



JUNE 25, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am, 1:00 pm (en Español)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am & 12:03 pm

Priest on the Porch (Confessions)

Tuesday-Friday: 10:30 am - 11:45 am

In Confessional

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Between Sunday Masses celebrated
at 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24

5:15 pm Vigil Mass Bob & Mary Haake family

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13 • Romans 5:12-15 • Matthew 10:26-33

7:00 am *Pro Populo*
 9:00 am Rose & Bob Mehmert family
 11:00 am George & Pauline Rackers
 1:00 pm David & Christian Cepeda

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Readings: Genesis 12:1-9 • Matthew 7:1-5

8:00 am Andrew & Mildred Bielecki family
 12:03 pm Stanley & Delores Farris family

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Readings: Genesis 13:2, 5-18 • Matthew 7:6, 12-14

8:00 am † Clarence Schepers
 12:03 pm George Hitz

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Matthew 7:15-20

8:00 am † Ray & Lorraine Roling
 12:03 pm † Gordon Schade

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Readings: Acts 12:1-11 • 2 Timothy 4:6-8 • Matthew 16:13-19

8:00 am † David Wurst
 12:03 pm † Donnie Braun

FRIDAY, JUNE 30 FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

Readings: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 • Matthew 8:1-4

8:00 am † Tony Nigro
 12:03 pm † Wanda Buechter

SATURDAY, JULY 1

5:15 pm Vigil Mass † Gary Arnel

SUNDAY, JULY 2 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 • Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 • Matthew 10:37-42

7:00 am *Pro Populo*
 9:00 am † Carolyn Musick
 11:00 am † Lawrence Rackers & Dorothy Rackers
 1:00 pm David & Christian Cepeda

Please Note: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, July 3 or Tuesday July 4, 2023. There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on Monday, July 3, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Church.

TO BE AN "ACTIVE" CATHOLIC STEWARD MEANS:

- **To Pray:** that is, attend Mass faithfully in the parish on weekends and Holy Days.
- **To Participate:** that is, to use one's time and talents to strengthen the parish community and advance the Gospel.
- **To Sacrificially Give:** that is, pledge and remain current on a tithe of financial first fruits to support the life and ministries of the parish. The goal is 8% to the parish and 2% to other worthy charities.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
 JULY 1 & JULY 2, 2023**



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:15 pm Volunteers Requested
 7:00 am Christa Cain, Greg Rackers
 9:00 am David Bange, Julie Bange
 11:00 am Rodney Bax, Nancy Bochat

READERS

5:15 pm Angie Hillen
 7:00 am Audie Cline
 9:00 am Sharon Burnett
 11:00 am Anna Cooper

USHERS

5:15 pm Don Boes, Kevin Stegeman, Lynn Struempfh
 7:00 am Steve Slaughter, Mike Wiseman
 9:00 am Mark Veit, Scott Woodward
 11:00 am Jesse Pitts, Phillip Pitts

ALTAR SERVERS

5:15 pm Levi Schaefer, Brynn Stegeman, Leenah Stegeman
 7:00 am Frank Palada, John Palada
 9:00 am Anabelle VanOverschelde, Nolan Vassos, Randy Vassos, Matthew Worthen
 11:00 am Allison Blankenship, Aiden Coulter

CANTORS & MUSICIANS

5:15 pm Dena Harre - Cantor
 Lesley Smith - Organist
 7:00 am Volunteer Requested - Cantor
 Nicholas Liese - Organist
 9:00 am Volunteer Requested - Cantor
 Lesley Smith - Organist
 11:00 am Rhonda Allen - Cantor
 Sara Garner - Organist



BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION

For our seminarians preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders; that they may grow closer to Christ the High Priest to be faithful teachers of doctrine, fervent priests of sacred worship, and servant-leaders of community of faith.

Por nuestros seminaristas que se preparan para el Sacramento de las Órdenes Sagradas; para que puedan acercarse más a Cristo, el Sumo Sacerdote, para ser fieles maestros de la doctrina, fervientes sacerdotes del culto sagrado y siervos líderes de nuestra comunidad de fe.

