



I WAS BLIND AND  
**NOW I SEE.**

JOHN 9:25

MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 14

8:00am Sharon Kuzminski  
5:00pm Deacon Mike Iozzo

### Sunday, March 15

6:45am Jeanne Nelson  
8:30am My T Nguyen &  
Hoi C Tran  
10:30am People of SSPP  
12:30pm Alex Popp  
4:30pm Jeanne Mahoney  
7:00pm Judith Ostry

### Monday, March 16

6:45am Kasey McCauley  
8:00am Elena Varela  
5:15pm Terri Lee

### Tuesday, March 17

6:45am Deceased members of  
Joyce family  
8:00am Bill Reid  
5:15pm Clarence & Ruth  
Rieser

### Wednesday, March 18

6:45am Mary Kay Pullen  
8:00am Int. of Kukulski family  
5:15pm Josephine Modelski

### Thursday, March 19

6:45am Mark Ercolano  
8:00am Margaret & Edward  
Krupa  
5:15pm Douglas Jaeger

### Friday, March 20

6:45am Marion Evans  
8:00am James Wolter &  
Bob Jones

### Saturday, March 21

8:00am Rachel Isaac &  
deceased members of  
Isaac family  
5:00pm Fr. Jerry Rogers



## 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

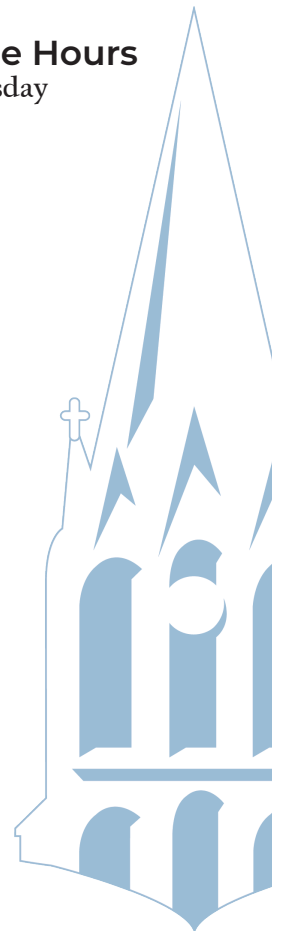
## Eucharistic Adoration

*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



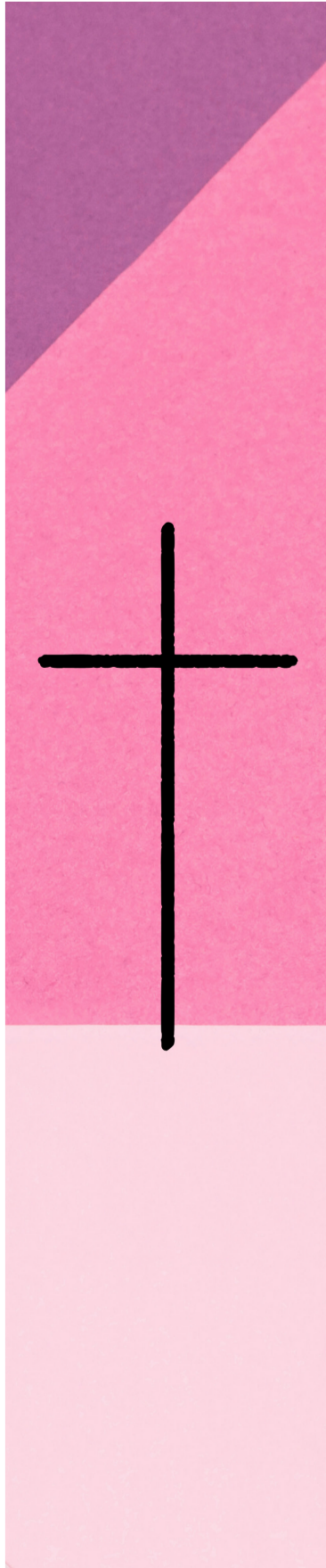


## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,  
 Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known traditionally as *Laetare Sunday*. This observance harkens back to a day when the penances and disciplines of the season were much more severe than they are today. Today takes its name from the first words of the Introit for today's Mass [*the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass that in the U.S. we usually replace with an Opening Hymn*]... "**Laetare Jerusalem!**"- **Rejoice, O Jerusalem!** Interestingly enough, the Sunday is also called *Rose Sunday*. Most people think that name comes from the "rose colored" vestment the priest wears today. But, actually, the name comes from the custom in Rome that on this day the Pope blesses the *golden roses* that He sends to Catholic Monarchs throughout Europe during Easter. With much of the severity of past Lenten practices done away with these days, few of the customs remain today. These days, the most noticeable change happens in the liturgy: The priest wears the rose colored vestment (a lighter shade of the Lenten purple) and flowers, usually pink roses, are allowed on the altar. Whatever the customs, and however they've changed, especially in these days of uncertainty and confusion in our world, the message of this Sunday is a timely one: *Rejoice in the Lord!* His death and resurrection gives us much to be joyful about, even in the face of the evils we face.

*Laetare Sunday* marks the *liturgical mid-point* in the Lenten Season. Actually, the Thursday before *Laetare Sunday* is the "*middle-day*" of Lent, but the observance is moved to Sunday to honor the Lord's Day. Today reminds us that there is a purpose for our fasting, there is an end in sight, and a wonderful reward is waiting for us if we remain faithful to Jesus in His suffering. Even in the face of uncertainty and doubt, faith challenges us to remain faithful, steadfast, and reliant on the Lord. For those who have not been keeping the discipline of Lent, *Laetare Sunday* is an urgent call to repentance... *there is still time!* Do something to grow in holiness, and in your relationship with the Lord. For those who have been faithful to the discipline of Lent, we're reminded to "*keep going, stay faithful, the end is in sight!* *There is a purpose to our fasting.*" Holy Week is approaching, we're "half-way there."

