



Recognizable Offering..... \$5,868.00
 Loose Cash \$565.25
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,433.25
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$807.86
 Mass Attendance Dec 9/10 368



Dec 18 - 24

MondayDonnie Simmons(liv)
 Wednesday.....Trey Corbitt(+)
 ThursdayMary Alice White(+)
 FridayLiz Simmons(liv)
 SaturdayDoris Lavallo(+)
 SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(9:30 a.m.)
Mary Rushlau(+)(6:00 p.m.)

St. Peter Catholic Church 2017
 Christmas Choir Rehearsal Schedule

The following schedule is for all Christmas Choir Rehearsals this year. All of these will take place inside the Church.

Sunday, December 17 - 12:30 p.m. Mandatory
 Tuesday, December 19 - 6:00 p.m. (Optional Supplemental Practice)



Christmas Schedule Change

Since Christmas Eve falls on the evening of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, a change to that weekend schedule has been made. In order to convert the decorations from Advent to Christmas on Sunday, December 24th we will only have a 9:30 a.m. mass that day.

Due to that change, there have been no automatic liturgical assignments for Sunday, December 24th. Please go to the Ministry Scheduler web terminal and sign up for available ministries for Sunday, December 24th @ 9:30 a.m. and for Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00p.m., Midnight Mass the 25th, and Christmas Morning Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Weekly Calendar of Events

12/17 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 No HS/MS Meeting

12/18 Rosary after morning Mass

12/20 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.

12/21 Rosary after morning Mass

12/24 4th Sunday of Advent Mass - 9:30 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Mass - 6:00 p.m.
 Midnight Mass - 12:00 a.m.

Faith Formation Holiday Break
 This weekend was the last meeting for 2017. All religious education programs will start back up again on Sunday, January 7th. May the birth of Jesus ignite the love of God in all the hearts of our parish families, and may your faith be renewed with the gift of His joy. See you in the New Year!

The Jesse Tree
 The Jesse Tree is named after Jesse, the father of King David, who was a great king of Israel. God made some important **promises to his family including the promise that God's only son would be born into their family.** During Advent we remember the family of Jesse by placing ornaments on a tree that symbolize some of the most important events in the family tree of Jesse and David.

If you noticed the ornaments on the tree at the right of the altar this week the following were added:

- * A ladder - **to remind us of Jacob's dream about a ladder to heaven and God's promise to Jacob that in his descendants "all the families of the earth will find blessing."**
- * A coat of many colors - **Jacob's youngest and favorite son was Joseph. Because of their jealousy, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. Joseph forgave them and later was able to help his family survive a famine.**
- * The Ten Commandments - given to Moses by God so that His people would know how to love and serve one another and Him.
- * A heart - a symbol for Ruth that reminds us of fidelity. **After Naomi's husband and both sons died, Orpah, the wife of one son, returned to her family. Ruth, wife of the other son, did not want to be leave Naomi. Ruth used to go to the fields to gather leftover grain for food. Because of her strong faith, God blessed Ruth with a new husband, Boaz, and eventually a son who would one day become the Father of Jesse, of whose lineage would come a Savior.**



Weekend of Dec 23/24
5:00 p.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Altar Servers: _____
 Extraordinary Ministers: Joanna Farnum, Teresa McClure, Louise Perreault, Joe Davison
 Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Lynn Griggs
 Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang, James Johansen
 Greeter: Shareen Ketchem
 Sacristan: Jean Jordan

9:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Altar Servers: Patrick Sweeney, _____, _____,

 Extraordinary Ministers: Therese Sweeney, Nanette Bell, Kathy Stockbridge, Melody Grogan, Jean Jordan
 Lectors: _____, _____
 Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Gary Jordan, Maria Bridges
 Greeter: Cathy McKnight
 Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge

Christmas
6:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil
 Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Emily Moore, Patrick Sweeney
 Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Therese Sweeney, Petey Brennan, Melody Grogan, Eden Carter
 Lectors: Mary Pinsoneault, Terri Turnbull
 Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley
 Greeter: _____
 Sacristan: Mike Brennan

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass:
 Altar Servers: Micayla Colwell, _____, _____, _____
 Extraordinary Ministers: Alice Thompson, Nanette Bell, Kathy Stockbridge, Angela Zangerle, Katherine Colwell
 Lectors: _____, Lynn Griggs
 Ushers: _____, _____, _____, _____
 Greeter: _____
 Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge

9:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass
 Altar Servers: _____, _____, _____, _____
 Extraordinary Ministers: Michael Klickovich, Joyce Klickovich, Penny Sweeney, Nancy McCreary, Maria Bridges
 Lectors: _____, _____
 Ushers: Cathy McKnight, Gary Jordan, _____, _____
 Greeter: _____
 Sacristan: Jean Jordan

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her to stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

- Monday Johanna Adam*, Steve Lange, Carlos López, Brian Williams
- Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*
- Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*, Aurora Beard
- Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten
- Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Robert Welniak, Carleen Parker
- Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Diane Parker
- Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Donnie Simmons*

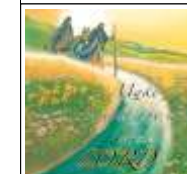
*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.



Awesome job! Many, many thanks to those who gave blood last Sunday. OneBlood was able to collect 18 pints, which has the potential to help up to 54 people in serious need.

Thank you, as well, to our Knights of Columbus for their continuous dedication in preparing a delicious breakfast in support of the drive effort. We will kick off next year's blood drives on February 11, 2018 so make sure to mark your calendars, now!



"Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings from heaven."
 -Georg C. Lichtenberg

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

John's Joyful Preaching

Why go into the desert and cry out? The voice in the desert is lonesome, heard only by those who go there to listen. Let's leave our routines, go into the spiritual deserts of our hearts, and listen today.

The words of preparation John preaches are joyful. Why? First, to be told you are on the wrong path is good news. Have you ever followed your GPS to the wrong place because of an address typo? "It would have been nice to know this before I traveled across town to the wrong place," you thought.

Second, it is joyful to be told what makes your beloved happy, because you then know what will please him or her.

Good news! John's preaching points us to our destination in Jesus and to what makes him happy. The rose vestments worn by our priests today symbolize that joy. Notice in the painting of Isaiah, he is wearing that color, too.

Another interesting detail is that Isaiah is holding his finger in the book while looking back at a young cherub, who in turn points to his neighbor. Isaiah's finger is in the Gospels, where he is the most quoted prophet of the Old Testament. Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah, and John the Baptist quotes Isaiah's prophesy about "the voice crying out in the desert."

Perhaps the cherub behind Isaiah is John the Baptist. And perhaps the barely visible baby to whom the little John the Baptist is pointing represents Christ, the reason for our joy.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Prophet Isaiah, 1508-1512
Artist: Michelangelo
Location: Sistine Chapel

For Reflection

What makes you joyful? Would those same things make Jesus joyful, too? Do I point people toward the true source of joy with my words and example?

I will rejoice heartily in the LORD, my being exults in my God.

(Isaiah 61:10)

Calendar

Monday

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 15:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:59-65

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Dear Padre,

Once again I feel overwhelmed by the commercial hype of Christmas. Any suggestions for keeping a Christ-centered Christmas amid the shopping and gift expectations?

It's our Advent task to make Christ, Emmanuel, present in our lives. We do this by centering on the love and peace that is within us and offering that to others. By staying centered and at peace, we'll find the Christ Child even in the midst of the mania!



- **Take time to pray.** In Advent, church decorations accent the sense of longing during this season. Make it a part of your schedule to stop in daily for quiet time and prayer.
- **Spend less money.** Buy fewer gifts, ones that you really enjoy buying. Let your family know that you intend to spend less money and want to enjoy your purchasing experience. Ask them to help you select gifts that have meaning.
- **Be inspiring.** Give gifts that focus more on Christ and Christmas. They could be inspirational books, a Christian music CD, or tickets to a Christmas play or concert.
- **Start a tradition.** Make it a point to find a new Christmas tradition from a different culture and adopt that tradition for this season.
- **Volunteer.** Give someone a gift of unexpected kindness, compassion, and unconditional love. Visit the sick, help in a soup kitchen, buy and wrap presents that will be given to the poor.

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A Word From Pope Francis

To celebrate Christmas in a fruitful manner, we are called to pause in "places" of astonishment....The first place is the other, in whom we recognize a brother or sister, because since the birth of Jesus occurred, every face is marked with a semblance to the Son of God. Above all when it is the face of the poor, because God entered the world poor, and it was to the poor, in the first place, that he allowed himself to draw near.

—Angelus, December 20, 2015