

# Welcome

717 STATE STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS 62002  
RECTORY 465-4221 • SCHOOL 465-8711

## Staff

### Parish Administrator:

Fr. J.C. Cain, O.M.I.

### Business Manager:

Mr. David Stafford

### Parish Secretary:

Mrs. Julie Noel

### Parish Maintenance

Mr. Duane Amistadi

### Parish Nurse

Tammy Stilwell, RN

463-5262 / tstilwell@sahc.org

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 noon

1:00 pm-4:00 pm

### School Principal:

Ms Melinda Fischer

### School Secretary:

Mrs. Sandra Duty

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses:

4:30 pm Saturday

8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday

#### Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday: 8:15 am

#### Holy Day Masses:

8:15 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm

## Sacramental Life

### Reconciliation:

3:30-4:00 pm Saturday

### Baptism:

celebrated communally

second Sunday of the month;

Baptismal Preparation

Program is required

### Marriage:

contact the rectory at least

six months in advance for

appointment

### Registrations

#### Parish Registration:

new families and individuals

are asked to register at the

rectory at their earliest

opportunity. Each family or

wage earner is expected to use

the weekly envelope system

### Web Sites

Website: [ssppalton.com](http://ssppalton.com)

Parish e-mail: [info@ssppalton.com](mailto:info@ssppalton.com)

School e-mail: [sspps@yahoom.com](mailto:sspps@yahoom.com)

Diocesan: [www.dio.org](http://www.dio.org)

## SS. Peter & Paul's Mission Statement

The Parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church commit our time, talent and treasure to form a community of faith that is open to all of God's children. We are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We share the message of Jesus Christ through prayer, sacrament, instruction and witness.

As the Old Cathedral, located in historic Christian Hill, we go forward from our first one hundred and fifty years continuing His message of faith, hope and love. In the year of Our Lord, 2006

### Parish Trustees

Pat Wallace, Tom Morrissey

### Parish Pastoral Council

Ann Hornsey

### Maintenance

Bill Merkle

### St. Vincent de Paul

Frank Lamere

### PSA

Carla Gillespie

### School Board

Terry Ortman

### Altar Society / DCCW

Sue Schwegel

### Gift Shop

Alice and Bob Reinecke

### Adult Faith Formation

Fr. J.C.

