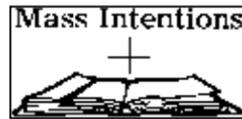


Recognizable Offering..... \$4,702.00  
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Mass Attendance Sept 10/11 332



Sept 19 - 25  
Monday .....Aloma Waldhagen(liv)  
Tuesday .....Patrick McCarron(+)  
Thursday .....Peggy Pilgrim(+)  
Friday .....Pat Collins(liv)  
Saturday .....Stephen Fowler(+)  
Sunday .....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)  
.....**Sr. Mary Grondin & The Sisters of Providence**(10:30 a.m.)



An engaging new program for teens, 9th grade and above, seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held on Sundays from 4:30-6pm in the Youth Room. There will be a brief Parent Meeting on the first day regarding preparation. This new Confirmation program begins September 18th. Call Susie for questions at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

### Stewardship Renewal

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau is fond of two sayings about stewardship. The first is "Stewardship is everything we do after we say 'I believe'." The second is "On Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask you one question, 'What have you done with the garden I have given you?'" We are all gifted in different ways and these gifts have been planted in our life to further the Kingdom of God. As a believer we will have to render an accounting of our stewardship of God's gifts. Next weekend we ask everyone to pick up their family renewal packet and take some time to pray and reflect on how you will invest the gifts from your garden of time, talent and treasure. We ask you to return your completed forms on Commitment weekend, October 1-2.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

- 9/18 K-5 Faith Formation Begins - 9:15 a.m.  
**"Beloved"** - 9:15 a.m.  
Confirmation Classes - 4:30 p.m.  
HS/MS - 6:00 p.m.
- 9/19 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9/20 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9/21 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
**"Happiness"** - 6:30 p.m.
- 9/25 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
**"Beloved"** - 9:15 a.m.  
Parish Appreciation Picnic - 4:30 p.m.  
Confirmation Classes - 4:30 p.m.  
HS/MS - 6:00 p.m.

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### BUILDING FAITH THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

How do you connect to other parishioners? What steps are you taking to grow in your faith? The most important reason for gathering in a small group is to place God in a primary spot in our lives, make faith essential to our lives, hear the invitation of Jesus to change ourselves, and transform the society around us. In other words, to make disciples.



This weekend, after all Masses, people who are currently involved in small group ministry will be at the doors and in the parish center with a ministry invitation. If you would like to join a small group, lead a small group, or just want more information, contact Joni, for more information, 830-2875.

### Parish Appreciation Picnic

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the upcoming Parish Appreciation Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 25th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the pavilions. This BBQ event will be catered by Tommy Mattonie's Coastal Café. There is no cost to attend, but so that we can order appropriately, you will NEED A TICKET. Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend and next as well as at the office during the week. Volleyball and corn hole will be set up for those who would like to play. We hope everyone will be able to attend this celebration.



## Policing work computers



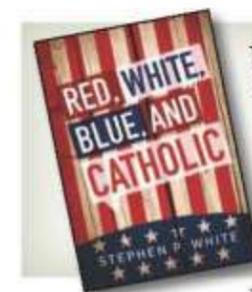
Is it ethical for businesses to monitor employees' internet use on workplace computers?

There is no divine command on this subject, though the issue behind your question probably concerns your sensitivity to your need for privacy in your workplace. Employees do, indeed, need confidence that privacy is safeguarded. Similarly, the company would not want just anyone to have access to what their employees are developing, and they have the same right to protect against breaches, even internally.

Another matter is that when an individual accepts employment with an organization or institution, he or she makes a commitment to give a just day's work for a just wage or salary. The Catechism categorizes this under the Seventh Commandment, specifically as a matter of "commutative justice [which]

requires safeguarding property rights, paying debts, and fulfilling obligations freely contracted" (CCC 2411). Computers, the Internet, and even social media are marvelous technologies with great benefits to productivity and revenue. Most jobs today involve such tools, but they can also be misused. Some people waste hours playing games; checking posts, feeds, and forums; or idly surfing. Psychologists caution that some of these behaviors can increase to the level of an addiction, and if this becomes a reality at work, the employee is not living up to his or her contract, which is unjust. When management suspects this, it has the right to look into it so it knows how its payroll is being spent.

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There is a limit to what human laws can do to make good citizens. We need something else to ensure that the freedom guaranteed by law does not devolve into license and end up harming citizens and the republic itself. In the United States, the Christian faith has always been that something.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White (826450)

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**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 19  
*Weekday*  
Prv 3:27-34  
Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13  
Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 22  
*Weekday*  
Ecd 1:2-11  
Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
Ecd 3:1-11  
Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
*Weekday*  
Ecd 11:9-12:8  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 25  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Am 6:1a, 4-7  
1 Tm 6:11-16  
Lk 16:19-31

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 1  
*Amos 8:4-7*

## Holy Day Burden

To some people, religious holidays are a pain in the neck. Holy days interrupt the flow of business. They **keep employees from work. The market's demand remains the same, but the rhythm of work is interrupted.** If you run a business, holy days get in the way.

