



“Come to me,

*all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28

July 5, 2026 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4

9:30am God's Blessings on the
United States
5:00pm Fr. David Stalzer

Sunday, July 5

6:45am †Dave Dubnik
8:30am People of SSPP
10:30am †Patricia Brown
12:30pm †Christine Verdico
3:30pm †Leslin Alexander
7:00pm Michael Birek

Monday, July 6

6:45am Thomas Enright II
8:00am Robert Pyszka
5:15pm Vida Petrulionis

Tuesday, July 7

6:45am †Matthew Jacob
8:00am †Margaret T.
Rechenmacher
5:15pm †Michelle Alessi

Wednesday, July 8

6:45am †Don Miller
8:00am †Bill Bassetto
5:15pm William Bassetto

Thursday, July 9

6:45am Purgatorial Society
8:00am †Betty Gavin
5:15pm †William Burlein III

Friday, July 10

6:45am †Dr. Louis Courtney
KM
8:00am †Joseph Ricely

Saturday, July 11

8:00am Stanley & Dolores
Malnar
5:00pm People of SSPP



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

3:30pm

Sacrament of Penance

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)

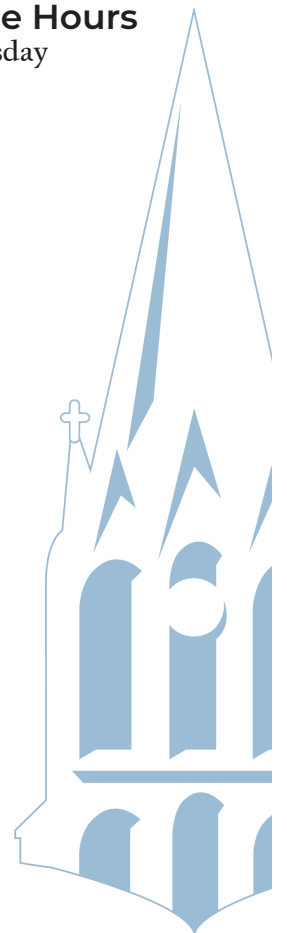
Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we welcome three new priests to Saints Peter and Paul Parish: Father Andrew Buchanan, Father Michal Twaruzek, and Father Albert Heidecke. Father Buchanan and Father Twaruzek have been assigned by Bishop Spies as Parochial Vicars to the parish, and Father Heidecke is living here in our Rectory as a “*Senior Priest in Residence*.” As of June 30th, Father retired as pastor of Saint Joseph Church in Downers Grove and will be living here at Saints Peter and Paul assisting with Masses, Confessions, and “other duties” he is willing to perform. It’s wonderful that Father decided to live in retirement in our parish, offering his priestly services as needed. I hope that everyone will take the time to welcome our new Fathers to the parish. Last weekend we bid farewell to both Father Cerna and Father Rutnicki as they moved on to their new assignments July 1st. While we will certainly miss their beautiful and dedicated priestly service, we should enthusiastically embrace and welcome our new priests and all that they will bring to Saints Peter and Paul. Welcome Father Buchanan, Father Twaruzek and Father Heidecke!

As we begin the month of July, this Sunday we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. But, we are also celebrating a national holiday, Independence Day. The 4th of July weekend is a sort of “socially mid-point of summer.” Hard to believe! As we observe the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence our Nation’s 250th birthday, we are reminded of the blessings of liberty we share as Americans and the responsibility we have for the freedoms we enjoy. This weekend as we celebrate the 4th of July, not only as disciples of Jesus, but also as citizens of this great Nation, Catholic Citizens of the U.S., we’re called to model our freedom as Americans... To recognize the great care and blessings God has given us as individuals and as a Nation, and to put our trust in Him, abandoning ourselves to *Divine Providence* – in His desire to help and save us. In imitation of Jesus, we are to serve others and show the graciousness of God to the “family of Nations” throughout the world.

