

"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.

You have faith in God;
have faith also in me."

May 3, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2

8:00am Ramona Race
5:00pm People of SSPP

Sunday, May 3

6:45am Jose L. Alonzo & deceased family members
8:30am George Olinger
10:30am Agustin Perez
12:30pm Jim Danowski
7:00pm Philip Sheehan

Monday, May 4

6:45am Intention of Katrina Czop
8:00am Dcn. Michael Crowell
5:15pm Margaret Quinn

Tuesday, May 5

6:45am Valerie Berger
8:00am Deceased members of the Condon & Yoch families
5:15pm Olivia Cappy

Wednesday, May 6

6:45am Emily Spellman
8:00am The McGuire & Caboto families
5:15pm Justin Davis

Thursday, May 7

6:45am Fr. Richard Wojcik
8:00am Matthew Tomasek
5:15pm Joseph Verdico, Sr.

Friday, May 8

6:45am Fr. James Lennon
8:00am Intention of Pope Leo XIV

Saturday, May 9

8:00am Virgil Coles
5:00pm Jean De Luco



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 - 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)

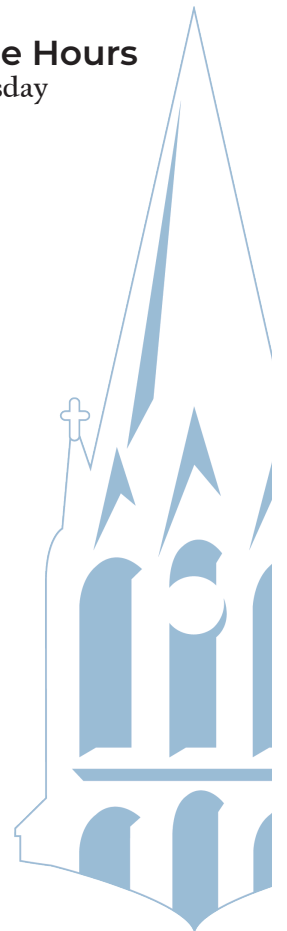
Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. We continue to remember and celebrate the Lord's rising to new life. In His resurrection, Jesus gives us Himself. He continues His presence in the lives of His people and wants our happiness: So much does He want our salvation. In today's Gospel the Lord Jesus gives us Himself *as the way, the truth and the life*. He invites us to follow Him and *remain in His love*, and with great love and compassion He assures us to *not let our hearts be troubled*. In today's Gospel, He invites us to Faith. He invites us to discipleship, to faithfully following Him in so many ways. Especially through the Sacraments.

No one exemplifies this "*call to discipleship*" more than the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are at the beginning of May. This entire month is dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first and the greatest of all the disciples. I would encourage everyone to go to Mary to follow her example of love, obedience, faithfulness, and abandonment to the Divine Will and Divine Providence, God's plan for us. During this month of May, dedicated to the Virgin, make the effort to spend some "extra time" with Mary. She is the Church in its perfection, and the perfect model of what you and I should be in following the Lord Jesus. Everything about Mary points to Jesus. Would that the same thing be said of all of us.

To *Jesus through Mary!* Begin your "time" with Mary by reading the sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church dedicated to Her, #963-975. Other spiritual readings are available through Catholic publishers, especially Ignatius Press and Our Sunday Visitor Press, to name a few. Do something to grow in your knowledge, love, devotion, and understanding of Mary's role in the Church and in our lives. Grow closer to Her, who is so close to Her Son. She's a mother who loves us completely. A mother who wants our salvation and happiness in this life and in the life to come.

Next Sunday, May 10th is Mothers Day... a day to honor our Mothers. What better way to celebrate the day than to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of us all. Our Parish May Crowning will take place at all masses NEXT weekend. So, get ready!.... next week, when you come to mass, remember to bring flowers to Mary — your Mother, and the Mother of us all! Information on how everyone can honor Mary is in today's bulletin. Let's all "*bring flowers of the fairest...to the loveliest rose of the vale!*"



May God bless you and Mary keep you!

