church clearly teaches us about *the four last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell*. So, why is purgatory not listed? After all, many of us may be there for a time. Purgatory is not listed because... Purgatory is seen in terms of death and judgment, but it is not a “last thing.” It is not ultimate (last or final) but penultimate (second to last). It precedes one's entrance to heaven but is not permanent. It is not a destination; it is a stop on the way.

Whether and how long we undergo purgation is an aspect of judgment. For those who die in a state of grace, the judgment in question is not between heaven and hell so much as it is a judgment on whether the saving work of Christ is complete in us. Jesus promised we would be perfect one day, as the Father is perfect (cf. Mt 5:48). Since most of us die short of that promise, the Lord surely purges venial sins, attachments, sorrows, regrets and so forth. Purgatory completes our journey and is not a destination. St. Paul discusses this purgation: “If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire” (1 Cor 3:12-15). Hence, purgatory is not a last thing, but something from which one emerges unto heaven.

November: The Month of the Holy Souls The Book of the Dead

Near the statue of the Sorrowful Mother in the back of our church is our parish remembrance of the dead for the month of November, the *Month of the Holy Souls*. You will see listed the names of those who have died and were buried from our Church since last All Souls Day. Throughout the month of November you are invited to write the names of all those people in your own life who have gone home to God. *The Book of the Dead* will remain by the Sorrowful Mother throughout the month of November — the *Month of the Holy Souls* — for you to list the names of the faithful departed. All Souls Day envelopes were included in your packets.



Especially during November, but throughout the year, remember the words of Scripture...

It is a good, holy, and pious thought to pray for the dead.

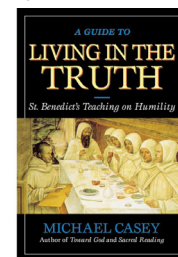
To offer prayer and sacrifice on their behalf.

[Maccabees 12: 43-46]

Fr. Bader's Book of the Week

A Guide to Living in the Truth- St. Benedict's Teaching on Humility
by Michael Casey

This book shows us how humility brings a basic happiness that is able to cope with difficulties and sorrows. Casey translates the ancient wisdom of Saint Benedict into the modern arena of capitalistic competition. He also demonstrates how people must stop regarding others as rivals and be content with what we have because it is a waste of time to envy those who possess qualities different than our own. Humble individuals are content with both the gifts and limitations inherent in who they are.



Attention Current and New Bulletin Advertisers!

We're excited to announce that beginning January 4, 2026, our parish bulletin will be published by Diocesan Publications.

We are deeply grateful to all our current advertisers for their support — your sponsorship makes our weekly bulletin possible! As we transition to Diocesan, a representative from Diocesan will be contacting all current and potential advertisers to discuss advertising opportunities for the new bulletin format.

If you or your business would like to support our parish while reaching our community with an ad, please contact Jeff Ingersoll at 616-299-2388 or jingersoll@diocesan.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and for helping us share the Good News each week!

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How to use to the wireless Assisted Listening System at Sts. Peter & Paul Church with your Smart Phone:

Step 1. On your smartphone (iPhone or Android), open your camera app and scan this QR code to connect to the church WiFi network:



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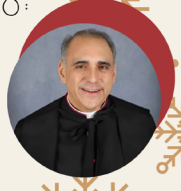


Step 3. Open the app on your phone and hit the play button when it appears! (once the app is downloaded, you need only turn it on and hit the play button on your screen)

We hope you enjoy using the Listen WiFi app at Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Parish!

55+ PARISHIONERS YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Christmas Lunch With Father De Salvo



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 11:30AM
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (36 N. ELLSWORTH ST)
MINISTRY CENTER SOCIAL HALL

Entertainment by the school children & our Pastor, Fr. De Salvo

36 North Ellsworth Street ~ Naperville, Illinois 60540 ~ 630-355-1081 ~ sspeterandpaul.net

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Reservations for lunch due by **December 1, 2025. NO WALK-INS!**
Please drop off or mail this form to the Saints Peter and Paul office (36 N. Ellsworth). For questions, contact the Parish Office at 630-355-1081.