But, with our freedoms comes great responsibility. We are free, *not to do as we please, but to do as we ought*. As faithful Catholic Christians of this great Nation, let’s be eager to do as we ought, to please the Lord wherever we find ourselves, at home, at work, in our neighborhood, the market place, and in the voting booth. *Faithful Citizenship* is our goal!... Citizens of the U.S., but first and foremost, citizens of God’s Kingdom. On 1 July 1535, Saint Thomas More stood trial for treason, and he was condemned to death for “maliciously denying” the royal Supremacy of the King of England, Henry VIII. Five days later Saint Thomas More was beheaded on Tower Hill, proclaiming: “*I die as the King’s good servant, but God’s first.*” Let’s pray that our Catholic leaders and Catholic citizens will remember their duty before God, and to



His Church. It’s not correct to say that “*the Church has her opinion, and I have mine... so, it’s ok to agree to disagree.*” Nothing could be more misguided: On the one hand stands an individual’s personal *opinion*, on the other hand is *Divinely Revealed Truth*... in no way are the two on equal footing. Those who say that our Catholic Faith should never be brought into the public square are trying to “silence” the Gospel, discredit the Catholic Faith, silence the Truth, who is Jesus Christ. We are called to be courageous in our witness to our Catholic Christian Faith, to Jesus Christ. We need, as faithful citizens of this great Country to conform ourselves to the image and likeness of Christ, not trying to make Him conform to our own limited, self-serving, and often sinful inclinations. God expects much of us... let’s do our part to witness to His truth — **From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded** [Luke 12:48].

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

God bless you, and God bless America!



Father De Salvo

The Sick

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are seriously ill, and others who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:

Dennis Adamski	Samuel Mulay
Martha Alexander	Jillie Navarro
Ema Blahova	Carter Polizzi
Patricia Branham	Carolyn Preston
Anita Brown	Joy Quinn
Chris Bruni	Natalie Reed
Joan Buckingham	Fred Rittgarn
Wally Buckingham	Gina Rovito
Michael Condon	Betty Ryan
Dino Crisanti	Mary Sagen
Carmen De Poalo	Bill Salzman
Finley Edgar	Jack Scott
Mary Forkel	Kevin Sinnott
Linda Gentzen	Edward Slowik
Dennis Gorecki	Dr. Derek Speten
Rita Guill	William Stanish
Dennis Habbly	Barbara Strugalla
Gregory Horeni	Stan Szachnitowski
Matthew Hermes	Lena Taylor
Grace Humphrey	Marino Verdico
Marty Jayne	Amy Walgren
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.



Prayers for our Beloved Deceased

We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of-

Ronald Ben, Michael Rogers, Sr.

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
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Major Sydney Case	Major Donald J. Carlsen
Major Eileen Cassidy	Sgt. Richard DiBiao
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 Karamyev
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
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Captain Samuel Wehrli	<i>To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at www.welcomyouhome.org</i>
2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper	

Daily Readings

Sunday

Zech 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Catholics in the Life of Our Nation

Editorial Board of Our Sunday Visitor —
July 2, 2017

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

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

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

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



July: The Month of the Precious Blood

July is the month in which Catholics are invited to experience the power of the Blood of Christ, shed on the cross for the salvation of all people.

"July is a month in which we traditionally venerate the Most Precious Blood of Christ. In the world, innocent human blood is continually being spilled. The hearts of men are often full of hate rather than evangelical love, they often contain disdain and arrogance rather than care for mankind. Pray that modern humanity may experience the power of the Blood of Christ, poured out on the cross for our salvation, and flowing from His Most Sacred and Venerable Heart."

[Pope Benedict XVI]



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“Before all else be free persons!

Freedom means knowing how to reflect on what we do, knowing how to evaluate which are the behaviors that make us grow. It means always choosing the good.... Being free to always choose the good is challenging, but it will make you persons with a backbone, who know how to face life, and live as courageous Christians and patient persons.”

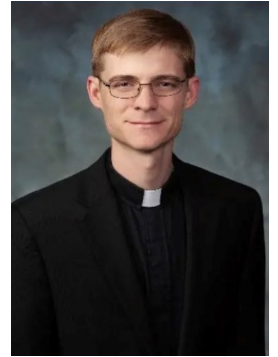
[Pope Francis I]



Meet Our New Priests!