Father De Salvo

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

Facebook at SSPPnapervilleIL
Instagram at @ssppnaperville



"Bring Flowers of the Fairest..." Mother's Day and May Crowning

NEXT WEEK!



Sunday, May 10th, is the Sixth Sunday of Easter; it is also Mother's Day. A day to honor Mothers: Our own mothers, all those special women in our lives who have been "mother" to us, our Holy Mother the Church, and Mary the Mother of Jesus and the mother of us all, given to us by the Lord as He hung upon the Cross.

Our Parish May Crowning will be held at all Masses NEXT SUNDAY on Mother's Day. Everyone is

invited to take part in giving honor to Mary, our Mother, as we honor all those women who have been "mother to us." Especially if your mom is deceased, what better way to remember her than by making an offering of love to the Blessed Virgin Mary in memory of mom? Whether they are living or dead, by honoring Mary, we honor our own mothers and ultimately the creator of all mothers, God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Mary leads us to Jesus, and like a good mother She shows us the face of God in Her goodness and in Her care for us.

When you come to Mass for Mother's Day bring flowers to lay at the feet of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Entrance Hymn of the Mass whoever has flowers to offer will be invited to come forward during the Entrance Hymn of the Mass and lay them before the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We encourage you to bring flowers from your own garden. Let children and grandchildren pick their own to offer, but please do not limit the offering to children alone, or to the ladies. Young and old — men, women, and children, EVERYONE, should eagerly want to show their love for Mary, and honor their Mother. Let's see more men come forward with flowers for the Blessed Mother. Everyone is encouraged and invited to take part. Don't miss this opportunity to make a concrete show of faith and love for the Lord by honoring His Blessed Mother. In honoring the Mother of Jesus, we honor Him, and He will bless our efforts with an increase in faith and devotion. Join us on Mother's Day as we "*bring flowers of the fairest...to the loveliest rose of the vale!*"

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:

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

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



Please Remember in Prayer Those Serving in the Military

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

U.S. Army
PFC Sam Allard
Major Angelo Bartocci
PVT Justin Bielefeld
SPC Ryan Bridgman
Captain Michael Caddigan
Major John J. Case
Major Sydney Case
Major Eileen Cassidy
Major Mary Cassidy
Major Tom Crane
SPC Joshua Adam Demerin
Captain Reilly Dougherty
Col. Edward Fisher
2nd Lt. Matthew Quinton Frame
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 DiBiasco
PFC Jonathon Dragovan
Sgt. Luke Focer
1st Lt. Robert Gortner
2nd Lt. Eric Hovey
Sgt. Ivan Karamysev
Major Pete Keough
Corporal Joseph Murray
LCPL Matthew Prasse
LCPL Maddox Ritter
Corporal Luke Russell
Corporal Joseph Taylor
PVT Chris Vazquez

U.S. Air National Guard
LTC Scott Paeth
MSG Naomi Tillhof

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

U.S. Space Force
Major Nick DuPre

To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at: www.welcomeyouhome.org.

Daily Readings

Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21



ADORATION CHAPEL



I SEE YOUR FACE OH LORD
I can see your eyes and nose
I can see your face oh Lord
and oh how it glows. It will be alright oh Lord.
I put my trust in you.
I can see your face oh Lord
And oh how I love you !

poem by Elsie



ST. FRANCIS PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

CO-ADORERS NEEDED

Monday 4:00am, 7:00am & 7:00pm; Tuesday 11:00am;
Wednesday 4:00am; Thursday 2:00am; Friday Midnight, 8:00am &
11:00am; Friday 6:00pm & 7:00pm; Saturday 4:00pm, 7:00pm &
11:00pm; Sunday 1:00pm, 6:00pm & 11:00pm

