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Dear Saint Peter Family,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

It is such a joy to serve as a priest in a parish so on fire with love for Jesus, His Church, and one another. Father Warren and I say over and over again how happy we are to be here and share life with you and your families!

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, there is no place we'd rather be!

And while we do not know how the coronavirus will impact our church ministries, school events and parish life in the coming year, we are confident *this too shall pass*. Therefore, our 2021 Guide Book remains the same resource that it has always been, outlining all the faithful ministries and groups serving our parish. Some have returned to regular, yet socially distanced, meetings on campus. Others are conducting business remotely. A few have temporarily suspended activities until further notice.

If you are interested in knowing the current meeting status of any ministry or group, please call the appropriate ministry leader or the parish center.

I hope you will find this directory a help to grow more deeply in love with Jesus, and as a resource for the good work Christ needs you to carry out.

On a personal note, might I make one suggestion, don't view this directory as a Catholic phone book. View it as a prayer book. Leave it by your prayer chair. Every so often, pray for one another. Leaf through the pages and pray for one another by name. Pray for the fellow parishioners, the ministries, the families, the services, the events that are happening in our parish. Prayer works. Prayer changes things. Prayer changes the world! So, please use this as a tool to pray for one another. You'll find a copy in the rectory chapel for that very purpose. Your priests are praying for you every day! Allow me to take this opportunity to renew our promise to you. If you need anything at all, we're around. Let us know, we'll be happy to help!

May Mary, Star of the New Evangelization, intercede for our parish and set our hearts afire with uncontainable love and joy!

May Saint Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, intercede for you and make you courageous witnesses to the truth of the Gospel in Geneva and beyond!

Prayers,

Fr. Bakkelund

Our Parish

Parish Vision Statement

St. Peter Catholic Church is a welcoming, vibrant, faith-filled community, centered on Christ, where all members live and encourage lives of discipleship and stewardship.

Parish Mission Statement

To inspire parishioners to live a Christ-centered life of discipleship and stewardship focused on prayer, faith, service, care of creation, sacrificial giving and evangelization.

St. Peter is a Roman Catholic parish in the city of Geneva and part of the Aurora Deanery within the Rockford Diocese. We are the parish home for a vibrant, faith-filled community of more than 2,600 families, many of whom have worshipped and learned as part of the St. Peter community for generations. While these parish families represent a strong, continuous thread in our parish history, new individuals and families are warmly welcomed into the parish family. We serve the Lord through prayer, faith, service, care of creation, sacrificial giving and evangelization. Our parish community adheres to traditional Catholic practices and is known for its rich liturgical celebrations and devotion to the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament receives special reverence through our Adoration Chapel. There are many opportunities to serve and be served within this parish home. We sponsor over 60 ministries and organizations that help the church members, local community and beyond in a variety of ways. You can learn about them in this publication or go on our website www.stpeterchurch.com.

Fr. Bakkelund is our Pastor. Fr. Warren is our Parochial Vicar. We are blessed to have Deacon Greg D'Anna serving our parish, helping with baptisms, some marriage matters, prayer services, special blessings, assisting at Masses, ministering to parishioners and more. Northwestern Delnor Hospital is within our parish boundaries. Together with other tri-city parishes, we are responsible for pastoral care of all Catholic patients during their stay in the hospital. This is also the case for BRIA Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, Arden Courts and GreenFields of Geneva. We are blessed with help from neighboring priests and pastoral care ministers who share this responsibility with us.

Most of our parish families reside in Geneva, but we have also attracted singles and families from many other communities. We ask that our parishioners become an active part of our parish through participation in worship, spiritual growth activities, service to others and financial support. Our parish, most importantly, is one made up of God's children regardless of age, gender or race.

Parish Communication

We love having you as part of our flock! Flocknote lets you choose what information you'd like to receive, by email or text, from the various ministries and groups in our church. Sign up by going to Flocknote.com/stpgeneva, OR text stpgeneva to 84576.

A Note of Thanks

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St. Peter School

60+ Years of Catholic Education Our Vision, Mission, and Values

Our School Vision

St. Peter School is a welcoming, vibrant, Catholic community where all members live and encourage lives of discipleship and stewardship.

Our School Mission

Our Mission is to inspire our students, families, and faculty to live a life of discipleship and stewardship centered on Patience, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence in academics.

Our Core Values

Our Core Values are reflected in the culture of the school and drive curriculum, instruction and assessment practices in every classroom. These Values will guide the school's policies, procedures, decisions and resource allocations. Our Core Values are:

Patience: Waiting or enduring without complaint
Respect: Recognizing the dignity of all people
Integrity: Reing trustweathy and true

Integrity: Being trustworthy and true

Determination: Persevering and working hard until you've finished

Excellence: Doing your best in all you do

St. Peter is a vibrant, welcoming, faith-based, rigorous educational school that focuses on the needs of each child through a differentiated curriculum. Each member of our community is valued with dignity and respect! Students at St. Peter School are educated in the traditions of the Catholic faith and receive an exceptional academic education. Religion is taught daily and Christian values are encouraged and practiced. Students write letters to the homebound, collect food, help in the Food Pantry and attend Mass. Academic subjects include: Religion, English, Reading, Spelling, Vocabulary, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, Art, Music, Physical Education and STEM. Library resources and technology are integrated with the curriculum.

There are approximately 225 students in preschool through eighth grade. School hours are 8:25 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There is a vibrant volunteer organization at St. Peter School. See the alphabetical list of *Ministry and Organization Descriptions* section for:

- St. Peter Catholic Education Commission (CEC)
- St. Peter Home and School Association
- St. Peter Wheeler Library Advisory Board
- St. Peter Sports Boosters

For more information or a tour of the school, call the school office.