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul,

Blessings and peace to you in Our Risen Lord! I am Fr. Andrew Buchanan, and I will become one of the parochial vicars at Sts. Peter and Paul starting July 1st. I am looking forward to meeting you. Now, a bit about myself. I grew up in Channahon, Illinois, a small town near Joliet, with my parents and younger sister. When I was a senior in high school, I converted to Catholicism. After my conversion, I went to college, where I grew in my faith and deepened my discernment of God's will. After struggling with my call, and stints working at a golf course and as a janitor in a factory, it was clear that I had to go to seminary. After six years of continued prayer and discernment, it was clear that God was calling me to be a priest. On June 20, 2020, I was ordained priest. Since then, I have served as vicar at St. Dominic's, Bolingbrook; as vicar at St. Mary's, West Chicago; and most recently, as part time chaplain at Chesterton Academy, Lisle and with vocations for the Diocese. Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you.



In Christ,
Fr. Andrew Buchanan



My name is Michal Twaruzek. I am a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Joliet. I came to the United States from the central part of Poland. After graduating from high school, I was admitted to the Seminary of Gniezno, where I studied philosophies and theologies for six years. After graduating from seminary in Gniezno, I moved to the Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Krakow. This seminary was a part of the Polish Seminary in Orchard Lake, MI. In Krakow, I had the opportunity to complete the Pontifical University of John Paul II, where I received a Master's Degree of Theology. After a year of preparation in the Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Krakow, I was able to come to the United States. In 2013, as a seminarian, I was assigned to the Diocese of Joliet. On May 16, 2015, I was ordained a priest at St. Raymond Nonnatus Cathedral in Joliet by Bishop Daniel Conlon.

Blessings,
Fr. Twaruzek

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville,

Greetings to all in the Lord our Savior!

I am looking forward to being among you as a Priest-in-Residence come July 1st. I have been a pastor in the diocese of Joliet since June of 2004. I was ordained as a member of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy on May 31, 1993. In January of 1999, with permission granted, I came to the Diocese of Joliet to begin the incardination process at Our Lady of Mercy in Aurora with Fr. Gerald Tivy as Pastor. In June 2001, I became the Parochial Vicar at Holy Trinity Parish in Westmont. In June of 2002 the new Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish was Fr. William De Salvo. In June of 2004, Bishop Imesch appointed me as Pastor of St. Lawrence in South Wilmington and Sacred Heart in Kinsman. Next, I was appointed by Bishop Sartain in June of 2007 to serve as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Manteno. After twelve years, I was appointed by Bishop Conlon in June of 2019 to serve as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Downers Grove. Throughout these years I've learned over and over that the Lord is indeed good and his mercy endures forever!



Sincerely,
Fr. Al Heidecke

Saints of the Week

SAINT MARIA GORETTI (1890-1902)
July 6

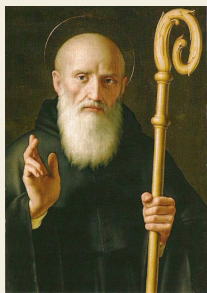


Does anything match a mother's pride in her children? First Communion, confirmations, graduations, weddings: how these delight a mother's heart! Imagine, then, Assunta Goretti, the only mother ever to attend her child's canonization! In poverty-stricken rural Italy, widowed Assunta tended fields for the Serenelli family, whose eighteen-year old son

Alessandro propositioned her barely twelve-year old Maria; then, when she resisted, crying, "It is a sin! God forbids it!" he stabbed her fourteen times. As she lay dying, Maria assured the attending priest, "Yes, I forgive Alessandro! I want him to be in Paradise with me someday." Imprisoned, unrepentant, Alessandro changed after dreaming that a radiant Maria had offered him fourteen lilies. "I've kept my promise," she smiled. "You'll be here with me someday." Upon release, he rushed to beg Assunta's forgiveness. "Jesus has forgiven you," she replied, "my Maria too. How can I refuse?" Next morning, mother and murderer walked arm in arm to church and knelt side by side for Communion.