Next weekend Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, OP and Mother Assumpta Long, OP will be joining us to present our Lenten Parish Mission... **Eucharistic Amazement!** They are founding members of the Dominican Sisters of Mary- Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, Michigan [sistersofmary.org]. Sister Joseph Andrew will speak at all Masses NEXT weekend, and then I invite you to bring family and friends and to join us each night of the Mission — Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening at 7pm for the Mission Talks. I have known the Dominican Sisters of Mary - Mother of the Eucharist from Ann Arbor Michigan for more than 25 years. They are beautiful Sisters, and I am sure the "mission message" they will bring to us will be spiritually enlightening and uplifting. Please join us for the Sisters presentation to



the entire parish.

**NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2pm,** as part of the Parish Mission, Sister Joseph Andrew and Mother Assumpta have graciously agreed to invite all young ladies (ages 12-35) to tea... "*Sunday Afternoon with the Sisters*" will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about religious vocations for women in the Church. Our own Sisters of Saint Francis of Christ the King will join the Dominican Sisters in hosting the event to share with interested young ladies their own vocation stories and the invitation to consider vowed religious life. Information has been in the bulletin, and the sign-up is in today's bulletin. I'm hoping for a good turn out of young women from throughout the area to join us. I can't encourage our young women, enough, to join us for this unique opportunity to spend a Sunday afternoon with dedicated, holy religious women who have given everything to Christ and His Church. Encourage the young women you know to join us, and sign-up today!

As we celebrate *Laetare Sunday* today, make sure you do something to make the day special, or "different." Let today enliven your observance of the rest of this holy season. Recommit yourself to the discipline of Lent and put on the suffering of Jesus all the more, so that when Easter comes, you will know the true joy of that blessed day. Enjoy today's "breather" from the disciplines of Lent. Remember and celebrate the joy that is waiting for us if we remain faithful.

Don't forget to join us for the Parish Mission NEXT WEEK... Give Jesus your heart, and He will give you Heaven!



*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:

Ema Blahova	Carter Polizzi
Patricia Branham	Carolyn Preston
Chris Bruni	Joy Quinn
Joan Buckingham	Natalie Reed
Wally Buckingham	Gina Rovito
Michael Condon	Betty Ryan
Dino Crisanti	Mary Sagen
Michael Crisanti	Bill Salzman
Finley Edgar	Jack Scott
Mary Forkel	Kevin Sinnott
Linda Gentzen	Edward Slowik
Rita Guill	Dr. Derek Speten
Dennis Habbly	William Stanish
Grace Humphrey	Barbara Strugalla
Sarah Kukulski	Stan Szachnitowski
Edmund Kurzawa	Marino Verdico
James Lohse	Theodore Weber
Michael Luft	Matthew Weidner
Joseph Marchese	Jim Weidner
Mike Marra	Katie Tyrrell Weimann
Sam Marra	Pam Willis
Lynne McConaghy	Janis Wozniak
Samuel Mulay	Fred Zaeske
Jillian Navarro	

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-

**Irene Birzetis, Emily O'Hara-Tojeno**

## Please Remember in Prayer Those Serving in the Military

U.S. Air Force	U.S. Navy
Sgt. Cory Bassett	LCDR Thomas Bock
Staff Sgt. Joseph Burns	LtJG Brian Conlisk
2nd Lt. Daniel Caddigan	LCDR Dustin Flaum
Lt. Col. Frank Girdwain	Captain Anthony Giglio
Lt. Theodore M. Jackson	Ensign Nicholas Jacobs
Master Sgt. Mike McDonnell	Captain Michael Jelinek
Sgt. Zachary McKenty	CDR Tom Kuhrt
Sr. Airman Patrick Neis	Commander Chris Kurgan
Sr. Airman Daniel Shea	Lt Andrew Parent
Sr. Airman Amanda Shea	LCDR Patrick Marsh
Sgt. Dan Steenstra	SN Jenny McLaughlin
	LCDR Caleb Moore
U.S. Army	LCDR Kasey Scheel
PFC Sam Allard	LCDR Matthew Scheel
Major Angelo Bartocci	Ensign Michael Schmitz
PVT Justin Bielefeld	
SPC Ryan Bridgman	U.S. Marine Corps
Captain Michael Caddigan	CPL BJ Boren
Major John J. Case	CWO2 John Crites
Major Sydney Case	Major Donald J. Carlsen
Major Eileen Cassidy	Sgt. Richard DiBiasco
Major Mary Cassidy	PFC Jonathon Dragovan
Major Tom Crane	Sgt. Luke Focer
SPC Joshua Adam Demerin	1st Lt. Robert Gortner
Captain Reilly Dougherty	2nd Lt. Eric Hovey
Col. Edward Fisher	Sgt. Ivan Karamysev
2nd Lt. Matthew Quinton Frame	Major Pete Keough
1st Lt. Robert A Freas	Corporal Joseph Murray
Sgt. Nick Gedvilas	LCPL Matthew Prasse
Major Thomas E. Goerling	LCPL Maddox Ritter
SPC Trevor Gomoll	Corporal Luke Russell
SPC Jarred Hampton	Corporal Joseph Taylor
Lt. Col. Sean Hermick	PVT Chris Vazquez
Sgt. Kellen Jones	
SPC Mark Keough	U.S. Air National Guard
Lt. Colonel Stephen Laz	LTC Scott Paeth
1st Lt. Connor Mulhere	MSG Naomi Tillhof
SPC Steven Powell	
Col. Michael Predny	U.S. Coast Guard
Captain Daniel Rickert	SR John Aabram
1st Lt. David Rickert	P.D. John McNellis
Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Schmecht	
SPC John August Sopuch IV	U.S. Space Force
1st Lt. Winnie Springer	Major Nick DuPre
Sgt. Craig Vladika	
1st Lt. Samuel Wehrli	To arrange a welcome home for your soldier,
2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper	contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Wel-
	come You Home at <a href="http://www.welcomemyhome.org">www.welcomemyhome.org</a>

