



# St. Peter Damian Parish

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

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# Announcements & Programs

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY UPDATE: Results Are In!

Father Chris and the staff at St. Peter Damian would like to express their thanks for the strong response to the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey. Over 220 surveys were completed! A small sampling of a few Parish responses to the survey are provided below. More detailed analysis of the complete Parish survey results will be released from time-to-time as we proceed to unpack the data and discern its implications. Your patience in this process is much appreciated.

- Responses to the question, “I personally believe the Eucharist really is the body and blood of Jesus Christ,” resulted in the strongest positive response by St. Peter Damian parishioners. This is clearly a strength in the St. Peter Damian Parish community.
- Another strength of St. Peter Damian Parish was the belief by survey respondents that, “Scripture is the Word of God.” Ninety-six (96%) percent of respondents either Strongly Agree or Agree with that statement.
- One opportunity that the DMI survey brought to the attention of St. Peter Damian Parish concerns ‘helping parishioners grow spiritually by equipping them to have conversations about their faith with family and friends by increasing their confidence in Church teachings so that they can answer their family and friends’ questions.’ The percentage that Strongly Agree with that statement is 35%. Programs like the one being offered this Fall, What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith, are one way we are addressing this opportunity.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



## Married in 1973?

Have you registered for the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass?

Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.** The Mass will be held at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, Illinois.

Please email [gwa@archchicago.org](mailto:gwa@archchicago.org) or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding](http://pvm.archchicago.org/events/golden-wedding).

We hope to see you there!



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## OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:00 AM.

## TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their Annual Tootsie Roll Fund Raising Drive after all of the Masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The funds will go towards benefiting people with intellectual disabilities.

## SOLDIERS' PRAYER

If you would like to have someone remembered in a Soldier's Prayer (more details to come), please send their **name, military branch, and whether they are active duty, reserves, or a veteran** to [info@stpeterdamian.org](mailto:info@stpeterdamian.org) by **Friday, September 15th**.

## CHICAGO CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER

Pick up a free copy of the Chicago Catholic in the vestibule of the church. Current news and offerings of the Archdiocese are included in this newspaper published every other week.

## SINGLES FOR CHRIST: CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Singles For Christ is a group that includes all individuals from 18 to 40 years of age who are not married and are journeying through our faith together. They are having a Christian Life Program talk series where these unmarried individuals are welcome to join the ministry and discover their faith. This program will run every Saturday from 12:00 - 5:00 PM starting on September 9th and ending on November 4th. They will meet in the Chapel Halls.

## DONATE USING E-GIVING

Do you use your phone or computer to pay your bills, shop, or bank? Consider giving your church donation the same way! It's easy to use and manage.

Benefits E-Giving provides you:

- Make one-time donations or set up recurring donations based on the payment schedule you prefer.
- Unable to attend Mass? You can donate anytime, anywhere.
- Access your E-giving history and have it available for tax time without waiting.
- All of your banking data is secure and no banking information is stored by the church.
- Make payments for: Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Faith Formation, and more.

To set up your giving, visit: [www.stpeterdamian.org](http://www.stpeterdamian.org) and click "Donate" or Scan QR code. If you need assistance, please contact the parish office.



# Events & Invitations

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES—FALL 2023

Have you registered for Faith Formation Classes yet?

Time is running out to guarantee your preference for class time. Contact our Faith Formation Office to register.

faithformation@stpeterdamian.org or 630-830-2295

### **Class Schedule for 2023-2024**

*Classes will meet every other week.*

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd	Tuesday 4-5:30 pm or Saturday 10-11:30 am
4th & 5th Grades	Tuesday 4-5:30 pm or Wednesday 4-5:30 pm
6th & 7th Grades	Tuesday 4-5:30pm or Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm
8th Grade & 9th/Confirmation	Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm

## RCIA (Now called OCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA process is much more than a program; it is a learning & loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner; it is an answer to the Gospel invitation “Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you.”

The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

- \*Believing with the Church community (doctrinal formation)
- \*Living with the Church community (practical formation)
- \*Praying with the Church community (liturgical formation)
- \*Serving with the Church community (apostolic formation)

The RCIA is intended to serve:

- \*The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- \*Those baptized in another Christian denomination who would like to become Catholic.
- \*Those baptized Catholics who have not received both Holy Communion and Confirmation.

