

Recognizable Offering.....\$6,152.00  
Loose Cash.....\$554.00  
Total Weekly Offering.....\$6,706.00  
Mass Attendance Feb 6/7 348



Feb 15 - Feb 21  
Monday.....Amy Burgess (liv)  
Tuesday.....Jasmine Morrison(liv)  
Wednesday.....Jacob Raquino(liv)  
Thursday.....Bernadette Ibañez(liv)  
Friday.....Leo and Joel Grieves(liv)  
Saturday.....Randy Stokes(+)  
**Sunday.....Maureen O'Neill(+)(8:00 a.m.)**  
**.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



**In Loving Memory**  
and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Stephen Powell and Mary Conboy** (mother of Bob Flanagan). Pray for the consolation of their families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

**HUNGERING FOR OPPORTUNITY**

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**Around Town**

Our community outreach ministry is in need of a couple of people who would be available on some Thursdays in April and May to help distribute backpacks at Florosa Elementary School. It only takes about 30 minutes (10 – 10:30 AM) with 4 volunteers. Contact Joni, 830-2875, to volunteer or for more information.



Consider being nourished as you spend an hour, or whatever time you can, in Adoration of the Eucharist. It can help you focus more on what is important in life during your Lenten journey. Adoration is held from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 2/14 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.  
HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/15 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/16 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 2/17 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
The Bible and The Virgin Mary - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/18 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women's Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/19 Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- 2/21 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
Easter Choir Rehearsal - 12:15 p.m.  
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.  
HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.



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Our new St. Peter Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones.

Features include prayers, daily readings and much more. Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish.



**Lenten Fish Fry/ Pot Luck & Stations of the Cross**  
February 26th

Join in fellowship at 6:00 p.m. for our second parish fish fry of the season. Fish, hush puppies, and drinks will be provided by the parish. Please bring a meatless side dish to share or a dessert. RSVP before Feb 22nd through parish app, Flocknote, call the office, or at the Hospitality cart so we know how many are coming.

**Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m.**



**Retreat for Women:**

*The Spirituality of Christian Women in the Writings of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)* sponsored by the Women Study Groups is February 27-28, 2016, at the Visitation Monastery, Mobile, AL. Leader is Reverend Mitchell Guidry. For more information and/or to register, you can pick up a brochure at the Hospitality Cart.



When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

**When someone we love is dying**, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you cannot use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and to minimize a person's suffering. Drugs cannot be used to directly cause a person's death.

It is important to discuss the kinds of treatment a person would want when he or she is dying. An important question is, "Would you want to be medicated even if that would mean you would not be conscious?" It is also important to have a discussion with your priest. Many times one is forced to make terrible decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.



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At the heart of good citizenship is love. Love for the people to which we are bound by birth and by choice. This is not a blind love, which ignores failings, but a love that wills and strives for the best for ourselves and our country. In this light, it becomes easier to see why the best thing we can do as Americans is to become the best and most faithful Catholics.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White

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**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 15  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18  
Mt 25:31–46

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 16  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10–11  
Mt 6:7–15

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 17  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1–10  
Lk 11:29–32

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 18  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25  
Mt 7:7–12

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 19  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21–28  
Mt 5:20–26

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 20  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16–19  
Mt 5:43–48

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 15:5–12, 17–18  
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1  
Lk 9:28b–36

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First Sunday of Lent C 1  
*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

## Offering the Fruits of Our Labor

Very few people pay their taxes willingly. We try to find ways around paying income tax. We often contribute to charities, not because we will feel good about supporting their cause, but because our gift is tax-deductible. Some people give only to save.

Imagine a different kind of society. Imagine a place where people know their taxes provide good roads, good schools, a fire department, and a recycling service. Imagine people believing so strongly in these goals that they gladly pay their taxes, and even contribute additional funds. Imagine that as they pay taxes each year, each person makes a statement renewing citizenship, **professing a belief in the community's goals and reverence for its past.** In such a society, individuals would care more for the community than for themselves.

In the Old Testament, Moses instructed the people to perform this kind of action. They prepared a basket of their first fruits and brought it to their religious leader. There they made a statement of faith, beginning with, **"My father was a wandering Aramean."** They recounted the history of God's interventions in the lives of their ancestors. They acknowledged their dependence on the faith of their parents and on the goodness of God. Consequently, they brought their gift in gratitude.

Did everyone really do what Moses asked? If they were like us, probably not. But just imagine. Imagine if we did this as a society. Or as a church.

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First Sunday of Lent C 2  
*Romans 10:8-13*

## Heart and Mouth

On the First Sunday of Lent the catechumens of the church gather at the cathedral for the rite of election. Their godparents testify that the catechumens have prepared for baptism, and the bishop announces that the **church chooses them ("elects" them) for the Easter sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and eucharist.** The catechumens set an example of faith at the beginning of Lent. Throughout this season we all rely in faith on the forgiveness of Christ. He who chose us will forgive us and redirect our steps. All it takes from us is faith.