## Daily Readings

### Sunday

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

### Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

## Laetare Sunday Pope Francis I

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, called “Laetare” Sunday, that is, “Rejoice,” because so reads the Entrance Antiphon of the Eucharistic Liturgy, which invites us to joy: “Rejoice, Jerusalem... — so it’s a call to joy — be glad and rejoice, you who mourned for her.” The Mass begins thus.



But, what is the reason for this joy? The reason is the great love of God for humanity, as today’s Gospel points out: “God, in fact, so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). These words, pronounced by Jesus during the conversation with Nicodemus, summarize a theme that is at the center of the Christian proclamation: even when a situation seems desperate, God intervenes, offering man salvation and joy. God, in fact, doesn’t stand apart, but enters into the history of humanity, He “involves” Himself in our life; He enters it, to animate it with His grace and to save it.

We are called to listen to this proclamation, rejecting the temptation to consider ourselves secure in ourselves, wanting to do away with God, claiming absolute freedom from Him and from His Word. When we rediscover the courage to recognize ourselves for what we are — courage is needed for this! — we realize we are persons called to take account of our fragility and our limitations. Then it can happen that we are gripped by anguish, by anxiety for tomorrow, by fear of sickness and death. This explains why so many people, seeking a way out, sometimes take dangerous shortcuts as, for instance, the tunnel of drugs or that of superstitions and ruinous rituals of magic. It’s good to know one’s limitations, one’s fragilities, we must know them, but not to despair, but offer them to the Lord, and He helps us on the way to healing, He takes us by the hand, and never leaves us alone — never! God is with us; therefore I “rejoice,” we “rejoice” today: “Rejoice, Jerusalem,” it says because God is with us.

And we have a true and great hope in God the Father, rich in mercy, who has given us His Son to save us, and this is our joy. We also have much sadness, but, when we are true Christians, there is that hope, which is a small joy that grows and gives one security. We must not get discouraged when we see our limitations, our sins and our weaknesses: God is there, close, Jesus is on the cross to heal us. This is God’s love. Look at the Crucifix and say to yourself: “God loves me.” It’s true, there are these limitations, these weaknesses, these sins, but He is greater than the limitations and the weaknesses and the sins. Don’t forget this.” God is greater than our weaknesses than our infidelities than our sins. And we take the Lord by the hand, we look at the Crucifix and we go on.

May Mary, Mother of Mercy, put in our heart the certainty that God loves us; may she be close to us in moments when we feel alone when we are tempted to surrender to life’s difficulties. May she communicate to us the sentiments of her Son Jesus so that our Lenten journey becomes an experience of forgiveness, hospitality, and charity.

All You Can Eat

# Fish Fry

Saints Peter & Paul 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry Dinner



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #1369



**Where:** Saints Peter & Paul Church  
Ministry Center Social Hall  
(36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL 60540)

**When:** Six Fridays of Lent  
(Feb 20, Feb 27, March 6, March 13,  
March 20, March 27)

**Time:** 5pm-9pm  
(Kitchen Closes at 8pm)

## Menu

- Six Piece Jumbo Shrimp Dinner- \$15
- All You Can Eat White Fish Dinner- \$15  
*\*Senior & College Student  
Early Bird Discount 5-6pm- \$13*
- Cheese Pizza Meal- \$7
- Kids Atlantic White Fish Dinner- \$10

*Dinners Include- french fries, roll, coleslaw & cookie  
Pizza Meals include- juice box & cookie*

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*All proceeds to benefit various Knights of Columbus  
Charities and Saints Peter & Paul Church*

## Easter Flower Memorial



Traditionally, for both Christmas and Easter, most parishes receive memorial donations to help decorate the church. Saints Peter and Paul Parish invites you to help beautify our church and chapel for the upcoming Feast of Easter, reflecting the joy and promise of the resurrection. Your donation may be in memory of a living or deceased loved one. Funds collected will help with the costs of decorating the church and chapel for Holy Week, Easter and the Easter Season, leading to Pentecost on May 24th.

Any and all donations are gratefully accepted. You can use the “Flower Envelope” in your envelope packet, or use the form below and drop your donation in the Sunday Offering. **ALL memorials received by noon on Friday, March 26th will be acknowledged in our Easter Sunday Bulletin.** Make your check payable to Saints Peter and Paul Parish, and either use your “Flower Envelope” or fill out the form below.

### Easter Flower Memorial

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (deceased): \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (living): \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you do NOT want your intention acknowledged in the bulletin.

## Blessing of the Easter Food

How to Make Your House a Home by Rev. Bernard Stokes, O.F.M.,  
Family Life Bureau, Washington D.C., 1955

Originating in the Slavic countries and Eastern European nations, the *Blessing of Easter Foods* has become an important tradition for Catholics throughout the United States. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice. Along with Saint Isaac Jogues Parish, many parishes still participate in this custom of the blessing of the Easter food or baskets.