MASS INTENTIONS

There is inestimable value in the offering of Holy Mass. Our Catholic faith has a long and wonderful tradition of having Masses offered for our loved ones living and deceased. If you wish to have a Mass or Masses offered for a loved one, contact our Parish Office at (573) 636-8159.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER PARISH

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

11:00 am Monique Daniela & Rosanelly Paola Navarro Baptism, Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 am Mary Jane Ordway, Sacrament of Confirmation, Church

MONDAY, JUNE 26

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm St. Anne's Quilters, Scout Room

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel
 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm St. Rita Quilters, Scout Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 am - 8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel

MUSIC FOR JUNE 25, 2023

Readings: Heritage Missal, page 200

Mass Setting: Heritage Mass

Processional: We Gather Together (Heritage Missal #507)

Offertory: As the Deer Longs (Heritage Missal #384)

Communion: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Heritage Missal #515)

Recessional: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Heritage Missal #563)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is Monday-Thursday beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 8:00 pm. Additional adorers and substitutes are needed to ensure that every hour has at least two adorers. There is an open hour on Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Sign up to spend an hour with Jesus at adorationpro.org/saintpeterjc. Questions? Contact Claudia Galbraith at 573.220.6693.

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PRAYER REQUESTS



E-Prayer Line: Please submit your email prayer requests to Mary Dayton at prayerline@saintpeterjc.org. When submitting a prayer request please use first name only and what the prayer need is. It is always good to hear about prayers answered!

"Prayer Angels" is a group of parish volunteers, mostly homebound, who pray for the needs of the parish. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Angels or do not have email you can request prayers by calling Lisa Fender at 573.821.1111.

SEASONS OF HOPE

Embracing Life after Loss



A free program designed for those suffering grief from the loss of a loved one.

St. Peter Catholic Church Grief Support Group offers to walk with you through your grief in a group or individual setting. New four week session will begin in July 2023 and will be held on Tuesdays at 6:15 pm. Start date July 11 - August 1, 2023. Please register by July 10, 2023.

Please call Myra Roskopf Wolfe at (573) 634-7889 or Kathleen at the Parish Office at (573) 636-8159 to reserve a spot in this Christ-centered, grief sharing group designed to help you cope with your grief experience.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Holy Matrimony

The first step in planning a wedding at St. Peter is to contact the Pastor. You may call to check available dates beforehand, but the wedding can only be scheduled after approval by the priest and *at least a minimum of six months* prior to the proposed wedding date. Any Catholic being married needs to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Baptism

Parental preparation is required for a child to be baptized. Please plan to attend the required class prior to your child's birth. Sessions are usually held once a quarter. Please call the Parish Office to sign up.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are preparing for surgery, please let our priests know before you go to the hospital.

Catholic Inquiry and Faith Formation (formerly R.C.I.A.)

Inquiry sessions for those interested in joining the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist begin in September. Please contact Deacon Ric Telthorst at (573) 690-0730 or deacontelthorst@gmail.com for more information.

SACRIFICIAL TITHING & GIVING

June 4, 2023	\$ 48,196.95
June 11, 2023	\$ 22,077.61
June 18, 2023	\$ 50,034.13
June 25, 2023	\$
Budget for June	\$ 178,333.34
Total Collected for June	\$ <u>120,308.69</u>
Difference	\$ -58,024.65
Budget Goal To Date	\$ 2,098,846.24
Total Collected To Date	\$ <u>2,179,136.40</u>
Difference	\$ 80,290.16
Facility/Property Maintenance: June	\$ 4,629.20
Facility/Property Maintenance To Date	\$ 77,115.41
Samaritan Center	\$ 2,429.00
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,255.10

Thank you for your continued tithing and support of St. Peter Parish & School! Numbers as of June 14, 2023.

NEW STEWARDSHIP MODEL AND CHANGES IN GIVING

Beginning next month St. Peter Church will begin the process of fully implementing Bishop McKnight's vision of Stewardship for the Diocese of Jefferson City within our parish.

The new model will see a change in how one should sacrificially tithe. The insert in this week's bulletin will discuss in detail what to expect regarding how to navigate the changes in the new tithing model. As a note, any automatic withdrawals or online donations set-up to give to special collections will cease effective July 1, 2023. Please contact the Parish Office to direct these donations to other St. Peter Church funds.

You will also see changes this fall to the structure of our Time and Talent form. Each item will fall under one of the Four Pillars of Stewardship which are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. These pillars invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to discipleship. Each baptized person is called to give of time, talent and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support our parish community. We appreciate your support as we begin our new stewardship journey.



