



SAINTS
PETER



& PAUL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

“SUMMON THE LABORERS AND GIVE THEM THEIR PAY...”

September 20, 2026 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

8:00am Jane Meyer
5:00pm †Megan Gabaldon

Sunday, September 20

6:45am Janina Tomczyk
8:30am †Quang V Tran & Lieu
T. Bui
10:30am People of SSPP
12:30pm †Barbara J. Pischke
3:30pm Diane Moza
7:00pm Dorothy Hengesbaugh

Monday, September 21

6:45am Deacon Michael
Crowell
8:00am †Pete Inorio
5:15pm †William Vincent Reid

Tuesday, September 22

6:45am †Mary Jo & Dick
Hooley
8:00am Gerald F. Mannion Jr.
5:15pm †Bob L. Greene

Wednesday, September 23

6:45am Souls in Purgatory
8:00am †Peggy Koretke Zadak
5:15pm Int. Dave Ronske

Thursday, September 24

6:45am Irene Donato
8:00am Bonnie Polin
5:15pm Madeline Mazzone

Friday, September 25

6:45am Int. of Karen Stohner
8:00am SSPP Teachers & Staff

Saturday, September 26

8:00am †Rose DeTrain
5:00pm †Una Geraghty



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)

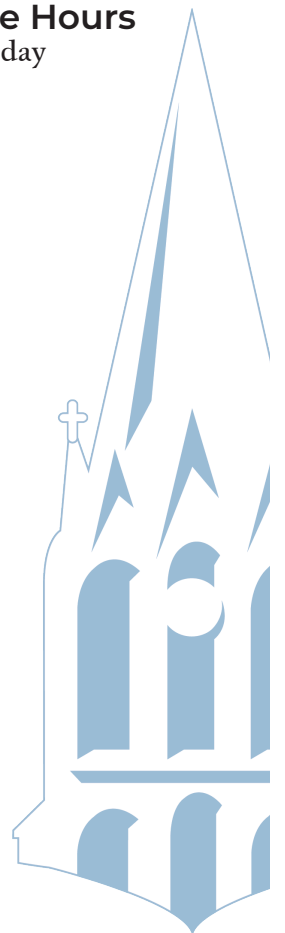
Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Last weekend we held our annual Ministry Sign-Up Sunday. Thanks to all who responded and offered themselves for service and involvement in the various ministries, groups, committees, and organizations here at Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Thank you for your stewardship of time and talent for the building up of the Church, our parish, and yourselves in holiness.

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV declared January 10, 2026 through January 10, 2027 a special *Franciscan Jubilee Year* to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. In proclaiming the Jubilee Year, the Holy Father invites us to live the gift of peace, which he says is “the sum of all God’s gifts.” His Holiness hopes that the example and spiritual legacy of Saint Francis, along with his message of peace, will “find a profound echo in the Church and society today,” in our world so in need of peace. In a prayer, asking the intercession of Saint Francis, Pope Leo asks the Lord to “give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries... In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers.”

Here at Saints Peter and Paul Parish we are fortunate to have the example and ministry of three Franciscan Sisters: Sister Maryann Dosen, Sister Ann Barbara Plavac, and Sister Susan Wade. They are School Sisters of Saint Francis of Christ the King. The Provincial House of their religious community is in Lemont, Illinois. We are blessed to have the presence of consecrated, vowed religious women in our parish. I would encourage everyone to continue to thank and show appreciation to the Sisters for their wonderful presence and example in our parish. Having religious sisters is certainly a blessing to the parish.

In celebration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (celebrated on October 4th), and to honor the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Sisters are inviting all of us to join them on **Friday, October 2nd at 7pm in Holy Family Chapel**. We have invited a wonderful Franciscan Friar, Father Larry Dreffein (who I have known for almost 30 years) to celebrate and preach at an “ancient” service in the Franciscan Community. Join us on October 2nd as we celebrate “**The Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi**.” Dating back 800 years, the service remembers the beautiful and awe-filled death of Saint Francis, marking the movement from his earthly life to his life in Heaven with the Lord. The Transitus (meaning - the “passing” or “moving-over”) service involves Scripture readings, music, prayers and readings from the life of Saint Francis, candle lighting, prayer and reflection, and preaching on the life of the Saint. After

the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, Saint Francis is one of the most popular saints in the Church. The Transitus Service should prove to be a beautiful service, and I want to encourage everyone to join us for the evening devotional service, not only to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, but also to accept the invitation and hospitality of our own Franciscan Sisters who are gracious enough to share part of their beautiful and spiritual customs with us. And, additionally, as the Franciscans celebrate this Jubilee Year, it’s our chance to show them our appreciation for their witness as vowed religious, following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi. It’s a beautiful way for all of us to show our love, respect, and esteem for the Sisters of Saint Francis, here, in our parish. Mark your calendar and join us on October 2nd for the “Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi.”

