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BULLETIN FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND



JEWEL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Friends, Jewel Foods is continuing their food drive until Christmas. The need is so great in our community. Helping Hands Food Pantry served 120 families at Thanksgiving. We are expecting the same number if not

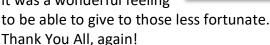
more this Christmas. Please, please, when you come to Jewel to shop, add a few dollars towards the food drive.

We can't say Thank you often enough for your generosity!

> God Bless you all, Merry Christmas and a joyous Holiday Season to everyone.

Thank you to all who donated for the P.A.D.S. collection – we were able to donated \$435 in cash plus 2 car loads of items. They were so gracious and it was a wonderful feeling

to be able to give to those less fortunate.





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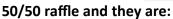


Mary's "Yes"

When the angel appeared to Mary and told her what God was asking of her, she didn't have to agree. God gave all of us free will to allow us to make our own choices. Mary said "yes" to God out of love. Her reward (and ours, too) is eternity with her Son.

St. Peter's Women's Ministry had their **Christmas Party on** December 5th, and Fr. Joe pulled the winners of the

Holiday X Food Drive



1st Place – Laura Link 2nd Place – George Gemberling

3rd Place – Stanley Urbaniak

Thank you to all who submitted their contributions and we're so excited to help many more people and our parish community in the future.



GAUDETE SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await His coming not with fear, but with tremendous Joy.



Gospel Meditation

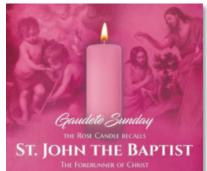
Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen Him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen Him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I

challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank

God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to



listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

~ Father John Muir ~

- 1. IF ATHLETES GET ATHLETE'S FOOT, WHAT DO ASTRONAUTS GET?
- 2. DID YOU KNOW THAT SANTA'S HELPERS ACTUALLY GET DEPRESSED? (ANSWER ON PAGE 5)





FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 12/16 - 12/25/2023

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| THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | | | | | | |
| CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. | | | | | | |
| ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M. | | | | | | |
| Sat | 4 pm | | Chris Bukowiecki | | | |
| Sun | 7 am | | Ann DeSantis - Kattner | | | |
| | 9 am | | Conrad Otsuka | | | |
| | 11 am | | Dan & Theresa Miller | | | |
| Tues | 8 am | | Ann Kattner | | | |
| Wed | 8 am | | | | | |
| Thur | 8 am | | Joseph Carey Christine C. Wiedemann | | | |
| Fri | 8 am (1 | † L) † | | | | |
| | <u> </u> | | Mary Bednarz | | | |
| | (2 | 2) † | Larry Ballog | | | |
| FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | | | | | | |
| CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. | | | | | | |
| Rosary Prayed at 3:30 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Sat | 4 pm | † | Deceased Members of Eckman - Wirch Family | | | |
| Sun | 9 am | | Mark Mucek | | | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH | | | | | | |
| VIGIL OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD | | | | | | |
| Sun | 4 pm (: | 1) † | Anthony & Phyllis Magnine | | | |
| | (2 | 2) † | Katie & Joe Klemak | | | |
| | 10 pm | | Vallango Family | | | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | | | | | | |
| Mon | 9 am | † | Henrietta Jarmoluk | | | |
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11 am

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Stanley & Genevieve Stack

| | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers | Ushers | | | |
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| 3rd Sunday of Advent | | | | | | |
| Saturday 12/16 4:00 pm | Jean Rygiel | Mary Seil | Phil Webb Denise Wahls | | | |
| Sunday 12/17 7:00 am | Carol Magnine | Bill Ledger | Dennis Wehrhiem David Smid | | | |
| 9:00 am | Ardie Arnold | Nancy Piggot | Paul Leali Ron Hlavin | | | |
| 11:00 am | Peggy Mack | Deacon Mark | Rich Yager John Ellicson | | | |
| 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | | | | | | |
| Saturday 12/23 4:00 pm | Jerry Bodden | Mike Rygiel | Chad Franckowiak Gary Miller Deb Christian | | | |
| Sunday 12/24 9:00 am | Cyndee Wehrheim | Dennis Wehrheim | Paul Leali Tom Fanella | | | |
| CHRISTMAS EVE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH | | | | | | |
| VIGIL OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD | | | | | | |
| Sunday 12/24 4:00 pm | Nettie Toms | Kathie Toms | Chad Franckowiak Gary Miller Deb Christian Ron Hlavin | | | |
| 10:00 pm | Stan Tinsley | Deacon Mark | Rich Yager Denise Wahls | | | |
| CHRISTMAS DAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH | | | | | | |
| THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | | | | | | |
| Monday 12/25 9:00 am | Joanne Prato | Deacon Mark | Paul Leali George Gemberling Tom Fanella Larry Hauser | | | |
| 11:00 am | Jacqui Wold | Mike Gullifor | Chad Franckowiak Tom Staley | | | |
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Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

December 17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Lisa Bilik & Peggy Neuman

December 24th - Christmas Eve - No Homebound Ministry!

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." Such simple words from today's second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don't feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.



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 Gina Adducci Marguerite Baranov Anna Boettjer Debra Cooke Jim Crane Phyllis Ehlers Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Laura Falk Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Ryan Gough Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Patti Jindra Edward Johnson Lee Jones, Sr. Diana Kattner Joseph Keim Ronald Klein

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- 1. MISSILE TOE
- 2. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE LOW ELF-ESTEEM.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17th - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- OCIA Classes Upstairs Office Conference Room 10:00 am
- Breakfast w/Santa Parish Hall After 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses
- Choir Rehearsal Noon
- Sacramental Instruction Classes Grades 2nd & 7th 6:00 pm

Monday, December 18th

- SVdP Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grades 1st, 3rd & 4th 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grades 5th & 6th 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 19th Wednesday, December 20th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 21st Friday, December 22nd Saturday, December 23rd

• No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, December 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent

• Mass - 9:00 am only

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

- 4:00 pm
- 10:00 pm

Monday, December 25th

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am
- 11:00 am

Have a Peaceful, Merry Christmas

Do you aim for an idyllic Christmas celebration complete with a warm fire, joyful music, and tinsel-covered tree? For many of us, Christmas comes at the end of weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and is wrought with family tensions, obligations, and exhaustion.

Try these steps to keep your sanity and Your Savior in your Christmas celebration:

Be realistic. It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.

Soothe the beast: Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for your celebration. Pick your favorite holy hymns to put yourself in the Christmas frame of mind.

Reach out. Want to make your own problems seem small? Take on someone else's. Do at least one good Christmas deed for someone needy.

Seek the eternal. Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remind yourself of what is most important about Christmas.



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.

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