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Catholic Church

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St. Peter Church is a Roman Catholic community, evangelizing by the power of the Holy Spirit, leading others to a joyful encounter with Christ and experiencing Our Father's merciful love.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday 9 AM to 4 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Written submissions are due Monday at noon.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Please check bulletin or website for Mass times.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

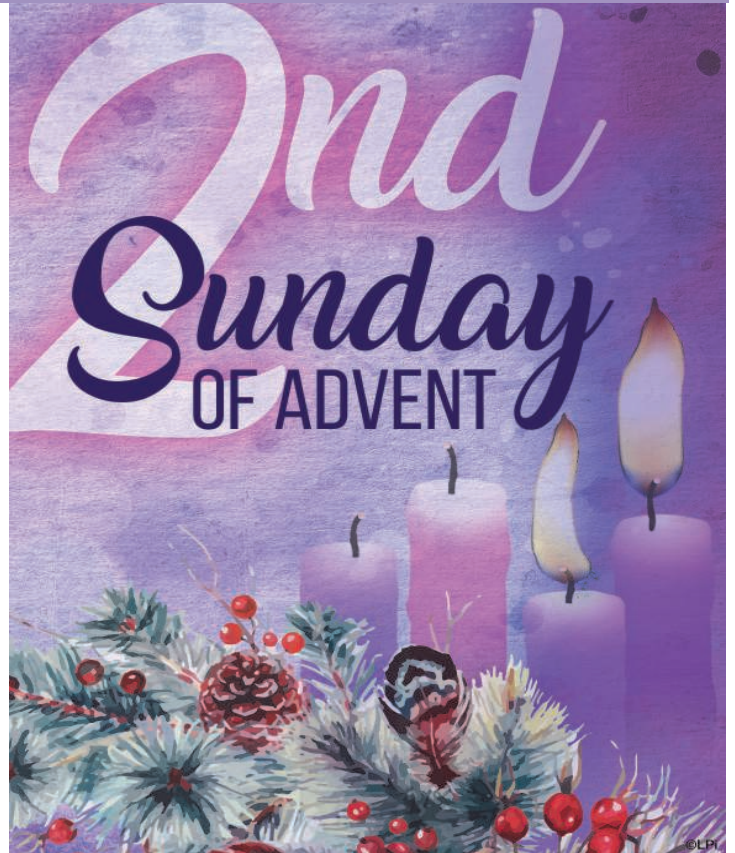
First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship in the church hall after Mass.

FAMILY ADORATION

English: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM with confessions



Parish website: www.st-peter-church.com



BAPTISMS

English: Baptisms are on Saturday mornings. Please call the office to set a time and date with Fr. Sabo.

Spanish: Kindly request the “Baptismal Orientation Document” from the parish office and follow the written instructions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples must be at least nineteen and meet with the priest six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE

If you anticipate hospitalization or require sacraments, please call the parish office. The sacrament of the Anointing is on 1st Saturdays after the 8:00 AM Mass. You may also call the parish office.

CONFESSIONS

Mon: after the 7:00 PM Mass, Tues-Fri: after the 7:00 AM Mass
 Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM during Family Adoration
 Sat.: 3:45-4:45 PM & after 6:30 PM Mass (Spanish and English confessions are offered.) Sunday: after the 9:30 AM Mass

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please contact the office to register.



December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, unborn children, and the New Evangelization.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 11th

St. Damasus I, Pope

7:00PM †Michael Sager

Tuesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00AM †Mary Mills

8:15AM †Glen DeMars

Wednesday, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00AM Sr. Teofilde Melo

†Alice Justman

8:15AM †Ervin Rollette

Thursday, December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church

7:00AM †Merry Robyn Urrea Stuthers

8:15AM †Jim Pena

Friday, December 15th

7:00AM †Fr. Donald Lund

8:15AM †Michael Sager

Saturday, December 16th

8:00AM †Michael Sager

5:00PM Pro Populo

6:30PM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30AM †Loren Sigman II

9:30 AM †Alice Justman

11:00AM †Richard Hackbarth

12:30PM †Ervin Rollette

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!—Is. 40:3

My brothers and sisters in the Lord: *no one can experience the benefits of Advent, unless they are willing to Repent!* Contrition or sorrow for sin is where we start this journey. This corresponds to that ancient practice called: *examination of conscience*. St. Ignatius stressed, daily and even twice daily examination of conscience. It is very important that we form a clear and correct conscience. This means that we cultivate a sensitive judgment which is alert to the least offense against God's will and, at the same time, protect ourselves against the wiles of the devil. *We may set this down as a general principle, for those who are sincerely striving to do the will of God: It is characteristic of God and His angels, when they act upon the soul, to give true happiness and spiritual joy and to banish all the sadness and disturbances which are caused by the enemy* (Fr. John Hardon). It is characteristic of the evil one to fight against such happiness and consolation by proposing fallacious reasons, subtleties, and continual deceptions (Rules for Discernment of Spirits, II, 1).