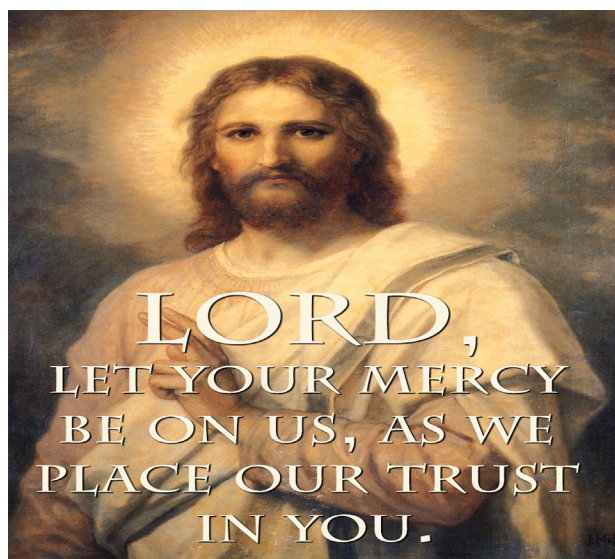
Located east of the church - enter off the Benton St. alleyway.

Become an adoror by going to St. Francis adoration chapel,

AdorationPro or parish web site to learn more.

Contact Kathy at 630-818-7897

Open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. A passcode is needed after 9pm until 6am.



May 1st ~ Feast of St. Joseph the Worker The Church: Guardian of Work

By: D.C. SCHINDLER – professor of metaphysics and anthropology at
the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family
at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.
APRIL 2022 + COLUMBIA Magazine

There seem to be two basic reasons that we have lost a "taste" for work in the contemporary world. One is that much of the work available these days has, in fact, become largely meaningless - at least in the profound, human sense. Work has generally been organized around productivity and profit, not first of all around what John Paul II called its "personal-ist" meaning. The main purpose of work is not what can be achieved by it, but first of all the activity itself; we work not simply because it produces good things, but because it is good to work. Moreover, it can be better to work in a way that is actually less profitable and productive, if it is more affirming of the intrinsic meaning and value of what is being done and of the people doing it.

Second, we have forgotten that work is an expression of love, and that, to quote John Paul II once again, "man cannot live without love" (Redemptor Hominis, #10). The explosion of ever more sophisticated gadgetry has reinforced our disordered inclination to avoid burdens whenever possible. But there is nothing meaningful in our lives that is not also a burden, even if it is a "light" one. To get rid of all inconveniences is to eliminate the very things that make life worth living.

Love inevitably carries burdens. To put our hand to real things, to take the time to do things well - for all of the toil involved - is to affirm our humanity and to take part in the love that is creation. We are accustomed to think of the Church as the "guardian of marriage," cultivating and protecting that basic human institution. But, perhaps, we ought to become more aware of the Church's role as "guardian of work."

And to do so we may meditate on Saint Joseph, that great saint who was identified in Scripture with a simple - but increasingly significant - description: "the Worker" (Mt 13:55). The Greek word here, *tekion*, is typically translated as "carpenter," but in fact it means "artisan" or "craftsman" in a more general sense. Saint Joseph may therefore be taken as the living symbol of work as an expression of the essential Christian mission.

When Pope Pius XII established the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker in 1955, he wisely chose May 1 - the date that had been claimed by the Marxist International Socialist Congress in 1889 for the annual celebration of workers' rights. He thereby made clear a message that is important for us, too, to remember during this confusing and unstable time: The value of work can best be affirmed by recovering its deepest roots and its noblest purpose, namely, to participate in God's own creative act - and to respond to the call to love.



“Mary Month of May”

By: Peter J. Lynch

From: “Spirituality for Today”

Not so many years ago, a little girl had come of the age to take her turn at pasturing the sheep that her family owned. Her two little cousins, whom she had played with every day until this time, sought permission from their parents to allow them to go with her. The three would meet every morning. One day, as they were shepherding their flock, they saw what seemed to be lightning, so they decided that they should try to get the flock home before it began to rain. As they made their way down a slope, they only went a short distance when there was another flash of light. When they looked up they saw before them a Lady dressed all in white. “She was more brilliant than the sun, and radiated a light more clear and more intense than a crystal filled with sparkling water, when the rays of the burning sun shine through it.”

Astounded, they stopped. Their life was never the same. This occurred on the May 13, 1917, in a small village called Fatima, in Portugal. The Blessed Mother would come to visit Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco every 13th of the month for six months to give these little children, in this little known place, a message for the world.