Congratulations to **Eva Muenks and Dylan Lepper** who were united in Holy Matrimony on June 24 2023.



Congratulations to **Monique Daniela and Rosanely Paola Navarro** who were baptized into the Faith on June 22, 2023



Congratulations to **Mary Jane Ordway** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 25, 2023

P23 DISCERNMENT CAMP

An epic vocation camp for junior high guys based on Psalm 23

July 20-22, 2023

DIocese of Jefferson City diojefcity.org/camp-p23



SUPPORT AFTER ABORTION FOR MEN

Base Camp is an open-forum, weekly discussion group for men who have been impacted by abortion. The group meets Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Each week, men will be invited into the conversation as we discuss abortion, healing, authentic masculinity and other issues that plague men today. Attendees can remain anonymous or not. The group is led by Greg Mayo, Men's Healing Strategist for Support After Abortion and author of "Almost Daddy: The Forgotten Story."



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY STEWARDSHIP MODEL

Effective July 1, 2023 St. Peter Parish will begin participation in the new Diocesan Stewardship model. The goals, on a parish level, strive to make parishioners feel more responsible for the well being of their parish family and endeavors by encouraging you to PRAY with and for St. Peter, PARTICIPATE in the life of St. Peter, and SACRIFICIALLY GIVE to St. Peter on a parish level. The purpose of this flyer is to guide you on the path of sacrificial giving, as many things are changing from what we have done up to this point.

The overarching goal is that active stewards of the parish will still biblically tithe 10% of their first fruits. However, instead of 5% to St. Peter, 3% to the Diocese and 2% to worthy charities, you will give 8% to St. Peter and 2% to worthy charities. The 8% will “cover” your Parish tithe, donations previously given to the Diocese directly, and the MANY extra collections that St. Peter has had up to this point. In turn, the Parish will tithe 10% of its ordinary income to the Diocese for Diocesan operations AND so that the Diocese can donate to the Universal Collections on behalf of the parishes, in the manner they have before.

Here’s a quick guide to our usual envelopes/collections, and how they will operate in the new model of sacrificial giving:

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Church Contributions (weekly envelopes, monthly ABT, recurring giving): The call is to increase your tithe from 5% of your income to 8% of your income to St. Peter Parish. 10% of these donations will be tithed to the Diocese.
- Facility & Property Maintenance: We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this important fund. All donations are used for the betterment and upkeep of our Parish campus. 10% of these donations will be tithed to the Diocese.
- Initial Offering: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give in this envelope to your Church Contributions.
- Catholic Missourian: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add money that you would normally give in this envelope to Church Contributions.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Society of St. Vincent de Paul: We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this important charity. However, we cannot process these donations through the Parish, which means we will no longer collect donations through the bank ABTs or PushPay. Please use these envelopes and/or make any checks out to St. Vincent de Paul. We will collect the envelopes/checks and give them to SVdP directly. *
- Samaritan Center: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this charity, as it is not related to our Parish. Please send all donations directly to Samaritan Center, 1310 E. McCarty, JCMO 65101. *
- Roses for Life (Knights of Columbus): There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this campaign. We are working on ideas to support the Knights of Columbus Helias Council in this important drive. *
- Catholic Relief & Development: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Infirm Priest Fund (Easter): We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this Holiest of Days. All money collected will be forwarded to the Diocese as in the past. *
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.

- Communication & Education: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Diocesan Mission Collection: We will continue to have an envelope/collection for this important work of the Diocese. All money collected will be forwarded to the Diocese as in the past. *
- Retirement Fund for Religious: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Vogelweid Learning Center: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions.
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions. The Diocese will donate to this fund.
- Seminarian Formation/Priest Retirement (Christmas Seminary): The parish will continue to be assessed from the Diocese for this collection. All donations in this envelope/collection will offset that expense, and will not be subject to the 10% tithe. *
- Christmas Parish: There will no longer be an envelope/collection for this; add the money that you would normally give this collection to Church Contributions.
- Holy Days (Solemnity of Mary, Ash Wednesday, Assumption of Mary, All Saints Day, Immaculate Conception): There will no longer be envelopes/collections for these; add the money that you would normally give these collections to Church Contributions.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

In the new Diocesan Stewardship model, the goal is to lessen the various ways that parishioners are asked for donations, so they can focus on directly supporting their parish financially. To this end, starting in 2023, there will be NO Diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Parishioners that have contributed to the Diocese through the CSA are directed to donate those funds directly to St. Peter, as Church Contributions. These donations are subject to the 10% tithe; however, in the new model, the Parish keeps 90% of these funds whereas in the past, St. Peter got none of this money unless its goal was met. It is important for our Parish budget and operational purposes that those who have contributed to the CSA direct that money to St. Peter Parish. If you have not contributed to the CSA in the past for various reasons, please consider donating to St. Peter for this purpose.