SCHOOL OFFICE 1881 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL office: 630-232-0476 fax: 630-262-0308 www.stpeterrockets.org

Frequently Used Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE

1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva IL ~ office: 630-232-0124 ~ fax: 630-232-9262 ~ www.stpeterchurch.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpetergeneva Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:20 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Schedule a Room: Laurie Brown, calendar@stpetergeneva.org

SCHOOL OFFICE

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES*

7:00 a.m., 8:35 a.m., 7:00 p.m. * Some exceptions will occur. Consult bulletin to confirm times.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:30 a.m., and 3:15-4:15 p.m. Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.

SICK CALLS

Call the parish center (630-232-0124)

PRAYER SERVICES

Eucharistic Adoration: Panis Angelicus Chapel, open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. (security key needed between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.; contact the Parish Center)

Divine Mercy Devotion: Monday through Friday in church, 8:15 a.m.

Rosary: Monday through Friday in church after 8:35 a.m. Mass

Mary's Calling Us: Rosary and Marian litany, prayers and songs, Mondays, in church, 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Devotion: First Friday of the month, in church, after 7:00 a.m. Mass

MASS FOR A DECEASED LOVED ONE OR FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

Mass cards are available at parish center. The usual offering is \$10.00.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If you would like parishioners to pray for a sick loved one, call the parish center.

Obtain permission from the sick person or a family member to publish the name in the bulletin.

Persons hospitalized will be named in bulletin. If you do not have the individual's or family's permission, you may request the prayers of our private prayer circle.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

If a loved one dies and you want parishioners to pray for them, call the parish center.

The name of the deceased may appear in the bulletin.

Please obtain permission from a family member.



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Permanent Deacon	Deacon Greg D'Anna	x.110	630-232-0124	
Parish Business Manager	Kathy Soeder	x.104	630-232-0124	
Principal of St. Peter School	Becky Ward	x.137	630-232-0476	
Administrative Assistant/Office Manager - School	Katie Hogan	x.136	630-232-0476	
Director of Parish Services	Laurie Brown	x.101	630-232-0124	
Director of RCIA & Catholics Returning Home	Deacon Greg D'Anna	x.110	630-232-0124	
Director of Religious Education				
Youth and Young Adult Minister				
Adult Formation Coordinator				
Communications Coordinator				
Database Manager				
Coordinator of Operations & Parish Hospitality	Colette McKenna	x.105	630-232-0124	
ReceptionistsMary C	annizzaro (Mon., Tues, & Wed.)	x.100	630-232-0124	
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Maintenance				
Custodian				
Fax LineAll school personnel can be reached through				
Principal				
Administrative Assistant		X.130	030-232-04/0	
Preschool (2 year old)	Lara Kristoier			
Preschool (3 year old)				
Pre-Kindergarten (4 year old) 5 Day				
Pre-Kindergarten (4 year old) 3 Day				
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Spanish Band				
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Councils & Commissions

Pastor		
Chairperson	Ray Pawlak	630-262-33
Members:		
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Kathy Soeder		847-648-00
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A.J. Jania		
Greg Mucha		630-232-05
Connie Woodford		
Parish and School Mir	nietry/Organization	Contacts
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*indicates an "outside of the St. Peter Church" organization or a diocesan ministry you may want to support/utilize Alphabetical list

Adoration-See Eucharistic Adoration		
Adult Faith Formation		
Adult Spiritual Education and Development	Melinda Bernhard	x.126630-232-0124
Becoming Catholic-See Rite of Christian Initiation in this section	heading	
Bible Studies-Fox Valley Women's	Lisa Green	630-208-1190
Bible Study-Wednesday Morning Group		
Catholics Returning Home		
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)		

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Women's Catholic Book Club	Donna Zander	630-209-5186
Alcoholics Anonymous*		630-377-6610
Altar Servers	Melinda Bernhard	x.126630-232-0124
Art & Environment		
Baptism Prep Suppers	Melinda Bernhard	x.126630-232-0124
Bereavement Ministry	Colette McKenna	x.105630-232-0124
Becoming Catholic-See Adult Faith Formation		
Bible Studies-See Adult Faith Formation		
Blood Drive	Carolyn Butz	630-709-9725
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	Dorothy Beck	630-208-6637
Book Clubs-See Adult Faith Formation		
Catholic Education Commission-See St. Peter School		
Catholics Returning Home-See Adult Faith Formation		0.40.404.0400
Child Care - Little Angels Ministry		
Coffee and Conversation		
Communications	Laurie Brown	x.101630-232-0124
Confirmation Program	D	110 (00 000 010 4
Adults/teens (RCIA program)	Deacon Greg D'Anna	x.110630-232-0124
Eighth grade students	Nicole Billapando	x.11/630-232-0124
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Divine Mercy Devotion		
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Eucharistic Adoration		
Extraordinary Ministers of CommunionFinance Council Chairperson	Ivieiiiida Deiiiilaid	420 40E 0710
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Fox Valley Women's Bible Study-See under Adult Faith Formation		x.444030-232-0124
Friendship Garden	Irono D'Anna	620 209 7256
Funeral Luncheons Ministry	Deggy Gurbal	620 722 8211
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Giving Tree		
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Greeters		
Hesed House Homeless Shelter/PADS Emergency Shelter		
High School Youth Ministry	Isaac Weickert	x 113 630-232-0124
Holy Spirit Baptism Ministry (Baptism Hostess ministry)		
Homebound Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospital Eucharistic Ministry		
Junior High Youth Ministry		
Knights of Columbus		
Lazarus House		
Lectors		
Library-Parish	Pat Schuch	630-208-0173
Light of the World Retreats		
Marriage-Related Ministries-See Family Life Ministries		
Martha's Meals (short duration due to sickness, surgery)		630-232-0124
Mary's Calling Us Prayer Service	Joe and Emily Camaioni	630-365-2767
Meals on Wheels	David Pens	815-210-6920
Men's Basketball	Paul MacDonald	630-208-7867
Men's Softball		
Mobile Parish Office Desk	Lisa O'Leary Volk	x.111630-232-0124
MOMs (Meeting Other Mothers)		
Service Coordinator		
Rosary Play Group		
Speaker Coordinator		
Preschool Children's Choir		
Music-Adult Choir		
Cantors		
Ensemble Choir		
Children's Choir		
	Jamie Gardner-Haycox	815-751-3274

