



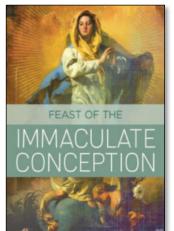
Thank you, Debbie Thompson!

Debbie Thompson, a parishioner and owner of Thompson Spring Grove Funeral Home, is giving a 2023 Appointment Calendar to all our families at St. Peter's! It's a beautiful gift and one that certainly comes in handy all year long! Remember to pick one up after Mass this weekend and don't forget to thank Debbie when you

see her! She loves her parish family and we love her and appreciate her ministry!



Thursday, December 8th



Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A Holy Day of Obligation for us Catholics
Mass Schedule: 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Proclaimed by Pope Pius IX (December 8, 1854) stated: The Doctrine affirming the freedom of the Blessed Virgin Mary from sin from the very moment of her conception. "We, by the authority of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, of the Blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul and by Our Own, declare, pronounce, and define the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind was preserved from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and therefore is to be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful" (Ineffabilis Deus).

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The God in whom we believe is "the God of endurance and encouragement." Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the "wolf shall be a quest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid." It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

In Christian Charity, pray for the eternal rest of Richard Seil.



Rich died on November 21st and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mary, his soulmate of 57 years, and we promise our prayers for their entire family.

Eternal rest grant unto **Richard**, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**



REMINDER:

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION
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BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH DUE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
DUE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH



CHRISTMAS OPLATKI

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Tradition of the Oplatki

For centuries on Christmas Eve, families in Poland, Lithuania, the Czech and Slovak Republics have practiced a beautiful tradition. It is the breaking and sharing of the *Oplatek*—Christmas Wafer. *Oplatek* taken from the Latin word oblatum, meaning Sacred Bread, has been the symbol of Christianity and Jesus Christ our Bread of Life since the Last Supper. The host or hostess leads in a special prayer and distributes an oplatek to the participants. Each person breaks off a piece of the other's Oplatek and continues until they have exchanged good wishes and blessings with everyone.

Ushers Needed Are you willing to serve?

With Christmas fast approaching, and with one of our valued ushers moving to Iowa, we are looking for polite and cordial parishioners who will come to Mass at least 20 minutes early to welcome worshippers with a smile! Ushers should also be willing to stay a little longer after Mass and make sure things are in order for the next liturgy. Most especially, we need men and women who have a sense of the sacred because Jesus is the host of every Eucharistic banquet and ultimately, it's Him we serve! If you are willing and able to be a team member, please call the parish office or email Chad Franckowiak at chadfranko@amail.com

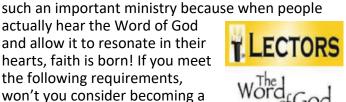
TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS THIS ADVENT FOR JESUS' COMING WE **NEED TO CLEAN OUR HOUSES!**

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with Father!

Our parish is looking for capable and dedicated parishioners to join the Ministry of Lectors! This is

actually hear the Word of God and allow it to resonate in their hearts, faith is born! If you meet the following requirements, won't you consider becoming a Lector?



- * Are you able to bring everything you have and everything you are into the presence of God?
- Do you appreciate the effect of God's holy word on your own prayer life?
- Do you understand the difference between "reading" and "proclaiming"?
- * Would parishioners be drawn closer to God because of you? Do people pay attention when you speak?
- Do you speak with confidence? Do you enunciate and pronounce words correctly?

We need lovers of God's Holy Word at St. Peter's! If you believe you can breathe life into It, please call Father Joe at 815-675-2288 ext 201





Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa

Mark your Calendars!

Sunday, December 18th After All Masses!





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 4th through December 17th for † Bob & Marianne McDermid May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.



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:

Deanna Adducci Ronald Klein Gina Adducci Loman Kubista Anna Boettier Rich Lecropane Debra Cooke Caroline Madson Deacon Eugene Damian Deb & Bob Maliszewski Sandy Devine Theresa Miller Carol Flatley Walter Miller Julia Francis Fr. Thomas Moran Donald Gagnon Norma Moretti Gail Gagnon Carol Nellessen Glenn Geske Kelan James Nicholson Lynn Geske John Paleka Anthony Hodnik Donna Polanek Patricia Hodnik Betty Rygiel **Brian Hoskins** Debbie Schaff Patti Jindra Jacob Shapiro Edward Johnson Nicole Spatz **David Thomas** Ann Kattner Diana Kattner Richard Yager Ed Kattner Jodi Zaremba

If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit StPeterCatholicChurch.org and after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.