What was the message that Our Lady gave those children? It is a message of conversion. She calls the world to turn back to God, be reconciled, and reform our lives according to the Gospel. To accomplish this she calls us to turn to the Sacraments, prayer, and penance. She said that by these practices we can make reparation for the offenses committed against the Heart of Jesus and her own Immaculate Heart.

In this month of May, one of the months dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, we can renew our devotion to the Mother of Our Savior in several ways. Three of the greatest devotions we can have to the Queen of Heaven, who always points to her Son, are the daily recitation of the Rosary, devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and consecration to Mary according to the formula as found in True Devotion to Mary, by St. Louis De Montfort. This is the formula was a favorite of Saint Pope John Paul II.

The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers of the Church. From the time of the early Church the Rosary was always prayed in some form or another. The basic form that we have today was given to the Church in an apparition to St. Dominic in 1214. Our Lady revealed to him that the Rosary is the “weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world.” The Rosary is powerful because it is like praying the Gospel. Consider the prayers of the Rosary: The Our Father was given by Christ himself when asked by his disciples how we are to pray. The Hail Mary contains the very words of the Gospel accounts of the Annunciation and the Visitation from Luke’s Gospel. We then have the Mysteries of the Rosary that recount the great mysteries of our redemption in Christ. Being the greatest Scriptural prayer the Church has in her treasury, taken as a whole it is easy to see that it reveals Mary’s place in our lives in relation to Christ. Just like Mary herself, the Rosary points to the Gospel of Christ, leading people to Jesus through the preaching of the Gospel message. The Rosary itself is a sermon! What better way to come to Jesus than through his Mother, who he so honors and loves as to grant her whatever she asks? And it only takes ten to fifteen minutes to pray five mysteries of the Rosary each day! As the prayer of Our Mother, which leads us to her Son, we can see how powerful it is as the Gospel Prayer of the Family.

We should learn to “put on” the Heart of Mary, to love Mary and to imitate Her holiness and virtuous life. There is an even more profound reason we practice devotion to the Virgin: This reason is found in considering a simple question. What heart has ever loved Jesus so intimately, and so purely, and so perfectly as the Immaculate Heart of Mary? In our devotion to her Immaculate Heart, our heart grows in imitation and comes to love Jesus by the Heart that loved him so well. May we too love Jesus with the Immaculate Love of the Heart of Mary. During this month of May, the month dedicated to Mary, let us all grow in holiness, in our love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, who leads us to Jesus.



Help save a life! Adopt a baby bottle and fill it with your loose change, a check or cash to support Waterleaf Women Center's *CHANGE FOR BABIES* campaign, which takes place in our parish from Mother's Day (May 10) until Father's Day (June 21). The proceeds of this event will help support the life-saving work of Waterleaf, a Catholic pregnancy center serving the Diocese of Joliet with its pregnancy medical clinic and education center located in Aurora. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Baby Bottles will be available at the exit doors after Mother's Day weekend Masses. Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Naperville, IL.
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JOHN RUSKAMP, well known speaker on

THE SHROUD OF TURIN.

Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00pm
in the Holy Family Chapel

(located in the Saints Peter & Paul Ministry Center)



A Presentation and Exhibit Featuring a Life-Sized Replica of the Shroud of Turin.

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and learn how it can help us understand
Scripture, history and Christian witness.

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**Special Message
from Bishop Dennis E. Spies
April 2026**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County.

On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

A Special Second Collection

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special second collection the weekend of May 2–3 or May 9–10, 2026.