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Nativity Exhibit Ministry	Colette McKenna	x.105	630-232-0124
New Member Welcome Ministry	Lisa O'Leary-Volk	x.111	630-232-0124
Nursing Home Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Melinda Bernhard	x.126	630-232-0124
Nursing Home Prayer Outreach-Geneva Nursing & Rehab Center			
Outreach Ministry			
Parking Committee	Eric Olson		331-215-0691
Pastoral Council Chairperson	Mary Hendrian		630-208-8425
Project Rachel*	•		815-387-3379
Post-Abortion Healing Ministry-See Project Rachel			
Prayer Circle			630-232-0124
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Debby Bulak		630-631-9515
Pregnancy Help Centers*	•		
Corbella Clinic, South Elgin			847-697-0200
Waterleaf Women's Center, Aurora			630-701-6270
National Referral Service - Option Line			800-712-4357
Quilts for the Sick and Homebound	Irene D'Anna		630-208-7256
	Peggy Martinek		815-919-5028
RCIA-See Adult Faith Formation			
Religious Education Program Kindergarten through 8th Grade	Nicole Billapando	x.117	630-232-0124
Respect Life	. Reverend Charles Warren	x.125	630-232-0124
Retreat Program- See Light of the World Retreats			
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults-See Adult Faith Formation			
Rosary (after 8:35 AM Mass)	Leadership Varies		630-232-0124
Sacred Heart Devotion			
Sacristans			
St. Peter School			
Society of St. Mark Ji Tianxiang	David Pens		815-210-6920
Society of St. Vincent de Paul			
That Man Is You!			
Totus Tuus (summer camp)			
Ushers	Ron Rocke		630-262-0911
Waterleaf Women's Center-See Pregnancy Centers			
Wheeler Library Advisory Board Chairperson	Stanley Herzog		630-232-1423
Women's Catholic Book Club-See Adult Faith Formation			
Women at the Well Faith Sharing Group	Theresa Heaton		630-664-6092
Young Adult Ministry	Isaac Weickert	x.113	630-232-0124
Youth Ministry Program			
High School	Isaac Weickert	x.113	630-232-0124
Junior High	Isaac Weickert	x.113	630-232-0124



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Ministry/Organization Descriptions & Contacts

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ADORATION* - See Eucharistic Adoration

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Spiritual Education and Development

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Various opportunities are offered throughout the year to help us grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. See the bulletin and website for updated information. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

Becoming Catholic - See in this section, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Bible Study - Fox Valley Catholic Women's Bible Study
Women of all ages from the Fox Valley area participate in
this joint venture between St. Peter, St. Patrick, St. John
Neumann, and Holy Cross parishes. Offered in the fall and
winter each year, this daytime study includes talks, small
group discussions, prayer and fellowship. A children's
program is available for a nominal fee and infants stay
with their mothers in a small group. Contact Lisa Green,
(630) 208-1190 or greenlm61@comcast.net.

Bible Study – Wednesday Morning Group Contact Kathy Beckmen, (630) 661-1061 or kmbeckmen@sbcglobal.net.

Catholics Returning Home

If you are on a journey returning to the Catholic Church, or are still deciding if you want to return, you are most welcome at St. Peter Church! We offer a Catholics Returning Home program to help you more clearly understand the teachings of the Catholic Church, and to make your journey easy, comfortable, and fruitful. To begin, please contact Deacon Greg D'Anna, (630) 232-0124, x.110 or deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org. You may also visit www.catholicscomehome.org to learn more about the Catholic faith.

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA program/process helps people discern a call to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion). These sacraments are the foundation of every Christian life. RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who have not received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and/or Holy Communion). This program begins in the Fall and culminates at the Easter Vigil service in the Spring. Please contact Deacon Greg D'Anna, (630) 232-0124 x.110 or deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org for more information.

That Man Is You!

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! That Man Is You! meets on Saturday mornings at 6:15 a.m. in Seton Hall. Contact Pete Talarico, (908) 268-2334 or peter.talarico@yahoo.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)* - For local information call (630) 377-6610.

ALTAR SERVERS

Youth, 5th grade through high school, assist the priests during Mass. Training is provided. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124, x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

ART & ENVIRONMENT

Members decorate the church for the various liturgical seasons and regularly maintain the indoor plants. The greatest workload is during the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. Contact Tanya Goulding, (630) 244-8187 or ttgoulding@aol.com.

BAPTISM

Interested in Baptism? Please contact the Parish Office.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - See Adult Faith Formation

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Members provide support to families at the time of a loved one's death. They assist them at church as needed on the day of the funeral and greet guests as they arrive at the church. Bereavement ministers also assist at an annual memorial service where the parish celebrates and prayerfully remembers those who have died. The ministry also hosts a workshop which gives comfort, hope and practical tools for healing after a significant loss. Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry offers this six-week session workshop four times a year. Contact Colette McKenna, (630) 232-0124 x.105.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Peter Church sponsors a blood drive in support of Versiti Blood Center of Illinois (formerly Heartland Centers) to insure the availability of safe blood to meet the needs of hospitals in Illinois and Northwest Indiana. The parish usually has about 50 people donate, but the need is great. More donors are needed. Contact Carolyn Butz, (630) 709-9725.

