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Catholic Church

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## JANUARY 5, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am Monday - Friday: 8:00am

## **CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: 4:15pm - 4:45pm Wednesdays: 8:30am First Saturdays: 8:30am

#### **PARISH CENTER HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm Friday -Sunday: CLOSED or by appointment

#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext.200) to register or visit the parish website.

# BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

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#### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.







## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

## **OUR MISSION**

We, the people of St. Peter the Apostle, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**January 5** (The Epiphany of the Lord) Sunday

8:30am †Edward S. Kryger 10:00am †Edward S. Finnerty 11:30 am †Ken Hemstreet

†Wladyslaw Lech

†Elizabeth, Marian, and Adam Nedza

†June Shafer

**January 6** (Christmas Weekday; **Monday** 

St. André Bessette, Religious)

8:00am †Raymond Adrian

**Tuesday** January 7 (Christmas Weekday:

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)

8:00am †Patricia DeBella

Wednesday **January 8** (Christmas Weekday)

†Fotis Kokosioulis 8:00am

**Thursday January 9** (Christmas Weekday) 8:00am †Dominick and Teresa DePalma **January 10** (Christmas Weekday) **Friday** 

8:00am †Bill Franz

Saturday **January 11** (Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord)

†Helen Bunkowska 5:00pm

†Carol Grabher †Robert Hoffman †John "Jack" McNally

†John North

People of the Parish

Sunday **January 12** (The Baptism of the Lord)

8:30am †Donna Grimaldi 10:00am †Ken Hemstreet †Peter Badagliacca 11:30 am †Joseph N. Macaluso

†Frank Oleniek †Michael Pensa

For an End to Abortion



## **WEEKLY READINGS**

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ **Sunday:** 

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Friday: Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/

Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Anthony Arboleda Olivia Balistreri Sue Bobka Donna Brandonisio Ken Buffo **Ginger Busato** Joe Busato Santiago Calip Elio Campanella Bill Carpenter Regina Conti Teresa Dassie Charlie DeFranco Nicole Diestel Francis Discipio Beth Dobose Marie Elarde Geri Gerard

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Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call to renew your request.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines Cpl Michael Fudacz, US Marines SSG Michael Helle, US Army Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines

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SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines

LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear parishioners,

I truly enjoyed the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus this Christmas. I loved seeing our children perform the Nativity at Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Thank you to the children who performed, sang, read, and ushered, as well as Toni Pietrowski and her team of helpers.

We are very blessed to have our Art & Environment ministry members who gave their time and hard work to prepare the church for Christmas. The Church was festive and beautifully decorated. So many people enjoyed taking pictures in front of the manger.

I also want to thank the Deacons, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Roberta Moroz and the choir members, who served the Masses throughout Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Mostly, thank you to everyone who came to Mass to celebrate Christmas with their parish family.

We had six masses, and I was touched to see so many people attending them all. Thank you for your show of love by attending Mass, as well as the generous monetary gifts you offer to help support the parish.

Lastly, I want to personally thank everyone who thought of me with Christmas cards and gifts. I am very grateful for your kindness and love.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, we recall the star which guides the three wise men to the manger where Jesus was born. May we become guiding stars for others and bring them to Jesus throughout the new year!

I continue to pray for all of you, and I ask you to pray for me as well.

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish







# **Bishop Hick's Column**

January 2025

## From Jubilee to Jubilee:



A year ago, we launched the 75th Jubilee for the Diocese of Joliet. Gallantly, we announced we did not want this milestone to be a "one and done" event. Instead, we committed ourselves to a yearlong commemoration to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to the future with hope.

Not only did we accomplish our goal, but we also did it exceptionally well. Throughout 2024, we spent the year catechizing, evangelizing, and putting our faith into action with podcasts, blogs, calendars, banners, interviews, special prayers, intentions, psalms, a curriculum for our schools and religious education programs, service projects, a speaker series, regional Masses, and participation in the Eucharistic Revival. We kicked off our Jubilee celebration in December 2023 with an all-Diocese mass and the unveiling and blessing of a new statue of our patron saint, Saint Francis Xavier, at the front entrance of our pastoral center. We concluded our Jubilee celebration this past December with an all-Diocese mass and a beautiful commemorative book. By all accounts, our yearlong Jubilee celebration was beautiful, well-organized, creative, faith-filled, uplifting, and robust.

With great faith and trust in the Lord, we now take our next steps into year 76 and beyond, following in the footsteps of Christ as Missionary Disciples. I have been asked, "Bishop, do we need to wait 25 years to celebrate another Jubilee?" Here's the good news: while our local diocesan Jubilee has concluded, a new universal Jubilee has just begun.

Pope Francis has gifted our worldwide Church by declaring a Jubilee year titled Spes Non Confundit, which in English means "Hope Does Not Disappoint." It began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026.

The theme of this universal Church Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope, promoting peacebuilding in a world threatened by war, terrorism, poverty, and climate change. Our world needs true hope more than ever, and the Holy Father wisely recognizes that. He said, "Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring."

During this Jubilee year, we are invited to make a pilgrimage to Rome to visit holy sites, perform pious works, and seek opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and other ways to strengthen and revive our faith. If you plan to travel to Rome during this Jubilee year, please consult the US Visitors to the Vatican website at www.pnac.org/visitorsoffice/about-the-visitors-office/, which provides information to help you plan your pilgrimage for a truly prayerful experience.