**Paul's Letter to the Romans says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."** The belief we hold in our hearts rises up to our lips. In what we do and say, we demonstrate to all around us what we believe: that Jesus is Lord.

The catechumens will make that belief explicit at the **Easter Vigil. Three times they will be asked, "Do you believe?" And three times they will answer, "I do." Then all of us will be asked the same—three times, "Do you believe?" And three times we will answer, "I do." Between now and then we spend our days in repentance and prayer, anxious for any chance to proclaim with our lips the faith in our hearts: Jesus is Lord.**

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## Liturgical Roles

Weekend of Feb 20/21

### 5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray  
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Ken Olson, Al Perreault, Joanna Farnum, \_\_\_\_\_  
Lectors: \_\_\_\_\_, Mary Pinsoneault  
Ushers: Joni Flanagan, Cora Podrang, Rachel Metruck  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Dan Brenton  
Elijah Cup: Alice Thompson

### 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Patsy Soto, Gene Valentine, Eden Carter, Nancy McCreary  
Lectors: Don Dineen, Joshua Soto  
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Cathy McKnight, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley  
Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
Sacristan: Maria Bridges  
Elijah Cup: Bonita Demette  
Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan, Joe Davison

### 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Cord Grogan, Gannon Casey, Killian Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Melody Grogan, Becky Bittakis, Katherine Colwell, Pat Casey, Kathleen Garcia  
Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day  
Ushers: Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter, Mike Sweeney, Jim Wise  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Bill Roth  
Elijah Cup: Stewart and Melody Grogan  
Coffee & Donuts: Barry and Alicia Graham

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com)

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

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

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourge

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James Smith\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten\*, Wilda Mayhew\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel & Leo Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler\* Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

## Flocknote PARISH ADDS GROUPS

There are new groups you may like to join to get information.

1. Catholic Resources - Links to Catholic material such as video, daily inspiration, seasonal prayer aids, etc.
2. Events - What is happening in our parish; the details; a way to RSVP
3. Knights - The Knights of Columbus group is always encouraging and welcoming men to get actively involved with St. Peter Council #8910.

We want you to get the info you want but not burden you with excess emails/texts. Please note that the groups listed under Ministries are for those who want to serve in the ministry. They are updated with our stewardship renewal each year. If you aren't in a particular ministry but would like to get involved, you are welcome to sign in to join the group.



Literally speaking, “Deuteronomy,” as in the Book of Deuteronomy, means “Second Law.” This Old Testament Book from which our First Reading is drawn actually consists of three sermons delivered to the Israelites by Moses. Interestingly, in German, this book is called just Mose, drawing the name from the opening line of the Book which states, quite simply, “These are the words of Moses.”

In today’s reading Moses speaks not just to the Israelites, but to us as well, as is always the case with Holy Scripture. Moses makes reference to giving of one’s first fruits. Specifically he says, “Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me, and having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down

in his presence.”

Giving of first fruits is a way to acknowledge and honor God because it provides the Lord with His portion first, before any is used for one’s self. That, of course, is an important aspect of stewardship, as challenging as that may be. Moses points out that it is more than giving first fruits, however. He recognizes that all comes from God, and we are called to return this first portion in thanksgiving for God’s grace and love and blessings.

Moses would also remind us that giving must come from the heart, with a true attitude of gratitude. It is part of the way we worship the Lord by being stewards of His gifts.

### Living God’s Word

If we seek to make a journey back to our roots and not simply into nostalgia, we need to remember that roots are always found in the dirt and the mud. A journey back to our roots, then, will also place us square in the midst of all of our life’s unattractive earthiness. Copyright © 2012, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

LENT is here, again. Consider fasting from television an hour or two a week and feasting on some great Catholic materials, instead. Check out the resources available through our online subscription to FORMED. There is no cost to you. You will find movies, audio presentations, audio books and video programs. It’s easy—just go to formed.org and enter parish code CD8D6W. New content has been recently added, and look for a special series beginning on Divine Mercy Sunday.



The P-T Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be holding their 41st Annual Convention, *Catholic Women Fully Alive in the Spirit* April 14-16 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort Bayside. Keynote speaker, Jane Carter, a creator of the NCCW Leadership Development Program, is an inspiring woman who exemplifies this year’s theme. These 3 days are filled with speakers, workshops, liturgies, prayer, fellowship, fun and the presentation of the annual Burse Club check to Bishop Parkes. Registration deadline is April 7 and you need not be a member to attend. For more information, including registration forms, visit [www.ptdccw.org](http://www.ptdccw.org). May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless the CCW with a fruitful 2016 Convention.