To some people, religious values are a pain in the neck. If your goal in life is to make money, you do not want to hear about giving to the poor. You cannot keep money if you give it away. You will treat employees fairly only if it helps improve the bottom line. You will use human beings for fun or advancement, but not with respect for their lives and persons.

At the time of Amos the prophet, the corrupt business world treated religion with impatience. **“When will the Sabbath be over,” people wondered on that holy day, “that we may display the wheat?”** Business leaders took advantage of the poor and cheated customers. They had no use for religion. They had use only for profits.

We fall to the same sin when work takes precedence over prayer, and when profits take precedence over charity. Religion is designed to ease our pain, not to cause pain. It strives to lighten the burden of all, so that all can rejoice together in the love of God.

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C 2  
*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

## Praying for Authority

Our list of people to pray for is pretty long. We pray for members of our family. We pray for friends. We pray for the sick. We remember the dying. We also ask God to care for the dead. We know people in financial trouble, parents with difficult children, and children with difficult parents. We even pray for our sports team to win. Whenever there is a need, we are happy to pray. We cannot always solve **someone else's problem, but we can pray for them, and lend our voice to the chorus appealing for God's ear.**

The First Letter to Timothy thinks such prayers are a **good idea. “I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone.”** So the bible approves the idea of praying for others.

But it is a little surprising to hear what comes next. Next comes an example of whom we should pray for. It is not the sick. It is not the family. It is not even the poor. Prayers **should first be offered “for kings and for all in authority.”** Say what? **“Kings and all in authority.”**

**There is a reason: “that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.”**

People in public office need our prayers more than we realize. We need them to govern so that they help us lead a tranquil, dignified life.

When you pray for the needy, remember those in public office.

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## Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of Sept 24/25

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray

Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Ken Olson, Alice Thompson, Dan Brenton, Shareen Ketchem

Lectors: Ana Fails, Paul Gagnon II

Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Heather Metruck, Cora Podrang  
Greeter: Keith Lee

Sacristan: Doug Hoover

Elijah Cup: Doug Hoover

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Joshua Soto

Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen

Lectors: Patty Dominitz, Don Dineen

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Arnold Soto

Greeter: Cathy McKnight

Sacristan: Jean Jordan

Elijah Cup: Eden Carter

Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Kadi Casey, Gannon Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: Mike Brennan, Becky Bittakis, Petey Brennan, Pat Casey

Lectors: Carolyn Alaniz, John Fay

Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Donna Fetter, Mike Sweeney

Greeter: Karen Clayton

Sacristan: Bill Roth

Elijah Cup: John Fay

Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Katherine Colwell

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at 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, Margie Wadsworth\*

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz

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

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

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

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Liz and Donnie Simmons\*, Dan Brenton\*, Rick and Maria Beard

Sunday Theresa Fowler\*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga\*, Bonita Long

\*Indicates our parishioners.



### RCIA

Do you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Fr. Paul through the month of September, at 850-581-2556, or email pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org. He would like to meet individually with those who are interested before the sessions begin. We will begin meeting on Monday, October 3rd, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

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### CARING FOR OUR LITTLE ONES

Are you interested in serving in the nursery during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass? We have a number of families with small children who would benefit from the nursery and some of the parents are willing to serve and take turns **so at least a couple times a month they'd be able to go to Mass and fully participate.**

Guidelines for serving in this ministry require fingerprinting (cost assumed by the parish) and the completion of an online safe environment course. If you would like to help, especially if you are a parent of a child who would be using the nursery, please contact Susie Rushlau, at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org .



Although we may not immediately perceive them, Holy Scripture is filled with references to stewardship and what it means. Today's Gospel from St. Luke that includes the Parable of the Dishonest Steward is more pointed and direct than many of those references.

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau — who was instrumental in the development of the United States Bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, and has been a popular presenter on stewardship for decades — is fond of saying that on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, "What have you done with the garden I have given you?" In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts.

The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

### Living God's Word

We pray for the wisdom to live justly, that is, in such a way that we keep ourselves in proper relationship with God, with each other, and with the earth. We pray for the wisdom to use our financial resources to help bring about such "just living."

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### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE 2016



This week, Eric Van Dorn, Grand Knight of Council #8910, presented a check to Judy Foreman, president of the Ronda Coon board of directors, in the amount of \$2,000.00.