This week, on Thursday, September 24th, Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be declared “Blessed,” advancing one-step closer to canonization as a saint in the Catholic Church. In celebration of his Beatification, Saints Peter and Paul Parish will sponsor a “day-trip” to Peoria to visit the church of Sheen’s baptism, and then go on to the Cathedral in Peoria to visit the tomb of Fulton Sheen, celebrate Mass at the tomb, visit the museum attached to the Cathedral, and have lunch. Buses will be leaving early on Friday, November 13th for the “day out” to celebrate the Church’s newest “Blessed.” Father Buchanan and Father Twaruzek will host the trip, and we welcome you, your friends and family to join us for this spiritual journey to encounter Blessed Fulton Sheen. Registration information is in the bulletin and on the parish website. Sign-up today!

Next weekend Father Eddie Haule will be here at Saints Peter and Paul to speak at all Masses regarding the beautiful work **Hope for Tanzania** does to provide health care in Tanzania, Africa. This has been an important project and service opportunity for parishioners for the past several years. The effort, founded by Father Brad Baker (our former pastor), with the help of Father Nestor Mtwewe, has contributed generously the past several years. This year, because Father Nestor was not able to obtain a travel visa, Father Eddie will be speaking in his place. Please be generous in your gifts NEXT weekend, helping to provide healthcare and hope for the people in Tanzania.

God’s blessings!



Father De Salvo

The Transitus

OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Scripture • Prayer • Reflection • Sacred Music

Friday, October 2 at 6:30pm

Saints Peter and Paul Ministry Center Holy Family Chapel

36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL

Coffee and cookies to follow

A solemn commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis from this life to eternal life, celebrated in thanksgiving for the presence of Franciscan Sisters at Saints Peter and Paul Parish since its founding.



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	Carter Polizzi
Martha Alexander	Carolyn Preston
Ann Beal	Joy Quinn
Anita Brown	Deacon Tom Rehak
Chris Bruni	Fred Rittgarn
Tom Caldwell	Gina Rovito
Carmen De Poalo	Betty Ryan
Linda Gentzen	Mary Sagen
Dennis Gorecki	Bill Salzman
Rita Guill	Bill Serritella
Matthew Hermes	Kevin Sinnott
Marty Jayne	Edward Slowik
Sarah Kukulski	Dr. Derek Speten
Edmund Kurzawa	William Stanish
Benota Lim	Stan Szachnitowski
James Lohse	Lena Taylor
Michael Luft	Emily Tennison
Mike Marra	Marino Verdico
Sam Marra	Amy Walgren
Lynne McConaghy	Theodore Weber
Samuel Mulay	Matthew Weidner
Jillian Navarro	Jim Weidner
Sebastian Osslund	Pam Willis
Donna Pelletier	Debra Wold
Dolly Pisut	Janis Wozniak

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
2nd Lt. William Spradlin
2nd Lt. Jessica States
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
Jonathan Faughn
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
Captain Samuel Wehrli

PFC Maeve Wrenn
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 DiBiaso
PFC Jonathon Dragovan
Sgt. Luke Focer
1st Lt. Robert Gortner
2nd Lt. Eric Hovey
Sgt. Ivan Karamyev
Major Pete Keough
Corporal Joseph Murray
LCPL Matthew Prasse
LCPL Maddox Ritter
Corporal Luke Russell
Corporal Joseph Taylor
PVT Chris Vazquez

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

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

U.S. Space Force
Major Nick DuPre

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

Daily Readings

Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Monday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

Ecc 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Ecc 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

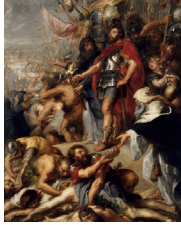
Ecc 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Book Club

The Saints Peter and Paul Book Club meets on Monday mornings, beginning September 14, from 9-10:30am in the Ministry Center. The Book Club will study the "Confessions of Saint Augustine." If you would like to join the group, please contact Maryann Marchiafava at: maryann.marchiafava@gmail.com to reserve your spot. This study will include videos and in-depth discussion on this timeless classic.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning on Tuesday morning, September 15, from 9:30-11:30am, Michael Lewandowski will lead a Bible Study on First Maccabees.



The Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings, beginning on September 15, from 9:30-11:30am. There is no cost. Please bring your Bible and materials will be provided for each session. If you would like to email me with any questions, my email is: mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net

There will be a Monday evening Bible Study on First Maccabees beginning in October. More news to follow.

Knights of Columbus

September 23- Mention "Knights" at Downtown Naperville Lou Malnati's to help us fund charitable works! 20% comes to Knights.



September 26th- Bike for Life - 9 am Start at Waterleaf with Rosary. Bike to downtown Naperville from Walmart east parking for 10 miles. 2nd Rosary at approx 11:15 to 11:30am at IVF clinic (Benton and Washington). Naperville. Lunch at Fiamme Italian after the Rosary. Contact John Zabinski 630-747-8439 for more info on Bike outing.

Explaining the Faith With Fr. Bader

Join Fr. Bader for an evening to explore your faith deeper through videos, discussions and talks!

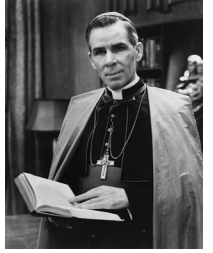
Next Session- Tuesday, September 29

6:30PM in Room 217/218

Topic- The Last Supper: A Summary of Its Meaning

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

"With great joy and deep gratitude to God, I am pleased to announce the Mass for the Beatification of the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 2 pm Central time at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. With anticipation of a great number of people wanting to participate, we chose this location because of availability, being indoors, and the close proximity to the Diocese of Peoria.



The Beatification will be celebrated by Cardinal Luis Tagle, who has been nominated as the Papal Representative. In addition, there will be a number of events in Peoria to celebrate this wonderful occasion. This is a moment of immense grace for the Church—especially for us in the Diocese of Peoria, where Archbishop Sheen was born, ordained, and first served as a priest. His life and ministry continue to inspire countless people to know and love Jesus Christ more deeply. Through his preaching, teaching, and personal witness, he brought the light of faith to millions, calling each of us to a deeper devotion to the Eucharist and to Our Blessed Mother.

The Beatification Mass will be a profound moment of prayer and celebration for the faithful near and far. I invite all who have been touched by Archbishop Sheen's life and legacy to join us in spirit or in person for this historic event.

More information, including details about attending the celebration, ordering tickets when they become available, and preparing spiritually for the Beatification, will be found at celebratesheen.com.

As we prepare our hearts for this joyful day, let us continue to pray that the example of Archbishop Fulton Sheen will strengthen our own witness to the Gospel and renew our desire to bring Christ to the world."

+Bishop Louis Tylka
Diocese of Peoria, Illinois

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FRIDAY, NOV 13, 2026

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For questions, please call 312-869-2286

2026 Stewardship-
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
Church, School, RE, Youth Ministry and RCIA
Financial Report