While the Pope is excited about visitors to Rome during this special year, he also understands that, realistically, most people are not able to travel to the city of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Therefore, he encourages us all to celebrate in our local churches and communities.

In solidarity with the universal Jubilee year, we will be offering the following Masses here in the Diocese of Joliet:

### **Jubilee Mass for Deacons**

February 22, 2025 | 11:00 am | Cathedral

### **Jubilee Mass for Persons with Disabilities**

June 1, 2025 | 12:30 pm | Cathedral

**Jubilee Mass for Priests** (for priests only during Convocation) September 16, 2025

### **Jubilee Mass for Grandparents**

October 4, 2025 | 11:00 am | Cathedral

**Jubilee Mass for Consecrated Life** (*Invitation Only*) October 5, 2025 | 10:00 am | Blanchette Catholic Center

### **Jubilee Mass for Catechists**

October 19, 2025 | 2:00 pm | Cathedral

Pope Francis has asked that the Jubilee of 2025 be a "great symphony of prayer" throughout the world. Just as we prayed our beautiful 75th anniversary prayer for the Diocese of Joliet throughout 2024, let us now join the Holy Father in praying the **Jubilee Year of Hope Prayer**:

#### Father in heaven,

may the faith you have gifted us in your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you God blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.





## January 12, 2025 | 12:30 pm

Parishioners are invited to a celebration honoring Patti Zubak as she journeys into retirement from her role as Parish Secretary.

A reception will be held **following the 11:30 am** Mass on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

Additionally, if you would like to provide an appetizer or dessert, please indicate so as well.

Please email bulletin@stpeteritasca.com or call the parish center or if you have any question



To help plan accordingly, if you plan to attend the reception. Please scan the QR Code or call the Parish Center to RSVP by January 8.





## An Evening for Women: LIVING WITH PURPOSE

## Sunday, January 26 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm **Margaret Woods Hall**

As a new year begins, women are invited to an evening of reflection intended to focus on fulfilling God's purpose for life. Often, day-to-day life can be a distraction from understanding and embracing what is meant of the gift of being a woman wife, mother, daughter, etc.

Ainish Philip, a lay evangelist with AFCYM USA, will offer her insight for women at all stages of life.

Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.



Ainish Philip, stands out as a devoted Catholic lay evangelist. Driven by her belief that "only the word of God can touch their hearts," Mrs. Philip continues to inspire with her unwavering dedication to evangelism, embodying a life of faith, sacrifice, and service.

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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

FISCAL WEEK 25 / DECEMBER 22, 2024

	Weekly Goal	\$1	11,250.00	Annual Goal	\$5	85,000.00
	Sunday Collection	\$	11,381.00		\$	244,909.70
	E-basket	\$	575.00		\$	25,480.00
	GiveCentral	\$	1,135.00		\$	24,165.82
	Candles	\$	316.75			
	Maintenance Fund	\$	175.00			
	Parish Needy Fund	\$	690.00			
	Transitional Housing	\$	350.00			
	Religious Retirement	\$	110.00			

Due to an early publication deadline, collection figures for Christmas Day and Sunday, December 29, were unavailable in time for this bulletin.

Updated collection information will appear in coming weeks.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **WEEK OF JANUARY 5-12**

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Monday	January 6						
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting	MW Hall					
Tuesday	January 7						
10:00 am	Crochet Group	MW Hall					
6:00 pm	Grotto Committee Meeting	MW Hall					
6:45 pm	OCIA Class	PC Conf Rm					
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary	Church					
Wednesday January 8							
8:30 am	Confessions	Church					
5-8:00 pm	Portillo's (Addison) Benefit Night	Portillo's					
5:00 pm	Religious Education	Church					
6:15 pm	Children's Choir	School					
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir	Church - Loft					
7:15 pm	Adult Choir	Church - Loft					
Thursday	January 9						
8:30 am	Father John Project	Church					
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class	PC Conf Rm					
Saturday	January 11						
4:15 pm	Confessions	Church					
Sunday	January 12						
12:30 pm	Patti Zubak Retirement Party	MW Hall					

#### **GIVE ONLINE TODAY!**

Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.

You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the

website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 Celebrant 5:00 pm Fr. Tuan

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

8:30 am Fr. Tuan 10:00 am Fr. Tuan

11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette

Lectors

5:00 pm Patrick Powers Chris Aument 8:30 am 10:00 am Kathy Nehf 11:30 am Paul Gennuso

## **Communion Ministers**

5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi Pat Schwartz Deacon Anthony

Dorie Calip 8:30 am Kathy Frank **Greg Papuga** 

Jim Ruffing Deacon Fred 10:00 am Mary Booth

Allyson Fricano Deacon Bob

11:30 am Carmela Graziano

Michael Graziano Mary McNamara



Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning.

Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

JOIN POPE FRANCIS, IN HIS JANUARY PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.





## **REGISTER TODAY!**

Many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their "spiritual home."

If you attend on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your "spiritual home," we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our parish family.

Please fill out the form below and mail it or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. You can also register by calling the parish center or by visiting the parish website.

Welcome to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

## ARE YOU CONNECTED???

#### DO YOU RECEIVE ST. PETER'S ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS?

This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.

If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com. Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.

And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:



facebook.com/SaintPeterApostle.Itasca

Remember to invite your friends!!!

## INVITATION TO REGISTER!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

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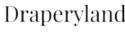


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