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

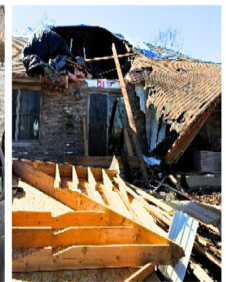
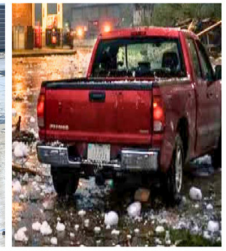
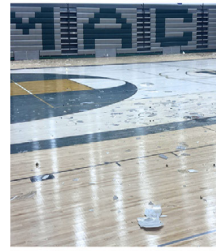
- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

+ Dennis E. Spies

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet



**Praying with Our Lady
During the Month of
May**

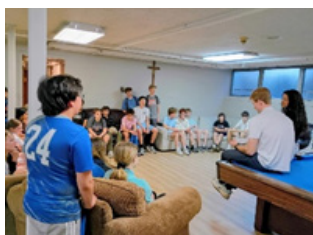
All are welcome to join us as we
pray
the Rosary for Life
led by Deacon Joe
Tuesdays in May at 1:45 pm
at the Mary Statue outside the
Jr.High.

"Park & Pray" before school pick-up!



Father Rutnicki paid one last visit to many of the classrooms. Mrs. Ghassan's Eucharist 1 class were happy to pose for a picture.

Ms. Passarella's Eucharist 2 class stands with Mrs. Bernadette McKeon from the Legion of Mary as they proudly wear their Miraculous Medals. Each child received a Holy Card, Miraculous Medal necklace, and a handmade rosary, all lovingly put together by the Legion of Mary, and blessed.



Under the guidance of Ms. Natalia Cassata, parish Youth Minister, Conf. 1 students had an opportunity to join Conf. 2 students in the Teen Rom for a glimpse at what's in store for them next year after they are confirmed. They enjoyed games, pizza and snacks, and social time.

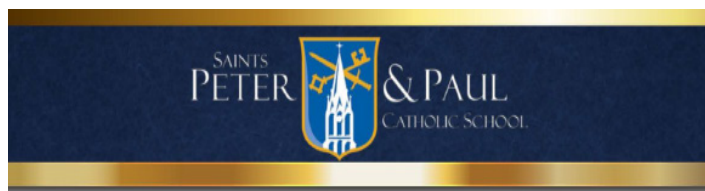
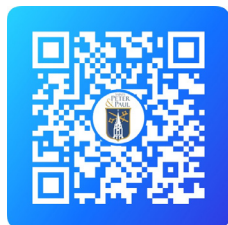
Congratulations to the following parish children who recently received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time! May the grace of this sacrament strengthen their faith and bring them closer to God each day.

Alexander Biles	Avira Manoj
Catarina Honda	Allison Nguyen
Audrey King	Aubrey Nguyen
Jackson Locy	Ashlyn Nguyen
Keira Locy	Jacob Nguyen

Registration for the 2026/2027 Religious Education year is underway. Forms are available on the RE page of the parish website, in the RE Office, in the church vestibule, and outside the Holy Family Chapel. **Register and pay by May 29th for the lowest fee.** The Diocese requires two years of continuous formation prior to the reception of a sacrament.

Young Adult GroupMe

For updates and information about the new Saints Peter and Paul Young Adult Group (Age 18-30), scan the QR Code to join the group chat on GroupMe.



The SSPP track team opened the 2026 season with a FIRST PLACE finish!

The cold weather did not stop them from competing with tenacity, and the team went home winning several grade-level divisions and many individual first place finishes.

The following grades earned first place finishes in their divisions: 6th grade boys, 5th/6th/8th grade girls.



Daughters of the Eucharist

When- Every first Monday of the month from 6-7pm.
Who- Open to young women in high school.
Where- The Youth Room located in the lower level of the St. Paul Center (5 North Brainard Street).
What- Daughters of the Eucharist is a group for high school girls to live out their mission through service, fellowship, and formation.



13-gallon white trash bags will be distributed after ALL masses the weekend of May 10th.

