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ACTIVE IN THE 2ND HALF OF THE 17TH CENTURY.

Sunday, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

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.

Mark your Calendars



Saturday, February 1st

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

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

Adults - \$16 per person

Kids 5-12 - \$8

Kids under 5 eat for FREE!

Seating is limited, so please return the registration form you received in the mail no later than Saturday, January 25th.

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!



Does Fervent Prayer Change God's Mind?

Prayer doesn't change God's mind, as if He had to be persuaded to love us. God is a good Father, and He is our Father who knows how to give good gifts (Matthew 7:9-11). Yet, prayer is still powerful and worthwhile for other reasons.

Prayer Changes Us: God rewards persistent, faith-filled prayer: "Lord, I entrust this to You. Thy Will be done." When we persevere in prayer, grace goes to work in our souls: our desires are purified, ordered, and sometimes even deepened. Our hearts are gradually brought into line with God's, and we begin to see, choose, and love like He does.

Prayer is Relationship: A read through Scripture shows God seems to enjoy involving many "co-conspirators" in His plans, even today. He doesn't need us, yet desires our (active) involvement in His plans. He has the final say, but wants to hear our thoughts, questions, and concerns. God didn't make us to be robots but His children and heirs (*Galatians 4:6-7*). **Prayer isn't magic. It's way more powerful.**

Parish LIFE Note - January 2025

SIDEWALK ADVOCACY

Sidewalk Advocates for Life (SAFL) offers life-affirming hope to women considering abortion. Their trained advocates volunteer outside abortion and abortion-referral facilities to lovingly speak with abortion-minded women. SAFL roots their approach in research from the Vitae Foundation. The research shows some women view a crisis pregnancy as a threat to their dreams and identity. The woman considering abortion does not see herself as a mother. Abortion seems like a way to regain control of her identity. But a woman in a crisis pregnancy is often willing to listen to a hopeful, non-judgmental pro-life advocate. Learn about SAFL and Rockford Diocese training opportunities at www.rockforddiocese.org/life/sidewalk-advocates-for-life.



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THE THREE KINDS OF BAPTISM

WATER BAPTISM



This is the normal sacrament of baptism with water, in imitation of Jesus Christ (Mt 3.13) and in obedience to His commandment. (Mt 28.29).

BAPTISM BY BLOOD



This is received by those who, without having been baptized, give their lives as martyrs for Christ. (CIC 1258)

BAPTISM OF DESIRE?



This is received by those who, desiring Baptism, die before receiving it. (CIC 1259)

A Sausage Soiree

How better to spend
a winter Sunday afternoon.

We all know that Da'Bears are not playing!
So, come get your grind on.

**Learn the Culinary Art of
Sausage Making!**

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**Sunday, February 2nd
Starting at Noon
in the Parish Hall.**

Suggested Offering: \$25 per person

Adults Only—

Please, No one under 18!

Advance Reservations Required.

Space is limited so get your spots early.

Once we are full—we are full!

***If you have never experienced sausage making,
rest assured that it will be a good afternoon
working alongside and socializing
with fellow parishioners and friends.***

*For information and to reserve your place,
please contact fellow parishioner*

Lee M. Jones - l.jones@mchsi.com

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before.

Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptism garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: *"See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven."* In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

**Why Do
Catholics
Do That?**

7 Resolutions to Transform Your New Year

The New Year is a chance to come closer to becoming the person you are meant to be. As you embrace the new beginning, consider these seven resolutions to allow God's love to transform your life.

1. Trust Him: Trust in God is the foundation of a peaceful soul. Start each day praying, "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I surrender myself to You; Take care of everything," and He will.

2. Embrace Authentic Humility: A humble heart chooses others first. Ask, how can I best love this person?" and let your actions reflect that answer.

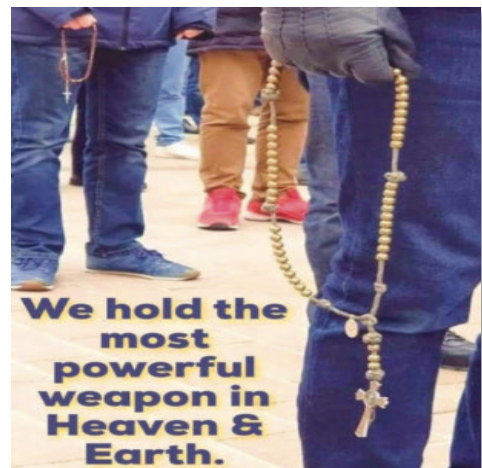
3. Partner With Your Guardian Angel: Your Guardian Angel is always with you, offering guidance and protection (Matthew 18:10). Call upon your angel daily for heavenly help.