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

Actual Fiscal Year 2026

Budget Fiscal Year 2027

	Church	School K to 8	PreSchool	RE / YM / RCIA	Totals	Church	School K to 8	PreSchool	RE / YM / RCIA	Totals
Revenues										
Sunday Offerings	\$ 2,503,616				\$ 2,503,616	\$ 2,553,000				\$ 2,553,000
Restricted Donations	405,201				\$ 405,201	59,500				59,500
Restricted Revenue - ERC	-				\$ -	-				-
Unrestricted Donations	300,197			50	\$ 300,247	301,975			1,750	303,725
Other Collections	362,772				\$ 362,772	339,078				339,078
Tuition and Fees	9,383				\$ 9,383	3,600				3,600
Tuition Assistance - SSPP Endowment, Golf Outing,		2,579,124	261,186	53,248	\$ 2,902,941		2,711,541	258,132	80,135	3,053,408
Fundraisers - School (H&S, Annual Fund)		205,000			\$ 205,000		215,000			215,000
Fundraisers - Parish (Light the Way)		285,426			\$ 285,426		125,980			125,980
Endowment Funding - Capital and Teachers'					\$ -	-				-
Other Revenue, Interest	88,876				\$ 88,876		705,639	21,506		727,145
Church Investment in School and RE	37,826	589,290	21,230		\$ 610,520	44,630	14,240			58,870
		53,769			\$ 91,596		415,000		224,780	639,780
		415,000		182,364	\$ 597,364					
Sub-Total Operating Revenues	\$ 3,707,871	\$ 4,127,609	\$ 282,416	\$ 235,662	\$ 8,353,558	\$ 3,301,783	\$ 4,187,400	\$ 279,638	\$ 306,665	\$ 8,075,486
Total Revenues	\$ 3,707,871	\$ 4,127,609	\$ 282,416	\$ 235,662	\$ 8,353,558	\$ 3,301,783	\$ 4,187,400	\$ 279,638	\$ 306,665	\$ 8,075,486
Expenses										
Salaries and Wages	(Note 4) \$ 1,047,609	\$ 2,172,365	\$ 146,910	\$ 165,735	\$ 3,532,619	\$ 1,137,976	\$ 2,325,997	\$ 141,257	\$ 199,176	\$ 3,804,406
Fringe Benefits (Health Insurance, Taxes, Pension)	(Note 4) 396,607	674,986	47,841	48,826	\$ 1,166,260	428,326	826,631	58,952	55,714	\$ 1,369,623
Repairs and Maintenance	154,866	369,213	-	4,737	\$ 528,815	162,760	180,000	3,750	5,150	\$ 351,660
Materials, Supplies and Services	849,498	61,805	4,518	13,045	\$ 928,865	587,630	39,497	6,000	13,475	\$ 646,602
Utilities	182,826	96,466	3,150	635	\$ 283,078	123,839	106,008	3,500	1,200	\$ 234,547
Other Operating Expenses	987	340,848	6,350	4,685	\$ 352,869	1,250	324,494	13,555	31,950	\$ 371,249
Textbooks and Curriculum	2,730	140,834	550		\$ 144,114	2,900	96,946	5,400		\$ 105,246
Diocese Assessment	157,884				\$ 157,884	157,872				\$ 157,872
Diocese Liability, Property, Casualty Insurance	61,051	54,519			\$ 115,570	59,450	53,450			\$ 112,900
Church Investment in School and RE	597,364				\$ 597,364	639,780				\$ 639,780
Sub-Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,451,421	\$ 3,911,036	\$ 209,319	\$ 235,662	\$ 7,807,438	\$ 3,301,783	\$ 3,953,022	\$ 232,414	\$ 306,665	\$ 7,793,884
Capital Improvements	459,363				\$ 459,363					\$ 459,363
Transfer-Construction Accts-Diocese	88,876	214,900	-		\$ 303,776					\$ 303,776
Total Expenses	\$ 3,999,659	\$ 4,125,937	\$ 281,319	\$ 235,662	\$ 8,642,577	\$ 3,301,783	\$ 4,175,934	\$ 232,414	\$ 306,665	\$ 8,016,796
Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (291,789)	\$ 1,673	\$ 1,097	\$ -	\$ (289,019)	\$ -	\$ 11,466	\$ 47,224	\$ -	\$ 58,690
Average Sunday Offerings - ACTUAL	\$ 48,146				\$ 48,146					\$ 48,146
Average Sunday Offerings - BUDGETED	\$ 47,277				\$ 47,277					\$ 47,277
Enrollment - School K to 8 and Preschool		450	60	243			450	57	220	
Enrollment - RE										
School Endowment Fund - June 30 Balance										

The Parish website has additional detailed financial results for the church, school, and religious education.

NOTES:

Note 1: The Preschool transferred funds to the School construction account on deposit at the Diocese in 2026. These were used to fund the completion of the school flooring renovation project for Elementary School and complete work on the School Fencing project. The School's funds transfer consisted of \$120k of Capital Endowment distributions while the Preschool's \$72k funds transfer came from operations.

Note 2: The endowment funds are used exclusively for capital projects in the school, support of teachers' compensation and tuition assistance for families in need. The 26/27 school budget includes endowment funding of approximately \$850.6k for these purposes.