BONUS BUCK\$

Purchasing gift cards through St. Peter's Bonus Bucks program is a great way to pay for your everyday shopping and helps raise additional funds for the parish. Credits can be earned toward St. Peter School tuition, another school's tuition or fees (including college) or to benefit other parish ministries and programs. You choose where the funds will go. Gift cards are ordered online. Contact Dorothy Beck, (630) 208-6637 or Laurie Brown, (630) 292-2755, or email bonusbucks@stpetergeneva.org.

BOOK CLUB - WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

All parish women are invited for book discussion and fellowship, September through May from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at St. Peter. This group has read books on Catholic doctrine, the Blessed Mother, saints, apologetics, living our faith, prayer, parenting and marriage. Volunteers lead the discussion and host. There is no charge for childcare. Children stay with us and play while we have our discussion. Contact Donna Zander, (630) 209-5186 or spazand@sbcglobal.net.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - See Adult Faith Formation

CHILD CARE - LITTLE ANGELS MINISTRY

This ministry provides care for children ages 1-4 during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Volunteers and children engage in play, arts and crafts, and songs, during their time in the nursery. Contact Amy Corda, (248) 421-2693 or amycorda@gmail.com or Mariah Hilby, (815) 757-1995.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee & Conversation is a casual fellowship group that meets in Seton Hall after 8:35 a.m. Mass most Tuesdays, from September through May (summer schedule varies). It's easy to become a member, just show up, have a cup of coffee, a sweet roll and enjoy the company of folks just like you, talking about what interests you and each other! If you wish to volunteer to help host. Contact Vicky Julitz, (630) 677-6005.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Help parish members deepen their faith as well as learn about and engage more in their parish by joining this team. Needed are people with communications, website, photography, social media, and audio/video skills. Contact Laurie Brown, (630) 232-0124 x.101.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Confirmation formation takes place in 7th and 8th grade and uses the "Chosen" curriculum from Ascension Press. The program starts in September and culminates with the Sacrament of Confirmation typically in late spring/early summer. For information, contact Nicole Billapando, (630) 232-0124, x.117 or re.director@stpetergeneva.org. For those beyond 8th grade, contact Nicole and Deacon Greg D'Anna, (630) 232-0124 x.110 or deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org.

CORBELLA CLINIC* - See Pregnancy Help Centers

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited Monday through Friday at 8:15 a.m. in the church. A Holy Hour service with confessions is held Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter). Volunteers help lead the Chaplet and assist with the Divine Mercy Sunday service. Contact Brian or Arlene Quinn, (630) 232-0388 or arlenequinn13@gmail.com.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

This ministry provides awareness, education, advocacy and support to anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse. To reach a member of our ministry, call St. Peter Church at (630) 232-0124 or visit our website,

www.domesticabuseministry.org and leave a message on the contact page. All inquiries will be treated with respect and confidentiality.

DONUT SUNDAY

Enjoy visiting with parishioners over coffee, donuts, juice and milk after the 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses every Sunday. Call to be a Sunday helper! Contact Colette McKenna, (630) 232-0124 x.105.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

This ministry offers prayer support to families during the joys, challenges and sorrows of the childbearing years. Rosebuds can be dedicated near the painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the church. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124, x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our parish has the privilege of adoring Jesus, who is present body, blood, soul and divinity, in the Blessed Sacrament at our Panis Angelicus Chapel. The chapel is open 24 hours a day (with the exception of a few days at the end of Holy Week). Those needing entry between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. may register at the parish center for a security card. We are happy to provide a special opportunity for mothers to bring their children to adoration. The hours of 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the first Monday and the third Thursday of each month are designated "Mom and Tot" adoration times. Any questions, please contact Colette McKenna, (630) 232-0124, x.105.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers (EMs) assist the priest in administering Holy Communion at Mass. One must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church and at least 16 years of age. Training is provided. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124, x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Gift of Self: Marriage Preparation Seminar (for engaged couples)*

The Gift of Self Marriage Preparation Seminar is an in-depth, one day marriage preparation experience within the context of the Catholic faith that seeks to provide an environment of education, reflection and conversation directed toward the growth of your relationship and a better understanding of the richness of marriage. The day is organized into a series of short presentations designed to invite couples to reflect on certain themes personally and unfold them in a series of conversations together. This seminar is one component of the marriage preparation process in the Diocese of Rockford. Visit www.rockforddiocese.org/life for more information, or contact the Life & Family Evangelization Office, (815) 399-4300 x.377.



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For Your Marriage*

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website offers a website with practical help and advice for those seriously dating, engaged, or at any stage of married life. http://www.foryourmarriage.org/.

Counseling for Troubled Marriages*

Individual and marital counseling is available through the Counseling Agency of Catholic Charities at (779) 210-8698. More information is available at

http://catholiccharities.rockforddiocese.org/counseling.

FINANCE COUNCIL

This group is a distinct, consultative body apart from any other council. It is responsible for offering counsel regarding the temporal goods of the parish, assisting in the pastor's temporal administrative role, and assisting in formulating the annual budget. The Finance Council is made up of persons skilled in finance, civil law and business. Members serve for three years, and at the pastor's discretion, may be asked to serve a second three-year term. Contact John Goers, (630) 405-8718.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry provides food assistance to those in need. The pantry is a not-for-profit service staffed by volunteers who help on distribution days and also other days as needed to restock shelves and assist at food drives throughout the year. In addition to the charitable donations we receive, the pantry is able to purchase food at a discounted price through a membership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB). Located at the parish center, the Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (exceptions may occur during holiday months). For additional information, please call the parish center, (630) 232-0124, x.444.



