

MAY 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Monday—Friday 7:00AM English
Saturday 8:00AM English
Wednesday & Friday 6:30PM Spanish

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00PM English
6:30PM Spanish
Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM English
11:00AM English— at Parish Pastoral Center
12:30PM Spanish

Holy Days of Obligation

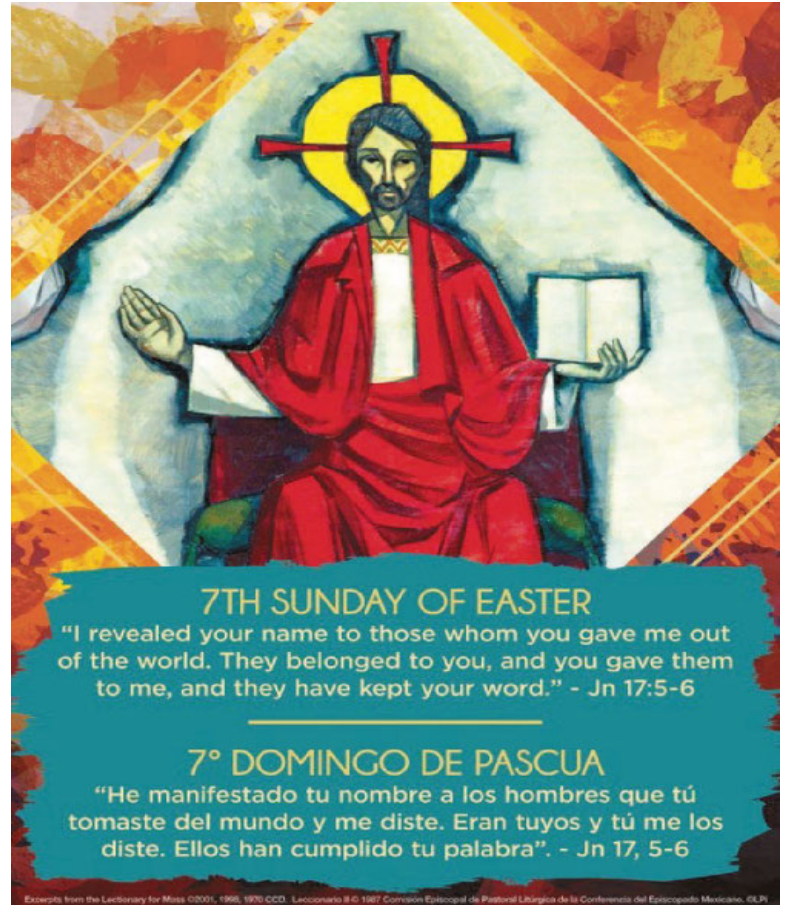
Please check bulletin or website for Mass times.

FAMILY ADORATION

Spanish: Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office to register



BAPTISMS

English: Please contact the parish office.

Spanish: Please request the "Baptismal Orientation Document" from the parish office and follow the instructions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples must be at least nineteen and meet with the priest 6 months in advance. Must be registered and active member of St. Peter Parish 6 months before the wedding date.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE

If you anticipate hospitalization or require sacraments, please call the parish office. For emergencies call 815-206-9201 leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

ENGLISH CONFESSIONS

Tuesday—Friday after 7AM Mass
Saturday after 8AM Mass & 3:45-4:45PM

SPANISH CONFESSIONS

Thursday: 7:00-8:00PM during Spanish Family Adoration
Friday: 6:00PM-6:30PM, also after 6:30PM Mass
Saturday: 6:00-6:30PM, also after 6:30PM Mass

*St. Peter Church is a Roman Catholic community, evangelizing by the power of the **Holy Spirit**, leading others to a joyful **encounter** with **Christ** and **experiencing** Our **Father's** merciful love.*

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

7:00AM †Steven Pulkrabek

Tuesday, May 23

7:00AM †Judy Schmitt

Wednesday, May 24

7:00AM †Ed Van-Barriger

6:30PM †Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

7:00AM †Gregg Neisewander

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:00AM †Thomas Bojar

6:30PM †Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00AM †Carol Winkle

5:00PM †Steven Pulkrabek

6:30PM Living & †Deceased Members of St. Peters Church

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

7:30AM Sr. Olga M. Mateus

9:30AM †Ed & Rose Ambrose

11:00AM †Judith Schmitt

12:30PM †Souls in Purgatory

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21, 2023

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

SUNDAY COLLECTION

5/14/2023

Collection \$ 6,326.18

Egiving \$ 1,045.00

Total \$ 7,371.18

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PAVINO

A rich man had everything in life. Yet he wanted to know about the formula of true happiness. He went around the world searching for it. Finally, he met a Chinese wise man. When asked about the formula of true happiness, the wise man said, "Grandfather dies, father dies, son dies, grandson dies." The rich man was angry: "What kind of formula is that? How can it give happiness when everything you said was all about dying?" The wise man patiently explained: "You see, everybody dies. And the normal sequence is the older one dies ahead of the younger ones. You would not like to bury your son or grandson. That will surely make you unhappy."

This makes some sense. But basing one's happiness on death is very unfortunate. As Christians, however, we know that death does not have the final say. This is what the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord is telling us. Our destiny as God's children does not end up in death. Rather, as followers of Jesus, we will share in his glory. As the Preface of this Mass beautifully puts it: "Christ... has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow."