Note 3: Diocesan schools with endowment funds are limited as to the amount that can be withdrawn each year. The Diocese Catholic Education Endowment Fund policy for allowable endowment withdrawals is limited to 5% of the three-year average of the endowment balance on December 31 of the three years used in the average calculation. The allowable amounts as of December 2025 are Teachers' Endowment \$563.3k, Capital Improvement Endowment \$167.8k, and Tuition Assistance Endowment \$180.6k for a total of \$911.7k.

Note 4: The 2027 budget includes a full year of costs for the Church positions that were filled in late 2025 and early 2026 in the areas of staff administrative support, communications, new evangelization, and youth ministry. These were filled to further invest in and enhance our parish community.

Parish Sacrificial Giving

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity & support

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 the weekly Sunday collection budget is \$49,096 (based on 52 Sundays)

Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections
(4 Weeks) **\$45,890**

Budget Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections
\$49,096

Weekly Average Compared to Budget - (Deficit) **\$(3,206)**

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.



MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Thanks to everyone who attended the ministry showcase last weekend! It was wonderful to see so many parishioners interested in getting involved at Saints Peter and Paul!



St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Flame of Faith Candle Intentions

Six candles burn perpetually around the Blessed Sacrament in our St. Francis Chapel. The burning candles serve as a constant prayer before the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

1. Prayer to find a good lawyer for my office
2. For Dominic to get well
3. For the poor souls in purgatory
4. For John to return to God
5. Pray for Sue's complete recovery
6. Prayers for my dear Mother Frances Henry 98, who died Aug. 4, 2026

ST. FRANCIS PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Venerable Fulton Sheen passage comes from 1934 book, *The Eternal Galilean*

"The mount of Calvary where He performed the last and solemn act of His priesthood was the Cathedral; the Cross suspended between Heaven and earth, in reconciliation of both, was His altar; the crimson that poured out from the precious wardrobe of His side was the royal vestment of sacrifice; the sun turning to red at the horrors it saw was the sanctuary lamp; the Body which He gave as Bread was the host; the blood which He poured out like water was the priceless wine; the separation of both by the crucifixion and the act of His will was the consecration; and His last words commending His soul to the hands of the Heavenly Father."

PERMANENT ADORERS NEEDED

SUNDAY 2:00am

SUNDAY 3:00am

WEDNESDAY 8:00am

Co Adorers Needed- (Two people for each hour is preferred!!)

MORNING

Monday 10am
Wednesday 10:00am
Thursday 11:00am
Friday 8:00am
Friday 11:00am
Saturday 11:00am
Sunday 6:00am
Sunday 11:00am

EVENING

Thursday 9:00pm
Friday 6:00pm
Friday 7:00pm
Saturday 6:00pm
Saturday 7:00pm
Sunday 7:00pm

DAYTIME

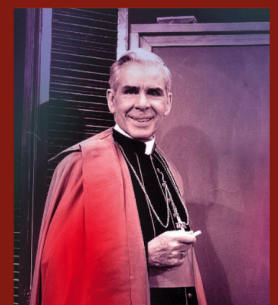
Monday 5:00pm
Friday 12:00pm
Friday 4:00pm
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm

NIGHT

Monday 12:00am
Thursday 1:00am
Thursday 2:00am
Friday 12:00am
Sunday 12:00am
Sunday 1:00am

Security access code from 9:00pm to 6:00am. Located just east of the Church. Enter off Benton Street alleyway. Contact Kathy with questions or to sign up- 630-818-7897

Make a weekly commitment to Adoration.
Scan the QR Code to sign up.





Catechetical Sunday Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies

September 20, 2026



Happy Catechetical Sunday, everyone!

We begin the preparation for our school year, and as we learn our catechesis, which is the passing on of our faith to our younger generation, we ourselves can grow in our understanding of our faith—and as we do, please teach it to your children.

And I want to offer gratitude for Directors of Religious Ed in every parish—gratitude and thanks to all the teachers of every age level that teach our catechism week after week after week. It's a beautiful thing to see the different age levels learning about their faith and learning about it at their own level.

We are all called to become saints, and one of the ways we learn how to become saints is to learn the ways of the Lord, to learn the teachings of the church. The best way to grow in the image and likeness of our Lord Jesus is to know all about him, all that he did and that he said and that he taught. The example he had of growing up in a family—realizing that we are all growing up in a family—and to make the connection of what we're learning in class to our life at home.