Number Attending _____

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Knights of Columbus #1369 Blood Drive



December 20, 2025 | 7 am - 11:30 am

Darrell Hutton Memorial Blood Drive

Schedule to donate by scanning the QR code

(appointments greatly appreciated: walk-ins welcome as schedule allows)

Saints Peter and Paul Zuker Hall (lower level of the Jr. High School)
201 East Franklin



ADORATION CHAPEL

COME TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

The Real Thanksgiving

The word 'eucharist' comes from the Greek word "eucharistia" meaning thanksgiving. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving, let us never forget to be thankful for His real presence. OPEN EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEK 24/7

Our Father in Heaven, We give you thanks for the gift of gathering together with family and friends for this occasion. We give you thanks for our food prepared by loving hands. We give you thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all.

Thank you for leaving the world the miracle gift of being able to be with you in your own flesh in the Eucharist.

Security access code from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00a.m.
Contact Kathy with questions or to sign up- 630-818-7897
The chapel is located off the alley on Benton Street

PERMANENT ADORER NEEDED

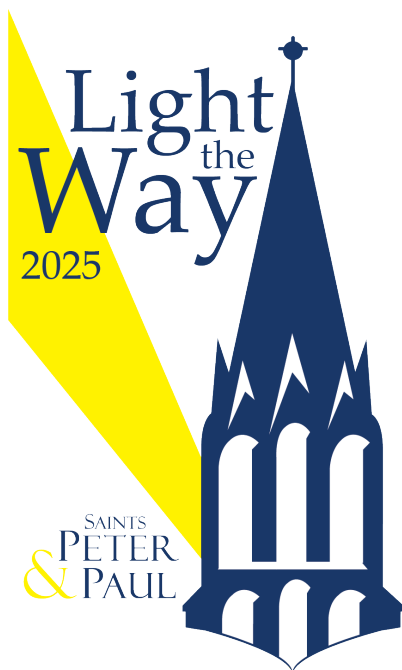
THURSDAY 1:00am

CO-ADORERS NEEDED

Monday 1:00pm, Wednesday 10:00am

Friday 3:00pm, Saturday 11:00am





As one of the tallest structures in downtown Naperville—the heart of the city—the church steeple serves as a true beacon in the community, a sign of faith and hope for all.

The proceeds this year will support the parish’s effort to repair and resurface all four parking lots on our parish campus. Over the years, the lots have been patched many times but now require complete resurfacing to serve our parish community for years to come.

FATHER WILLIAM DE SALVO, RAY JONES AND SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE 28TH ANNUAL

Light the Way

A celebration of parish family and friends, featuring complimentary cocktails and buffet dinner, holiday music and an auction of Christmas treasures

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

CRESS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

1215 ROYAL ST. GEORGE DRIVE, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

Please respond with this form by November 24, 2025.

Sponsors and auction donations welcomed!

☐ Food Buffet Dinner and Open Bar (\$125/person)

_____ No. Attending \$ _____ Total

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Dinner seating will be reserved for each guest. If you would like to be seated with other attendees, please indicate names below (8 to 10 people fill a table).

☐ Regretfully, I (we) will not be able to attend. Please accept this contribution to support the Parish’s effort to resurface the parking lots.
\$ _____

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Includes one table for 10; please include names above

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Payment by (circle one) MasterCard Visa Check

Credit card number _____ Exp. date ____ / ____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please return with payment (if check); make checks payable to Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church and include “Light The Way” in the memo area. Thank you for your support!

26TH ANNUAL

Breakfast with Santa

Make this one of your holiday traditions!

**Saturday,
December 6, 2025**

7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

in the Ministry Center Social Hall

HOSTED BY THE SSPP NAPERVILLE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All are welcome at this fun, family event! We will be serving sausage, applewood smoked ham, pancakes, warmed spiced apples, fresh fruit, milk, juices and coffee. Come and relax and enjoy a delicious breakfast. Bring your camera to get some pictures with Santa!

