

39 years, 2 months & 2 weeks in the service of God's people..... Now you get to rest and enjoy God's love until He calls you to join Him in the place He has prepared for you in His home. Thank you Fr Paul for all of your work in leading us into a closer relationship with God.



A very special Thank you to all who made this wonderful celebration happen! Especially: Nina & Duane Selph (La Place BBQ) Rochelle, Denise and Kylee Heidbreder, Susie and Joe Rushlau, Tyler Acosta, Paul and James Johansen, Dcn Tony and Rose DeCotis and Kaylee Kincaid. Your stewardship is greatly appreciated!



# Saint Peter Catholic Parish



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## MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday  
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation  
Saturday: 8:30— 10:00 a.m.  
And by appointment

Information on Sacraments of  
Baptism, Matrimony and  
Anointing of the Sick may be  
obtained at  
[www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org](http://www.stpeter.ptdiocese.org)

## PARISH OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

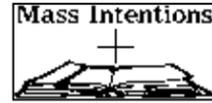
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The people of Saint Peter Parish are committed to serve Christ as faithful stewards centered on the Eucharist bringing His Word to life in the community leading all people to a closer relationship with God.



Recognizable Offering..... \$7,507.00  
Loose Cash..... \$818.00  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,325.00  
Peter's Pence Collection..... \$237.00  
Mass Attendance June 25/26.....279



**Jul 4 - 10**  
Tuesday.....Joe & Susie Rushlau(liv)  
Wednesday.....Susan Johansen(+)  
Thursday.....Carol Dineen(+)  
Friday.....Melissa Bishop(liv)  
Saturday.....Jim Riley(+)  
Sunday.....St Peter Parishioners  
.....Barbara Kirschten(+)

**Attention Parishioners!!!**  
**New Mass Schedule**

Beginning on July 4<sup>th</sup> St Peter Parish's mass schedule will be as follows: **Tues - Fri: 8:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.**

The parish office hours will remain the same.  
Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain:** For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at [stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com)

**Hospitalized Parishioners:** If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

**In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:**

**Monday** Deborah Babiak\*, Patty Dominitz\*

**Tuesday** Danny Labatte, Ana Livoti\*

**Wednesday** Gordon Pritchard\*, Aurora Beard, John Fails\*

**Thursday** Pam Bauchwitz\*, Johanna Malura

**Friday** Doug Babiak\*, Cheryl Darby, Tom Paul\*

**Saturday** Cynthia Dixon, John Anthony Buttler

**Sunday** Karen Clayton\*, Paul Livoti, Heidi Tye\*  
\*Indicates our parishioners.

**Please contact the church office if anyone can be removed from this prayer list.**



Many thanks to all who gave blood last Sunday. Oneblood collected the equivalent of 15 pints, which has the potential to save 45 lives! Please mark your calendars for the next drive, **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.**



In today's Gospel passage, from Luke, we find our Lord appointing disciples to go out and prepare others to receive His invitation into the Kingdom of God. Every verse has something to say about the way a Christian steward should approach others. Let's consider at least one of the coaching tips Christ gives.

"The Lord appointed seventy-two others whom He sent out ahead of Him in pairs to every town and place He intended to visit." In His wisdom, Christ sent His disciples out not as individuals but in pairs, as teams. This approach to evangelization certainly provided practical advantages. The disciples could lean on each other for mutual support and encouragement, helping each other to stay on task and to put their heads together to pray and problem-solve. This teamwork approach is just as relevant to us modern-day Christian stewards. It takes courage and commitment to go out and invite others into the Christian life. We need to work together to do it well.

But there is also symbolic importance to working in teams. It points to the reality that when we invite others to embrace the Good News of the Gospel, we are not merely inviting them into a belief system, but into a relationship with Christ and through that relationship, into Christ's family — our fellow Christian disciples near and far.

Our parish is our immediate spiritual family in this extended worldwide fold. We are not meant to live as isolated individuals within the parish any more than we are meant to live in isolation within our families. We are meant to be a community. That is why it is so important for us to foster a vibrant, supportive, welcoming parish life. This is why we emphasize hospitality as one of the pillars of stewardship. It is not enough just to point others to Christ; we must invite them to join us in community with Him; we must offer a place and mission for them in the Church and within our parish family.



July 3, 2022  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Is 66:10-14c  
Gal 6:14-18  
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Rebuild a City**

There doesn't seem to be a period in human history when cities were not destroyed by war. This was the case in ancient Rome, Atlanta during the Civil War, Dresden in World War II, and more recently, Aleppo in Syria. The devastation of a city leaves the survivors of the tragedy in desperate straits. This is the situation to which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. His message is one of hope. Jerusalem will be rebuilt; it will flourish once again. God will "spread prosperity over her like a river" (Isaiah 66:12). This will not be accomplished through mere human effort, but through the power of God.

The passage from Luke tells us how God will accomplish such a feat. There we read that Jesus sent seventy-two followers to preach the gospel. The power of God will work through them. We know little about who they were, from which villages they came,

or how long they acted as itinerant preachers. They may simply have gone back to their own lives and ministered to their own people. Such information is inconsequential.

What is important is the fact that God works through the followers of Jesus, through you and me. It will be through us that lives are rebuilt, that people will thrive again. It will be through us that cities are no longer destroyed by war. Do we believe this? Are we willing to be sent "to every town and place he intended to visit" (Luke 10:1)?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**FOR Reflection**

- **Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean for you?**
- **How might you live this out in your life today?**

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**Dear Padre,**

Why should I have my baby baptized?

Some parents pondering baptism say a child should mature first, then choose his or her religion. Yet, parents make many choices for their children - including name, diet, bedtime, and education. To forgo baptism means to choose a nonreligious outlook on life for your child. Indeed, objection to baptism can be a veiled statement about the parent's disregard for religion.



Baptism confers many benefits. First, it cleanses the soul of original sin. Scripture says Adam and Eve relinquished their God-centeredness, instead adopting a self-centered attitude. They thought of themselves as the center of the universe. Such self-delusion is the origin of all sins. Baptism reverses this, with God telling the child he is loved and regarding him like his own Son, Jesus. Baptism waters immerse the child into the depths of God's love.

Second, baptism begins a new life of loving response to God's love. Of course, infants don't understand this during baptism. Children learn it from religious training and their parents' example. The sacraments aid us in living this life of love, especially the Eucharist in which Christ comes to us as bread and wine to nourish us with his love. As parents give a child her very existence, through baptism they set her on a course to eternal life.

Finally, baptism makes the recipient a member of Christ's body, the Church. The child, along with other Church members and guided by ordained pastors, will speak for Christ in society. What parent doesn't want the best for his or her child? Through baptism, God also wants the best for them.

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR/Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

*Calendar*

**Monday**  
JULY 4  
Weekday  
Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22  
Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday**  
JULY 5  
Weekday  
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday**  
JULY 6  
Weekday  
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12  
Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday**  
JULY 7  
Weekday  
Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9  
Mt 10:7-15

**Friday**  
JULY 8  
Weekday  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday**  
JULY 9  
Weekday  
Is 6:1-8  
Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday**  
JULY 10  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Dt 30:10-14  
Col 1:15-20  
Lk 10:25-37