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The Mass For 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Rosary Prayed at 3:30 p.m. Sat 4 pm Pamela Brown 7 am Sun Jack Schmitt 9 am (1) † Rita Chinni (2)Stephen Bonner 11 am Roza Licheniak Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m. **Tues** 8 am Genevieve M. Stack Wed 8 am (1)† James Green (2)Richard Maziarz, Sr. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Thur 8 am (1)Piotrak Family (2)† Rita Chinni 7 pm Fri 8 am Theresa Poletto 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Sat 4 pm Frank & Henrietta Jarmoluk + Sun 7 am Richard Maziarz, Sr. 9 am (1) † John & Christine Weidemann

We Need Your Help!

† (2)

Every Saturday Evening right after the 4:00 Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed in the Monstrance and the sacred vessel is placed upon the altar for exposition to be adored by all until the following morning just before the 7:00 am Mass is celebrated. During these night time hours someone must always be present with Jesus.

The Adoration team has an immediate hour that must be filled for this important ministry to continue. That time slot is the 3:00 a.m. hour every Saturday night.

If you available or wish to share that hour with another individual, please call Carrie Shannon at 815-687-6734 or Fr. Joe at the Parish Office.

11 am



Anna Marie Kretchmer

Dan Vucovich

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers			
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
Saturday 12/3 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Barbara Galloway	Denise Wahls George Gemberling			
Sunday 12/4 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Deacon Mark	Scott Hastings Shaun Gosselin			
9:00 am	Emily Sullivan	Mary Seil	Paul Leali Jeff Miller			
11:00 am	Andy Hommowun	Mike Gullifor	Zach Rygiel Tom Straley			
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH						
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY						

8:00 am	Peggy	DeAnne	Paul Leali
	Mack	Besetzny	Scott Hastings
7:00 pm	Joanne Prato	Marge Ladner	Chad Franckowiak Mike Rygiel

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 12/10 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Phil Webb Denise Wahls		
Sunday 12/11 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Bill Ledger	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid		
9:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Deacon Mark	Ron Hlavin Larry Hauser		
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Sharon Ellicson	Mike Gordon Gary Miller		

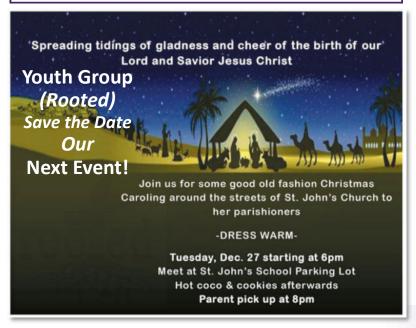
Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent

Kathleen Van Ella, Peggy Neuman, Bev Schmitt & Steve Besetzny

December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent

Lisa Bilik, Mary Seil, Georgene Keim & Steve Besetzny



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 4TH

Second Sunday of Advent Sunday:

Is 11:1-10;

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9;

Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10;

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,

13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10;

Mt 11:28-30

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Thursday:

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Friday:

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;

Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

How Much is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and He doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist, he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on the parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember:

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1:00 - 5:00 pm

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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

Monday, December 5th

- Faith Formation Classes Grades 1, 3 & 4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Classes Grades 5 & 6 6:30 pm
- SVdP Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 6th

• SPWM - Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7th

- Morning Bible Study (Jesus, the Way... Truth) Parish Hall 9:00 am
- Spiritual Warfare Rosary 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception

- Masses Celebrated 8:00 am & 7:00 pm (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Prayers & Squares Parish Hall 1:30 pm
- Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday, December 9th

Saturday, December 10th

- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am
- Sunday, December 11th Third Sunday of Advent
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

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The work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this question. He is the One who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

On his way to church, a farm boy accidently tipped over his wagon. A neighboring farmer, also on his way to church, heard the commotion and pulled up nearby.



"Hey, hop in with us," the neighbor said.

"I'll help you get the wagon up after church."

"That's mighty nice of you," the boy answered, "but I don't think Pa would like me to."

"Come on," the Good Samaritan insisted.

"If you don't hurry, we'll be late!"

"Well, okay," the boy finally agreed.

"But Pa won't like it."

After church, the boy thanked his neighbor for the help. "I'm glad we got to church on time," he said, "but I know Pa is going to be real upset."

"Oh, he'll be fine," the neighbor said with a smile.

"By the way, where is he?"

"Under the wagon."



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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