### Friends in Need

'Spiv' Weolfel

### Social Concerns

Tony and Dottie Dipiazza

### Fund Raising

Rita Ortman

### Parish Finance Council

Frank McAtee

### Liturgy / Music

Martha Brockus

### Pro-Life

Rita Ortman

### PSR

Chuck and Chris Mayden

### R.C.I.A.

Mary Fran Vincent

### H.I.S. Ministry

Sue Fitzgerald

### Athletics

Stephen Lee

### VBS

Melvia O'Neal

### Share The Word

Ann Hornsey

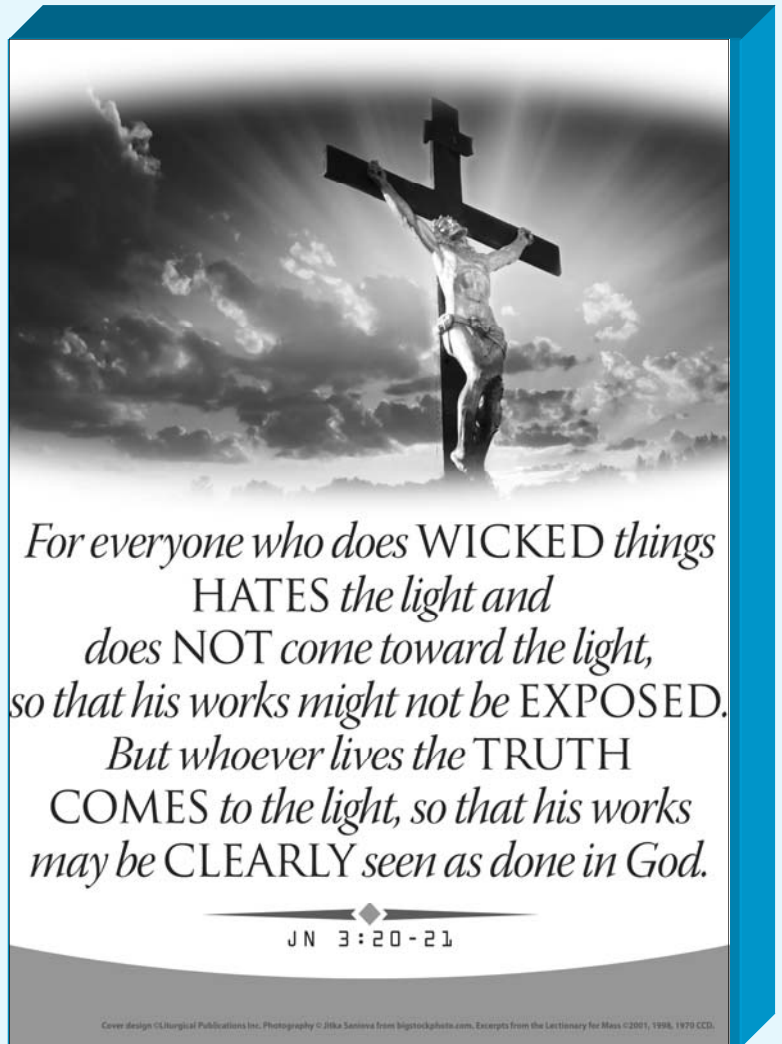
### Our PiLoT Youth Group

Jennifer Thompson and

Aimee Parks

# Saints

# Peter & Paul Church



# Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2009

*This Coming Week*

Sunday, March 22

- Family Rosary in Church 7:30 am
- SSPP Gift Shop is open after both Masses
- Ursuline Sisters Jubilee 3:00 pm
- SSPP PiLoT Youth Group 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24

- Parish Council 7:00 pm
- RCIA 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 25

- Parish Nurse After 8:15 am Mass
- Mustard Seed Mtg. Sloan Room 6:30 pm
- SSPP School Board Mtg School Library 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 26

- Rosary 7:00 pm
- PLOW 7:00 pm

Friday, March 27

- SSPP School Mass 8:15 am
- SSPP School Stations of the Cross 2:00 pm
- SSPP Stations of the Cross St. Ambrose 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 28

- Guitar Group Rehearsal 9:30 am
- SSPP Gift Shop is open after Mass

Sunday, March 29

- Guitar Group Warm-Up 9:15; Mass 10:00 am
- SSPP Gift Shop is open after both Masses
- Confirmation Practice 11:15 am
- Confirmation Retreat 12:30 to 5:00 pm
- Reconciliation SSPP 7:00 pm

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Sunday, March 22 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 am † People of the Parish
- 10:00 am † Lorraine Droege

Monday, March 23 *St. Toribio de Mogrovejo*

- 8:15 am † Harry, Edith, Brian and Harold Wenzel

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:15 am † Lucy Reichert

Wednesday, March 25 *The Annunciation of the Lord*

- 8:15 am † Jimmy Bridges

Thursday, March 26

- 8:15 am † Dorothy Toulster

Friday, March 27

- 8:15 am † Jim Gaither

Saturday, March 28

- 4:30 pm † Alice Kelly

Sunday, March 29 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00 am † Jack Acker
- 10:00 am † People of Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Brian Phelps;

Jud Admire, Teresa Woelfel, Sister Antonia, Keith Hamilton, Les Harrawood, Ann Hornsey, Betty Newby, Mary C. Mathews;

**Donna Walters, Carol Wiltshire, Mary "Bunny" Miller**

(Names in bold will be removed unless we receive a prayer update.)

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY.*



*A word from Fr. J.C. . . .*



I have often times wondered what it would be like to be blind. I can't imagine how it would be like to not know what my family looks like, experience the sight of a sunset, the ocean, or the first snow fall of winter. I have a good friend that was blind for over twenty five years after a childhood disease but with the development of technology he was blessed with his sight once again when he was in his forties. I asked him about how it felt to have his sight back and he surprised me with the response that in some ways he missed his blindness because he was not as aware of the things around him. He did not have to rely on his touch, hearing, or smell as much as previously. As strange as his response was, the more I thought about it, the more it made good sense.