If you or someone you know (family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker) would be interested in joining the RCIA program, please **contact** Don Herweg 630-846-0318 or Deacon Mariusz Kosla 847-738-3800 **no later than September 10th**. Meetings/classes will begin in late September in preparation for reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 30, 2024.



*Catholic*  
**FUN FACT**  
DID YOU KNOW?

**What do Catholics celebrate in the month of September?**

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial falls on September 15th. The Seven Sorrows are important for us to know and pray. They are all based on scripture and help us recall Mary's role in salvation history. The seven sorrows are: The Prophecy of Simeon, The Flight into Egypt, The Loss of Jesus for Three Days, The Carrying of the Cross, The Crucifixion of Jesus, Jesus Taken Down from the Cross, Jesus Laid in the Tomb. Source: The Catholic Company

# Volunteering & Giving Back

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are seeking moms, dads, and other church members to help with our Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word program. This program is designed to help children better understand the Gospel message and grow in their faith during 9:30 Mass.

No prior teaching experience is necessary, as we will provide all the necessary training and resources. All we ask is that you have a love for Children, and a desire to help them grow in their faith.

If you are interested in joining our team of Sunday Liturgy of the Word teachers, please contact Megan Nonnie 331-220-4423 or [megannonnie@gmail.com](mailto:megannonnie@gmail.com)

*\*If you have young children, be sure to look for this program when it returns to 9:30 Mass this Fall!\**

## HAVE YOU "INSURED" OUR PARISH?

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." (Matthew 20:16)

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? Please consider instructing your life insurance agent to include St. Peter Damian as a primary or secondary beneficiary on your policy. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and will mean everything to our future parish community. For more information, please contact your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative.

## WOMEN OF GRACE

The Women of Grace ministry is celebrating a new day! All women of the parish are welcome to join us for an evening of faith sharing, support, and sistership. Refresh your spirit and strengthen your faith!

For more info contact Rita Conrad:  
[rita.m.conrad@outlook.com](mailto:rita.m.conrad@outlook.com)  
630-670-9634



Donations to our **Food Pantry** are greatly appreciated. Please use the collection bin in the vestibule of the church or drop off at the Parish office M-F 9am-2pm. If you'd like to donate your time on Saturday morning, please email: [spdfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:spdfoodpantry@gmail.com)

## St Peter Damian Councils

### Parish Pastoral Council

This council serves to represent the St Peter Damian Parish Community.

Don Herweg, Chair  
Susan Griseta  
Bunny Koper  
Nancy Radosky  
Benjie Sabalvaro  
Sharon Waters  
Father Chris Ciomek, Pastor

### Finance Council

This council serves to ensure good stewardship of the financial donations.

Rich Paulsen, Chair  
Dirk Locascio  
Jim Taylor  
Father Chris Ciomek, Pastor  
Kristen Dompke, Staff



If you missed giving at Mass, you can scan and donate online.

You can also set up recurring donations based on the payment schedule you prefer.

Access your E-giving history anytime and have it available for taxes without waiting for us to send your donation letter.

You can also make payments for: Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Faith Formation, and more.

# Our Prayers & Intentions

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, Sept. 4**

**8:30 am**

*Diego Lorenzo Macias*

**Tuesday, Sept. 5**

**8:30 am**

*John Zweifler †*

*Helen & Herold Carolinas †*

*Felipe Caddauan Sr. †*

**Wednesday, Sept. 6**

*Lita Errazo*

**Thursday, Sept. 7**

*Joseph Kozelub †*

**Friday, Sept. 8**

*Mama Mary*

**Saturday, Sept. 9**

**5:00 pm**

*Stephen Shute †*

**Sunday, Sept. 10**

**8:00 am**

*Daniel Guzick †*

*Kathy Paulsen †*

*Eustaquio Querubin †*

**9:30 am**

*Loyola & DePaul Students*

*& Staff*

**11:00 am**

*Alex Czernik †*



Mass Intentions are a wonderful way to remember your loved ones and celebrate special occasions. Contact the parish office to make a request.

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Kenneth Francesconi and Roxanne Traviss

*Please note: names are removed after one month.*

## In Loving Memory †

For the family and friends of our parishioners.