In our church, blessing takes place at 11am on Holy Saturday. Among the Slovaks a basket containing lamb meat (which of course signifies Jesus, the Lamb of God), boiled eggs, dyed and plain, Pascha (a special Easter bread), and other foods, is taken to the church to receive the priest's blessing. These foods are part of the meal consumed in the morning, afternoon, and/or evening of Easter Sunday. Among the Polish people the same custom is practiced, but the main foods blessed are an egg which is broken and shared by all on Easter Sunday morning, and a lamb moulded of butter or pastry. This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honor on the festive Easter table. In Rome on Holy Saturday there is an old custom which is still in practice. A fresh table cloth is spread on the table in the dining room and on it are laid out the Easter meal, including the uncooked Easter Lamb which is decorated with flowers, eggs, wine, fruit, and a large traditional cake called "pizza". These are sprinkled with holy water, and are given a special blessing by the priest.

Whatever the contents of the basket, the idea is the same: The first foods of Easter, festively consumed after the long Lenten fast, are blessed by the priest to remind us that all good things (the food, people, company, festivities, and bounty) we share are a gracious gift from God... flowing from the joy of Christ our Redeemer, Risen from the dead! Blessing the food we share at our Easter Table is yet another way of living our faith, bringing our devotion and faith "home" from the church, and sharing it with those we love who gather in our homes, around our table. Through the Easter Blessing of Food we bring the blessings of the Church and the priest into our own home for all to share.

A typical basket would include these symbolic foods:

- Bacon: Symbol of the abundance of God's mercy.
- Bread: Usually a braided loaf, representing the staff of life given by God.
- Easter Bread: A round loaf of rich, eggy, yeast dough with raisins reminiscent of the risen Lord.
- Butter: Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation. Butter is often shaped into a lamb (symbolic of the Paschal Lamb). Sometimes, the lamb is also made of sugar, symbolizing the sweetness of the message of salvation.
- Candle: The candle symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World, and are lit during the sharing of the first Easter Meal.
- Cheese: Cheese is a symbol to remind Christians of moderation.
- Colored Eggs: The eggs indicate hope, new life and Christ rising from his tomb.
- Ham: Meats are symbolic of great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.
- Sausage: The sausage links are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as of God's generosity.
- Horseradish: This is a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus and the vinegar it is mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross.
- Salt: Salt is represented to add zest to life and preserve us from corruption.
- Sweets: Sweets suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

Beautifully prepared baskets are brought to church by the family to receive the priest's blessing. Then brought home, and the bounty is shared. The sharing of the bounty is what binds a family together in love. To symbolize that desire, the family should also share with the "Church" — symbolized by the presence of the priest who bestows his blessing — a portion of their Easter bounty. It's customary to provide something from your basket to provide for the tables in the Rectory of the priests and the Convent of the Sisters, or to make a monetary offering to him/Church. This is done much in the same way that we offer "stole fees" to the priest when receiving the Sacraments or Rites of the Church. They are gestures of affection, care, and devotion... expressing a desire to share, in gratitude, the blessings we have so freely and graciously received from the hand of God.

The Blessing of the Easter Food will take place in our church on Holy Saturday at 11am. Please join us, and bring the blessing of the Church, and of our priests, into your home for Easter!



## Devotions during Lent

### Lenten Confessions

All Confessions are in the Chapel of the Ministry Center

- Mondays: 4:15 - 5:15pm
- Thursdays: 11am - Noon
- Saturdays: 3:00-5:00pm
- Sunday mornings: 30 minutes before each Mass [February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22]

Stations of the Cross and Benediction During Lent, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are celebrated on Friday at 7:00pm.

The *Stations of the Cross* is a devotional service which traces Jesus' journey from the trial before Pilate to His death on Calvary. Tradition tells us that the places of visitation, the "stations," were those visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary after the resurrection of Jesus. Through the ages, people would walk from station to station trying to mirror the physical pilgrimage of going from place to place in Jerusalem. The form of the Stations of the Cross has changed over the centuries, but the devotion still carries the same meaning and is a traditional part of Lent.

### Adoration Chapel

Make frequent visits to Jesus, really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Chapel is available 24-hours a day. *Jesus is waiting for you!... Don't disappoint Him!* For more information about the Chapel, to sign-up for the *Lenten Prayer Challenge*, or to sign-up for a specific hour of adoration during Lent contact: [Kathy at adorerkd@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy@adorerkd@gmail.com) or 630/818-7897.

### Lenten Giving — Lenten Giving Tree

Alms, gifts to the Church and for those in need should be a regular Lenten practice. Take an envelope off of the Lenten Giving Trees, located in the vestibules of the church and chapels. Throughout Lent, collect Lenten Alms to offer to care for the poor.

### Spiritual Bouquet for Archbishop Hick and Pope Leo

Participate in offering a spiritual bouquet of prayers and good works to Archbishop Ron Hicks (the former Bishop of Joliet) and to Pope Leo as he discerns to name a new Bishop for the Diocese of Joliet. Information on how to participate is in the bulletin.



## What are You Doing for Lent?...

There's still time to make an effort to show love!

