

JANUARY 7, 2018

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



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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

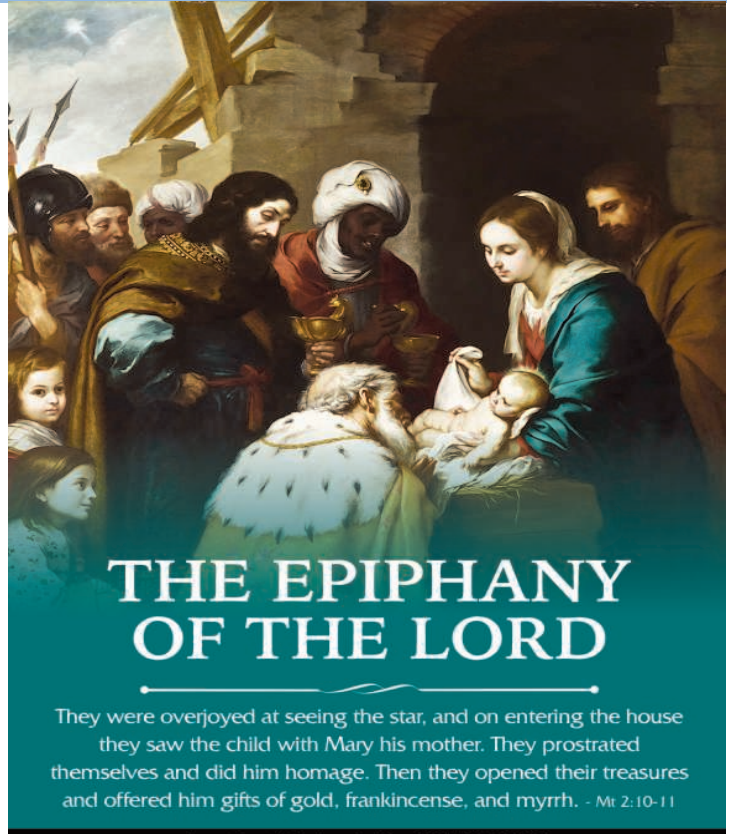
First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship in the church hall after Mass.

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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

EPIPHANY

BLESSING OF HOMES

A tradition associated with Epiphany is the blessing of homes with holy water and blessed chalk. Using blessed chalk, a parent or priest can mark above the inside of the main door of the house and above the doors of the bedrooms with the initials of the Magi and a code of the current year connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+18.

Another explanation of the initials (C-M-B) are the first letters of the blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (Latin, "May Christ bless the house").



Monday, January 8th

The Baptism of the Lord

7:00PM †Larry Justman

Tuesday, January 9th

7:00AM †Michael Hazen

8:15 AM Alex Hunsberger

†Mary Mills

Wednesday, January 10th

7:00AM †Anthony & Karen Hable

8:15AM Living & Deceased Members of the Stemper Family

Thursday, January 11th

7:00AM †Cookie Belken

8:15AM †Jacqueline Roy

Friday, January 12th

7:00AM †Ann Hickey

8:15AM †Dr. Raymond Doyle

Saturday, January 13th

8:00AM †Ruth LaVelle

5:00PM Alex Hunsberger

†Merry Robin Urrea Stuthers

6:30PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 14th

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM †Bob Merrick

9:30AM †Alice Justman

11:00AM Pro Populo

12:30PM †Poor Souls in Purgatory

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

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, 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

MARRIAGE IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Five week seminar for couples who desire to strengthen their marriage

Wednesdays from January 10 - February 7, 2018

6:00PM-8:00PM Didier Hall

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To register contact John Spiritosanto @ 815-315-7529 or immaculatavineyard@gmail.com

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

January 10, 2018 5:30PM

Church Hall

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life

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

INVEST IN KIDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Need a tax credit? By donating to Empower Illinois for the new Invest in Kids Scholarship program, you will receive a 75% tax credit for the State of Illinois. The money is used to help low income families afford a quality Catholic education. You can even designate (our school) so your money stays in our community to help our families. Find out more at www.empowerillinois.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

12-24-2017

Collection \$ 8,840.00 School Envelopes \$641.00
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Please pray for the repose of the souls of Thomas Ambler and Grace Ingoglia. Eternal rest grant upon them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy God rest in peace.

MEET OUR PARISH FAMILY



DUANE AND HEIDI HACKBARTH

VOCATION CORNER

Vocations Corner: New Year's Resolution

Another year has gone by and yet another one has started. We have once again reached this point where even those who aren't seeking to grow closer to God seem to want to grow, to improve themselves, and to become better people. Hopefully this will go well for them. But what about those of us who are committed to living for God? Well, we have two big things going for us. First, that we aren't on our own to fulfill whatever we discover needs to be worked on. We have the help of the Holy Spirit and the aid of God's Grace in everything that we do so long as we ask for it! Secondly, if we are doing things right, then we aren't left wondering what a good resolution might be. You see, God already know exactly what He wants for you to work on, because He knows what you are capable of and who He is calling you to be! If you want for this year to be better than the last, or for this year to be the best year of your life, it all starts with letting God plan it out for you, which requires letting go and letting Him show you what steps to take. We all need to give God just a little more control (actually a lot more, but we'll start small so as not to overwhelm anyone!) of our day to day lives so that He can maximize our potential for a great year. So what are you waiting for? Only 358 days left, so get praying!

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Join us for the festive "26th Annual "Woman of the Year" Banquet Sunday, January 28, 2018 at Giovanni's in Rockford. There will be a social hour starting at 4:30PM with dinner at 5:30PM. Come and honor Janene McCollough of our parish and the past Women of Inspiration. The 3 menu choices are: Braised Short Ribs OR Boneless Pork Chop w/Apple Chutney OR Vegetable Lasagna. (\$35 for an entrée) A child's meal of Chicken Fingers is available for children 10 and under, at a cost of \$15/child. Please contact Sandy Basel, at 815-494-4132 to make your reservations now. All are welcome....men, too! Reservation deadline is Monday, January 15th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2018

Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11
Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
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