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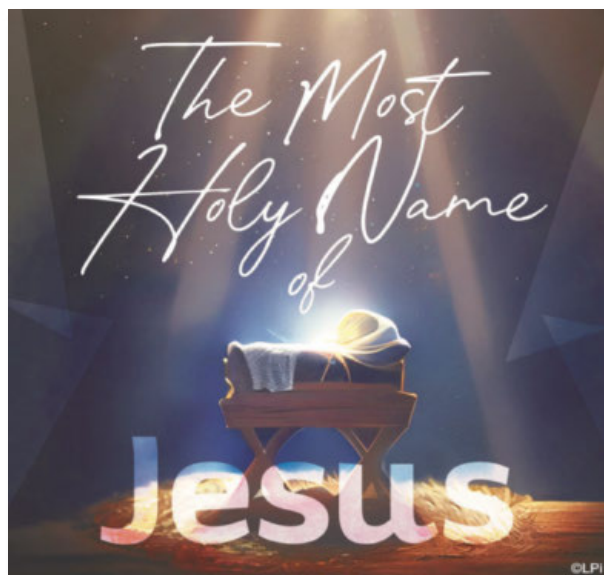
Mary

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PRAY FOR US

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sunday, December 31, 2023

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

Mary Lou "Pudge" May

was unexpectedly called home on
December 13th

**We pray for her eternal rest and
the consolation of her family and friends.**

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

Amen

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, January 7th

After the 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. Masses!

**Join your parish family for a
Knights of Columbus Breakfast.**

(As always a free-will donation is always appreciated!)

Family prayer is powerful and transformative,
uniting and equipping us to go out into the
world each day and bear witness.
Pray together: Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.





We are Happy to Welcome

*Ron & Shirley Moore,
Keith & Julie Hayden,
John & Marlene Butler,
William & Kathleen Battistone,
Katie Sancken and her son, Tyler*
to our parish family!

Being registered and actively participating
in the life of our community
does have its' advantages!
Register through our website at
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or call 815-675-2288 during business hours.

Yes, we will be grinding!
So come get your grind on with us!
And seasoning and stuffing!

Your Knights of Columbus will once again
be hosting an afternoon of
Sausage Making.



Sunday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m.

*Advance Reservations are required
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**Mark Your Calendars for the
Annual Parish
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, January 27**

Watch your mail for
information and return your
reservations as soon as you
can. Seating is limited and if
you reply too late you may
miss your chance to join in
on a wonderful time!



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." — Colossians 3:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**St. Peter's Women's Ministry
Is Hosting a Paint 'n Sip Event
Open to the Entire Parish**



Sunday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Cost is \$30 and includes wine and supplies
RSVP to Nettie Toms at 847-308-0628 or

Laura Hamill at 815-451-7280

Space is limited to 20 people
so get your reservation in early!!

Gospel Meditation

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My resume had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is the baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable China dish. We can see Him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving Him and then handing Him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever He is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds Him out to you and me. She rejoices to place Him in our arms to hold, and to hand Him on, too.

~ Father John Muir ~

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12/31/2023 - 1/7/2024

The Mass

For

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	†	Dan & Theresa Miller
Sun	7 am	†	Bob & Marianne McDermid
	9 am	†	Deceased Members of the
	11 am	†	Henry Kukol

NEW YEAR'S DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mon	9 am	†	Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney (Founder of the Knights of Columbus)
Tues	8 am	†	Fr. Thomas Moran
Wed	8 am	†	Sheila Seigel
Thur	8 am	†	Jack Schmitt
Fri	8 am		Scholle - Sompel Family

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	†	Julie Gotsch
Sun	7 am		Joseph Keim
	9 am		Rietschel Family
	11 am	†	Priscilla Taala



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH			
Saturday 12/30 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Nettie Toms	Deb Christian Phil Webb
Sunday 12/31 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Eddie Wells	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Mary Yager	Nancy Piggot	Rich Yager Paul Leali
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark Sharon Ellicson (Choir)	Zach Rygiel Mike Gordon
NEW YEAR'S DAY - JANUARY 1ST			
Monday 1/1 9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Deacon Mark	Paul Leali Chad Franckowiak
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD			
Saturday 1/6 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Gary Miller Deb Christian
Sunday 1/7 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Deacon Mark	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Jeff Kelley	DeAnne Besetzny	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Mike Gordon Zach Rygiel
Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound December 31st - New Year's Eve - No Homebound Ministry! January 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord Lisa Bilik, Maria Sullivan, Mary Seil & Julia Francis			



Deacon Mark was shopping at the Jewel and he asked an employee where they kept the canned peaches? The guy said, "I'll see," and walked away. So, he asked another employee and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away. In the end, Mark gave up and found them himself in Aisle C.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 31st through January 13th for
† Geri Stack

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	Ron Lindemann
Gina Adducci	Caroline Madson
Marguerite Baranov	Deborah Maliszewski
Anna Boettjer	Maria Maziarz
Debra Cooke	Barbara Miller
Jim Crane	Earl Miller
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Diana Kattner	Fred Zahn
Joseph Keim	Jodi Zaremba
Ronald Klein	

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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Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31st

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**

NEW YEAR'S DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 1st
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am

Tuesday, January 2nd

Wednesday, January 3rd

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, January 4th

Friday, January 5th

Saturday, January 6th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all Night until 6:45 am**

Sunday, January 7th

The Epiphany of the Lord

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am**
- **K of C Breakfast - After the 7:00 & 9:00 am Masses Only**
- **OCIA - Classes - Upstairs Office Conference Room - 10:00 am**
- **No Faith Formation Classes**

Retreat Theme

Mary, Mother of God

at St. Benedict Abbey Retreat Center, Benet Lake, WI
on January 6th, 9:30am – 2:00pm

Presenters



Fr. Daniel



Br. Matthew

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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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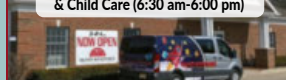
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