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All Catholics are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy... **Laetare Sunday [the Fourth Sunday of Lent]** reminds us that there is still time to sacrifice with Jesus, to show our love for Him. And so, what are you doing? If you are looking for a way to grow spiritually, here are a few suggestions:

- **Attend Daily Mass** - Masses are celebrated at 6:45, 8:00am, and 5:15pm Monday - Thursday; 6:45 and 8:00am Friday; and 8:00am Saturday morning.
- **Read Scripture** - Each day read a chapter or two from the Bible. Perhaps begin with one of the Gospels, or the writings of Saint Paul. Attend a Bible Study in the parish.
- **Make a Visit** - During the week, stop in church, or the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, and spend a few moments in prayer before Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Take time to listen to what He has to say to you.
- **Attend Lenten Devotions** - The Stations of the Cross are a traditional Lenten Devotion, and are prayed on Fridays at 7:00pm. A variety of opportunities exist in the parish for you to grow in the spiritual life during Lent.
- **Pray the Rosary** - Grow in your love for Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our mother.
- **Increase in Prayer** - Do whatever it takes to increase in your efforts at prayer: Pray in the car while waiting to pick up your children; turn off the car radio and pray during your commute to work; pray while you work around the house... as Saint Hippolytus says: *and so let every faithful man and woman when they rise from sleep at dawn before they undertake any work wash their hands and pray to God, and so let them go to their work.*
- **Give** - Give of your time, talent, and treasure. Make the effort and sacrifice to give more time to your family. Give alms to the poor, and increase in your effort to provide for the needs of the Church. Don't just give what is "left over" in your pocket, give from your need. *The Lord asks not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice...* give until you notice that you are giving. Participate in the Lenten Giving Tree program.
- **Fast** - Not only from food, but do without whatever "fills you." In fasting from food, drink, media, etc., we learn to be more dependant on God to fill the void and not run to creature comforts for security, piece of mind, and "love".
- **Read** - Take up a spiritual work of literature, classic or contemporary. They are readily available in Catholic bookstores.

## Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

We are a recent addition to the spiritual family of St. Dominic. We honor the centuries-old Dominican tradition while also fully embracing St. John Paul II's call to a New Evangelization.

The Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist began in 1997 with our four foundresses: Mother Assumpta, Sr. Mary Samuel, Sr. Joseph Andrew, and Sr. John Dominic. We were canonically established by John Cardinal O'Connor of New York and built our Motherhouse in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Our foundresses believed that the spirituality of St. Dominic had much to contribute to the New Evangelization. They also knew that for our efforts to be successful, we needed to center our entire lives around the Eucharist.

Soon after we were established, we started receiving inquiries from young women who felt called to religious life. In a time when many religious orders were in decline, God blessed us from the beginning with amazing growth.

In 2019, we opened the first phase of our new Our Lady of Guadalupe Priory in Georgetown, Texas, which will ultimately hold up to 115 new Sisters. We need to keep up with all the vocations God is sending our way!

God has blessed us with over 140 sisters. We are a young order — not only because we're still relatively new, but because the average age of our sisters is 38.

Our mission is still the same: to share God's message of faith and the joy of religious life with the modern world through education, vocation promotion and the media. But we're also adaptable, embracing new forms of communication to continually reach the hearts of those searching for Christ.



**Dominican Sisters of Mary**  
Mother of the Eucharist

## A gift from Saints Peter and Paul Parish Spiritual Bouquet for Pope Leo XIV and Archbishop Hicks

On December 18, 2025 His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Ronald Hicks the Archbishop of New York. He was installed as the 11th Archbishop of New York on February 6th. The Diocese of Joliet is now awaiting the appointment of our new Bishop. We are encouraged to pray for Pope Leo, asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon His Holiness as he discerns and makes the appointment of a new Bishop to shepherd the Church of Joliet — of which Saints Peter and Paul Parish is a part.

The priests, deacon, staff and parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Parish offer our prayers for Pope Leo, for the continued inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and for our new bishop... whoever that will be.

The entire parish is asked to join in offering Pope Leo XIV AND Archbishop Ronald Hicks a spiritual gift of prayers, Masses, holy hours, and good works.... a Spiritual Bouquet... as the Holy Father discerns and names a new Bishop for the Diocese of Joliet. Our spiritual gift will be presented to the Holy Father and to Archbishop Hicks at the end of Lent, as an Easter gift to them.

A **Spiritual Bouquet** is a time-honored, common Catholic practice in which a number of people, or a parish community, gathers together their prayers, holy hours, and good works offered for a specific person or intention and presents them as one "grand chorus" of prayer. Just as many flowers are gathered together to make one bouquet, so the image is used in a spiritual sense: Many prayers, sacrifices, holy hours, rosaries, and good works are gathered together to make one "spiritual" bouquet. Please return the form below through the Sunday Collection, or directly to the Parish Office. **Please make your return by Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday.**



### Spiritual Bouquet for Pope Leo XIV & Archbishop Ronald Hicks

As part of the Spiritual Bouquet from Saints Peter and Paul Parish, to pray for Pope Leo as He discerns His naming of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Joliet, and to Archbishop Ronald Hicks in gratitude for his five years of service and leadership to the Diocese of Joliet... I/we offer the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Rosaries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Holy Hours in the Adoration Chapel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Good Works
- \_\_\_\_\_ Masses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Write the number of prayers/works on the line provided. Return form to the Parish Office or in the Sunday Offering throughout Lent.*

*All returns due by Sunday, March 29th ~ Palm Sunday.*

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers for Assisted Living

*"Christ has no body on earth but yours, no feet but yours, no hands but yours."*  
St. Theresa of Avila

We need one or two Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help at one of our assisted living/rehab facilities distributing communion to the residents.

The commitment is every other Thursday afternoon for about 60-90 minutes. We currently have one minister, but we need additional assistance.

With three ministers, it is possible the commitment each month would be rotated, and your commitment could be less than every month. If you have done hospital ministry in the past this is a perfect fit for you. This is a great opportunity to become involved in serving others.

For more information, please contact Paulette Shea at 630-718-2127 or [pshea@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:pshea@sspeterandpaul.net) or Deacon Joe Verdico at 630-718-2155 or [jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net).

