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Adoration will resume on Saturday evening, January 8th, 2022.

Eric & Michelle Nowinski, and their children Logan, Theodore and Isabelle. Are the newest members of our parish family and we are so pleased to welcome them!

We kindly ask that all parishioners be registered.

To do so, you may call the parish office at 815-675-2288 or visit us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org





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> **BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND DUE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have **created.** Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.

Father Joe's friend and wordfeund partner,

Priscilla Dragas,

Went home to her Lord on Thursday, December 2nd.

Priscilla was a faithful member of St. Peter's for many years and served as our Business Manager under four different pastors!

In Christian charity, kindly say a prayer for her eternal rest.

Our brother in Christ,

Stephen Bonner,

Was born into heaven on Monday, December 6th.

Pray that his bride of 46 years, Eileen, and their children Shannon, Joshua, Molly and their families, will be consoled in their grief by the Lord Himself.

Eternal rest grant unto Priscilla & Stephen O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen



CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE — (LIVE-STREAMED AT 4:00 PM) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 4:00 PM AND 10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AT 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH AT 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AT 4:00 PM

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST AT 4:00 PM SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND AT 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM AND 11:00 AM

Our St. Peter's Women's Ministry is so grateful to everyone who supported this year's 50/50 Raffle!

It was a great success and they congratulate the <u>WINNERS!</u>

1st Prize \$2,777.50 Jennifer Mullen 2nd Prize \$1,666.50 Roxanne Talatian 3rd Prize \$1,111.00 Lu Simpson

Christmas Poem

"Woman, You Sat"

by: Ian Ordoñez, Seminarian, Diocese of Rockford

Woman, you sat alone with God enthroned,
And felt the Sea within grow strong and tame;
For Him, your womb, we are beaten and stoned,
A Holiness contained in spoken Name.
Woman, you sat in everlasting wait
For the deep pangs of the dawning good King,
Whose mercy knows no bound, all hearts to sate,
Whose glory angels voice and saints do sing.
Woman, you sat a mother at the crèche,
Your hand on the Foot that did crush the fiend,
A baby's foot within your pregnant flesh,
To end the reign of sin; our hearts redeemed.
Hail, O Lady, the Lord awaits in you,
Glory to the fruit of your womb, Jesu!
All glory to the fruit of your womb, Jesu!



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FOR THOSE IN NEED



Please Continue your efforts to help support Jewel Osco in Spring Grove and their efforts to be able to supply a dinner for those of our neighbors who need assistance during this Christmas season. Your donation of \$5 or more will help toward providing a full dinner worth \$64.99 for every family.

The Women's Ministry of St. Peter's and Father Joe wish to thank you for your generosity and continued support of this Project. If you know anyone who needs help during these times, refer them to the Helping Hands Food Pantry of Spring Grove or contact St. Vincent de Paul listed in the Parish bulletin. Thank you, Ashley, Nettie, Deb, Lorrie, and Kathie.

With parishioner support and with Jewel customers they have supplied 80 families with complete Thanksgiving dinner packages. With money left over to continue the ongoing food drive into the Christmas season. To date, they have 170 dinners on the paid list and numbers keep rising. With the ongoing generosity, there is good reason to believe that there will be enough dinners to feed every family in need in our parish and the local area, that reaches out to Helping Hands Food Pantry for assistance.

Jewel Osco and Helping Hands Food Pantry of Spring Grove thank you for your generosity!



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 19th through January 1st for † Henrietta Jarmoluk

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome him into eternal peace.

PRAYER REQUESTS!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch.

Jesus, be with them all, especially: Gina Adduci Rita Chinni Debra Cooke Deacon Eugene Damian Rob Darmofal Ann DePaul Sandy Devine Norman Dolsky Frank & Carol Dzielak Dolores & Irv Ellefesen LCpl. Romel (Tre) Finley, USMC Carol Flatley James Formeller Michael Frer Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Edward Johnson Diana Kattner **Ed Kattner** Ronald Klein Mark & Natalie Kluts Loman Kubista

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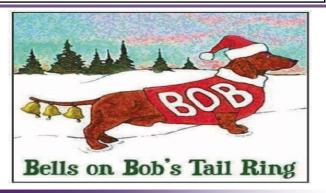
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The names above will appear on the prayer list January 1st through March 31st

If you or a loved one would like to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. 815-675-2288





FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 12/18 - 12/26/2021

The Mass			For		
Fourth Sunday of Advent					
Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.					
Sat	4 pm	†	Lenard Geraci		
Sun	7 am	†	Rich & Sue Podolski		
	9 am	†	John, Jr. & Karen Rygiel		
	11am <i>(1)</i>	†	Helen Whalen		
	(2)	†	Fred May (25th Anniversary)		
Tues	8 am	†	Ralph Kenyon, Sr.		
Wed	8 am (1)	†	Donald Wray		
	(2)	†	Maggie Arseneau		
Thur	8 am	†	Conrad Otsuka		
VIGIL OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE					
Fri	4 pm (1)	†	John & Honor Green		
	(2)	†	Lenard Geraci		
	10 pm	†	Jack Schmitt		
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY					
Sat	9 am	†	Henrietta Jarmoluk		
	11 am		John Ryiel, Sr. & John Rygiel, Jr.		
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH					
Sun	7 am	†	Decease Parishioners of St. Peter's		
	9 am (1)	†	Conrad Otsuka		
	(2)	†	Sue Podolski		
	11 am	†	John & Imelda Hii		

GO EVANGELIZE

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, now is the time many of us will begin to gather – as families, friends, and faith communities. What an ideal opportunity to renew our relationships with one another and with Jesus, asking the Holy Spirit to help us recognize the presence of God in our lives and in others. Micah's prophesy from today's first reading endures: "His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; He shall be peace." Let's do our part to share the peace and joy of Christ with those we encounter, witnessing to His saving grace in our lives, and offering others an opportunity to be a part of the greatest story, ever – of God's saving action.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers		
Fourth Sunday of Advent					
Saturday 12/18 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Heather Justen	Gary Miller Denise Wahls		
Sunday 12/19 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid		
9:00 am	Nettie Toms	Nancy Piggot	Larry Hauser John Jindra		
11:00 am	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Andy Hommowun Zach Rygiel		
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE					
Friday 12/24 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Chad Franckowiak		
10.00 pm	Steve Besetzny	DeAnne Besetzny	George Gemberling Gary Miller		
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY					
Saturday 12/24 9:00 am	Steve Besetzny	Marge Ladner	Larry Hauser		
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Mike Gullifor	Mike Gordon		
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH					
Sunday 12/26 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Cyndee Wehrheim			
9:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali			
11:00 am	Bill Collins	Mike Rygiel			



Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

December 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Tom Gough & Bev Schmitt

December 26th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Maria Sullivan, Steve Besetzny, Lisa Bilik & Julia Francis



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19TH

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

[4]; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Is 7:10-14; Monday:

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf.7c and 10b];

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a];

Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1Sm 1:24-28; 1Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

[cf. 1a]; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;

> Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]; Lk 1:57-66

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Friday:

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2];

Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

> [2a] Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6;

Ps 96:1-2, 2-3 11-12, 13; [Lk 2:11]; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: ls 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: ls 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.1]; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.5a];

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk2:41-52

The Son of God Became man to Enable men to become Sons of God. C.S. Lewis

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 19th

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Office Upstairs Classroom 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

Monday, December 20th

- Holy Communion Prep Class 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Prep Class 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 21st Wednesday, December 22nd

- Sunday Reading Bible Study (Zoom Class) 6:00 pm To Join Contact Steve Besetzny at 847-207-6282
- Spiritual Warfare Rosary 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 23rd

• Choir Practice - Church - 7:00 pm

Friday, December 24th

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE
Mass Schedule

- 4:00 pm
- 10:00 pm

Saturday, December 25th

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am
- 11:00 am

Sunday, December 26th

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am
- 11:00 am

Residents of an assisted living center had their own small apartments, but they shared a common dinning room. On one particular morning, a resident didn't show up for breakfast, so his neighbor went upstairs and knocked on his door to make sure everything was okay. She could hear him through the door, and he said that he was simply running late and would be down shortly. She returned to the dinning room.

An hour later, he still hadn't arrived. The neighbor lady went back up towards his room, but found him on the stairs. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him that she was going to call an ambulance, but he told her not to and said he just wanted to have his breakfast. So she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he enjoyed his bacon and eggs. When he tried to return to his room, he was completely unable to get up on the first stair step, so she called an ambulance for him.

A couple of hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The nurse said he was fine and just has both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at **StPeterCatholicChurch.org**

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

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