



St. Peter Damian Catholic Church

2013 - Year of Faith



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Dear Parishioners,

Lent - The Healing Season has already begun, it is time for us for reflections and reconciliation, self improvement. There are three traditional pillars of Lenten practice -

the prayer,

the fasting - abstinence and

almsgiving which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.

Lenten Regulation:

Fasting is observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to one's needs. Solid food between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on all Fridays of Lent. A fast and abstinence is prescribed for Good Friday (March 29) and Holy Saturday (March 30).

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

"God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,

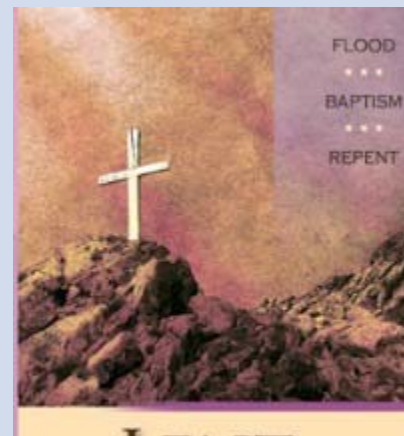
Help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.
Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right
and to be eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life through penance.
Keep me from sin, and help me live
by Your commandment of love.

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Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.

Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,



Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen.

Prayer from Catholic online web site

LENT

At St. Peter Damian there are many ways to Spiritual Renewal. Everyone is welcome to be a part of our Lenten activities like stations of the cross every Friday, the Confessions and **our major event - A Family Spiritual Event.**

Sunday, March 10, 6:00 pm in Church, Admission is free.

A Family Spiritual Event - "Sermon on the Mount" and "Hollywood vs. Faith" will be performed by Frank Runyeon who has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years

Using hilarious anecdotes from his years in Hollywood and his own family's life, Frank helps all ages laugh at the way the media portrays the world.



"Tug-of-War" Introduction (Excerpt #1) from Frank Runyeon's Sermon on the Mount

2013 RELIC of Saint Mary Magdalene St. Peter Damian will host the Relic of St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday, February 23

Program:

9:30-Candlelight Procession
9:35-Litany St. M. Magdalene
9:45-Spiritual talk for children
12:00-Spiritual talk for adults
5:00 pm-Mass in English
7:00 pm-Mass in Polish

[Please click here for all day schedule and detail info.](#)

One-Liners:

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her

Young Adults - Feed My Starving Children Program

Attention Young Adults! All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to join YAM-NW at Feed My Starving Children! Come meet other young adults in the area while packing food for starving children around the world! Wednesday, **February 20, from 7:45-9:30 pm.** 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg. To register, please go to their website at www.fmssc.org, go to the Volunteer Registration page, and search for our group using the group name YAM-NW. For more info about YAM-NW, find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/yamnwc/> or email us at yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com or contact Jackie at 630-830-2295 ext 413..

Year of Faith Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

8 Days, November 18-25, 2013

Join Father Walter on an exciting journey to visit the Holy See, the Vatican, to honor the Tomb of St. Peter the first Pope. View the Colosseum where Christians were once thrown to the lions and see romantic Trevi Fountain where legend has it whoever throws a coin in the fountain is assured a return to Rome. See the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls and the Catacombs, an early Christian burial place. Marvel at the wonderful art treasures in the Vatican Museum and Gallery, and Raphaels' Rooms. View Michelangelo's original frescoes in the Sistine

mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks, "Why are some of your hair white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turn white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while, and then said, "So, Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Jokes taken from Liturgical Publications

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Chapel including the famous Last Judgment and The Creation of Man. Tour the Basilica of St. Peter. Visit the major Basilicas of St. Peter in Chains containing Michelangelo's statue of Moses, St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran. Admire the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Highlights will include Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Basilica of St. Francis renowned for its frescoes, and the Church of St. Clare. Participate in the historical celebration of the end of the Year of Faith at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican. If you would like more information, please visit www.stpeterdamian.org or email tours@stpeterdamian.org. Brochures are available in the lobby of the Church and the Chapel. [For detail info and application form please click here](#)



Thank You T.R.U.T.H. Youth

Dear T.R.U.T.H. Youth, I want to thank you for the donation of hand-made blankets that you made this year to the pediatric unit at St. Alexius Medical Center. With your donation of blankets we were able to share them with the children that were in the hospital during the Christmas season.

Having the opportunity for the parents to select a few gifts and a blanket for their hospitalized child allowed them the chance to preserve the magic of Christmas. We were able to provide that sense of normalcy to our families this year because of your generosity!

We did have some toys left over that we are planning to use for the opening of the new Children's Hospital in April. We plan to have an age appropriate gift on the beds of the children as they are being transferred from the old hospital into the new one, or for children being admitted during the first week of opening its doors.

The children loved the blankets and all that went into making them. They brought many smiles to the patient's faces.

On behalf of the pediatric nursing staff, the patients and their families, thank you again for your thoughtfulness and kindness. It will not be forgotten. Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2013.

With Warmest Regards and Best Wishes,
Katie Eliasek, CCLS Child Life Specialist

Thank You - Social Life Ministry

On Saturday February 9, 2013, the Social Life Ministry hosted "**Quiet on the Set**" a That's Murdertainment Production.

They played to a sold-out crowd. The audience was engaged throughout the evening trying to solve the crime. Congratulations to the table of super sleuths "The Know it All's" who put all of the clues together to solve the murder. The evening provided a sense of fellowship, entertainment and fun. I would like to thank: Nancy & Ray Arndt, Joe & Mary Tremmel, Linda & Jim Fatima, Donna Campagna & Phil Campagna, and my husband Jack Budz for all of their hard work. [Please check the website for pictures of this event.](#) Also, check the bulletin and website for upcoming events.

Carrie Budz

Latest News from USCCB and Archdiocese of Chicago
(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

[Pope Benedict XVI Announces Resignation.](#)

Holy Father announces resignation from the papacy February 28 at 8:00 pm

[Lent - God's Gift of Forgiveness - explanation the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation](#)

You are welcome to 3 min pastoral exhortation.

[YouTube - Catholic Chicago Channel](#)

Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure.
We are truly blessed with your presence, Gospel witness and commitment.

Many God's Blessings from

Fr. Walter, Deacons together with the Pastoral Staff

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Important Events organized at St. Peter Damian.

- February 21 - 8:30 am - Feast of St. Peter Damian - a light reception after the Mass.
- February 23 - 9:30 am - 8:30 pm - Relic of St. Mary Magdalene coming from France
- February 27, March 6 & 13 - 6:30 pm - Soup and Prayer gatherings with prominent speakers in Fellowship Hall.
- March 10 - 6:00 pm - Lenten Parish Mission - "Sermon on the Mount" with Catholic TV star Frank Runyeon
- March 19 - St. Joseph Table
- April 27 - "Rocking around the clock to the sounds of the Convertibles"
- June 23 - 29 - Youth Ministry Mission Trip to Omaha
- July 13 - 19 - Totus Tuus summer program for Religious Education Children and Youth Ministry
- September 15 - St. Peter Damian Picnic

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