—Peter Scagnelli

SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT (480-547)
July 11



It may be difficult for us to relate to someone who preferred to live by himself in a cave contemplating the mysteries of God. But if we are honest with ourselves, perhaps some of our most profound moments have been when we were alone in prayer. Born in central Italy, both Benedict and his sister Scholastica were drawn to religious life at a young age. He became a hermit for some time, but as

others learned of his holiness, wisdom and ability to perform miracles, they began to follow him. Benedict came up with the idea of having devout lay people and monks live together in a monastery so that they could worship together in fraternity and unity. He began construction on Monte Cassino in Naples and started developing a rule of prayer, study, work and communal living under the guidance of an abbot. Benedict introduced to his community the idea that manual labor was not the work of slaves, but dignified, honorable and conducive to sanctity. His monks fasted and abstained from meat, but severe and self-inflicting austerity was not encouraged. During the Middle Ages, all western monasticism was eventually brought under the Rule of St. Benedict, which influenced European education, art and literature. Today the Rule includes two branches: The Order of St. Benedict and the Order of Cistercians. Saint Benedict is the patron saint not only of Monastics, but also all of Europe, of schoolchildren, and those suffering from kidney disease or poisoning. Let us invoke the intercession of this incredible monk who enriched our world through his holy life, writings and prayer.

—Tami Urcia

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EVANGELIZATION

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July 6 at 6pm in the Holy Family Chapel



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Presidential Message on the United States Catholic Bishops Honoring of the 250th Anniversary of the Nation

Melania and I join in prayer with the United States Catholic Bishops, as they consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the occasion of our 250th year of American Independence—a powerful moment in our national story and a poignant reminder that America has always been guided by the loving hand of God.

Even in the centuries before the United States was conceived in nationhood, America was a land of prayer, a place of miracles, and home to some of the most faithful and devoted Christians to ever live. From the heroic bands of Christian missionaries, settlers, and explorers who tamed the unknown to spread the Gospel to the priests, chaplains, and churchgoers who forged our spirit in every generation since, the love of Jesus Christ has stood at the center of our identity and way of life.

Inspired by this proud birthright of faith, just years after the end of the Revolutionary War, Bishop John Carroll—the first Catholic bishop in the United States and cousin of Catholic Founding Father Charles Carroll—consecrated our young Republic to Mary, the Mother of God. Today, this grand legacy of faith in America reaches yet another historic milestone as America's Catholic Bishops consecrate our Nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, during which they will prayerfully “celebrate the abundant gifts” that God has “given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

The Bishops consecrated our Nation to the Sacred Heart on June 12th of this year. This year's Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus also fittingly marks the anniversary of one of the most momentous days in Western civilization's long twilight struggle against atheistic communism. On June 12, 1987, President Ronald Reagan delivered his historic address at Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany, in which he famously implored Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to “tear down this wall.” Toward the end of his remarks, President Reagan identified what he called “the most fundamental distinction of all between East and West: The totalitarian world produces backwardness because it does such violence to the spirit, thwarting the human impulse to create, to enjoy, to worship.”

On that very day, just over 200 miles away, Pope Saint John Paul II, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, was speaking in his native Poland. On the Westerplatte peninsula, the place where, in an extraordinary display of heroic virtue, an isolated force of around 200 Polish warriors held out for 7 days against approximately 4,000 German troops attacking from sea, land, and air in the opening days of World War II, the Pope challenged a gathering of Polish youth: “Each of you, young friends, also finds your own ‘Westerplatte’ in life. A set of tasks that must be undertaken and fulfilled. A just cause that you cannot simply fail to fight for. A duty, an obligation, from which you cannot shirk. You cannot ‘desert.’ Finally—a certain order of truths and values that must be ‘upheld’ and ‘defended,’ just as at Westerplatte, within oneself and around oneself. Yes, defended—for oneself and for others.” Pope Saint John Paul II closed by quoting the words of a Polish martyr. “More horrifying than a defeat of arms is the defeat of the human spirit.”