NOTES

1. It is important that donations remain SEPARATE; we ask that you no longer write one check for different purposes/funds/charities. The Parish cannot take in any donations for other charities, or we will pay the 10% to the Diocese on top of sending the funds that were donated to the outside charity. Please help us make this transition as easy as possible.
2. You will receive your July envelopes as usual (our answers from the Diocese came too late to make changes for July). Please see the note above and the guidelines for each collection for directions on making the July donations.
3. Ladies Sodality and Holy Name dues envelopes will continue in our January packets. However, you must put separate funds into these envelopes; see NOTE 1. Because the collections are for dues, they are not subject to the 10% tithe.
4. If you give to Special Collections or Holy Days through a monthly ABT or through recurring giving in PushPay, those collections will stop or not be available after July 1. Please contact the Parish Office to change your giving to Church Contributions as soon as possible. We need your written permission to make changes to your ABT donations!
5. This new model of giving will take a bit to get used to...please remember that St. Peter depends on and is blessed by your generous giving. We are asking all families to prayerfully consider your current donation level, and make an adjustment to accommodate this new guidance as needed. We want St. Peter to be able to tithe to the Diocese and still operate, educate our children and adults, maintain our historic campus, and flourish in fellowship and hospitality in our community. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS, FAITHFUL SUPPORT OF ST. PETER PARISH!
6. If you have ANY questions, please call or email the Parish Office; we are happy to help!

** These worthy causes could be benefactors of your 2% gifts to other charities.*

OLD WAY OF TITHING

FROM FAITHFUL

MONTHLY ENVELOPES

Tithe/Church Contributions
Facility & Property Maintenance
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Samaritan Center
Vogelweid Learning Center
Christmas Parish
Catholic Missourian

ASSESSMENTS

Infirm Priest Fund (Easter Assessment)
Seminarian Formation/Priest Retirement (Christmas Assessment)

UNIVERSAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief & Development
Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Communication & Education
Diocesan Mission Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL

PARISH

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Infirm Priest Fund (Easter Assessment)
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UNIVERSAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief & Development
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CATHEDRATICUM

(Monetary obligation to Diocese)

DIOCESE

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Samaritan Center

Samaritan Center

Vogelweid Learning Center

Vogelweid Learning Center

NEW WAY OF TITHING

FROM FAITHFUL

MONTHLY ENVELOPES

8% Tithe/Church Contributions

The following items are now rolled into a single envelope and subject to the 10% Tithe that St. Peter now gives to the Diocese.

Facility & Property Maintenance

Vogelweid Learning Center

CATHOLIC STEWARSHIP APPEAL

UNIVERSAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief & Development
Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Communication & Education
Diocesan Mission Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

ASSESSMENTS

Infirm Priest Fund (Easter Assessment)
Seminarian Formation/Priest Retirement (Christmas Assessment)
The parish will continue to be assessed from the Diocese for this collection. All donations in this envelope/collection will offset that expense, and will not be subject to the 10% tithe.

2% to Charities

Give 100% of your donation DIRECTLY to the charities of your choice. (Examples below.) Please make the check out directly to the charity.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Samaritan Center

PARISH

ASSESSMENTS

Infirm Priest Fund (Easter Assessment)
Seminarian Formation/Priest Retirement (Christmas Assessment)

10% TITHE OF ORDINARY INCOME

DIOCESE

A NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR...

My brothers and sisters in the Lord – throughout human history, drawings, paintings and carvings in various materials have been used to tell stories, express religious beliefs and to preserve history. One can think of the Löwenmensch figurine discovered in Germany (estimated to be 35,000 years old) or the pyramids in Egypt (thought to be from the third millenia BC), for example. Throughout the history of the Church, we have used art of all sorts to teach the Faith and inspire further prayer of those truths through beauty. And so stained glass windows, icons, paintings, statues and even architecture of buildings themselves have been the common means of physical, non-verbal teaching across the centuries. Rather than being merely unnecessary decorations, sacred images provide focal points for prayer, the means of encouraging deeper devotion and elevating our hearts to the heavenly realities beyond those of this passing world.