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FOX VALLEY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

See Adult Faith Formation

FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

Volunteers help plant, care for and harvest food from an organic, eco-friendly garden on parish grounds. Families, friends, groups or individuals sign up for a day or week to tend to the garden during the growing season. An estimated 600 pounds of food is harvested and donated annually to the St. Peter Community Food Pantry and other local helping organizations. Contact Irene D'Anna, (630) 208-7256.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY

This ministry provides a luncheon in Seton Hall following funerals. Volunteers are called upon occasionally to donate a side dish or dessert, or work at the luncheon. Contact Peggy Gurbal, (630) 232-8311 or Barb Kralovic, (630) 232-2951.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS

We invite parishioners to add their name to a General Volunteer List. On occasion volunteers will be called to determine if they can assist with various needs such as: event set up, hosting, clean up at a parish event or various other needs; assisting with office mailings; helping a ministry in one of their projects or events. Contact the parish office, (630) 232-0124.

GIVING TREE

At the start of Advent, volunteers prepare tags to hang on a Christmas Giving Tree in the church narthex. Parishioners are encouraged to take a tag, purchase the gift listed on the tag, and place it under the tree. Volunteers then sort the gifts and deliver them to several area helping organizations. Contact Lisa Cooper, (630) 262-9764 or genevacooper5@yahoo.com, or Paula Nagel, (630) 208-1866 or therealnags@sbcglobal.net.

GREETERS

Volunteers hold the door open and offer a warm greeting to those arriving at church for weekend Masses. It is important that all who enter our doors, parishioners and visitors alike, feel welcome. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

HESED HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER, AURORA, IL

Hesed House is a shelter in Aurora that provides homeless individuals and families with a place to sleep and food to eat. Six times a year (first Wednesday of every other month), St. Peter provides and serves an evening meal and breakfast. We also prepare and distribute a sack lunch for those at the shelter and help supervise the sleeping areas. To volunteer to prepare or serve an evening meal, sack lunch preparation or sleeping area supervision, contact Mary Callahan, (630) 881-6136 or callahmf@yahoo.com.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The ROCK program is our High School Outreach. Built upon healthy relationships, we seek not only to teach the love of Christ, but to give the High School Students opportunities to experience His love. In doing so, we create a foundation where "on this rock" we can continue to build the church. Like all of our youth ministries, ROCK exists to form young disciples who can proclaim the fullness of the gospel with relevance and boldness. Contact Isaac Weickert, (630) 232-0124, x.113 or ym@stpetergeneva.org.

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM MINISTRY

This ministry is made up of Baptism Hostesses who assist the clergy and serve as ambassadors of the parish to families who are having their child baptized at St. Peter. Contact Donna Zander, (630) 209-5186 or spazand@sbcglobal.net.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Each week, volunteers visit parishioners confined to their homes to bring them the Eucharist, as well as love and support. One must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic, in good standing with the Church and at least 16 years of age. Ministers go on Sundays after the 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Training is provided. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to patients at Delnor Hospital on Sunday mornings following 9:00 a.m. Mass. Notify the parish center if you or a loved one are in the hospital and wish to receive Communion. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

JUNIOR HIGH Youth Ministry

St. Peter Junior High Youth Ministry is open to students in grades 6th-8th, and seeks to expose our middle school students to the love of God through fun-based activities, engaging teachings, and intentional small groups. Contact Isaac Weickert, (630) 232-0124, x.113 or ym@stpetergeneva.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is an international organization of Catholic men who sponsor Catholic, charitable, civic and patriotic activities; act as an escort for the Bishop at various events; and as an Honor Guard at special events. The Council serving St. Peter Church is Columbian Council 2191. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Columbian Club, also known as Riverview Banquets, 1111 N. Washington St. (Route 25) in Batavia. Contact Bob Herrera, Parish Liaison, (630) 484-8449 or rmherre@yahoo.com and Kevin Callahan, Grand Knight, (630) 235-6456 or callahan@reliablelabel.com.

LAZARUS HOUSE, St. Charles, IL

Lazarus House is a shelter in St. Charles which provides homeless individuals and families with a place to sleep and food to eat, as well as programs to help people get back on their feet. The first Sunday of each month, St. Peter provides a hot evening meal and sack lunches. Volunteers prepare dishes or sack lunches in their homes and drop them off at the shelter. One or two volunteers serve the meal at the shelter. Contact Julie Schokora, (630) 473-7474.

LECTORS

These volunteers are excellent proclaimers of the Word and have a deep love for Scriptures. The key for a good lector is study, prayer and preparation. Volunteers need to be Confirmed. Formation and training is given. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

LIBRARY - PARISH

Located in the narthex hallway, the parish library offers an extensive collection of Christian books and DVDs. Topics range from the Old Testament and biographies of Saints, to current issues related to Church and families. The library is available after all Sunday Masses, and its sliding doors can be opened for use any time! For more information, contact Pat Schuch, (630) 208-0173.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD RETREATS

What is the purpose of your life? Ever wonder what you are living your life for? Can you really know God's plan for your life? These are the questions of our hearts and souls, and Light of the World seeks to answer them in our own parish. By attending this retreat, you will learn what the clear message of the Gospel means to you and how you can move ahead in your faith journey. Join fellow parishioners for inspirational talks, renewal of sacraments, Eucharistic adoration, and much more! Contact Melinda Bernhard (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

MARTHA'S MEALS

Volunteers in this ministry provide loving meals on a short-term basis for parishioners and their families in need due to illness, surgery, medical treatments or the birth of a baby. Contact the parish office, (630) 232-0124.