### Mass for Expectant Mothers

On the Feast of the Annunciation, we want to bring together couples who are expecting a child. Our Blessed Mother Mary, who so lovingly carried in her body the hope of a Redeemer, offers her motherly blessing upon all couples who await this precious gift from God. We as a community of faith will gather to offer prayer and support and blessing for those who are expecting a child.



Please join us for our first "Family Mass for Expectant Mothers" on Wednesday, March 25th at the 5:15pm Mass at Saint Peter & Paul Parish, Naperville. It is a chance for our parish to give thanks to God for the blessing of children, to give thanks to their mothers for bearing them, and to support family life.

### 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 (34 Weeks) **\$48,684**

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

Weekly Average Compared to Budget - **\$1,407**

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](http://speterandpaul.net/online-giving).**



### Pledge your gift to the CMAA

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$215,600. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

### Second Collection This Weekend

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for



peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). iGive-Catholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
Lent Parish Mission

# Eucharistic Amazement

March 23- March 25 | 7:00pm in the church

With Sister Joseph Andrew, OP  
Mother Assumpta Long, OP

Founding members of the Dominican Sisters of Mary,  
Mother of the Eucharist

The Sisters will also be speaking at all the Masses  
on the weekend of March 21/22.

## Saint Joseph

Patron of the Universal Church and Foster Father of Jesus

Feast Day — March 19th

[from: *The Catholic Answer* — March/April, 2017]



Saint Joseph Day, March 19th is a Solemnity for the Universal Church because he is the patron saint of the Universal Church and the foster-father of Jesus, the husband of Mary. He is the guardian and protector of the Holy Family, and of the Household of God, the Church.

Saint Joseph is not mentioned much in the Gospels. There are some scurrilous stories in apocryphal writings involving the Infancy Narratives, but they are not Scripture and have been rejected by tradition as unworthy of our attention.

Though we know so little of Joseph in Scripture, he seems to have been the strong, silent type. Not a word of his is recorded. But his actions have much to say, especially to men. Let's consider a few examples of his active virtue.

He was a man who obeyed God and clung to his wife. At a certain point, it was discovered that Mary was pregnant, though not by Joseph. Scripture says that Joseph was a "just man." This does not mean that Joseph was a fair and nice guy (though we may presume he was). What it means was that he was a follower of the Law. The Law said that if a man discovered that a woman to whom he was betrothed was not a virgin, he should divorce her and not "sully" his home. Joseph, as a just man — that is, a follower of the Law — was prepared to follow its requirements. To fail to divorce Mary would expose Joseph to cultural ramifications. But Joseph is told in a dream not to fear, that Mary has committed no sin. The Gospel of Matthew records: *"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home"* (1:24). So, here is a man who obeys God even if it is not popular, even if he may suffer for it. Here is a man who agrees to cling to his wife, for better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness or health. This is what a man is to do.

Joseph was a man whose vocation is more important than his career. In Bethlehem, Joseph is warned by an angel in a dream: *"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him"* (Mt 2:13). Joseph may well have had much to lose in this flight. Back in Nazareth he had a business, a career if you will. He had business prospects, business partners and contacts. Fleeing to a distant land might mean others would take his business, etc. But Joseph was a father and husband before he was a businessman. His vocation outweighed his career.

Joseph was a man of work. Scripture speaks of Joseph as a "carpenter" (Mt 13:55). The Greek word however is *tektonos*, which can mean more than a worker in wood. It can also refer to a builder or any craftsman. It was through his work that Joseph supported his family. It is the call of a man to work diligently and to responsibly, reliably provide for his family. Joseph models this essential aspect of manhood. St. Paul, in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians, felt it necessary to rebuke some of the men of his day for their idleness and concludes, *"Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food"* (3:12). Saint Joseph, the great protector and provider gives us an example of true manhood, fatherhood, fidelity and submission to the will of God. He is a man of great faith and love for God.

## Saint Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland

The Feast of Saint Patrick is celebrated on March 17th. Because it falls within the season of Lent, in the United States, the liturgical feast of Saint Patrick is observed as an *optional memorial*, since he is not our national patron saint. For us, our National Patronal Feast is celebrated on December 8th — the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



In the U.S., over the past 100 years, or so, the celebration of Saint Patrick, bishop and missionary of the 5th century, has taken on a rather political and secular flavor. Often times, these nationalistic sentiments overshadow the holiness of the Saint, and confuse people as to his proper placement in the liturgical life of the Church. Traditionally, in Ireland, the Feast of Saint Patrick is a holy day, a time for being with family, and a day of great sobriety. Although, times are changing, and as in most parts of the Western World, the real meaning of the holiday is being lost to secular observances [even in Ireland].

Legends about Patrick abound; but two qualities of holiness are seen in what we know of the Saint: He was humble and he was courageous. His determined desire to accept suffering and success with equal deference to God guided his life. Thus, winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Details of his life are uncertain. His dates of birth and death are fixed at 415-493 ad. Saint Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and soldiers were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered from hunger and cold. After six years, Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of twenty-two. During his captivity he experienced a deep spiritual conversion. After studying the Catholic faith he was consecrated bishop at the age of forty-three. His great desire was to proclaim the Gospel to the Irish. Which he did with great zeal, converting the "Emerald Isle" to the True Faith.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids, and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his ministry. Within a span of 33 years he converted all of Ireland. Saint Patrick is said to be buried at Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, County Down, alongside Saint Brigid and Saint Columba.

## Connect With Us on Social Media



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

Facebook at [SSPPnapervilleIL](#)

Instagram at [@ssppnaperville](#)

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL LENTEN GIVING TREE

As part of our Lenten practice of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, we ask you to make a special Lenten offering to one or more of the following organizations. Starting on Wednesday, February 18, there will be trees located in the Church and in the Adoration Chapel.