### Young Adults: Save the Date!

Conference/Retreat Day “His Mercy Reigns” is Saturday, March 5, at St. Peter Parish in Mary Esther. This retreat day for young adults will include a talk by Father Kevin McQuone on the meaning of Mercy from Scripture and Church teaching, and two talks by FOCUS representatives; one on the practical application of mercy in daily life and the other on giving and receiving mercy. There will also be a Holy Hour with the Sacrament of Reconciliation and small group sharing. Child care will be available but children must be pre-registered. Cost is \$20. To register go to [www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org) – event registration.



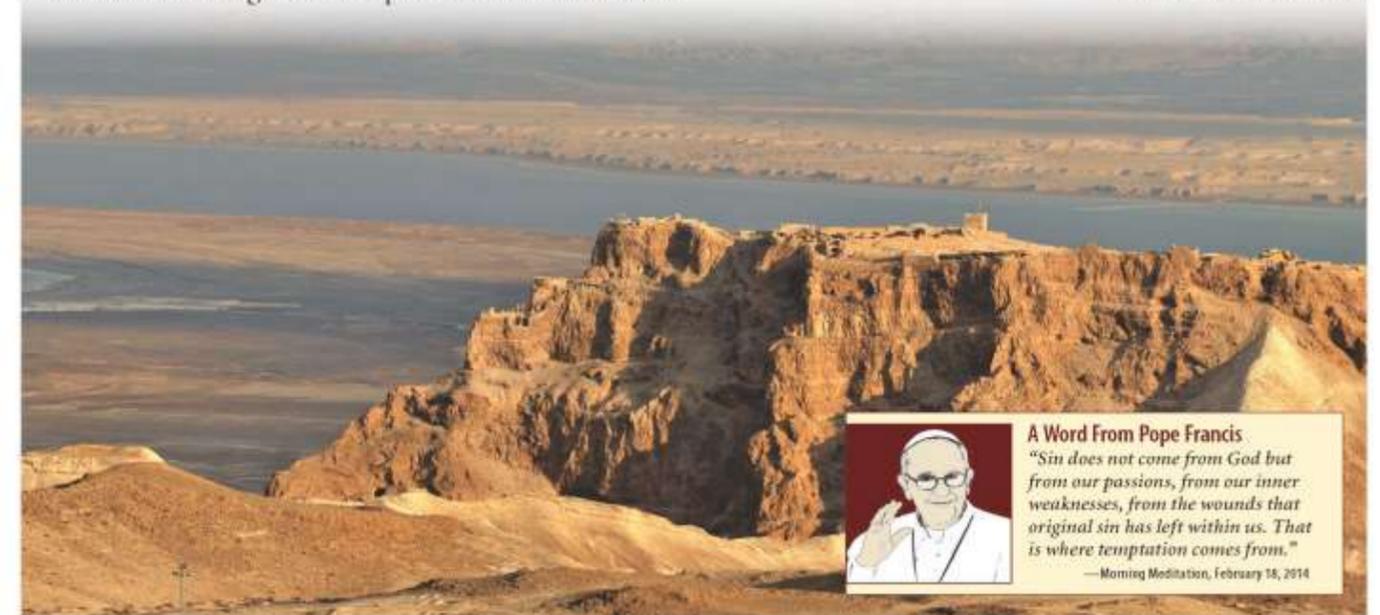
When I was on a pilgrimage to Israel, we visited Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The temperature hit 117 degrees the day we came. We wandered around and wondered what it must have been like to hold out for a long time. When we returned to our bus, we couldn’t wait to get to the cold water that awaited us. The priest said, “The Jews were in the desert for forty years; Jesus was in the desert for forty days; you’ve been in the desert for forty minutes. Think about that.”

I have no doubt that Jesus was tempted to give himself food and water when he was enduring the desert heat. I have no doubt that in his agony he might also have thought about seizing power for himself. These are the things that tempt us when we are worn

out, beaten down, or simply think we are not getting enough of what we believe we deserve.

Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Like us in all things but sin, he knew about being and feeling deprived and weak. And while his temptations came while he was in an actual desert, our harsh and barren places may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. We may feel lost, alone, helpless, and sometimes hopeless. In our times of weakness, evil can find a foothold and convince us that we must control our lives, that we can and should have whatever we want. In this account, we find in Jesus an example of how to resist temptation—patiently, humbly, with trust in God’s promise of salvation.

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**A Word From Pope Francis**  
“Sin does not come from God but from our passions, from our inner weaknesses, from the wounds that original sin has left within us. That is where temptation comes from.”  
—Morning Meditation, February 18, 2014



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