We easily take our sight for granted while we still remain blind to so many things in the world around us. While we might see our family, we can be blind to their importance in our lives. We are enthralled with the rich and famous but are blind to the fact that money does not bring true happiness. After all of the wars that we have fought we remain blind to the fact that violence only brings about more violence whether it be internationally, domestic, or violence to oneself. I sometimes think peace could slap us in the face and we would still find a way to fight. We have spent billions on war while neglecting the education system for our children ..... talk about the blind leading the blind! We can no longer afford to go through life with our eyes covered. As we experience these very difficult economic times we cannot afford to be blind to the fact that greed is at the base of all of our woes. More is not always better. There is something to simplicity. If we open our eyes we might see that true happiness is not found in power, money, or possessions. It is time we wash out our eyes and see differently. As the old saying goes, "If we don't learn from history, it is bound to repeat itself."

~Fr. J.C., O.M.I.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at St. Ambrose

Sunday, March 29, 7:00 pm - Reconciliation, SSPP

Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at SSPP

Sunday, April 4, 4:00 pm - Reconciliation, St. Ambrose

Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 pm - Reconciliation, St. Mary's

**NEED A DAY OF QUIET?**

Come retreat to an "Ah Day of Quiet" at the Franciscan Chiara Center in Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, April 4 from 9 AM - 3 PM. Nourish your body, mind and spirit by enjoying the beautiful St. Francis of Assisi Church, lovely walking areas, peaceful prayer spaces, spiritual resources, and a delicious meal. \$15. Reservations required 217-523-0901. Overnight accommodations available for additional fee.

**GRETCHEN UP-DATE**

We would like to thank the Schiber Family, for taking good care of Gretchen, until we could take her.



Gretchen is living with Tom and I, and I believe she is happy. We will take tender loving care of her. Rest assure that Chica and Gretchen do get along.

Tom and Julie

# SS. Peter & Paul Community Life



## This & That:

~**HEALING WITH HOPE - CANCER SUPPORT.** For more information, please call 463-5626.  
 ~ **LIVING WITH DIABETES,** Diabetes Treatment Center, St. Clare's Hospital. A physician referral is required. For more information, call 474-5012.  
 ~**NUTRITION COUNSELING WITH A REGISTERED DIETITIAN.** For more information, call 465-2264.  
 ~**LENTEN FISH BUFFET** All the Fridays during Lent. At the Alton KC's. Serving times 4:30 to 7:00 pm.  
 ~ **CHICKEN SUNDAY ALL YOU CAN EAT!** Every Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Alton Sportsmens Club, Godfrey Road.  
 ~**IS IT MORE THAN SIMPLE HART-BURN?** Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 pm, at St. Anthony's Hospital.

To register, call 465-2264.  
 ~**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SUPPORT GROUP.** Thursday, March 26, 1:00 pm, at St. Clare's Hospital.  
 ~**YEARS OF CHANGE FOR GIRLS.** Monday, March 30, 6:00 pm, St. Clare's professional Building. For more information, or to register, call 465-2264.  
 ~**LONGABERGER GAME NIGHT,** St. Alphonsus Church in Brighton, IL. Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm. For more information, call Debbie Nash at 372-4421 or Debbie Nash at 372-8061.  
 ~**ST. ANTHONY'S WOMEN'S PAVILION OPEN HOUSE.** Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 t- 11:00 am, at St. Anthony's Hospital. Fro more information, or to register, call 465-2264.

### CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU CAN HELP

	<u>Palm Sunday</u> 4:30 pm April 4	<u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:00 am April 4	<u>Palm Sunday</u> 10:00 am April 4
Voice	Bob Luken	M. Vincent	<u>NEEDED</u>
	<u>Holy Thursday</u> 7:30 pm, April 9	<u>Good Friday</u> 7:30 pm, April 10	<u>Easter Vigil</u> 8:00 pm, April 11
<b>Euch. Min.</b>	V. Grove D. Freeman T. Ortman	M. Vincent	

## YOU'RE INVITED!

You're invited to join us on April 4<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Live and Silent Auction benefiting Cathedral School. Tickets are \$40/person, and include 2 hours of open beer and wine, sit-down dinner and dessert. Doors open at 5pm at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield. There will be over 225 items up for auction, a 50/50 cash raffle, and a raffle for a 42" LCD LG flat-panel TV, valued at over \$950.00! *There will also be a large piece of the old Cathedral up for auction... Here's your chance to own a piece of history!* To make Auction reservations, please call the Cathedral parish office at 522-3342. *Reservations are required.* We look forward to seeing you on April 4<sup>th</sup>!