So, parents, please continue to ask your children what they're learning and answer their questions. If you don't know, ask them to ask their teachers, ask your pastor when you see them and allow your children to learn and reflect about the Lord Jesus and growing up in his life.

One other thing I want to make sure I share is we can learn a lot about Jesus, but the really important part of our Catechesis, of handing on our faith, is learning how to pray—realizing that God is available to his saints whenever we call upon him. Teach your children to pray. Teach them how to pray and show them the heart of prayer in union with our Lord Jesus as he prayed to His Father.

+ Dennis E. Spies

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet



Catechetical Sunday
September 20, 2026
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Our 2026 - 2027 Campaign Has Begun. You Can Be a Source of Hope!



Patrick (Spinal Bifida)



Derick (Unable to Walk)



Abdul (Spastic Diplegia
Cerebral Palsy)

Goals For Our New Campaign - \$300,000:

- **Priest Rehab Housing:** Construct a building for short-term (12 to 18 month) rehab housing for older priests. The conditions and physical demands on priests within the Diocese of Njombe and surrounding areas leads to chronic back, neck, and leg problems. The design is for a building with 10 bedrooms, a common area, chapel, and kitchen. The diocese will pay for the treatment.
- **Rehab Equipment:** Invest in additional equipment to enhance rehab service delivery and attract more clients.
- **Clinical Pharmacy and Lab Supplies:** Add more medications and diagnostic tests to increase revenue and improve patient care.
- **Quasi Endowment Fund:** Continue to add to the fund to provide for the future maintenance and sustainable operations at INUKA.
- **Vocation Fund:** Provide for additional seminarian scholarships within the Diocese of Njombe.



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Hope for Tanzania, Inc.
c/o Edward P. Graham
1776 Legacy Circle, Suite 117
Naperville, Illinois 60563

Watch For Our Second Collection on the Weekend of September 26-27, 2026.



**SATURDAY
OCT 24**

Saints Peter and Paul is offering Annual Service Day on October 24. The day brings together the entire Saints Peter and Paul parish with local organizations across Naperville to serve people in our community. The goal is to strengthen our parish community and serve as the body of Christ to individuals, organizations, and facilities in our greater community.

Some of the service options that will be available:

- Pack food at **Feed My Starving Children**
- Sort crayons for **SCARCE**
- House and yard work at **Little Friends**
- Cards for **Hospitalized Children**
- Landscaping clean up for **Naperville Responds for Veterans**
- Pack care packages for deployed troops at **Operation Support our Troops**
- Clean grounds at **Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery**
- Making birthday bags for **Loaves and Fishes**
- Clean grounds at **Naperville Park District and DuPage Park Forest**
- Clean buses for **Western DuPage Special Recreation Association**
- Collect and sort food donations for **West Suburban Food Pantry**
- Minor jobs around **Waterleaf Women's Center**
- Assembling ornaments for the **SSPP Giving Tree**
- Write cards for **Prisoners**



There is a minimum time commitment that varies based on service site assignment; please indicate scheduling challenges on the registration form (see QR code/URL at right). ALL children under 18 must have a parent or guardian present during participation in the SS Peter and Paul Service Day. Children without supervision will not be permitted, and parents will be contacted to collect their child.

ANNUAL SERVICE DAY 2026

MAKE A **DIFFERENCE**

SCHEDULE

8:00 AM
Mass in the church

8:30 AM
Sign-in and light breakfast in the Ministry Center;
volunteers depart for service sites

12:00 PM
Volunteers return from service sites; lunch in Ministry Center Social Hall



Scan here to sign up or
go to sspeterandpaul.net.



SSPP Respect life Welcomes the Ground Zero Tour to our Parish

Monday, Nov 9, 7pm in the Ministry Center Holy Family Chapel

The Ground Zero Tour is preparing Illinois churches for one of the most consequential threats to human life our state has faced in years.

Since 2019, Illinois Right to Life's Ground Zero Tour has traveled across Illinois, bringing the most important issues facing the pro-life movement directly to churches and communities throughout our state. This year, the battlefield has changed.

Illinois has legalized physician-assisted suicide. As this new law takes effect, families, churches, medical professionals, and vulnerable patients will face profound questions about suffering, human dignity, and the value of life at its most vulnerable.