Proceeds benefit

Knights of Columbus Charities

Adults \$13

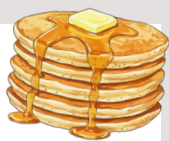
Seniors \$10

High School Grades \$8

Students Grade K-8 \$5

Preschoolers Free

*Tickets can be purchased at the door
(credit cards accepted).*



U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025—

As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publications of the Conference, a "Special Message" may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of **216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions**, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote. The full text of the bishops' Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9); we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone! We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts. We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5) May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.



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**Fr. Nestor Humbly Thanks the Ss. Peter and Paul Parishioners
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Thanksgiving — A Truly American Holiday

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thanksgiving

In response to a joint request by both Houses of Congress, on Oct. 3, 1789, President George Washington proclaimed November 26, 1789, as “a day of public thanksgiving and prayer” devoted to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all good. The text of President Washington’s 1789 Thanksgiving proclamation...

By the President of the United States of America A Proclamation

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and — Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer...

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation... for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington

On Oct. 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued his own Thanksgiving proclamation. In it, he invited a nation “in the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity” to observe November 26, 1863, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens”... Here is President Lincoln’s 1863 Proclamation...

Thanksgiving proclamation: By the President of the United States of America.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for

such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State



You may have heard about the first Thanksgiving observed in 1621 by the Pilgrims. But the holiday did not become a national one until many years later. It really is an interesting story and because of it each and every year on the fourth Thursday in November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in the English Colonies in 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Indians, who gathered to give thanks for the bountiful harvest. The Pilgrims actually planned the feast and began celebrating. When the Native Americans heard the celebratory gunfire, they came to see what was going on. In their encounter, the Indians were invited to join the feast, and provided five deer for the celebration. And, although “days of thanks” were common place in the colonies, the custom having been brought from England by the Protestants, the first Thanksgiving did not lead to a traditional holiday and certainly not to a national one since the nation didn’t yet exist. It did play a role, however, in what would come. A real American Thanksgiving was first celebrated by the entire country just after the Revolutionary War. But still, it was not a national holiday. Since there was little historical basis on which to create a national holiday, America needed someone to tell them how the holiday should look. And Sarah Josepha Buell Hale was just the woman for the job. Hale was the editor of Godey’s Ladies Book, a very popular women’s magazine of the mid-19th century. She first wrote about the Thanksgiving meal in her novel *Northwood: A Tale of New England*, published in 1827. Hale was the greatest advocate for the establishment of this beloved national holiday.

Then, when Abraham Lincoln was in office he declared the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day in 1863. That is when it finally became a national observance, but not an “official national holiday.” For example, today, the whole U.S. knows about and mostly “celebrates” Super Bowl Sunday, but it is NOT a national holiday. Every president since Lincoln has also had to declare Thanksgiving a national observance. That all changed during the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt. In 1941 Congress set the national holiday of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of every November. This reversed a decision by President Roosevelt to celebrate Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of November to give people more time to shop for Christmas.

Today, we all look forward to Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season. We celebrate friends, family, and prosperity and thank God for His blessings. Many families have different takes and traditions for Thanksgiving, but the overall theme is a family meal and giving thanks for all of life’s blessings.

Happy and Holy Thanksgiving Day!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Beginning November 15-16, please join fellow parishioners as we share our blessings with those in need. This year's "Parish Giving Tree" will support special needs children and seniors, families of domestic violence through **Family Shelter Services**, families in need through **St. Vincent DePaul**, **SSPP Transitional Housing Ministry**, and families and individuals of **DuPage CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates), **Waterleaf Women's Center**, **Little Sisters of the Poor Palatine**, **Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels**, and **Missionary Sisters of Charity**.