## Wedding Banns

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

*Joseph Lenhardt & Stephanie Lacaze (1)*



## Guests & Visitors

We're happy you've chosen St Peter Damian. We'd love for you to continue your faith journey with us and also become a registered parishioner. Please call the main office 630-837-5411 or visit our website.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading:** Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

**Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

**Second Reading:** I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

**Gospel:** "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 16:24-25)

## Observances for the week of Sep. 3, 2023

**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Friday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Saturday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest

**Next Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents' Day

## Live the Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible.



## Welcomed into the Catholic Faith

Congratulations to the following families who welcomed their child into our Catholic family through Baptism.

**Eithan Gustavo Galvan Zambrano**

*Son of Gustavo Galvan Martinez & Jimena Zambrano De Lira*

**Adriel Galvan Silva**

*Son of Carlos Adrian Galvan Martinez & Jennifer Silva Salinas*

Submissions to the bulletin are needed at least 10 days prior to the requested weekend. All submissions are subject to approval. Please send your submission request to: [info@stpeterdamian.org](mailto:info@stpeterdamian.org)

# Parish Information

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm in the Church  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am in the Church

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am in the Chapel with 8:00 am Rosary  
First Saturday: Mass 8:30 am in the Chapel

## Confessions

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm in the Church  
First Saturday: 8:00-8:25 am in the Chapel

## Parish Office Hours (Door B1)

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Phone: 630-837-5411 Fax: 630-837-9424  
info@stpeterdamian.org

## Faith Formation Office (Hardy Hall)

Please call to arrange an appointment. Phone: 630-830-2295  
faithformation@stpeterdamian.org

## Precious Tots Preschool (Door A2)

Please call to arrange an appointment. Phone: 630-974-7733  
preschool@stpeterdamian.org

## St Peter Damian Clergy

Father Christopher Ciomek, Pastor  
Father Curt Lambert, Priest in Residence

Dave Sattler, Permanent Deacon  
Mariusz Kosla, Permanent Deacon  
John Porter, Permanent Deacon

## St Peter Damian Staff

Kristen Dompke, Executive Director  
Karen Root, Bookkeeper  
Kinga Smutek, Music Director  
Kristen Sadowski, Receptionist  
Joel Hendrickson, Facilities

## Faith Formation

Wendy Hendrickson, Coordinator  
Pat Juvingo, Administrative Assistant  
Tobi Iott, Preschool Coordinator  
Mary Doeseckle, SPRED

## Sacraments & Ministries

### Baptism

Celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. (No baptisms during Lent) A baptismal prep class must be completed before scheduling.

### Holy Matrimony

To allow time for preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

### OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Want to become Catholic? Call the office for information on classes.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to make arrangements with a priest.

### Funerals

Please call the parish office once a funeral home has been chosen.

### Ministry of Care

To make arrangements for the sick and homebound please call the parish office or email  
spdministerofcare@gmail.com.

### Altar Server

3rd grade and up  
altarserver@stpeterdamian.org

### Art & Environment

Help decorate the worship space  
sgriseta@comcast.net

### Bible Study

Dive deeper into weekly readings  
info@stpeterdamian.org

### Children's Liturgy

Lead lessons for kids at 9:30 Mass  
faithformation@stpeterdamian.org

### Couples For Christ

Families renewed by the Holy Spirit  
Lourdes\_mercurio@sbcglobal.net

### Eucharistic Ministers

Must be Confirmed  
EM@stpeterdamian.org

### Faith Formation Catechists

Teach Faith Formation Classes  
faithformation@stpeterdamian.org

### Food Pantry

Help serve Saturday Mornings  
spdfoodpantry@gmail.com

*For schedules or to participate in a ministry, use the contact email provided.*

### Knights of Columbus

Fraternal Service Organization  
grandk8699@gmail.com

### Lectors

Must be Confirmed  
lectors@stpeterdamian.org

### Music Ministry

Children & Adult Choirs  
Music@stpeterdamian.org

### Prayer Shawl

Help knit prayer squares  
dntsatt@comcast.net

### Simbang Gabi

Spiritual celebrations & fellowship  
benjiesab@gmail.com

### Ushers

Hospitality & help during Mass  
spdusherministry@gmail.com

### Women of Grace

Women's Spiritual Group  
Rita.m.conrad@outlook.com

### Youth Group

7th-12th grade students  
YM@stpeterdamian.org