Illinois Right to Life's Director of Education, Dr. Steven Andrew Jacobs, J.D., Ph.D. will discuss:

Preparing the Church for Physician-Assisted Suicide in Illinois

Steve will equip churches and communities to understand Illinois' new law and prepare for the challenges it will bring.

The Church has a vital role to play.

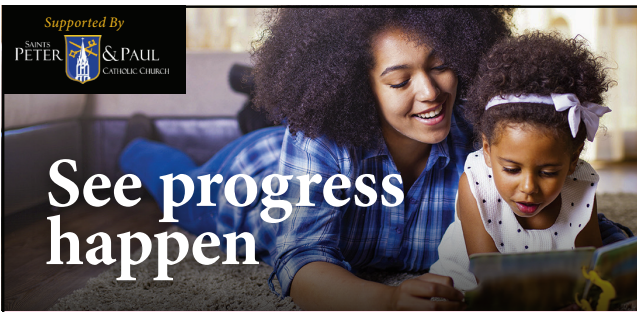
We want to help build communities where every person facing the end of life knows that his or her life has dignity, that suffering does not erase human worth, and that no one should ever feel that suicide is the answer. Contact Deacon Joe jverdico@sspeterandpaul.net or Jane Fonner janeconner@comcast.net for more information.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

For Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 12, Saints Peter and Paul parishioners gathered at Saints Peter and Paul cemetery for the National Day of Remembrance.





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

ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT!



Thursday, October 15

Drury Lane Event Center
Oakbrook Terrace

**Exquisite Food •
Cocktails • Great Fun**

Reserve your table!
REGISTER ONLINE AT
LuxuryBingoChicago.com
or text "ChicagoBingo" to 41444



136 N. La Grange
1212 N. La Salle

It won't be the same without you there!



RSVP!

Questions? Please contact Katie Was
(517) 862-1005

Saint Vincent de Paul

We all put off to the eleventh hour some piece of work that we have to do with respect to God or each other: prayer, forgiveness, charity, justice, etc.) If this parable teaches us something about how great God is and how generous, then we are called to this same greatness and generosity. Wouldn't nations be different if debts could be forgiven and those who have were generous to those who have not? Wouldn't families be different if hurtful behavior ceased and was forgiven generously? Wouldn't individuals be different if we measured another only by his or her goodness? The landowner says to his grumbling laborers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" God's generosity with us goes far beyond any measurement by human standards. (Living Liturgy, p. 240)

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.



2026 HOLIDAY STOCKINGS FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS

ITEMS NEEDED

Essentials

- \$10-\$25+ Amazon Gift Cards
- Rolls of Antacids
- Cough Drops
- Pain Relief Medication Packets (*Advil, Tylenol, Aleve, etc.*)
- Small Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (*individually wrapped preferred*)
- Non-Aerosol Shave Cream/Gel
- Lip Balm
- Travel-size Hygiene Products (*Alcohol-free mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and deodorant*)
- Fragrance-free laundry detergent: (*sheets, PODS, or EVO Tiles only*)
- Small tissue packs
- Flat non-liquid air fresheners
- Trimmable comfort insoles

Snacks and Treats

- Protein Powder Packets
- Starlight mints
- Tic-tacs/ Altoids/ gum
- Instant Coffee Single Packets: (*Starbucks VIA, Folgers, etc., no K-Cups*)
- Hot Cider Drink Packets
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Candy Canes
- Individually wrapped snack cookies (*no bags*)
- Granola/ Protein Bars
- Peanut Butter Packets (*no cups*)
- Individually wrapped tea bags
- Hot sauce packets

Holiday and Fun Items

- Unbreakable flat ornaments: (*felt, crocheted, beaded, fabric*)
- Small puzzle books (5" x 8")
- Frisbees, Hacky Sacks, Paddle Ball, and other small games
- UNO Game Cards
- Beanie Babies

Please return these items to the bins in the Ministry Center or Church from September 20- October 19. On Service Day, volunteers will help sort and pack these items.



Birthday Bag Items for Loaves & Fishes

Birthday bags are distributed through Loaves and Fishes. All bags contain "gender neutral" items so they can be handed to either boys or girls age 3-10.