We are all destined for heaven and there are two requirements for us to get to heaven: First, we have to leave this world. And that means we have to die. We cannot go to heaven if we do not want to let go of this world. We cannot have both heaven and this world. Yet, so many people do not get it. They want to go to heaven, but they strongly resist death. Detachment, therefore, from this world is a necessary condition for reaching heaven.

And the second requirement is that we must be like Jesus. We cannot claim to be followers of Jesus, and thereby sharers in his glory, if we do not follow his teachings and imitate his example. That was the exhortation of St. Paul to the Ephesians: "*You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.*" (Eph 4: 22-24).

In short, going to heaven is not only a matter of dying but also of living. We have to die to this world. But we must also live Christ's teachings, to the point that we can say like St. Paul, "*Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me*" (Gal 2:20).

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday May 23, 2023 @ 6PM

Location: Parish Office

Altar Flowers

The parish is looking for one or two people from the English community and two from the Hispanic community to help with placing flowers on the altar for each weekend. The pairs will alternate weekends. Training/guidance will be offered. Please call the office and leave your name and number so you can be reached.

Flores en el Altar

La parroquia necesita dos personas para ayudar a cambiar las flores en el altar los fines de semana. Favor de llamar a la oficina

PADRE LOAIZA

MISTERIO DE LA ASCENSION DE JESUS

La resurrección, la ascensión y pentecostés son aspectos diversos del misterio pascual. Si se presentan como momentos distintos y se celebran como tales en la liturgia es para poner de relieve el rico contenido que hay en el hecho de pasar Cristo de este mundo al Padre. La resurrección subraya la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte, la ascensión su retorno al Padre y la toma de posesión del reino y pentecostés, su nueva forma de presencia en la historia. La Ascensión no es más que una consecuencia de la resurrección, hasta tal punto que la resurrección es la verdadera y real entrada de Jesús en la gloria. Mediante la resurrección Cristo entra definitivamente en la gloria del Padre.

En la Ascensión no se da una partida, que da lugar a una despedida; es una desaparición, que da lugar a una presencia distinta. Jesús no se va, deja de ser visible. En la Ascensión Cristo no nos dejó huérfanos, sino que se instaló más definitivamente entre nosotros con otras formas de presencia. «Yo estaré siempre con vosotros hasta la consumación de los siglos». Así lo había prometido y así lo cumplió. Por la Ascensión Cristo no se fue a otro lugar, sino que entró en la plenitud de su Padre como Dios y como hombre. Y precisamente por eso se puso más que nunca en relación con cada uno de nosotros.

Por esto es muy importante entender qué queremos decir cuando afirmamos que Jesús se fue al cielo o que está sentado a la derecha de Dios Padre.

St. Peter's Keys Book Club

The book of the month for May will be:

Let Beauty Speak; The Art of being Human in a Culture of noise.

By: Jimmy Mitchell



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS CHAPEL HOURS NEEDING ADORERS

MONDAY 1AM
TUESDAY 4AM
WEDNESDAY 2AM, 4AM
SATURDAY 1AM, 2AM



Call Junie Pospischil (815) 494-9237.

Rockford Walk for Life and Family 2023

Saturday, June 24th, 2023 @ 11AM
State of Illinois Office Building: 200 S. Wyman Street



We will begin with a rally, and then walk several blocks past the Rockford City Hall building, and back to the State of IL building to conclude in prayer.

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ST. PETERS ROSARY PROGRAM

Rosaries Prayed in the
last week
(week of May 14th)
643



Rosary daily
at 5:30PM for
the month of
May

PARISH HAPPENINGS

ALTAR & ROSARY

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the Month
1:00PM Parish Pastoral Center, Room 1
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

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Meets Thursdays

3:00PM Parish Pastoral Center, Room 8
All skill levels welcome. Yarn & needles available

A&R SEWING GROUP

Meets Wednesdays

10:00AM Parish Pastoral Center, Room 8
All levels of sewing/quilting enthusiasts are welcome.

HERE FOR YOU: NFP

1st Wednesday Food Pantry: 4:30PM to 6:00PM
Every Thursday Perishable Foods Pantry: Noon to 4PM
Both at Didier Hall, Volunteers Welcome

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Bonnie Anderson, Jill Barron, Bradley Brewer, Mary Brittnacher, Beverly DeMarb, Linda Eddie, Thomas Figueroa, Tom Gasiorowski, Steve Hatch, Marie Karczewski, Luz Landa, Kerry Muldowney, Peter Rossi, Christopher Walsh, and Pauline Wergin.

To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at: (815) 525-3400, ext. 3, or email stpeter-sbeloit@RockfordDiocese.org

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Agnes Brewer, Marcela Hale, Alice Robison.

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Festa Chicken & Pasta Dinner & Raffle

St. Anthony of Padua Church; 1010 Ferguson St. Rockford
Sunday, June 11, 2023 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Tickets for the Dinner are \$12.00

Children 10 and under are free!

ALL DINNER TICKETS ARE PRESOLD ONLY

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Tickets available at the parish office

Raffle tickets:

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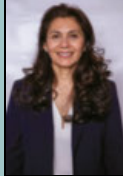


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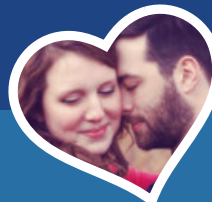
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