Today, nearly four decades later, our Nation and our culture confront a new set of menacing ideologies seeking once again to cast God out from our society. But, as the Catholic Bishops consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this 250th year of our Independence, we recommit ourselves, like President Reagan and Pope Saint John Paul II, to defending our spiritual identity and great civilizational inheritance. Above all, we pray that America will continue for the next 250 years, and beyond, to be a land of faith, a country of miracles, and a light and glory to all nations.

*President Donald J. Trump
47th President of the United States*



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- Part-time School Porter/Custodial Support (9:30-1:30 PM M-F)

-Maintain cleanliness of classrooms, hallways, offices, restrooms, cafeteria, gym, and common areas.
-Sweep, mop, vacuum, dust, sanitize, and empty trash/recycling throughout the building.
-Monitor and restock restroom and cleaning supplies as needed.

Please contact Mrs. Tricia Weis at tweis@sspeterandpaulschool.com if interested.

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:

Long-term 2nd Grade Substitute Teacher to cover a 3-month maternity leave beginning in August!

- ✓ Lesson plans provided
- ✓ Teacher aide support
- ✓ Incredible colleagues
- ✓ Supportive administration
- ✓ Amazing students
- Opportunity to teach and support students in a faith-filled Catholic school community
- This is a wonderful opportunity to step into a supportive classroom and make a difference. Please share or reach out for more information!

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Hit the greens and

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

THE MOST EPIC GOLF OUTING OF THE YEAR!

38TH ANNUAL SSPP HAROLD & MARGARET MOSER GOLF OUTING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

CRESS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

EXCITING ON-COURSE CHALLENGES

INCREDIBLE SILENT AUCTION

COCKTAIL HOUR

EVENING DINNER RECEPTION

ONE EPIC DAY. ONE AMAZING CAUSE.

Registration details COMING SOON!

Get your foursome ready for a fresh start with on-course challenges, an incredible silent auction, cocktail hour and evening dinner reception all benefiting the **SSPP SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

FOR SPONSORSHIP INQUIRIES AND QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ADVANCEMENT BOARD AT XXXX.

Stay tuned for information on our **LADIES' TENNIS PROGRAM** and other **EARLY BIRD OPPORTUNITIES.**

LET'S FREEDOM SWING!

FISHERS OF MEN



Amen, I Say to You

You who follow Me, will receive a hundred times more.

Saturday, July 11, 2026
Sts Peter and Paul Ministry Center

Come and hear how following Jesus in fellowship with other men can lead to unexpected moments of grace and blessing. The Zoom invitation will be sent out on Tuesday. Join us for all or part of these prayers on Saturday morning.

AGENDA

- 6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests
 - 6:30am: Rosary in Holy Family Chapel
 - 7:00am: Talk Theme: Mission: Inherit Eternal Life
 - 7:15am: Small-group discussions
 - 7:40am: Wrap up
 - 7:50am: Closing prayer
 - 8:00am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul
- Fellowship of Authentic Catholic Men
Following Christ,
Leading Families to Heaven!
New men welcomed every week!
Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!
fishersofmenspp@gmail.com





CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Dear Parishioners,

We are Cora and Molly Sword. We are both parishioners and students at Saint Peter and Paul.

Together, in honor of America's 250th birthday, we are partnering with Operation Support Our Troops America to collect items to send to troops serving our country. We are collecting the following items:



1. Rolls of antacids
2. Non-aerosol sunscreen (travel size up to 8oz)
3. Non-Aerosol men's shaving gel or shave cream (bottles, tubes or packets)
4. Letters and cards for service members. This is a great way for kids to earn service hours! (You can also email messages to SwordVolunteers@gmail.com and we will submit them for you). Restrictions: must use "Dear Military Member" in the greeting so that it could be sent to any branch of service. Also, do not seal the letters.

Please submit all donations in the back of the church or purchase with the QR code **beginning July 10 thru July 26**. Thank you all for your generosity and for helping the men and women serving our country. God bless!



With prayers and blessings,
Cora and Molly Sword

Nourish

Nourish is a unique, Christ-centered Catholic support group for caregivers. Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for another person in town or at a distance. Whether it be an aging parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse or special needs child, Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, useful tools and shared experiences, all with a Christ-centered view. **Our next Nourish meeting is on July 9 at 7:00pm in the St. Paul Center.**



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!