Statues are one of the most distinctive forms of Catholic art. And statuary is also one of the most misunderstood forms

of religious art. At various points over the past 2,000 years, there have been fierce debates about the role and place of statues. Some Christians insisted upon a particular interpretation of Leviticus in which Our Lord commanded the Israelites: “Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God” (19:4). It is because of the misapplication and misunderstanding of this commandment – claiming that statues used for veneration were idols of worship – caused great controversy within the Church. And so at the Second Council of Nicaea in 787, the iconoclastic controversy was confronted. That Ecumenical Council clarified, approved, and encouraged the honoring of Our Lord, Our Lady, saints, and angels, through the proper use of statues.

But as we all know, those who forget history are bound to repeat it. The iconoclastic fervor (Bilderstrum, in German) reared its head again during the Protestant revolution during the 16th century with the outright demolition of all religious images in various parts of Europe.

Although centuries had passed since the beginning of that religious and societal revolution, historic amnesia again began to afflict certain implementations of the liturgical documents of the Second Vatican Council, to the point that in the name of “noble simplicity” much destruction occurred in the 20th century. So what do we believe about the Christian veneration of images?

“In the Old Testament, God ordained and permitted the making of images that pointed symbolically toward salvation by the incarnate Word: so it was with the bronze serpent, the ark of the covenant, and the cherubim.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 2130). In other words, worship is reserved for God alone and no one or nothing else. We venerate Our Lord when we kneel before His likeness. He is the object of our love and worship, not the piece of statuary. It is merely a representation of Christ, one that helps us keep our attention on Him, even though it falls short of His true Divine greatness. There was a time when God’s people were not to make images of Him, because He had not revealed Himself in a form that we could see. But with the coming of His Son, we have seen the face of God. “He who has seen me has seen the Father,” Jesus said to Philip (John 14:9). St. Paul expresses it this way in his Letter to the Colossians: “Jesus is the image of the unseen God...” (Colossians 1:15) and in the 2nd chapter “for in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily” (2:9).

When the most recent phase of restoration at our beloved Parish of St. Peter began, it had been my hope to find and restore the same statues of the four evangelists who used to decorate the sides of the pulpit, but only two were extant. New maple statues were donated for those niches by some of your parish clergy and recently a statue of St. John the Baptist was added facing the altar with his banner announcing Ecce Agnus Dei, “Behold the Lamb of God”. That is why we Christians still lovingly create images of Christ and of His saints: we behold Him in the flesh and the effects of His life, death, resurrection and ascension in the lives of His faithful...even today.

Sincerely Yours in Christ – Fr. Secrist

St. Peter will hold our parish celebration for parishioners and the community on Friday, August 11 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm on our campus and Broadway. Live music, food trucks, country store, giveaways, kids zone and a beer garden will all be included in the fun!

We need help from our parish family to make this a great time for all. Please visit our volunteer sign up link, <https://signup.com/go/cqjaAbZ> to volunteer some of your time that evening. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt; please add your shirt size in the comments field.

Please keep in mind that all adult volunteers (graduated high school) who work with children need to be VIRTUS certified (trained and background checked). If you are an event volunteer, you only need to sign up with the VIRTUS office to have a background check run. No one will see the results of this check; it is only for safe environment purposes. The link to get this done is: <https://diojeffcity.org/safe-environment-archive/single-occasion-volunteer-form/> Please be sure this is done before the event.

Items needed for the Country Store! We are asking for donations of cakes, pies, treats, or whatever you would like to donate that can be sold that evening! Please bring offerings from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm to Selinger Centre gym on August 11. Thank you for your contributions to our event! Bring the family for a night of fun, food and friendship!





140 YEARS STANDING STRONG

ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THE DEDICATION OF ST. PETER CHURCH
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023
 AT 9:00 AM
 FOLLOWED BY
 BRUNCH AND TALK
 BY PATRICK MURPHY
 IN MSGR. HOOG HALL



THE ST. PETER LADIES' SODALITY will host a work session for parish quilters. The volunteers are asked to come to the quilting room Wednesday, June 28 at 9:00 am. The goal is to work on the quilt to be awarded as a prize at the annual Card Party to be held in October. Lunch will be served. For more information, call Joyce Amick, 680-1847.



