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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.

La Iglesia de San Pedro es una comunidad catolica romana que evangeliza por el poder del Espiritu Santo, lleva a otros a un encuentro gozoso con Cristo y experimenta el amor misericordioso de Nuestro Padre.

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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.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

"El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará." - Mt 16, 24b-25

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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.

ANointing 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

FAMILY ADORATION

Spanish: Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please call the parish office to register



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

7:00AM Shelly Williams

Tuesday, September 5

7:00AM Alexandra Cimino

Wednesday, September 6

7:00AM †Debrah Hopkins

6:30PM †Steve Hatch

Thursday, September 7

7:00AM †Konnie Mason

Friday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00AM †Frances Rivera

6:30PM Christine Hunsberger

Saturday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00AM †Judith Schmitt

5:00PM Living & †Deceased Members of St. Peters Church

6:30PM †Helen Koutnik

Sunday, September 10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Renee Lampher

9:30AM †Annette Wontor

11:00AM †Duane Hackbarth

12:30PM Memorial Mass Fund

SUNDAY COLLECTION

8/27/2023

Collection \$ 6,755.25

Egiving \$ 955.00

Total \$ 7,710.25

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/
Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

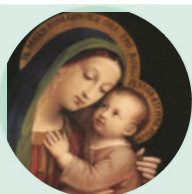
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-2



ST. PETERS ROSARY PROGRAM

More Rosaries Prayed in the week of August
27th

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PAVINO

Taking the easy way is a very strong and extremely dangerous temptation. Why labor when you can turn stones into bread? Why take the cross when you have the power to avoid it? In his humanity, Jesus must have seriously struggled with this temptation. In Gethsemane, he prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me" (Mt 26:39). His human instinct of self-preservation must have resisted the foreseen humiliation, painful torture and death on the cross. But he was quick to take hold of himself and firmly decide, "Yet not as I will, but as you will."

In the gospel this Sunday, Jesus was telling his disciples about the passion and death he was about to undergo, in fulfillment of the heavenly Father's plan for the salvation of mankind. But Peter vehemently objected and said, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you!" He was only expressing his sincere love and commitment to protect the Lord. However, he did not realize that he was being used by the devil to tempt Jesus into taking the easy way, similar to the threefold temptation in the desert. Jesus had to rebuke Peter: "Get behind me, Satan. You are an obstacle to me! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

There are times that we are like Peter, unwilling to take up the cross. We cannot stand up for the truth and for what is right because do not want to be condemned by modern society as insensitive, intolerant, and politically incorrect. We do not want to be persecuted and ostracized. We are careful not to talk about the intrinsic evil of abortion, contraception, divorce and same sex "marriage" for fear of offending the feelings of others. It seems that many would prefer to offend God rather than people.

A quotation warns us: "When the going gets easy, be careful. You must be going downhill." The easy way is not always the safe way. Avoiding the cross and taking the shortcut to success and prosperity usually ends in misery and total failure. The road to salvation is difficult and narrow. It is the way of the cross. Only few take this road. But the road to damnation is wide and smooth. And many take this road. The choice is ours.

WALK FOR THE POOR

The annual St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) 'Walk for the Poor' is scheduled for Saturday, September 16th.

Sponsored by the Rockford area Conferences of the Society of SVdP: St. Rita's, St. Bridgets, Holy Family, St. James, and the Cathedral of St. Peter's.

Schedule for the event:

The Walk is Saturday September 16th at the Y Log Lodge, 200 Y Boulevard

Mass

9:00 am Fr. David Beauvais

Registration

10:00 am

Walk

10:30 am along the Rock River Recreation Path

For more information or making a pledge, you can visit
www.fopwalk.org.

PADRE LOAIZA

SER CRISTO IMPLICA CRUZ Y SACRIFICIO

No es fácil ser cristiano. Nunca lo ha sido, pero ahora, tal vez, menos. A todos nos gustaría un cristianismo cómodo, consolador, compaginable con otras tendencias a las que nos estimula la sociedad de hoy. Pero no es eso lo que nos han dicho las lecturas de hoy: nos han hablado de cruz y renuncia.

La reacción de Pedro es, en cierto modo, explicable. De su amor a Cristo no se puede dudar. El domingo pasado escuchábamos su hermosa profesión de fe: "Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios". Pero todavía no había entendido que el camino de Cristo es camino de renuncia y sacrificio, antes de ser de salvación y de gloria. A Pedro, como a nosotros, le gustaban los aspectos amables del seguimiento de Jesús. Pero el sacrificio, no. Le gustaba el monte Tabor, el de la transfiguración. Pero no el monte del Gólgota, el de la cruz. Algo parecido nos pasa a nosotros. La historia de Jeremías y de Jesús es la historia de tantos y tantos cristianos que, a lo largo de los siglos, han experimentado la dificultad de vivir su fe en medio de una sociedad indiferente o incluso hostil. La historia de un cristiano de hoy, que quiere vivir su cristianismo con coherencia. Ser cristiano se va convirtiendo cada vez más en una opción explícita por Cristo y por su estilo de vida, por su mentalidad y criterios de actuación. Pero supone que se acepta a la vez el riesgo y la dificultad, porque la escala de valores de Cristo no coincide con la de ese mundo.

Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.



Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East and the pandemic have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. In addition to the pandemic, the local government didn't offer any help for the families who make these holy items, simply because they are Christians. As a result of these actions by the local government, the Christian families are devastated. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic

consequences on the Holy sites. Issam from "Star of Bethlehem Group" came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem.

Please take a look at those beautiful artifacts
September 16th & 17th.

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St. Anthony Church will host a living rosary for suicide prevention and those affected by suicide on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6PM.

St. Peter Catholic Church South Beloit

Altar and Rosary Society

Invites Ladies of the Parish to

Our First Meeting this year

September 7th 1pm

In the

Pastoral Center



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & HOSPITALIZED:

Bonnie Anderson, Gerald Anderson, Jill Barron, Bradley Brewer, Mary Brittnacher, Beverly DeMarb, Linda Eddie, Thomas Figueroa, Tom Gasiorowski, Marie Karczewski, 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE HOMEBOUND OR IN NURSING HOMES / ASSISTED LIVING

Agnes Brewer, Marcela Hale, Susan Parham, Alice Robison.

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

SUNDAY	3PM, 5PM
MONDAY	10PM
TUESDAY	4AM
WEDNESDAY	2AM, 4AM
THURSDAY	1AM, 2AM, 10PM
SATURDAY	9AM, 5PM

Call Junie Pospischil (815) 494-9237.



Religious Ed- Pastoral Center-Important Dates

Grade 1 to 5

Sep 10..... 11:00AM Grandparents day Mass/RE Registration
Deadline

Sep 17..... 10:00AM Mandatory Orientation Day

Sep 24..... 9:30AM First Day of Classes

Grade 6,7,8

Sep 10..... 11:00AM Grandparents Day Mass/RE Registration
Deadline

Sep 17..... 11:00AM Catechetical Sunday Mass

12:00PM Mandatory Orientation


Sep 27..... 6:30PM First day of Classes

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