**Transitional
Housing Ministry**

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

Prayer Shawl Meeting

The prayer shawl ministry knits or crochets lap blankets, prayer shawls, baby blankets, caps and booties. When the shawl is completed it is blessed by a priest and gift wrapped and presented with a prayer card to the recipient. **The next prayer shawl meeting will be on July 8 at 10am in the St. Paul Center.**



Respect Life at Planned Parenthood

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the 2026/2027 Religious Education year is now open.

Our program provides religious instruction and sacrament preparation for public school or home-schooled children.

Registration packets are available on the RE Page of the parish website and in the church vestibule.

Children can be registered in the program beginning in 1st grade. The Diocese of Joliet requires two years of consecutive preparation prior to receiving sacraments, so in order for children to make their First Communion, they must complete Eucharist 1 AND Eucharist 2. Confirmation takes place in the fall of Confirmation 2 (typically 8th grade), so preparation for this sacrament begins in what is currently called "PreConfirmation" (typically 6th grade). The completion of the Level 5 curriculum is a prerequisite to register for PreConfirmation.

We also offer specialized classes for children and adults with disabilities through our REACH program, generously subsidized by the Knights of Columbus. Please contact us if you are interested in this program. Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in helping in the religious education program next year, please contact the RE Office at 630-357-2436. You don't need to have a child in the program to help!





A Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing

Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for A Swing and a Prayer, our annual golf outing benefiting programs and services that provide hope, help, and support to individuals and families throughout the Diocese of Joliet.

The event will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, Lemont.

Enjoy a day of golf, fellowship, and fun while supporting the important programs and services provided by Catholic Charities. Golfers will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and the opportunity to participate in contests and win prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses, organizations, and individuals who wish to support the event and the mission of Catholic Charities.

To register or learn more, visit <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/event/swing/> or call 815-724-1140.



"beYOUtiful & Confident" Mother-Daughter Retreat

Thursday, August 6
6:00-9:00 pm

St. Raphael Church

in Naperville

For girls (6th-12th grade) & their moms/mentors

FREE to attend! Please scan QR code or click [HERE](#) for details & to **RSVP by Aug 3rd**

What you'll experience:

- Meaningful connection
- Fun, faith-based confidence-building activities (and yummy snacks)
- Real talk about beauty, identity, & worth

What a mom said:

"My daughter opened up and we had the kind of conversation I didn't know we needed."

What a girl said:

"This is REALLY fun. I liked the activities and spending quality time with my mom. I feel loved."

If you've ever thought:

"I wish my daughter could see herself the way I see her" or "I want her to believe in herself. I just don't know what to do."

This mother daughter retreat is for you!

This memorable retreat is led by

Jenny Krundrick

ContagiousLight.org

Can't make it? Scan QR code or click [here](#) to get a FREE

Connection Kit (mailed to your home)

Save the Date

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Deadline to register: August 10, 2026

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.



Women Volunteers Needed

Join our learning community at the Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora! The DLC is looking for volunteers who seek to serve and support women students in the community through mentorship and English tutoring. The DLC trains all volunteer tutors, providing leveled ESL curriculum and materials, as well as on-site support from staff. Women volunteers must be 18+ years of age and have a high school diploma, but no prior teaching or foreign language knowledge is required. Weekly 90 minute, one-on-one classes are held from September through May at 260 Vermont Ave, Aurora, IL. The next training session for new volunteers will be held at this location on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Please email paula@dominicanliteracycenter.org, call (630) 898 4636, or use the contact form on our website to inquire.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
DIOCESE OF JOLIET

QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30, 2026
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Quo Vadis Days is a 5-day/4-night camp for young men cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians. The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun – sports, board games, fires and smores, and much more. The camp is open to all middle school graduates over the age of 13 through age 18 who want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood. More information and registration is available at: chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days. Questions? Contact Katie Hazen at khazen@archchicago.org.



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Monday-Thursday	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

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

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