

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the Star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.



WEAPON
FOR OUR
TIMES

Join us in praying a

THE

ROSARY,

Join us in praying all four mysteries, every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the church.



Mark Your Calendars for the
Annual Parish
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, January 27

Two seatings (5:00 pm & 7:15 pm)

Dinner will include salad, bread, spaghetti and meatballs, wine, soda and a selection of desserts.

Cost is \$16 per person for adults \$8 for kids 5-12 Kids under 5 eat Free!

Seating is limited, so please return the registration form you received in the mail **no later than January 20th.**

Many hands make light work!

To help, sign-up on the bulletin boards in the vestibule before or after Mass.

This is a great chance to earn service hours too!



SAVINGA Mass for the Infirmed
SEATFOR is Live-Streamed every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. visit us at:

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This Year, Don't Neglect "The One Thing Needful"

When St. Martha complained to Jesus that her sister, Mary was sitting at His feet instead of helping to host Him, He corrected Martha for neglecting "the one thing... needful" (Luke 10:42)—intimacy with Him. In the New Year, resolve not to neglect the "one thing needful" and remain intimate with Him.

Build an "inner chapel."

While on mission in the world, St Catherine of Siena maintained an "inner chapel" in her soul to speak with God, heart to heart. Jesus urged us to do the same (Matthew 6:6). Shut out the world for a while and take refuge in your inner chapel every day.

Sit at His feet

Mary believed in Jesus and gave Him her best. He must be our hope, our salvation, our all. This is absolutely necessary.

Encounter Him in others

Mother Teresa said, "Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying 'I thirst' in the hearts of the poor." The closer we grow to God, the better we'll "see" and love Him in others.

Serve Him

Although Mary wasn't waiting on Christ like Martha, she was ministering to Him in a deeper and truer sense. *No one serves Christ better than by hearing His Words and doing His Will.*

Celebrate Life

January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time to recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in His eyes from the moment of conception to a natural death. Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year.

9th Annual K of C Sausage Making

An afternoon of sausage and socializing. Your Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting an afternoon of Sausage Making.

Sunday, February 4th at 12:30 p.m.





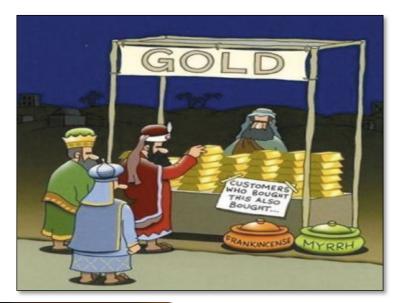
Advance Reservations are required and space is limited.

Cost \$ 25 per person.

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No one under 18 years old.

For information and to reserve your place contact Lee M. Jones 815.675.1264 or l.jones@mchsi.com







Evangelize

Prayer - Invitation - Witness - Accompaniment

The Magi, the Gentiles from the east, were changed after their encounter with the Christ child; they were warned not return to Herod and they obeyed and took a different route home. In today's second reading, St. Paul says it has been revealed that Gentiles are "coheirs, members of the same body"—the Body of Christ. Just as the Magi were forever changed by their journey, so must we be.

Their journey is a model for us, but we do not have to seek Christ in the world as they did; He is here with us, in Words and in the Eucharist. The Incarnation of Jesus is a pure gift to our weary, troubled world. As we heard in Isaiah, "rise up! ... [our] light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon [us]." As the Magi followed the light of the star, let us rise to the occasion and respond to God's light in our world by recognizing the good gifts God gives us each day. And then thank Him for His enduring presence in our lives.

Lord God of heaven and earth,

You revealed Your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star...

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!!

(PRACTICING)

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Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."

— Isaiah 60:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

- 1) What nationality is Santa Claus?
- 2) How do you fit 4 elephants in a mini?
- 3) How do you know there are 8 elephants in Church?



(answers on page 5)



FOR THE WEEKENDS 1/6 - 1/14/2024

The Mass

For

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
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		
Tues	8 am		Susan March		
Wed	8 am	†	Mike Frer		
Thur	8 am	†	Geri Stack		
Fri	8 am	†	Danny Michelotti		

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers					
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	Heather Justen	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser					
11:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel (Choir)	Mike Gordon Zach Rygiel					
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME								
Saturday 1/13 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Phil Webb Denise Wahls					
Sunday 1/14 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Carol Magnine	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings					
9:00 am	Jean Rygiel	Deacon Mark	Paul Leali Ron Hlavin					
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Marge Ladner Nancy Piggot (Choir)	Rich Yager Tom Straley					

Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound

January 7th - The Epiphany of the Lord

Lisa Bilik, Maria Sullivan, Mary Seil & Julia Francis

January 14th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Mark, Steve Besetzny, Georgene Keim & Paul Serio

Deacon Mark:

"What am I supposed to do with this speeding ticket?



Officer:

"Keep it. When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle."

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† Geri Stack

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Prayer REQUESTS

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.

(Answers)



- 1) He is North-Polish.
- 2) 2 in the front and 2 in the back
- 3) 2 minis parked out front.

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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PARISH CALENDAR

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

Monday, January 8th

• No Faith Formation Classes

Tuesday, January 9th

• K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall- 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 10th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 11th

- Prayers & Squares Parish Hall 1:30 pm
- Choir Practice 6:00 pm

Friday, January 12th

Saturday, January 13th

 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all Night until 6:45 am Sunday, January 14th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- No OCIA Classes
- Faith Formation New Years Celebration Parish Hall 12:00 pm
- No Faith Formation Classes



BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION WHICH IS OFFERED



Every Saturday from 3:00 until 3:45 p.m.

Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment!



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.

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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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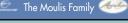
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