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Welcome

Glad you're here!

We are happy to welcome Diane English to our St. Peter's family!

We're glad Diane took the minute to register! It is so important and so easy to do. You may call the parish office during business hours, or register online at: StPeterCatholicChurch.org

Christmas Mass Schedule

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Christmas Eve, December 24th 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, December 25th 9:00 am and 11:00 am

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well.





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

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



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Jewel Foods in Spring Grove is continuing their food drive for Helping Hands Food Pantry until Christmas Eve.

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many we need your continued support. Please make a donation as you shop the next couple of weeks. Jewel and Helping Hands Food Pantry thank you and wish you a very Blessed Holiday Season.

Keep Christ in Christmas

Our parish is looking for capable and dedicated parishioners to join the Ministry of Lectors! This is such an important ministry because when people

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

Is Jesus Calling You?

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 a.m. 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're 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.



Attention Adorers of the Blessed Eucharist



There will be no All-Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, December 24th & 31st

The normal schedule will resume the following Saturday, December 7th.

God Bless your ministry and your understanding!



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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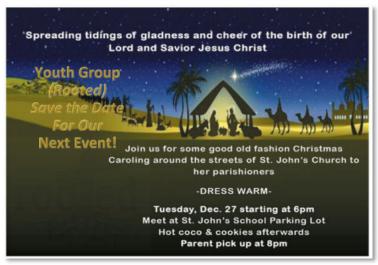
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FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 12/10 - 12/18/2022

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The Mass			For			
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)						
Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Rosary Prayed at 3:30 p.m.						
Sat	4 pm	†	Frank & Henrietta Jarmoluk			
Sun	7 am	†	Richard Maziarz, Sr.			
	9 am (1)		John & Christine Weidemann			
	(2)		Anna Marie Kretchmer			
	11 am	†	Dan Vucovich			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.						
Tues	8 am		Aaron Brandstetter			
Wed	8 am		Bobby Jackson			
Thur	8 am (1)	†	Maggie Arseneau			
	(2)	†	Don, Sr. & Kathy Wehrheim			
Fri	8 am	†	Augustina Fuentes			
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Rosary Prayed at 3:30 p.m.						
Sat	4 pm	†	Mark Mucek			
Sun	7 am	†	Frank Lecinski			



Conrad Otsuka

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers			
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			
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
Saturday 12/17 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Heather Justen	Chad Franckowiak George Gemberling			
Sunday 12/18 7:00 am	Carol Magnine	Eddie Wells	Scott Hastings Shaun Gosselin			
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Nancy Piggot	Paul Leali Jeff Miller			
11:00 am	Susan Straley	Deacon Mark	Zach Rygiel Tom Straley			

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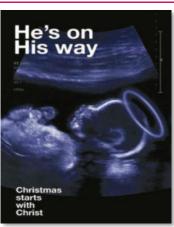
December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent

Lisa Bilik, Mary Seil, Georgene Keim & Steve Besetzny

December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough





SAINT ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.

amen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 11TH

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday:

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

Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

or Lk 1:39-47 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;

Tuesday:

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25;

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

Lk 7:18b-23

Is 54:1-10: Thursday:

Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;

Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;

Jn 5:33-36

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Saturday:

Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b];

Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons—seasons of the year, but also seasons of life—that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of everyday stewardship.

Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability—maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. (Continued on page 6)

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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 11th - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 12th

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

Tuesday, December 13th

• K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14th

- Morning Bible Study (Jesus, the Way... Truth) Parish Hall 9:00 am
- Spiritual Warfare Rosary 6:00 pm Thursday, December 15th

Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, December 16th

Saturday, December 17th

- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am
- Sunday, December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am • Breakfast with Santa - After 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses - Parish Hall
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

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We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

It was the Sunday before Christmas when a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money. So, he asked the parishioners to consider donating a little more than usual into the offering basket. He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns. After the offering baskets were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had given a \$1,000 bill.

He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said that he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the basket. A very quiet, elderly, saintly looking lady, all the way in the back pew, shyly raised her hand. The pastor invited her to the front of the church.

Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanks, asked her to pick out three hymns.

He eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the tree most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him."



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.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call (815) 675-2339

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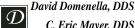


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