What are we to conclude from this? That the more zealous we are in trying to please God by doing what He wants (His Divine Will), the more He will give us a deep interior peace of soul. We should suspect as a temptation from the evil one, when we find ourselves worried or anxious or disturbed, no matter how pious the source of the worry or anxiety may be. One basic virtue on which we should daily examine ourselves is peace of soul. We should ask ourselves: *Have I given in to worry or anxiety? Have I allowed myself to get discouraged?* A good practice is to pronounce the Holy Name (*Lord Jesus Christ: please deliver me!*) when we find ourselves getting bombarded with thoughts tempting one to become discouraged or despondent. It is well to first ask yourself: *What are the virtues that I know from experience I most need to develop?* Begin by praying for the cardinal virtue, fortitude. There is wisdom in first knowing enough about myself, to be able to get to the root of my own moral weakness.

In God's providence, He allows us to fail in those areas in which He especially wants us to grow in a particular virtue. We can fail in the practice of these virtues either by commission, omission, or by tepidity, in not acting as generously as we might in responding to the grace we have received from God. Do not be afraid to admit your guilt before God, so as to accept His grace and achieve the goal, nothing less than spiritual success in the struggle vs. sin!

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PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS' SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS:

Ron Duda, John Dwyer, Cindy Fogarty, Tom Gasiorowski, Theresa Hans, Vicki Howard, Gary Janowski, Courtland Long, Anthony Rallo, Charlie Roemer, Ronald Scott, Jenny S., Patrick Stuber, Diane Varner, Toni Weber, & Peggy Widmar.

PRAY FOR THOSE HOMEBOUND & THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES:

Nancy Aiello, Matilda De Falco, Pat Heiderscheid, Grace Ingoglia, Julie Kulawinski, Virginia Madru, Charles Qualizza, & Meda Qualizza. For a priest visit or sick call, call the parish office (815) 525-3400. For the prayer chain, please call Ed and Linnea Van Barriger: (815) 629-2405. If you have a loved one who should be added to the sick or homebound list, please call the office.

CHAPEL HOURS NEEDING ADORERS

WEDNESDAY 12AM, 2AM
THURSDAY 3AM
FRIDAY 2AM,
SATURDAY 3AM, 3PM
SUNDAY 1AM, 2AM



Call Junie Pospischil (815) 389-3065 or (815) 494-9237.
Weekend coordinators are needed. Prayerfully consider volunteering as a coordinator.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

December 13, 2017 5:30PM

Church Hall

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life

ANGEL TREE

Please drop off your gifts by the Angel Tree in the church Narthex or at the parish office by Sunday, December 10th.

ALTAR AND ROSARY MEETING

AND

COOKIE CAPER

DECEMBER 14TH MEETING WILL BE AT 10:00AM

DIDIER HALL

BAKE AND DECORATE COOKIES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

ALTAR & ROSARY BAKE & CRAFT SALE

DECEMBER 17TH IN THE CHURCH HALL

We would appreciate your baked goods donations. Please drop them off in the Church Hall Saturday 12/16 before the 5:00PM Mass, or Sunday 12/17 before the 7:30AM Mass

SCHEDULED PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ ALTAR & ROSARY 2nd Thursdays 6:30pm Parish Center
- ◆ CHOIR Thursdays 6pm to 7pm Choir Loft
- ◆ ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ Sun. 9:30 & 11:30am Church Hall
- ◆ MARIAN PRAYER Monday 5:15pm Church
- ◆ MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS CROCHET & KNITTING 1st & 3rd Thursdays 3pm to 5:30pm Parish Center
Beginners welcome!
- ◆ LITURGY OF THE HOURS Mon. 6:30pm Church
- ◆ SEWING GROUP Tues. 9:00am Church Hall
- ◆ SANCTUM FECIT 20's and 30's Group Meets 1st Sunday of month after 11:00 am Mass in Church Hall

SUNDAY COLLECTION

11-26-2017

Collection \$ 8,286.78 School Envelopes \$168.00
E giving \$ 821.00
\$ 9,107.78

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Goal \$70,255.00
Pledges \$64,516.00
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MEET OUR PARISH FAMILY



CHRIS AND EMILY GREEN

VOCATION IS AN ENCOUNTER

In chapter four of the poetic tale "The Little Prince" (1943) of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, we find that we as adults many times forget about the important things in life. Focusing more in numbers and results, we forget about people, and the quality of our relationships. Let me quote a couple of paragraphs: (talking about adults) "When you tell them that you have made a new friend, they never ask you any questions about essential matters. They never say to you, "What does his voice sound like? What games does he love best? Does he collect butterflies?" Instead, they demand: "How old is he? How many brothers has he? How much does he weigh? How much money does his father make?" Only from these figures do they think they have learned anything about him."

"If you were to say to the grown-ups: "I saw a beautiful house made of rosy brick, with geraniums in the windows and doves on the roof," they would not be able to get any idea of that house at all. You would have to say to them: "I saw a house that cost \$1 000,000." Then they would exclaim: "Oh, what a pretty house that is!"

When we talk about vocations we may be tempted to think in a scientific way with a pragmatically mindset, as if God had to send a memorandum letter to notify us that we are call for a specific vocation. Or we might be tempted to think that answer to a vocation is fulfill in the number of hours, days, or years we have prayed and studied. Rather the call to a vocation and its answers is an encounter, is a relationship. It is the encounter with Jesus Christ present in the sacraments and in his church, and we can't measure it in numbers.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Envelopes to purchase Poinsettias that will be displayed on the altar in memory of a loved one during the Christmas Season are available in the narthex . Envelopes are due by the 21st. Please drop the envelope off in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

Mon: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tues: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
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