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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessing of the Advent Wreath
from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:
When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross
as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

the leader says:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.

R/. Amen.

Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT
As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday: 7:45 a.m.



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The feast will be celebrated on *Monday, December 9th*

Masses
8:00am & 7:00pm



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St. Peter's Women's Ministry



Tuesday, December 3rd

Rosary - 6:45 p.m.

Business Meeting - 7:15 p.m.

Christmas Party - 7:45 p.m.

Parish Hall

Please join us on Tuesday, December 3rd for our next SPWM meeting and Christmas party. The meal will be provided. Please bring a small gift for our exchange and a dessert to share. We would like to get an accurate headcount, so please RSVP to: StPetersWM@gmail.com



All are Welcome!



Knights of Columbus

Annual Breakfast with Santa

Mark your Calendars!
Sunday, December 15th

After the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Masses!

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

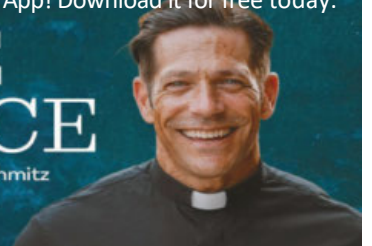
Lately, there has been an unusually high number of phones ringing in church. If only one phone rings during Mass, it is one too many! You can avoid interrupting your fellow parishioner's prayers and concentration by just leaving your phone at home or in your car. Be considerate and polite, and give us a break!



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FACE TO FACE

Advent with Fr. Mike Schmitz



The Proper Way to Receive Communion



Always remember that there are only two ways to receive Holy Communion; either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving and no one else.

If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should be clean. If you are right-handed, then rest your left hand upon the right. The host will then be placed in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to your mouth. If a person is left-handed, this is reversed. It is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, **“The Body of Christ.”** This formula cannot be altered because it is a statement that calls for a response of faith from the one receiving. **The acceptable response is a loud “Amen,”** indicating a person’s belief that the tiny Host is actually the body of Jesus Christ. No other response is necessary or should be given.

If you are helping with the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive, this is a friendly reminder that all donations must be received no later than next weekend, December 7th- 8th. Filled grocery bags and gift cards need to be returned either to the church or the parish office. On behalf of all the families being cared for, thank you and God bless you!



Come, Adore Jesus!



Rich blessings and many graces are bestowed on those who regularly adore Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Father Joe cordially invites you to spend just one hour with our Lord anytime between 5:00 p.m. every Saturday and 7:45 a.m. the following morning. Some might wonder what the difference is between spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance, rather than in the tabernacle? It would be the same difference between talking with a friend face to face instead of having a closed door between you! Besides, most adorers say that seeing Our Lord under the appearance of the Sacred Host is much more conducive to intimacy, than Him being hidden in a tabernacle.

If you are dependable and want to make a commitment to pray the same hour every weekend, call Carrie Shannon at 815-687-6734.

You would become a guardian of the Most Blessed Sacrament because Jesus cannot be left alone. And yet, the most compelling reason for being an adorer is because the Holy Spirit is asking you. Our Lord made this unmistakably clear in His discourse on the Bread of Life. (John 6:40):

“Indeed, this is the will of My Heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him, shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day.”

Time is Running Out to Join Our NEXT BIBLE STUDY Call Today!

This will be a two part study of the Gospel of Luke. We will begin in December with an Advent study of the infancy narratives. Then we will resume in April with a Lent/Easter study. There will be a morning and an evening class option, both held in the Parish Hall.

Morning Session 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Part 1: Tuesdays, December 3, 10, & 17

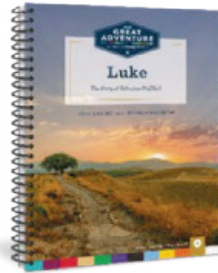
Part 2: Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Evening Session 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Part 1: Wednesdays, December 4, 11, & 18

Part 2: Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the annunciation, the nativity, Jesus' baptism, his public ministry, the last supper, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.



The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will experience a new joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.

Register early by calling the Parish Office ASAP



FOR THE WEEKENDS
11/30 - 12/1/2024

The Mass		For	
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm		Witek Family
Sun	8 am	†	Mike Hagi
	10 am	†	Bill & Mary Rabelhofer
Tues	8 am	†	James Schmiedeknecht
Wed	8 am	†	John & Betty Rygiel
Thur	9 am	†	Jack Schmitt
Fri	8 am	†	Genevieve Stack
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Clarence Shastal
Sun	8 am	†	Anna Marie Kretchmer
	10 am	†	Richard Maziarz
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH			
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)			
Mon	8 am	†	Betty Rygiel
	7 pm	†	Dr. Nadia Hall

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!
RE M I N D E R :

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

All Articles Need to be Submitted by Noon!