### LENTEN GIVING TREE ORGANIZATIONS

Little Sisters of the Poor, Palatine

Waterleaf Women's Center

Our Lady of the Angels Mission, Chicago

SSPP St. Vincent DePaul

Sisters of Charity, Chicago

Hope for Tanzania

*Make checks payable to "Sts. Peter and Paul Church" and return in the Sunday collection basket by March 27th.*

# SUNDAY AFTERNOON *with the* SISTERS

**For all young ladies and girls ages 12-35**

*Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.*

**A presentation and discussion on Religious Life for women. Enjoy an afternoon with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King, and others. A light lunch will be provided.**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

2:00-3:30pm

Ministry Center Social Hall

36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL 60540

[www.sistersofmary.org](http://www.sistersofmary.org)

RSVP HERE



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church | 630-355-1081 | [sspeterandpaul.net](http://sspeterandpaul.net)

## April 2026 Vocational Discernment Retreat

April 18-19, 2026

The Sisters invite you to join them on a spiritual retreat that includes Holy Mass, Divine Office, Rosary and the opportunity to enjoy time with the Sisters. You will hear conferences given about Mary and the Eucharist, as well as on the specific theme of the retreat. Please note: Vocational Discernment

Retreats are for young women between the ages of 18 (out of high school) and 30.



## Fr. Bader's Book of the Week

*Princesses of Heaven-The Flowers*

Written and illustrated by Fabiola Garza



**Princess of Heaven** is a picture book for young girls ages 3-8. Written and illustrated by Disney artist Fabiola Garza, this breathtaking book shares the stories of St. Joan of Arc, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Narcisa de Jesus, St. Lucy Yi Zhenmei and St. Therese of Lisieux; presenting them each as a princess in heaven with a shining crown.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION by Rev. James Field

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the 'elect' for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the Eucharist feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promised fulfilled and yet another foretaste of heaven's banquet.



## FISHERS OF MEN

Please join us at the

**Men of Christ Retreat  
at St. Mary Immaculate in Plainfield**

Due to the retreat, we will not have our regular session on Saturday, March 14th. Please join us again at Saints Peter and Paul on March 21st.

Welcoming new men every Saturday morning.

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

[fishersofmenspp@gmail.com](mailto:fishersofmenspp@gmail.com)



## A Thank You from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to our most generous parish! Together, we were able to make both this past Thanksgiving and Christmas more enjoyable for more than 571 of our neighbors in need. This is a 42% increase over last year. Your generosity was evident in the offertory collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass and your "Giving Tree" response with food and gas gift cards for those in need.

Thanks to you, our parish SVdP Conference was able to provide the following this past holiday season:

- Our members visited 4 senior citizen residential facilities and personally distributed food gift cards to 527 residents, assisting them with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and necessities.
- Parishioners sponsored 2 families and provided Christmas gifts for their children.
- Gift cards were also given to 29 individuals and families to help provide gifts and meals for Christmas.
- 8 seniors received ready-to-eat holiday meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This is in addition to the assistance we provide families and individuals throughout the year in our community. Our SVdP conference helps with necessities such as rent, mortgage, utilities, auto expenses, medications, and gas gift cards to help them get to work and to appointments.

Without your continued financial support, our SVdP Conference would not have been able to fulfill its mission to help the needy. It is only with our hearts that we can bring compassion, respect, and devotion to the destitute and marginalized in our community. It is only with a heart on fire with God's love that service can root us in the faith that in the poor we shall see the face of Christ. The St. Vincent de Paul Saints Peter and Paul Conference is truly blessed to have such generous support from our parish.

If you would like to learn more about our parish's SVdP Conference or know of someone in need of the assistance we can provide, call 630-718-2108.

With gratitude,  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Saints Peter and Paul Conference



## Saint Vincent de Paul

Before a Vincentian can be a sign of God's love, a sign of God's generosity, a sign of God's service, he or she must have personal experience of God's love, God's generosity, God's service. The most unfortunate people in society are those who have not had the experience of being loved. Before loving other, we must come to the realization that we are at every moment of our lives being loved by God. If we do not reflect often in prayer on the fact that the love of God is flowing down upon us at each moment of the day, it will be difficult for us to show love to others, to show love to the poor. May you have a love for the poor and be generous to the poor and be of service to the poor but, more importantly, may you have each day a fresh experience of God's love, of God's generosity and of God's service. (McCullen, Deep Down Things, p.670)

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

## Respect Life at Planned Parenthood

Join us every Monday from 2:00pm-3:00pm to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood in Aurora (3051 E. New York St.).

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**See progress happen**

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

## Take a Stand for Life

The Aurora Spring 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is a part of an international effort to end the tragedy of abortion through prayer, fasting and public witness. Every day from February 18 - March 29, people will gather outside of Planned Parenthood in Aurora to peacefully pray for all who are affected by abortion.