2026 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Saturday, May 16th from 12:00pm-6:00pm

and

Sunday, May 17th from 7:00am-1:00pm

Location: Junior High School Parking Lot

Since the Joliet Diocese SVdP stores are closing, we are partnering with the SVdP stores in Geneva and Aurora. Your donations will go to the SVdP Déjà Vu Thrift Store at 427 S. 4th Street in Geneva and/or the SVdP Warehouse at 911 Sullivan Road in Aurora. Items not used by these stores will go to the Salvation Army and/or Wayside Cross Ministries. Excellent, clean items and clothing must be packed in small bags and boxes. NO LARGE BLACK GARBAGE BAGS! Please use the basic 13-gallon white trash bags for clothing. Thank you for your generous donations!
~Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WHAT WE CAN USE

Antiques/Collectibles
Appliances, clean and working
Artwork
Bags, with handles
Baking Items
Bed Frames
Bedroom Furniture
Bikes
Books – hardcovered
Clocks
Clothes – clean/gently used
Decorative Accessories
Desks (non-commercial)
Dining Room Furniture
Dishes
DVD/VHS Players
Gardening Tools
Jewelry/Accessories
Kitchen Tables and Chairs
Lamps
Mirrors
Musical Instruments
Office Supplies
Packing Paper
Pots and Pans
Pottery
Records/C Ds/DVDs/VHS
Religious Items
Sewing Machines
Sheets/Comforters
Shoes/Boots/Belts/Hats
Silverware
Sofas and Chairs (like new/pet free)
Stemware glasses
Tools and Hardware Items
Towels

WHAT WE CAN'T USE

Automotive parts
Baby Car Seats
Bubble Wrap
Building Materials
Carpeting Building Materials
Cassette Tapes
Coat Hangers
Computer Monitors
Cribs
Curtain Rods
Decorative Plates
Encyclopedias/Almanacs
Entertainment/TV Center Armoires
Keyboards
Mattress and Box Springs
Metal Office Desks
Paperback Books
Stuffed Animals/Toys
Styrofoam Boxes
Televisions
TV Consoles





CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Saint Vincent de Paul

Jesus is the Way-the Truth-and the Life, because of his relationship with the Father. The good news is that when we relate to Jesus, we are relating to God. And when we encounter the risen Christ, we encounter God. We encounter the risen Christ by doing the works of Christ and by recognizing Christ in the other. Thus, the challenge here is that our baptism plunges us not only into a relationship with the Triune God but also with each other. Therefore, our belief in the resurrection and the good news of salvation isn't something that stays in our heads but is played out concretely in the way we treat others in justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love. That is the good news! (*Living Liturgy*, p.134)

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.



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 May 11th from 6:30—8:00pm in the St. Paul Center.

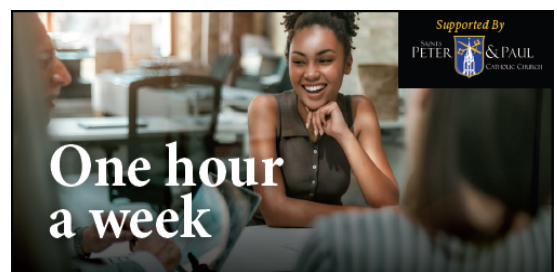
This is a new season.

Please contact Deacon Joe at jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net to register.

Legion of Mary

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

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



That's all it will take to change someone's life. As a mentor you will meet once a week 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. A single hour can make a lifelong impact! *Have a blessed Easter!*



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The program highlights the richness of the Catholic Church's musical tradition, featuring works by Palestrina (known as the "Prince of Music") along with compositions by Perosi and Bartolucci, both former directors of the Pope's Choir. These timeless works have accompanied papal liturgies in the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica and showcase some of the Church's most beautiful music. The Sacred Voices Choir also had the honor of performing for Pope Leo XI.



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Mary ~ Mother of the Eucharist



The title of *Mary ~ Mother of the Eucharist* demonstrates Her love and devotion for Her Son, Jesus. It should inspire us to greater piety and love for the Lord Jesus, the Word of God was made Flesh within the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In a very real way, Mary was the first receptacle or “container” to hold the body of Jesus Christ. As such, the Blessed Virgin Mary is the “first” *Tabernacle*.

Being the Mother of Jesus, the Mother of God, Mary IS the *Mother of the Eucharist*. She is called Our Lady of the Eucharist because without her, there would be no physical body of Jesus to be present in the Eucharist. “...And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as She contemplated the face of the new born Christ and cradled Him in Her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic Communion?” [Pope John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*].