## 2009 DAY OF RENEWAL

Friday, April 3, at St. Anthony's Hospital Chapel. Registration at 8<sup>30</sup> am. The Day of Renewal is a time of introspection and recollection for all - regardless of church affiliation. Members of all faiths and beliefs are invited to join in seeking spiritual renewal in their lives.

Father Gerald Wickenhauser, MM, will lead the event.

Reservations are required. Cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch. Please send check, made payable to St. Anthony's Health Center Auxiliary (SAHCA), to:

Cherie Schmidt, Volunteer Services  
 Saint Anthony's Health Center  
 Saint Anthony's Way, PO Box 340  
 Alton, IL 62002-0340

For more information, call 465-2264

## SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

### 9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

\$1,000 Shootout

4-person team scramble

Saturday, May 2nd, at Spencer T. Olin

Registration, lunch and driving range begin at noon.

Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.

\$400 per foursome entry fee (\$100 per person)

If you would like to register to play in the tournament please call Frank or Cindy Begnel at 466-6015.

If you would like to be a "hole sponsor" for the tournament call Becky Williams 466-1475.



~**ORIENT EXPRESS AUCTION,** Saturday, April 4, 2009 at Lewis & Clark Commons, Godfrey, IL. Doors open at 5:00 pm. For tickets, to donate items, or for more information, please call the Development Office at 463-0585.  
 ~**MEGA RAFFLE,** Saturday, May 9, 2009, at MCHS. Tickets are on sale now

through the parish office or MCHS. Call Margot Huber at 463-0585, for more details.  
 ~**SPRING CLAY EVENT,** Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Nilo Farms, Brighton, IL. If you would like to participate or volunteer to work this event, please contact Margot Huber at 463-0585.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT REMINDER

Confirmation practice is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. on Sunday March 29th followed by a retreat for all Confirmation candidates from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Sloan Room.

St. Patrick Church, Grafton, IL will host a Sunday Breakfast on Sunday morning, March 29th beginning at 8:00AM, continuing to 11:00AM. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy plus drink. Cost is: \$6.50/Adults - \$4.50/Children ages 5-10. Please join us for a great breakfast and great fellowship.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 ♦ **March 22, 2009**

March 28-29	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>Euch Min:</b>	D. Cordes C. Roller <b>NEEDED</b>	B. Reinecke D. Stafford M. Haxel	E. Snyders J. Snyders R. Jun
<b>Lector:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	J. Hentrich	C. Argyropoulos
<b>Music:</b>	Children's Choir P. Malone T. Lyons	M Brockus T. Gilbreth	Guitar Group T. Gilbreth
<b>Server:</b>	T. Nickloy A. Ruckmann	K. Bethel A. Kortkamp	C. Markovitch J. Phelps
<b>Greeters:</b>	S. Springman G. Wegener J. & N. Lentz	F. & K. McAtee R. & D. Hardesty	T. Cranmer <b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	D. Waters B. Gaston L. Harrawood	B. von Almen P. Cordes D. Hartnett	T. Bazzell B. Dunn M. Dunn
<b>Share the Word:</b>			C. Gillespie
<b>Weekday Servers:</b>	March 23-27	A. Dooley	A. Serio
<b>Auditors:</b>	March 23	T. Dipiazza	M. Haxel
<b>Phone Volunteers:</b>	March 28	AM P. Wallace	PM P. Kruegel

## Church Support-- Thank You

Last Sunday.....\$6,165.73  
 Gift Shop ..... 599.60  
 Memorials, Fr. Roger, W. Weiss..... 180.00  
 ACSA..... 147.00  
 Capital Fund Drive .....31,427.37

Of 505 Envelope Holders 165 contributed to the Sunday Collection

### SAINT VICTORIAN

The wealthiest subject of the Vandal king Hunseric, Victorian served as governor of Carthage with the imperial Roman title of Pro-consul, and was known for his devotion to orthodox Christianity. Hunseric offered him all the wealth and power he could bestow if Victorian would declare himself a supporter of Arianism; Victorian declined. He was arrested, tortured and killed for his refusal.