Bulletin For Sunday, December 15th

ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Bulletin For Sunday, December 22nd

ARTICLES DUE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

ORIGINS

The first missionaries in Europe took advantage of the pagan traditions to evangelize. One of them consisted of lighting candles during the winter, which represented the sun god.

CIRCULAR SHAPE

It represents God's eternal love for us and also speaks of our own love towards the Lord and others, which needs to be renewed constantly.

THE ADVENT WREATH

THE BRANCHES

Green is the color of hope and life. Our biggest hope should be to achieve a closer union with God as the tree and its branches.

THE CANDLES

The four candles of the wreath are lit each Sunday of Advent. They represent the dissipation of darkness as we approach the birth of the Lord.

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	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 11/30 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Deacon Mark	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirch
Sunday 12/1 8:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Chris Chinni	Sean Gosselin Tom Fanella
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Mike Rygiel Carol Rygiel <i>(Choir)</i>	Stan Tinsley John Ellicson
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 12/7 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Gary Miller Deb Christian
Sunday 12/8 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Deacon Mark	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Sharon Ellicson Mike Gullifor <i>(Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon Rich Yager
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			
Monday 12/9 8:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Marge Ladner	Denise Wahls Vince Desecki
7:00 pm	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark Sharon Ellicson <i>(Choir)</i>	John Ellicson

Homebound Ministers

December 1st - First Sunday of Advent


Paul Serio, Mary Seil, Georgene Keim & Steve Besetzny

December 8th - Second Sunday of Advent


Kathleen Van Ella, Peggy Neuman, Julia Francis & Eddie Wells

ADVENT

May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."
~ Pope Francis ~



First Sunday of Advent
The first candle on the Advent wreath represents HOPE – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. It is purple, the primary color of Advent and color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes call the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 1st through December 14th for

† Roehrich Y. Gorostieta Family
May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome him into eternal peace.




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:

<p><i>Marguerite Baranov Debra Cooke Phyllis Ehlers Deacon Eugene Damian Sandy Devine Robert Fenrich Carol Flatley Gail Gagnon Glenn Geske Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Edward Johnson Diana Kattner Joseph Keim Ronald Klein Lawrence Lord Caroline Madson Deborah Maliszewski Maria Maziarz</i></p>	<p><i>Denise Meyers Larry Meyers Barbara Miller Don Miller Norma Moretti John Mueller Kevin Murray Carole Nowicki Jim Nowicki John Paleka Rachel Quinn Debbie Schaff Jacob Shapiro Dorothy Scichowski Ray Starzec Gloria Strzelczyk David Thomas Mark Vallango Fred Zahn</i></p>
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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**.

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WOAH THERE ... I DON'T LIKE CHANGE!



PARISH CALENDAR

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Bereavement & Grief Counseling

Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)



Sunday, December 1st - 1st Sunday of Advent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- Faith Formation Classes - Grades 1/2 & 3/4 - 5:30 pm

Monday, December 2nd - Parish Officed Closed

- SVdP Zoom Meeting - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, December 3rd

- Morning Bible Study - Parish Hall - 9:00 am
- SPWM Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4th

- Evening Bible Study - Parish Hall - 6:30 pm
- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, December 5th

- Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, December 6th - Parish Officed Closed

Saturday, December 7th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**
- St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas Food Bag Collection - Parish Hall

Sunday, December 8th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas Food Bag Collection - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation Classes - Grades 5/6 & 7/8 - 5:30 pm

Monday, December 9th

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

- Masses Celebrated at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

(CONTINUATION FROM LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN)

BIBLE QUOTES FOR WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID OF DEATH.

Philippians 1:21

"For to me life is Christ, and death is gain."

St. Paul expresses a profound, yet simple, understanding of death in this verse. To live is to live for Christ, but death is not something to fear – it is a

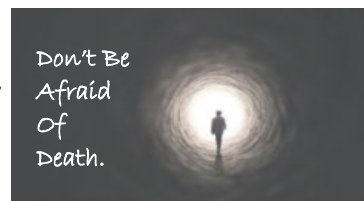
gain because it brings us closer to Christ. This mindset can help ease anxiety by shifting our perspective, seeing death as a step toward eternal union with God.

Revelation 21:4

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

This verse offers a glimpse of the future promise of heaven, where death will be no more. It gives hope by pointing to a time when all suffering will end. For anyone feeling afraid of death, this vision of eternal life with God is deeply reassuring and reminds us of the ultimate peace awaiting us.

To Be Continued, Next Bulletin!





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.

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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Business Meeting - Tuesday, November 10th
Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

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