MARY'S CALLING US PRAYER SERVICE

The "Mary's Calling Us" Prayer Service is held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church for recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Mary and devotional prayers and songs. It is Our Lady's wish that her messages for peace and conversion reach every person on earth through the formation of prayer groups. For more information call Joe and Emily Camaioni, (630) 365-2767.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Peter volunteers give of their time and love by delivering nutritionally-balanced noontime meals to homebound citizens in the Geneva and St. Charles area. The group does their delivery on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Thursdays of the month. Not only do they bring the meal, but they also provide a "well-being" check. For additional information, contact David Pens, (815) 210-6920 or davidpens@sbcglobal.net.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

This ministry provides a great opportunity for men age 35 & older to get some exercise and meet new friends. Games are played most Sundays, 7:00-9:30 p.m. in the St. Peter School gym. See parish bulletin for each week's schedule (on Schedule for the Week page). Contact Paul MacDonald, (630) 208-7867 or pmdvmac@sbcglobal.net.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

The St. Peter Men's Softball team participates in the Geneva Park District Sunday Church League. Games are played at Peck Farm fields between 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Members enjoy Christian fellowship, a little exercise and the opportunity to represent the parish. Membership is open to all adult men of the parish. Contact Doug Conroy, (708) 710-8354 or d-conroy@northwestern.edu.

MOBILE PARISH OFFICE DESK

The Mobile Parish Office Desk is a point of hospitality and reference for all parishioners and visitors. It is a place where one can ask questions, pick up/drop off forms, request a memorial Mass or register at the parish. It is located in the narthex and intended to be open after each weekend Mass. More volunteers are needed for it to be fully staffed. Contact Lisa O'Leary-Volk, (630) 232-0124, x.111 or database@stpetergeneva.org.

MOMs (Meeting Other Mothers) GROUP

The St. Peter MOMs group is an organization of Catholic mothers committed to family, motherhood and community service. The group meets for support, friendship and to affirm their Catholic faith. Activities include: monthly speaker presentations, social gatherings, rosary playgroup, parent/tot Adoration, Moms confession, preschool children's choir and Meals for Moms service ministry. Please email Sarah Passman, sarahpassman@outlook.com, for more information and to join our MOMs group flocknote mailing list.

- Sarah Passman--monthly speaker coordinator: 630-373-6473; sarahpassman@outlook.com
- Katie Stetson--Rosary Playgroup Coordinator: 630-853-8678; katlyn.stetson@gmail.com
- Renee Toups--preschool children's choir; (630) 402-1882; renee.rakel@gmail.com
- Sara Velarde--Service Coordinator: (312) 636-0815; sara.a.velarde@gmail.com
- Or find them on Facebook: MOMs Group, St. Peter Catholic Church

MUSIC MINISTRIES

All parishioners are invited to participate in this ministry. The Music Ministry includes the 9:00 a.m. Choir (a blend of traditional and contemporary music), 11:00 a.m. Ensemble Choir (contemporary music) and Children's Choir (sings several times during the school year at the 9:00 a.m. Mass as well as Christmas Eve and Easter morning). Also included are individual cantors who lead singing when a choir is not present, and instrumentalists who play for various groups. Contact Sherri Stasell, (630) 740-0109, srstasell@aol.com, or Anne Krahulec, (630) 220-7494 or akrahulec@att.net.

MUSTARD SEEDS WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP

Mustard Seeds is a Woman's Scriptural Study and Faith Sharing Group. Meets Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. For more information please call Judy Kropp, (630) 208-0131.

NATIVITY EXHIBIT MINISTRY

This ministry operates annually. The first weekend in December, an exhibit is set up of nativity sets on loan from parishioners. Other elements, such as the sale of Adventrelated items, are often included as part of the exhibit. This event helps sets the tone in preparing for Christmas, with Christ as the center. Contact Colette McKenna, (630) 232-0124 x.105 or ols@stpetergeneva.org.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME MINISTRY

Goal: as a church family we want to support and help new members

- Richly further their personal journey of intimately knowing and loving Jesus.
- Feel welcome and have a sense of belonging.
- Become integrated into the spiritual and fellowship elements of the parish.
- Grow into mature disciples who help others come to know and love Jesus intimately.
- Understand their support of their church is needed and expected so we can fulfill Jesus' command to love our neighbor and bring others to know and love God.

Meet & Greet sessions are scheduled typically twice a month on a Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. The dates of upcoming sessions are available on the parish website as part of the online registration process. Contact Lisa O'Leary-Volk, (630) 232-0124, x.111, database@stpetergeneva.org.

NURSING HOME EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to patients at Arden Courts, BRIA Nursing & Rehabilitation and Greenfields of Geneva on Sunday mornings following 9:00 a.m. Mass. They may also lead a short prayer or a decade of the Rosary. Contact Melinda Bernhard, (630) 232-0124 x.126 or afcoord@stpetergeneva.org.

NURSING HOME PRAYER MINISTRY (BRIA Nursing and Rehabilitation Center)

Volunteers lead the rosary for residents at BRIA Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. They may also lead a song, tell a story, read or do another short activity with those gathered in the community room. Contact Anthony Baketz, (630) 232-1129.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Outreach Ministry is composed of dedicated, volunteer parishioners who help individuals and families with short-term assistance in times of need, with each volunteer bringing their talent to the situation. When a need is identified, an anonymous request is sent out to the ministry members, and whomever can assist is then connected with the people involved. We work with outside social services and other interdenominational churches to assist with these needs as well. If this form of volunteer work interests you, contact the Parish Center, (630) 232-0124 or outreachministry@stpetergeneva.org, and please leave your name and contact information.