Mary's whole role in the Church is to lead us to her Divine Son. Neglect her — then the surest, quickest and easiest way to her Divine Son is gone. Ignore the Woman of Faith and our faith in the Real Presence will falter and fail. We have seen it time and time again in the history of the Church. Mary is the *Church in its perfection*, what we should be as followers of Her Son.

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES May 3

Call Philip the gospel's “Answer Man.” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: “We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: “Show us the Father!” (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: “You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?” And an answer: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:10). Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22).

—Peter Scagnelli

Fr. Bader's Book of the Week

Christ versus Satan In Our Daily Lives

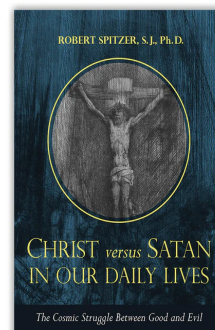
by: Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.

In this much needed book, Fr. Spitzer tackles the topic of recognizing and overcoming spiritual evil. His focus is the human heart. His goal: our moral and spiritual transformation, which leads to true peace and genuine happiness. The book is divided into two main parts: the realities of God's goodness and of spiritual evil, and recognizing and overcoming diabolical tactics, which range from temptation and deception to the Deadly Sins.

Father Spitzer shows readers how to experience God's peace even during times of suffering and persecution. He examines the basics of the spiritual life and Christian mysticism, including the contemplative dimension. He explains the purgative, illuminative, and unitive aspects of spirituality, as well as the Lord's consolation and the passive Dark Night of the Spirit.

Father Spitzer provides the biblical and theological background of Jesus' victory over Satan. The author also explores the reality of the Devil, including extraordinary manifestations of diabolic activity such as possession. He recalls the true story of the famous possession case on which the novel and film *The Exorcist* were based.

In the final sections of the book Father explains how diabolical spiritual forces operate; how temptation works, and what to do to defeat it; and the “deadly sins” and how to overcome them.



If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism.

As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

—Rev. James Field



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Loving Christ with Courage

A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you. Courage will be needed to follow Christ versus worldly values.

Saturday, May 9th
Saints Peter and Paul Ministry Center

Come and hear stories about people who prioritize fidelity to Christ and risk persecution over worldly acceptance. Courage is a virtue in showing allegiance to Christ and the truth even when standing in opposition to prevailing winds.

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

AGENDA

6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests
6:30am: Rosary in Holy Family Chapel
7:00am: Talk Theme: Loving Christ with Courage
7:15am: Small-group discussions
7:40am: Wrap up
7:50am: Closing prayer
8:00am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul
Bring your own coffee.

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Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections (39 Weeks) **\$48,538**

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

Weekly Average Compared to Budget - **\$1,261**

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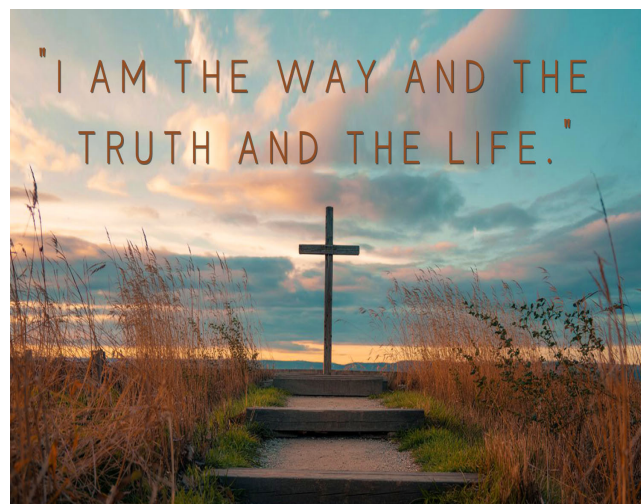
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Baptisms Held each Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Prep classes are held every other month on the first Monday in the Parish Ministry Center at 7 p.m. If this is your first child, you must attend a class before receiving a date for your baby's baptism. 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, 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.

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 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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