

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body.

MATTHEW 10:28

## What Is a Soul, if Not...?

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**T**he Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived," he wrote in *Walden* in 1854. "I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life."

To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. ●

### Reflect

**How would you know  
if your soul was in danger?**



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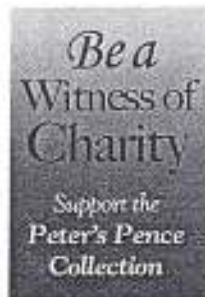
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Collection will take place next weekend.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly. – Bishop Tylka

**Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of June 26, 2023**

Monday	6/26			† No Mass
Tuesday	6/27	9:00 am	STM	† No Mass
Wednesday	6/28	5:30 pm	HT	† No Mass
Thursday	6/29	9:00 am	HT	† Lois Flaherty
Friday	6/30	9:00 am	STM	† Sharon Riva

**Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 1-2, 2023**

Saturday	7/1	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Darlene Krueger
Sunday	7/2	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Dec. Mem. Harold Klein Family
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dec. Mem. Cassidy Family
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For All Parishioners

## Saints Peter & Paul - Feast Day June 29th

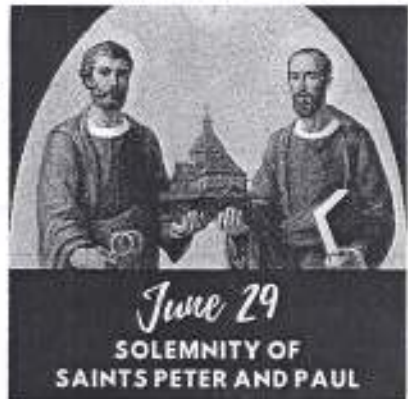
Saints Peter and Paul are often referred to as two of the great "Pillars of the Church". They each played an incredibly essential role in the establishment of the early Church. Though each of their roles were essential and foundational, their roles were as different as they were different as persons.

Peter was a family man, a local fisherman, uneducated and quite ordinary. From what we know about him prior to being called by Jesus, there was nothing that made him uniquely qualified to become one of the pillars of the new Church to be established by the Son of God. Jesus simply called him, and he responded.

Paul describes himself as "a Jew, born at Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gama'li-el, educated according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as you all are this day" (Acts 22:3). Paul was well educated in the strictest interpretation of the Jewish law, understood philosophy and was quite zealous as a young man. Recall, also, that prior to becoming a convert to Christianity, he "persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it" (Galatians 1:13). In many ways, Paul would have been seen as the most unlikely person to be chosen to be a pillar of the Church, because he so vigorously opposed it at first. He even supported the killing of Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr.

Though each of these men would have been considered by many as very unlikely founders of the Christian Church, this is exactly what they became. Paul, after his conversion, traveled far and wide to preach the Gospel, founding several new Churches throughout Asia Minor and Europe. Eventually he was arrested in Jerusalem, brought to Rome for trial and was beheaded. Over half of the New Testament books are attributed to Paul and half of the Acts of the Apostles detail Paul's missionary journeys. Paul is especially known for his missionary activity to the gentiles, those who were not Jews.

Peter's role was truly a unique one. His name was changed from "Simon" to "Peter" by Jesus. Recall Jesus saying, "And I tell you, you are Peter (Petros), and on this rock (petra) I will build my church...(Matthew 16:18). "Peter" in Greek is Petros, meaning a single stone that is movable. However, the Greek word petra means a rock as a solid formation that is fixed, immovable, and enduring. Therefore, Jesus chose to make Peter, this single stone, into a solid foundation of immovable rock on which the Church was to be built.



Money Counters  
needed at all 3  
churches.

Please contact Julie at  
the church office  
to volunteer.

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To Nancy Floroplus for donating  
the "new" organ to HT

To those who donated items to  
St Nicholas Charity on Wheels  
96 families in LaSalle/DePue areas  
received items on June 13th



Bishop Lou Tylka will celebrate a Mass  
at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria  
in Sept. for couples with a 25th or  
50th wedding anniversary this year.  
Please contact Julie to RSVP -- you  
will then receive an invitation from  
Bishop Lou in the mail.

### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND JUNE 18TH

HT - \$678.00  
SP - \$539.00  
STM - \$554.00



### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS  
WILL BE SAT. JULY 1ST  
10:30 - 11:15 AM AT  
ST PATRICK  
IN THE CHAPEL

# Dear Padre,

## *A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?*

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



*The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent*

*yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.*

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE  
GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM),  
NOVEMBER 24, 2013**

#### MONDAY

June 26  
Weekday  
Gn 12:1–9  
Mt 7:1–5

#### TUESDAY

June 27  
Weekday  
Gn 13:2, 5–18  
Mt 7:6, 12–14

#### WEDNESDAY

June 28  
St. Irenaeus, Bishop  
and Martyr  
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18  
Mt 7:15–20

#### THURSDAY

June 29  
Sts. Peter and Paul,  
Apostles  
Acts 12:1–11  
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18  
Mt 16:13–19

#### FRIDAY

June 30  
Weekday  
Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22  
Mt 8:1–4

#### SATURDAY

July 1  
Weekday  
Gn 18:1–15  
Mt 8:5–17

#### SUNDAY

July 2  
Thirteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a  
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11  
Mt 10:37–42

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