The baby bottle funds were collected from Mother's Day through Father's Day at St. Peter parish. The Knights are thankful to all the parishioners who gave so generously. The mission of the Ronda Coon Home is to sustain and enrich the lives of homeless and/or pregnant women and their babies.

### Cheerful Givers

Nineteen people supported the blood drive yielding one of the parish's most successful events. OneBlood was able to collect 22 units (3 donors gave double!). This drive has the potential for saving 66 lives. Thanks to everyone who cheerfully gave and waited patiently for their turn.



### Opportunity Place Dinners

Do you like to cook for a crowd? St. Peter Parish will reimburse you up to \$80 to provide a dinner to the residents of Opportunity Place, a temporary shelter for women and their families, on the 4th Sunday of each month. One or two people can work together to create a dinner for 30 people to include a meat, a starch, and a vegetable. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact Alice Thompson, (850)543-2425.

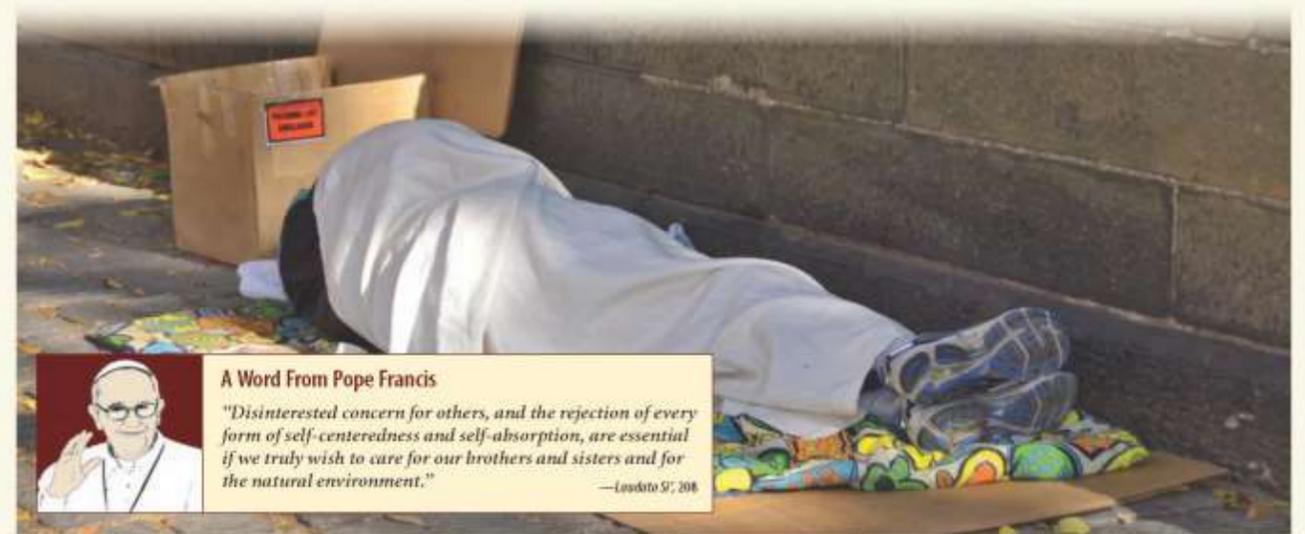


September 18, 2016 ♦ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Am 8:4-7 ♦ 1 Tm 2:1-8 ♦ Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

When Pope Francis was elected, Catholics were inspired by his humility and simplicity. When he bowed before the people in St. Peter's Square and asked for their prayers, the little crowd gathered around the TV in the basement of the Catholic Center was moved to tears. When he announced that he would continue living in the guest house rather than the papal apartments and eat in the cafeteria, we cheered. But Pope Francis also challenged us. He wanted us to examine how we treated the poor and marginalized of the world. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, he confronted us with the understanding that our misuse of the environment impacted the poor first of all and that we could no longer continue to consume our natural resources in a reckless and greedy fashion.

The prophet Amos has some harsh words for those who exploit the poor. In the Old Testament, care for the widow, orphan, and stranger—the poorest of the poor—were among the most righteous things a person could do. Many prophets pointed to the failure to do so as a sign that the people had turned from the Lord and, in their sin, cared only for themselves. More recent figures who also have indicated that the measure of a society is the way they treat their poorest members include Ghandi, Pope St. John Paul II, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Christ commanded us to love one another. Surely this includes seeing that all have the basic necessities of life, even if that means we don't get everything we want.

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#### A Word From Pope Francis

"Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment."  
—*Laudato Si'*, 208



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