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# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY**  
**4PM**

**SUNDAY**  
**9AM & 11AM**

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

## SACRAMENTS

### Confessions

Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

## OFFICE HOURS

Wed: 12 Noon - 5PM  
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# Welcome

St. Peter the Apostle Parish is a **Catholic** Christian Community of **Disciples of the Lord Jesus**. We believe that everyone is called to be on a spiritual journey and what matters is not where a person is on that journey, but actually being on the journey. Therefore we seek to **welcome** all people, regardless of the stage of their spiritual life, their struggles and failures. We simply ask that you walk with us and **be open** to what **God** is calling you to. We believe that God calls each member of our parish to **worship**, to **grow**, to **serve**, to **connect** and to **give**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**

*// UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE //*

9:30AM at St. Peter's School

12:10PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

5:30PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

**Thursday, February 19**

12:10PM + Peter Agnello Jr.

**Friday, February 20**

12:10PM Intentions of Skylar Penfold

First Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, February 21**

4:00PM + Elaine & Joseph Lynch

**Sunday, February 22**

9:00AM + Nancy Loch

11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

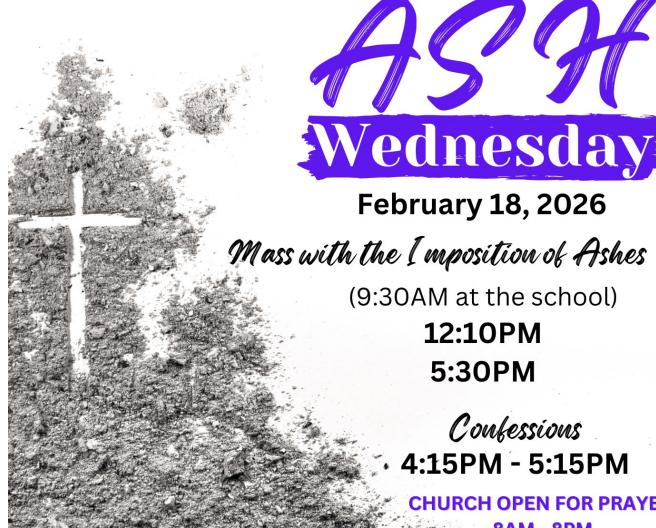
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February 18, 2026

Mass with the *Imposition of Ashes*

(9:30AM at the school)

12:10PM

5:30PM

Confessions

• 4:15PM - 5:15PM

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER  
8AM - 8PM

unchanged, but that we arrive at Easter renewed in heart and faith.

Be sure to review the inserts in today's bulletin for our full Lenten schedule and opportunities to take part. You can also visit [spta.church/lent](http://spta.church/lent) to explore ways to plug into Lent this year and stay connected throughout the season.

## ASH WEDNESDAY IS A UNIVERSAL DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

### About Fasting:

Fasting is a penitential discipline that opens our hearts to God, deepens our prayer, and reminds us of our need for conversion. On Ash Wednesday, Catholics ages 18 to 59 are permitted one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. No food is taken between meals.

### About Abstinence:

Abstinence from meat unites us to the sacrificial love of Christ. Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat (beef, pork, and poultry) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Fish is permitted.

### ABOUT THE ASHES

The Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed on Palm Sunday. We will be burning the Palms on February 17th at 5:30PM in the parking lot. Everyone is welcome to join in!

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

After the palms become ashes, come enjoy a delicious pancake supper with our parish family! This long-standing tradition is a wonderful way to gather in fellowship before Ash Wednesday.

### LIVING JOY

Beginning this Lent, our parish will offer Living Joy, a faith-filled journey inspired by the work of Catholic speaker Chris Stefanick. Many of us long for deeper joy and wonder why it can be so hard to sustain. Living Joy helps us rediscover the joy God desires for us and offers practical ways to live it in everyday life. Each session includes short video reflections, prayer, and meaningful conversation. To learn more or sign up, visit [spta.church/joy](http://spta.church/joy).

### SOUP & STATIONS

Join us each Friday evening during Lent for Soup & Stations. We begin at 5:15PM in the Church Basement with a simple meal and good conversation, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6PM in the church as we walk with Jesus on His journey to the cross. Want to prepare a pot of soup for one of the Fridays? Stop by the Welcome Desk after Mass.

### TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2025

Tax receipts will be available for pickup next weekend at the Welcome Desk. Thanks for your generosity!

## LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

## FRIDAYS WITHOUT MEAT

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

## WEEKDAY MASS

Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at **5:30PM**, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

## LENTEN LUNCHES

Our ecumenical Lenten Lunches begin soon. Our parish will host the first gathering on February 25, and Fr. Jerry will be preaching at St. James United on March 11. See the poster on the bulletin boards for full details.

## SNOW REMOVAL

You may have noticed the large snow piles in our parking lot, which have greatly reduced the number of available parking spaces. Before Christmas, we had snow removed from the lower lot beside the church at a cost of \$1,130, in addition to our regular monthly snow removal contract of \$1,696. We are now being quoted approximately \$1,600 for additional removal due to the current buildup. For perspective, last weekend's offertory was \$3,430, so this single removal represents a significant portion of a weekend's giving. We share this simply to keep you informed about the real costs of maintaining our parish property during a winter like this.

## INSERTS THIS WEEK

- Lent/Easter Schedule
- Living Lent

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