4. Practice Self-Discipline: Small sacrifices can lead to profound transformation. Skip cream in your coffee, offer someone full attention, cut back on screen time.

5. Seek Out Silence: God often speaks in silence. Find silence in your day to rest in God's presence, and let Him renew your spirit.

6. Deepen Your Knowledge of Our Faith: Faith blossoms with understanding. Look through the Catechism until something interests you, and dive deeper.

7. Offer God Your Free Time: If you have an hour to yourself, spend five minutes in prayer. No time spent with Love, Himself, is ever wasted.



(Practicing) Catholic Beneath the Surface

Mini Reflection: It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

Beneath the Surface

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~

The Mass		For	
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Marie Polycarpe
Sun	8 am	†	Patricia Altmann
	10 am	†	Geri Stack
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
Sat	4 pm	†	Gerald Baumann
Sun	8 am	†	Les Barycki
	10 am	†	Joe Carey

God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

On January 6, 1937, the death of a humble doorkeeper for a boys' college drew over one million people to Montreal for his funeral. For forty years, Brother André Bessette of the Congregation of Holy Cross welcomed people at the door and became known as a miraculous healer. God's Doorkeeper looks at the heart and legacy of Brother André — as a man of prayer, of hospitality, and of compassion.



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Sunday 1/12 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Nancy Piggot	Sean Gosselin Jeff Miller
10:00 am	Darien Martinez	Carol Magnine <i>Mike Gullifor</i> (Choir)	Tom Straley Mike Wyatt
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 1/18 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Maureen Terry Denise Wahls
Sunday 1/19 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Deacon Mark	Larry Hauser Paul Leali
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Carol Rygiel <i>Mike Rygiel</i> (Choir)	Stan Tinsley Dave & Kathlene Harms

Homebound Ministers

January 12th - The Baptism of the Lord

Deacon Mark, Lisa Bilik, Kathleen Van Ella & Steve Besetzny

January 19th - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Eddie Wells & Thomas Gough



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from January 12th through January 25th for

† John & Kristin Popelka

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:

Marguerite Baranov
Debra Cooke
Phyllis Ehlers
Deacon Eugene Damian
Sandy Devine
Robert Fenrich
Carol Flatley
Gail Gagnon
Glenn Geske
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Patricia Hodnik
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John Paleka
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Jacob Shapiro
Dorothy Scichowski
Nash Scichowski
Ray Starzec
Gloria Strzelczyk
Peter Tarnaris
David Thomas
Mark Vallango
Fred Zahn

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**.

Marriage as Model of Hope:
Sacramentally Married Couple's Retreat





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John and Leah Sealey
John and Leah Sealey made two commitments in 1989. The first was the sacrament of marriage. The second was a two year journey with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) in Belize. Daily, they practice the components of the program: keeping faith, doing justice, building community, and living simply! Currently, John works on provincial staff with the Midwest Jesuits coordinating international ministries and Leah is a spiritual director trained at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House.

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Live the Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

“The people were filled with expectation,” writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. **Who can give us what we seek?** Only the one upon whom the dove descended. **Follow Him.**



PARISH CALENDAR

Website: StPeterCatholicChurch.org

Email: SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

Office Hours: Tue. - Thu. 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. (or by appointment)

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Marie Arnold (Call the Parish Office)



Sunday, January 12th - *The Baptism of the Lord*

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast after 8:00 & 10:00 am Masses**
- **Faith Formation Classes - Grades 1/2 & 3/4 - 5:30 pm**

Monday, January 13th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 14th

- **K of C - Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, January 15th

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, January 16th

- **Grief Support Group - 3:30 pm - Parish Office Conference Room**
- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

Friday, January 17th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 18th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, January 19th - *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am**
- **NO Faith Formation Classes**

Combat LONELINESS

Monday

TRY TO LOVE YOURSELF LIKE JESUS LOVES YOU

Tuesday

GIVE GRACE, FORGIVE MORE, BE GRATEFUL AND SMILE MORE

Wednesday

REACH OUT TO FAMILY OR FRIEND, MAKE A PLAN TO MEET

Thursday

TRY SOMETHING NEW...A CLASS, A SUPPORT GROUP, BIBLE STUDY

Friday

BE HONEST WITH OTHERS ON WHAT YOU NEED

Saturday

VOLUNTEER AND HELP OTHERS

Sunday

GO TO MASS AND INVITE SOMEONE TO BREAKFAST AFTERWARDS

THE SURGEON GENERAL WARNS WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF AN EPIDEMIC OF LONELINESS AND SUGGESTS PEOPLE DETACH MORE FROM TECHNOLOGY AND ENGAGE MORE IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

NEED HELP NOW CALL, TEXT OR CHAT 988 (SAMHSA)

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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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