PADS - See Hesed House

PARKING COMMITTEE

Volunteers direct traffic during special occasions such as Christmas, Easter and Confirmation. Contact Eric Olson, (331) 215-0691 or ericolson55@gmail.com.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

This team is consultative in nature. Members help generate ideas for furthering the parish vision to be a welcoming, vibrant, faith-filled community, centered on Christ. The Council helps the pastor maintain direction toward that vision. Occasionally, members may provide input and advice on parish practices or policies that need to be created or revised. Members are approved by the pastor and serve a term of 3 years. Contact Mary Hendrian, (630) 208-8425.

POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY - See Project Rachel*

PRAYER CIRCLE

Parishioners pray privately for others in need. To submit an intention, call the parish office, (630) 232-0124 or go on our website, www.stpeterchurch.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Volunteers get together to knit and/or crochet prayer shawls, lap blankets and baby blankets for those in need of comfort and those celebrating the birth/adoption of a child. Knitters/crocheters of any skill level are welcomed. Many blessings are prayed into each handcrafted item. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the garment is sent on its way. Contact Debby Bulak (630) 631-9515 or abcdeb718@gmail.com for additional information or to obtain an item.

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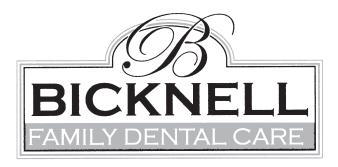


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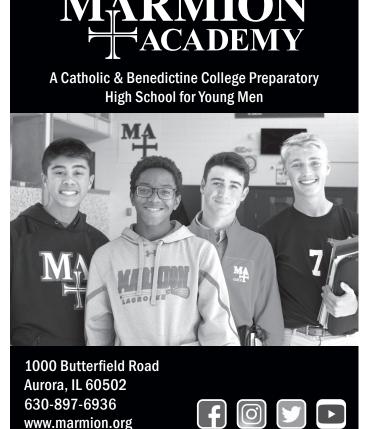
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PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS*

The Corbella Clinic in South Elgin (847) 697-0200 and Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora (630) 701-6270 offer women and young girls experiencing a crisis pregnancy a variety of services to help meet their needs. All services are free and confidential. There is always a need for trained volunteers and financial support. In addition, a nationwide referral service, Option Line (800) 712-4357, can assist women in finding needed resources during and after pregnancy, including adoption help and essential material assistance.

PROJECT RACHEL*

It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including the loss of a child by abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential non-judgmental help is available. Peace starts here. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.com or contact (815) 387-3379. All inquiries are confidential.

QUILTS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Quilters gather weekly, Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, to lovingly and prayerfully sew quilts to comfort the sick and homebound of our parish. This ministry also participates in community outreaches such as sewing baby quilts for Corbella Clinic and making quilts for Quilts of Valor for military service personnel. Quilts are blessed and then delivered by clergy or parishioners. Contact Irene D'Anna, (630) 208-7256, scully382@prodigy.net or Peggy Martinek, (815) 919-5028, pegmartinek@comcast.net.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - See Adult Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8TH GRADE

The St. Peter Religious Education program (Family Faith Formation) is family-based. It provides spiritual guidance and teaches families to follow the lessons of Jesus. Students in all grade levels are guided in strengthening their faith as they journey into young adulthood. Classes are offered once a month, September through May, from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on a Wednesday night for children in kindergarten through grade 8, and their parents. Sacramental formation for receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is done in 2nd grade, and Confirmation in 7th and 8th grade. For more information, visit

www.stpeterchurch.com, under Ministries/Religious Education or contact Nicole Billapando, (630) 232-0124, x.117 or re.director@stpetergeneva.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

We peacefully and prayerfully work to achieve a universal respect for all human life, from conception to natural death, with a strong focus on protecting and defending the unborn, helping women in an unplanned pregnancy and those suffering the aftermath of abortion. We bring the Church's teachings on *life issues* to the parish and community through a variety of events. To help change our culture of death to a culture that cherishes life, we have a HUGE need for more volunteers! Contact Reverend Charles Warren, (630) 232-0124, x.125.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - See Adult Faith Formation

ROSARY

The Rosary is recited most weekday mornings following 8:35 a.m. Mass. Each day has a specific intention, but you may add your own as well. Contact the Parish Center, (630) 232-0124.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION - Contact

Fr. Bakkelund

SACRED HEART DEVOTION

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is prayed every first Friday of the month right after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. In addition to this monthly devotion, a special novena starts in September and goes until May, also every first Friday right after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. The devotion lasts about 10-15 minutes. Learn more about the devotion at www.sacredheartconfraternity.org. Contact Sibylla Ottomanelli, (630) 208-8901 or sgottoman@sbcglobal.net.

SACRISTANS

Volunteers help prepare for sacred liturgical ceremonies and are responsible for the care and maintenance of the sacristies, sacred linens and vessels. Contact Lisa O'Leary Volk, (630) 232-0124, x.111 or database@stpetergeneva.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. MARK JI TIANXIANG

The Society of St. Mark Ji Tianxiang (St. Mark, for short) is a ministry dedicated to helping those who have lost loved ones to substance abuse find peace. We provide a safe place to share stories and provide support to one another as we grieve the loss of our loved ones. Members may share as much or as little as they feel comfortable and attend only when they feel called. We welcome all who are carrying this cross to join us for an evening of prayer, hope and understanding. Members are encouraged to bring a picture of their loved one. We are especially seeking those who have lost loved ones in years past to share their wisdom and support with those who are just starting on this journey. Contact David Pens, (815) 210-6920 or davidpens@sbcglobal.net.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-toperson service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference of St. Peter collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ. Contact Kevin O'Dea, (630) 232-0124 x.310 or svdp@stpetergeneva.org.

