

Second Week Of Advent The Candle Of Peace

"A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight His Paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the Salvation of God." *Luke 3:4 - 6*

Sunday, December 8, 2024 Second 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

<u>Tuesday - Friday</u>: 8:00 a.m. <u>Saturday</u>: 4:00 p.m. <u>Sunday</u>: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. *(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)* <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Saturday</u>: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. <u>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> 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: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.





HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION All Articles Need to be Submitted by Noon!

Bulletin For Sunday, December 22nd ARTICLES DUE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH Bulletin For Sunday, December 29th ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

CHRISTMAS MASSES

TUESDAY, DEC. 24TH AT 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25TH AT 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve & Day

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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Tuesday, December 31st - 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST - 9:00 AM

Christmas Oplatki



Available in the sacristy after each Mass. Cost is only three dollars. Our Lady of Guadalupe Thursday, December 12th



Advent & Christmas are wonderful seasons of giving, but they are also cold & flu seasons. Respectfully and kindly, do not give other parishioners your germs! If you or family members have watery eyes and are sneezing and coughing, please stay home, stay warm, drink a lot of vitamin C and rest. But don't go back to bed until after you participate in our online Mass! *Get well and return to us soon!*



Tyler Sepsey (3rd from the left) is working toward the rank of Eagle in Scouting. It is a wonderful goal and a Scout must work hard and remain focused if he is to achieve such a high honor. One of the requirements is that a young man plan, fund, and complete a pre-approved project which benefits the larger community. We are glad that Tyler's project is to build and install a large crucifix in St. Peter's Cemetery! In the above picture, Tyler is receiving a lot of help from fellow Scouts, carrying and placing large slabs of thick, heavy granite that will serve as the altar. *Keep up the good work, Tyler!*

Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

John the Baptist was appointed to Prepare the Way of the Lord. This Advent season, follow his example and invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.



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!)



St. Peter's extends its' sincerest gratitude to Debbie Thompson for providing all our families with a new 2025 calendar! Its a wonderful gift and something we use every day. So, next time you see Debbie, be sure to thank her for everything she does for our community and so many citizens of Spring Grove.

Prayers & Squares Annual Christmas Party Thursday, December 12th Noon in the Parish Hall

All members of Prayers & Squares are invited to our annual Christmas Party. The main course and dessert will be provided by the Ministry, but if you could, please bring a side dish to share.



Please contact Elaine to let her know if you are able to attend and what dish you will bring. 815-341-8498 or email: ebrandst@outlook.com We Hope to See You There!



A Soldiers Prayer

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

> Lee Jones, US Army Benjamin Leali, US Air Force Sebastian Moritz, US Army Ryan Noonan, US Army **Cameron Schmitt, US Air Force** Christa Schmitt, US Air Force Dylan Szumanski, US Navy Austin Vance, US Navy **Connor Vance, US Air Force**

Let Us, also raise our prayers to God for all the men and women that serve and protect us, who will not be able to come home this year to celebrate the Holy Days with their loved ones.

Lord, hear our Prayers...



FOR THE WEEKENDS 12/7 - 12/15/2024

The Mass

For

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
Tues	8 am	+	John & Betty Rygiel
Wed	8 am	+	Felicia Sobe
Thur	8 am	+	Kathy Wehrheim
Fri	8 am	+	Mary Lou May

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	t	John & Christine Wiedemann
Sun	8 am (1)	+	Joe Carey
	(2)	t	Maggie Arseneau
	10 am	+	Fred Phillips

Two Advent Practices for a Joyful Christmas

Each Advent, God invites us to deepen our friendship with Him and draw closer to His love. The key to a joyful Christmas lies in responding to this invitation by dedicating daily time to God and helping those in need.

Do the one thing needful: Pope Francis encourages us to "waste time" with God through prayer, even for just 15-20 minutes. This could be offering daily prayers for a special intention, meditating on the Christmas Story a verse at a time, or simply being peacefully present to Him, who is always present to us. Continue spending time with Him after the season ends.



Go in haste to love: Just as Mary went "with haste" (Luke 1:39) to serve her cousin Elizabeth, we, too, are called to act quickly in love. While no one can do everything, everyone can do something. When we serve others even in small ways, we receive a greater gift in return (Matthew 25:40).

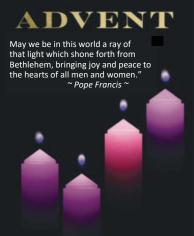
Embrace these practices for a deeper, more joyful Christmas open to God's love.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers		
	SECOND SU	UNDAY OF AD	VENT		
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 CONCEPTIO					
Monday 12/9 8:00 am	Stan Tinsley	Marge Ladner	Denise Wahls Vince Desecki		
7:00 pm	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark Sharon Ellicson (Choir)	John Ellicson Chad Franckowiak		
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT					
Saturday 12/14 4:00 pm	Nettie Toms	Kathie Toms	Chad Franckowiak Phil Webb		
Sunday 12/15 8:00 am	Jeff Kelley	Eddie Wells	Larry Hauser Paul Leali		
10:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Deacon Mark Heather Justen (Choir)	Mike Wyatt Dave & Kathlene Harms		

December 8th - Second Sunday of Advent Kathleen Van Ella, Peggy Neuman, Julia Francis & Eddie Wells

December 15th - Third Sunday of Advent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Bev Schmitt & Thomas Gough



Second Sunday of Advent

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace and is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," this candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. It also builds on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, recalling that after the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 1st through December 14th for t Bachrich V. Corrections Equily

t Roehrich Y. Gorostieta Family May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome him into eternal peace.

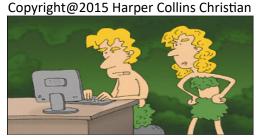


Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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 Denise Meyers

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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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PARISH CALENDAR

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
- Tuesday, December 10th
- Morning Bible Study Parish Hall 9:00 am
- K of C Business Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 11th

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

Thursday, December 12th

- Prayers & Squares Christmas Party Parish Hall 12:00 pm
- Grief Support Group Parish Office 1st Floor Conference Rm 3:30 pm
- Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm

Friday, December 13th - Parish Officed Closed Saturday, December 14th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am Sunday, December 15th - *3rd Sunday of Advent*
- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:45 am
- K of C Breakfast w/Santa After 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses
- Faith Formation Classes Grades 1/2 & 3/4 5:30 pm



FINAL, BIBLE QUOTE FOR WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID OF DEATH.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

This rather triumphant declaration emphasizes that death has been defeated through Christ. The fear of death loses its power when viewed in the light of Christ's victory. This passage invites us to celebrate the fact that,



through Jesus, death no longer has the final say.



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

<u>Knights' Corner</u> We Are All Called To Serve

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting - Tuesday, December 10th Parish Hall - 7:00 pm





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