- 1 CHOOSE A TAG FROM OUR TREES (TAGS AVAILABLE ON TREES IN CHURCH, MINISTRY CENTER & ADORATION CHAPEL)
- 2 PURCHASE THE ITEM(S)
- 3 WRAP THE ITEM(S) AND ATTACH THE ORIGINAL TAG PROMINENTLY (GIFT CARDS-NO WRAPPING NECESSARY)
- 4 ADD A GIFT TAG OR WRITE ON THE GIFT "FROM SANTA" (NOT GIFT CARDS)
- 5 PLACE THE GIFT WRAPPED UNDER THE GIVING TREE IN THE MINISTRY CENTER OR ADORATION CHAPEL IN THE BOX NEXT TO THE TREE BY DECEMBER 12TH. NOTE: NO GIFTS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE CHECK THE GIFT TAG FOR THE DEADLINE DATE AS SOME REQUIRE AN EARLIER RETURN DATE.



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 **Transitional Housing Ministry**

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Tom Dorn (630) 270-7303
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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 November 24 from 6:30—8:00pm in the St. Paul Center. Pre-registration is required. Please email Deacon Joe at jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net.



Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Collection

Items Needed for Little Sisters of the Poor

- White wash cloths
- Soft cookies / Oreo Cookies
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Lotion for Sensitive skin
- Body Wash for sensitive skin
- Fragrance free dryer sheets
- Laundry detergent
- Cooking Oil
- Tomato Soup
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Canned Fruit
- All-Purpose Flour



Little Sisters of the Poor
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

Note: There are no tags for these donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor. No gift tags or wrapping is required. Leave the donations next to the gift collection boxes in the Ministry Center. All these items will be delivered to the sisters before Christmas.

Little Sisters of the Poor Palatine Amazon Wishlist



The Little Sisters of the Poor continue their beautiful mission of caring for the elderly poor with love and dignity. To help meet their daily needs, they have an Amazon Wishlist where you can easily purchase items that go directly to their home.



How You Can Help:

Simply visit the Amazon Wishlist using the QR Code below, select the items you'd like to donate, and they'll be shipped straight to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Every gift—large or small—makes a difference!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Recent legislative changes are significantly impacting the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps. The changes include new or stricter work requirements for millions of recipients, federal funding running out for November benefits, and cost-of-living adjustments.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced that due to the federal government shutdown, it will have insufficient funds to pay full SNAP benefits for November 2025. Approximately 42 million Americans are at risk of not receiving benefits.

Two additional bins have been added to the entrance of the church. Please try to bring food donations when attending Mass either in the Ministry Center or the church.

Let's support our local food pantries that do such critical work.

Thank you!



 **Loaves & Fishes**
Community Services





FISHERS OF MEN

Have a Safe and Blessed Thanksgiving!

We are not having a presentation on Saturday, November 29th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. You are welcome to join us on Zoom for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Scriptural Rosary and then 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



EVANGELIZATION

Advent by Candlelight

· Monday, December 1, 2025 ·

Please join us for our annual Women's Night as we ready ourselves for the Christmas Season.

Gathering at 6:30 p.m. and
Program at 7 p.m.

Saints Peter and Paul Ministry Center Social Hall

RSVP by November 24 at stspeterandpaul.net/abc

The featured speaker will be Sr. Maryann Dosen
(School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King)



Give our Saints Peter and Paul Priests the most lasting Christmas gift of all!

Join us for a parish Holy Hour to pray for Fathers De Salvo, Bader, Cerna, Rutnicki, & McGeean on Tuesday, December 2 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Main Church

"He who would truly honor the priesthood must do so by helping priests."

- Father Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

Bring the whole family to pray and sign a card for our priests.



Explaining the Faith With Fr. Bader

Every last Tuesday of the month, join Fr. Bader for an evening to explore your faith deeper through videos, discussions and talks!

Next Session- Tuesday, November 25

6:30PM in Room 217/218

Topic- Called to Holiness: Turning Spiritual Battles into Victory

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 \$47,277 (based on 52 Sundays)

Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections (17 Weeks)
\$43,053

Budget Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections
\$47,277

Weekly Average Compared to Budget - (Deficit) \$4,224



Sunday Offering

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 stspeterandpaul.net/online-giving.





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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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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