- Coloring Books
- Crayons
- Play-Doh
- Art notepads
- Card Games
- Activity Kits
- Books
- Stuffed Animals
- Cake Mix
- Frosting
- Candles (non-numbered)
- Aluminum pan

Please drop off your items in the bins in the church vestibule by September 21.

On Service Day this will be an indoor project as the items are sorted for the Birthday Bags to be assembled and then brought to Loaves and Fishes. Let's make this the largest collection ever for Loaves & Fishes!



YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT AGES 18-30

Trivia Night

SIGN UP HERE: 

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST
7:00-9PM

WALK INS WELCOME

MINISTRY CENTER: SOCIAL HALL
36 N, Ellsworth St., Naperville, IL 60540

Contact ncassata@sspeterandpaul.net for questions

YOUNG ADULTS

FOOD PANTRY

3 OCTOBER 8AM-12PM

LOCATION: OUTREACH CENTER AT 3814 W IOWA STREET CHICAGO, IL 60651

SIGN UP HERE BY SEPTEMBER 22ND TO GO: 

All young adults ages 18-30 are welcome to join us at the Mission of Our Lady of Angels for their Saturday Food Pantry

CONTACT NCASSATA@SSPETERANDPAUL.NET FOR ANY QUESTIONS



FISHERS OF MEN

Are We Focusing On What Lasts?
Do we place Christ and His teachings in the center of our life?

Saturday, September 26, 2026
Sts Peter and Paul Ministry Center

Are we focusing on what lasts: earthly things or on Christ and keeping His comandments? 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 and 1st Saturday Devotion in Holy Family Chapel

7:00am: Talk Theme: **Are We Focusing On What Lasts?**

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

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New men welcomed every week!

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!

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YOUTH MINISTRY

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

Sep 29 | 7:15-8:45pm

555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL 60504

Sign up here:

Deadline is
September 17th



EMAIL NCASSATA@SSPETERANDPAUL.NET FOR QUESTIONS



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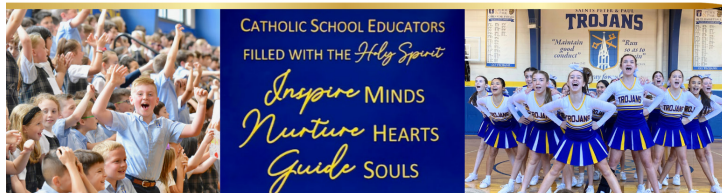


Open House

October 20

**Calling All
Prospective
Families!**

The principal
presentation
begins at 9 AM
with a school tour
taking
place at 9:30 AM.



Interested families must RSVP by emailing Mrs. Bridget Evers:
Bevers@sspeterandpaulschool.com



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Faith in Action

Shining Together

Making a Difference



"You are the salt of the earth...
You are the light of the world."
MATTHEW 5:13-14



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Operation Andrew Dinner

Operation Andrew Dinner is a unique opportunity for young men (8th grade and above) and their fathers to meet Bishop Dennis Spies, Fr. James Guarascio, the new Vocations Director, and other priests and seminarians. Join them for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories. They will share stories of seminary and priesthood. This event is a chance to explore your calling and learn from those who have dedicated their lives to a unique calling from Jesus! There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.



Please reach out to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815-221-6171 with any questions.

Location:

Queen of Apostles Catholic Church
18 Woodlawn Ave
Joliet, IL 60435
on October 1 from 6pm-8pm



Ut Vitam Habeant

SAINT JAMES PARISH
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

That They May Have Life

Finding Hope

Infertility, Restorative Reproductive Medicine, and a Comprehensive Look at IVF

A presentation by
Catholic Author & Speaker
Mary Bruno, CFCP



Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.
St. James Catholic Church
831 N. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL
~ Laramie Room - lower level ~

For anyone who has suffered infertility, is walking through it now, or loves someone who is.

Resources & Refreshments will be available after the 7:30 a.m. Mass



Parish Info

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

Reconciliation Confessions are held in the Ministry Center on Mondays (4:15 to 5:15 p.m.), Thursdays (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Saturdays (3 to 5 p.m.).

Anointing of the Sick If you or a loved one are in need of anointing, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

Eucharistic Adoration The St. Francis Adoration Chapel is open for Perpetual Adoration. Code needed from 9pm-6am.

Funerals Most funerals are scheduled through area funeral homes. To inquire about a liturgy, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

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