ST. PETER AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM is looking for high school students to fill several Aide positions (Monday-Friday 3:10-5:30 p.m.), as well as an adult Supervisor (M-F 2:15 to 5:30 p.m.) each day school is in session for 2023-2024 school year. The Supervisor job entails helping the director supervise the staff and students grades K thru 8th, helping set up for the day and helping to provide a safe, Christian environment. Great job for a stay at home mom, retiree, or college student. If interested in either position, please email: bbartow@stpeterjc.org.



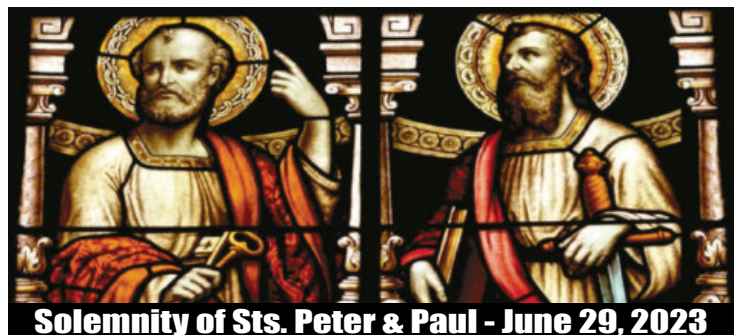
SALUTE TO AMERICA will be held on July 4, 2023 this year from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. This will be a single day event. Parishioners attending the 8:00 am or 12:03 pm Masses should park in the Selinger parking lot which will only be accessible via West Main Street. Please note that the Selinger parking lot will be controlled by event organizers throughout the day. The Big Flat will be used by the Scouts for their event that day. Broadway will be closed to traffic beginning at 8:00 am for the Kids Zone which opens at 1:00 pm.

As we close out another successful, blessed school year, here are a few reminders. If you are interested in enrolling your student at St. Peter Catholic School you can do so on our school website at <https://saintpeterschooljc.org/>. Just simply fill out the application information and submit. Mrs. Sara Garner or Mrs. Gayle Trachsel will be in contact once received. The school office will be closed as of May 19, 2023 until August 1, 2023. You may call the school (573-636-8922) and leave a message on ext. 327 or 244 if you have any questions, we will periodically check voicemail. We wish everyone a happy, fun filled, safe summer vacation!

VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT

Please pray for the men who are studying and discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. This week, please pray for:

Mr. Bryce Smith
 HP: St. Clement (Bowling Green)
 Seminary: Pontifical College Josephinum
 Birthdate: March 24





THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY WILL HOST THE RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND SAINT MANUEL GONZALEZ GARCIA FROM JULY 8-16, 2023.

The arrival of the relics in our diocese is part of the National Eucharistic Revival — Blessed Carlo Acutis and Saint Manuel

Gonzalez Garcia were both known for their deep devotion to the Eucharist.

At each of the stops in our diocese, the relics will be accompanied by seminarians who will share the story of these two holy men.

A tentative pilgrimage schedule is for the of the relics is listed below:

- July 9 — Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City
- July 10 — St. Patrick Church, Rolla
- July 11 — St. Peter Church, Marshall
- July 12 — St. Patrick Church, Laurie
- July 13 — St. Brendan Church, Mexico
- July 14 — St. Joseph Church, Westphalia
- July 15 — St. Stanislaus Church, Wardsville
- July 16 — St. Thomas More Newman Center, Columbia



All are invited to come and pray to this Saint and Blessed, honor their way of life, and grow not only in your worship of the Eucharistic Mystery, but in your service to the Mystical Body of Christ in the poor and needy in our midst.

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED OR HOMEBOUND:

Please call or email to let us know if you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and/or if you would like the parish nurse to call, pray with you and/or assist you with questions and health care concerns. Remember that if you or a family member moves from hospital to home or rehab center or nursing care facility, the hospital cannot tell us your location due to HIPPA regulations. Please let us know their new location. Thank you! You may contact me at 636-8159 x469 or via email akuehn@saintpeterjc.org.

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