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church is committed to cover Friday, February 20th and Friday, March 20th. We are scheduled to have a presence there from 8am-5pm. Thank you for your witness to life. See [40daysforlife.com/aurora](http://40daysforlife.com/aurora) for details about signing up for our parish vigil or call or email Jane Fonner. (630) 373-2025, [janeconner@comcast.net](mailto:janeconner@comcast.net)

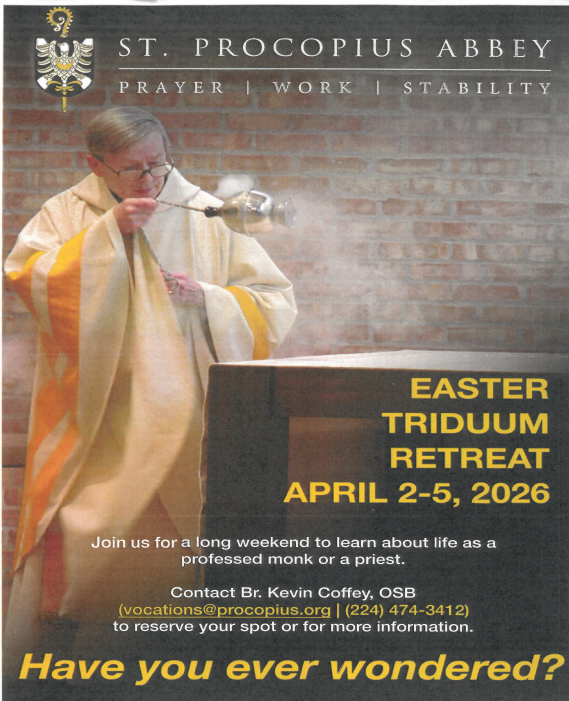


## Seasons of Hope

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 March 16 from 6:30—8:00pm in the St. Paul Center. Pre-registration is required. Please email Deacon Joe at [jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net).



ST. PROCOPIUS ABBEY  
PRAYER | WORK | STABILITY



**EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT**  
**APRIL 2-5, 2026**

Join us for a long weekend to learn about life as a professed monk or a priest.

Contact Br. Kevin Coffey, OSB  
([vocations@procopius.org](mailto:vocations@procopius.org)) | (224) 474-3412  
to reserve your spot or for more information.

*Have you ever wondered?*



## EVANGELIZATION

### **Canceled**

Explaining the Faith with Fr. Bader

Due to the Parish Mission, Fr. Bader's talk on Tuesday, March 24 is canceled.

# Cloud of Witnesses

*A Catholic Series on the Saints*

## ST. DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI

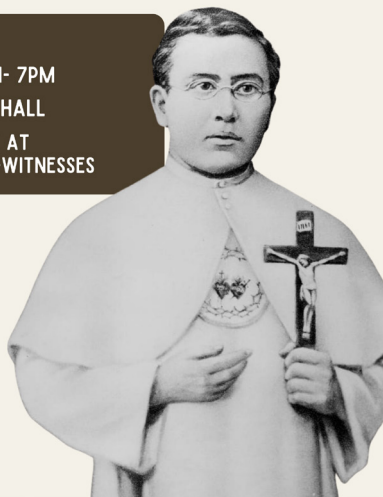
**APRIL 16**

POTLUCK- 6PM PRESENTATION- 7PM

MINISTRY CENTER SOCIAL HALL

SIGN UP FOR THE POTLUCK AT  
[SSPETERANDPAUL.NET/CLOUD-OF-WITNESSES](http://SSPETERANDPAUL.NET/CLOUD-OF-WITNESSES)

Michael Lewandowski will present on St. Damien on Thursday, April 16. From 6-7pm there will be an optional potluck focused on Hawaiian food. Beginning at 7, Michael will present on the life of the saint followed by coffee and dessert. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. To sign up for this event, please go to our website.



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### SSPP YOUTH GROUP ST. PATRICK'S DAY

# PARTY

**MARCH 17 7-8:45PM**

Pizza | Drinks | Games | Fellowship

Saint Paul Center (5 N Brainard St)

All teenagers grades 8-12 are welcome to join!



**RSVP HERE**

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

VOLUNTEER EVENT  
FOR  
SSPP YOUTH GROUP  
(8TH-12TH GRADE)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
**2:00PM - 3:45PM**

**Feed My Starving Children**  
555 Exchange Court  
Aurora, IL 60504

*Students must be dropped off at the location between 1:45-1:55pm*

Use the QR Code to sign up



FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN





## OPEN POSITIONS



Become a part of our faculty and staff and join our vibrant learning environment, added support, and Christ-centered atmosphere.



Saints Peter & Paul Catholic school has the following open positions available for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Resource Interventionist
- Elementary Teacher
- Junior High Teacher

Please contact Mrs. Tricia Weis at [tweis@sspeterandpaulschool.com](mailto:tweis@sspeterandpaulschool.com) if interested.

### SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, Sacramentary). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

—Peter Scagnelli



## St. Francis Perpetual Adoration Chapel

You can actually walk & talk with Jesus through these days of Lent and beyond

Make this a time of intimacy with Jesus. Come and just sit with Him. Give Him time each week or even every day. Talk with Him. Learn from Him what you need and must know. Pour out your heart. Then listen to what He says as He loves you.

Located east of the church off the Benton St. alleyway, under the green awning.  
Kathy Durow 630-818-7897  
EM: [amayusrd@gmail.com](mailto:amayusrd@gmail.com)

### ADORERS NEEDED



### DIOCESE OF JOLIET DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONS

## Jeremiah Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026  
Open to grades 7-10

The Diocese of Joliet Department of Vocations is thrilled to invite young men (grades 7-10) for our annual Jeremiah Day. Join us for a day of exploring, prayer, and games with our Joliet Seminarians currently studying at Mundelein Seminary. Learn more about what being in Seminary is like at Jeremiah Day!

Cost to attend  
**\$10**  
Includes lunch

Scan here to register



<https://tinyurl.com/sacbye7>

Location: University of St. Mary of the Lake  
1000 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

Please email [vocations@diocesefjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@diocesefjoliet.org) or call (815) 221-6171 for questions





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 Saturday and Sunday Closed

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Donna Pelletier, *Member-at-Large*

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

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

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

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

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

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