ST. PETER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Education Commission

The Catholic Education Commission (CEC) is committed to fostering the growth of faith and academic education at St. Peter School. The CEC works closely with our Pastor and Principal. It the goal of this commission to ensure that our students are receiving the best possible education as they likewise grow enrollment through supporting the marketing and development of our parish school programs. The CEC supports the pastor and principal in providing a stable vision for St. Peter School, while teaming to create a solid foundation for growth and learning at every level.

Home and School Association

The St. Peter Home & School Association lends support to many academic programs and activities at the school. Some of the many "extras" the group provides are: assemblies, enrichment classes, parties by room parents, hot lunch and treat days, book fairs, Catholic Schools Week events and family activities. Funds from the "Spectacular" fundraiser are used to support these programs.

Spectacular Dinner, Auction & Dance

This is the school's biggest fundraiser, held in February. Money raised has helped the school acquire many wonderful items to enhance the students' education and school experience. Computers and peripherals, extracurricular programs, playground and sports equipment, library and laboratory materials are a few examples of what the Spectacular funds have brought to the school.

Sports Boosters

The school offers Boys' and Girls' cross country, basketball, volleyball, track, and boys' football in grades five through eight. Teams are coached by volunteers. The sports program is coordinated by the Athletic Director and aided by the Athletic Board, under the direction of the school.

Wheeler Library Advisory Board

The Wheeler Library Advisory Board was initiated in 1993 upon the death of Mary L. Wheeler. Her will stipulated that a generous sum be given to St. Peter School to establish, add to, or maintain a library or library fund for the school. The will dictated that an elected Board of three men and three women from the parish act as advisors along with the school principal to oversee funding of the library.

TOTUS TUUS

A fun and faith-filled summer camp run by the Rockford Diocese on site at St. Peter for elementary through high school ages. For more information, contact Nicole Billapando, (630) 232-0124 x.117 or re.director@stpetergeneva.org.

USHERS

Volunteers seat parishioners as needed; assist with handouts, surveys, etc.; choose gift bearers and take up collections. They also help with emergencies. Contact Ron Rocke, (630) 262-0911.

WATERLEAF WOMEN'S CENTER* - See Pregnancy Help Centers.

WEBSITE – WEBMASTERS - See Communications Ministry

WHEELER LIBRARY - See St. Peter School

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB - See Book Club

WOMEN AT THE WELL FAITH SHARING GROUP

Make an opportunity to nourish your spiritual life. Join other women of the parish for prayer, meditation, sharing and reflection. The group meets the fourth Saturday of each month, 8:30 a.m. in the Cabrini Room. Contact Theresa Heaton, (630) 664-6092.



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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

St. Peter has a deep connection with Fox Valley Catholic that seeks to re-engage young, fallen away Catholics, to respond with love wherever they are at in life, and to reclaim a sense of community and Catholic identity. We do this by trying to live life to the fullest (John 10:10) and we believe that to do that, we need to invite Christ into our everyday lives. We believe that God wants to meet us at work, in coffee shops, or while we're out going to bars, not just at Church on Sundays. We do normal things, inspired by an abnormal intentionality. Contact Isaac Weickert, (630) 232-0124, x.113 or ym@stpetergeneva.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY - See High School Youth Ministry or Junior High Youth Ministry.

Ministries By Type

Descriptions and contacts can be found in previous sections of this book.

Operations Ministries

General Volunteers Mobile Parish Office Desk Parking Committee (for special events)

Justice Ministries

Respect Life Ministry

Charity & Outreach Ministries

Blood Drive

Domestic Abuse Ministry

Food Pantry

Friendship Garden

Giving Tree (Christmas gifts for those in need)

Hesed House Homeless Shelter

Homebound Eucharistic Ministry

Hospital & Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministry

Knights of Columbus

Lazarus House Homeless Shelter

Martha's Meals (make meals for those in need)

Meals on Wheels

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Project Rachel (post-abortion healing ministry)

Outreach Ministry

Quilts for the Sick and Homebound

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Faith Formation Ministries

Adult Formation- Events throughout the year- see bulletin or website

Bible Studies

Light of the World Retreats

Mustard Seeds (small group faith sharing)

Parish Library

That Man Is You!

Women's Catholic Book Club

Youth Formation

Confirmation Program

Religious Education (kindergarten through grade 8)

Fellowship Ministries

Bereavement Ministry

Coffee & Conversation

High School Youth Ministry (grades 9-12)

Junior High Youth Ministry (grades 6-8)

Men's Fellowship

Men's Basketball

Men's Softball

Meeting Other Mothers (MOMs) Group

Nativity Exhibit Ministry

Society of St. Mark Ji Tianxiang

Women's Faith Sharing

Young Adult Ministry

Evangelization Ministries

Catholics Returning Home

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

All ministries and parishioners are asked to invite others to know Christ

Fundraising Ministries

Bonus Buck\$

Hospitality Ministries

Child Care - Little Angels Ministry

Funeral Luncheon Ministry (make and/or serve food for

luncheons)

Greeters

Holy Spirit Baptism Ministry (help at baptisms)

Mobile Parish Office Desk

New Member Welcome Ministry

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Art & Environment Ministry (decorates church for liturgical

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Lectors

Ensemble Choir

Adult Choir

Cantors

Sacristans

Ushers

Prayer Ministries

Eucharistic Adoration

Elizabeth Ministry (praying for women in child bearing years)

Private Prayer Circle (pray for the requests of others)

Divine Mercy Devotion

Mary's Calling Us (Marian devotion)

Weekday Rosary Recitation

Sacred Heart Devotion

St. Peter School Ministries

Home & School Association

Sports Boosters

St. Peter School Spectacular

Councils & Commissions

Finance Council

Pastoral Council

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