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Attention All Adorers of the Blessed Eucharist



There will be <u>No</u>
All-Night Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 24th & 31st

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



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!

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

The needs of our community are GREAT.

A record number of people came for Thanksgiving dinners. They were all fed. *To make sure we can make Christmas joyous for so*



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.



Ed Kattner

was ready and waiting to meet his Lord on the evening of December 9th.



Our loss is great, but this Christmas will be the best one Ed ever celebrated!

Eternal rest grant unto **Ed**, 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
ALL ARTICLES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST Due: Tuesday, December 23rd

St. Joseph The Steward

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancé is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

We are looking for capable and dedicated parishioners to join our 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

God is With Us!

Every Saturday after the 4:00 Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed upon the altar for exposition in a sacred vessel to be adored by all until the following morning just before the 7:00 a.m. Mass is celebrated. Throughout the night someone must always be present

keeping Jesus company.
Our Adoration Team has
an open hour that must be
filled for this wonderful
ministry to continue.

We need someone to keep Jesus company during the Will You Spend Just One Hour With Me?

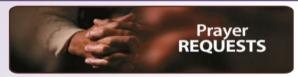
3:00 a.m. hour every Sunday morning.

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.





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
December 18th through December 31st for
† **Scholle & Sompel Families**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:

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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.





FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 12/17 - 12/25/2022

The Mass				For			
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			
	9 am		†	Conrad Otsuka			
	11 am		†	Rita Chinni			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.							
Tues	8 am	(1)	†	Richard & Priscilla Dragas			
		(2)	†	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kawa			
Wed	8 am	(1)	†	Richard Jaeger II			
		(2)	†	Mary Bednarz			
Thur	8 am		†	Bill Etten			
Fri	8 am		†	James M. Michelotti			
VIGIL OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE							
Sat	4 pm		†	Lenard Geraci			
	10 pm			Piotrak Family			
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY							
Sun	9 am		†	Henrietta Jarmoluk			
	11 am		†	Stanley & Genevieve Stack			

Fourth Sunday of Advent

In our family's department-store Nativity set, Joseph blends into the background: Mary and the infant Jesus steal the scene, she in her blue robes and looking over the sweet, tiny and vulnerable Son of God. Even the Magi stand out more than humble Joseph. Yet today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' earthly father, whom many of us Catholics grew to know a little better during the Year of St. Joseph in 2021.

Imagine Joseph's shock at learning Mary was pregnant! Rather than quietly divorcing her, he accepts the angel's words at face value: "For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." Joseph takes Mary into his home and embraces her and the child Jesus she bears.

As we celebrate this fourth Sunday of Advent, we can all do well to follow Joseph and Mary's example by saying "yes" to God, even though it may turn our lives upside down. We can dust off our Nativity scenes and ask the Lord to help us prepare our hearts and homes for Jesus.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers					
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					
VIGIL OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE								
Saturday 12/24 4:00 pm	Steve Besetzny	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Scott Hastings					
10:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms						
NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY								
Sunday 12/25 9:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Larry Hauser					
11:00 am	Peggy Mack	Mike Gullifor	Mike Gordon Mike Rygiel					

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough

December 25th - Christmas Day - No Homebound!

Encounter Christ This Christmas

God came to us in the most vulnerable human form possible so that He could draw us to Himself for all eternity. This Christmas, answer His call and come close to Him:

In Song. Listen to and ponder the words of your favorite Christmas hymns. Imagine the reality of heaven filled with angels and faraway kings answering the call to pay Him homage.

In Service. The newborn Jesus is the physical sign of God's love for us. When we give of our time and resources in His service, we become an instrument of that love. Share His love in your parish, in your neighborhood, in your community.

In Mercy. Experience God's mercy in Confession and His loving presence in the Eucharist. Then, like Him, offer mercy to anyone who may have hurt you. "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 6:12).

In Prayer. Jesus came to live among us so He could be intimate with us. He wants to connect on a deep level—more than rushed prayers or perfunctory devotions. During Advent, find quiet time to give Him your full attention and speak to Him heart to heart. In Watchfulness. Live this Advent with a new awareness of the presence of God. Be awake to who He is and how precious you are to Him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 18TH

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

10b]; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 1:26-38

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

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45 1Sm 1:24-28; 1Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;

Lk 1:46-56

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

Thursday:

Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;

Lk 1:57-66

Vigil Of The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday: Morning: 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

<u>Vigil</u>: 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;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

<u>Dawn</u>: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

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

<u>Day</u>: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3];

Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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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 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

Monday, December 19th

- 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 20th

Wednesday, December 21st

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 22nd

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, December 23rd

Saturday, December 24th
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass Schedule

- 4:00 pm
- 10:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am
- 11:00 am



Practices to reduce stress and focus on Christ this Season!

- A Allow time for prayer, almsgiving and sacrifice. "Little Lent"
- **D** Dine and drink sensibly, our bodies are temples of the
- **V** Value self, we all have limits, respect boundaries of self and others. Even Jesus needed time away to pray.
- **E** Exercise and get proper sleep; God designed us well, let's honor that.
- **N** Now is now; give thanks to the Lord for this moment whatever it may bring.
- **T** Trust while we prepare for the birth of the Christ child, remember He is with us always we are never alone!

A young son of a Baptist minister was in church one morning when he first observed baptism by immersion. His interest piqued, the next morning he attempted to baptize his three cats in the bathtub. The first kitten bore it very well, and so did the young cat, but the old family cat rebelled. It fought with him, scratched him, and then escaped. With considerable effort he caught it again and proceeded with the ceremony. But she acted worse than ever, clawed at him, spit, and scratched his hands and face. Finally, after hardly even a sprinkle, he dropped the old cat on the floor in disgust and said: "Fine, be an atheist."



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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