## ST. PETER the APOSTLE Catholic Church

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### DECEMBER 15, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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.



THIRD WEEKOF

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

### 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

<b>Sunday</b> 8:30am 10:00am 11:30 am	December 15 (Third Sunday of Advent) †Carol Keegan †Adeline Magnus †Anna Anemone †Mary Cummins †John "Jack" McNally For an End to Abortion People of the Parish
Monday	December 16 (Advent Weekday)
8:00am	†Eric Eichholz
Tuesday	December 17 (Advent Weekday)
8:00am	Porcia Carone
Wednesday	<b>December 18</b> (Advent Weekday)
8:00am	†Mary Cummins
Thursday	<b>December 19</b> (Advent Weekday)
8:00am	For an End to Abortion
Friday	<b>December 20</b> (Advent Weekday)
8:00am	†Fotis Kokosioulis Abortion
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00pm	<b>December 21</b> ( <i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> ) †John "Jack" McNally †Ida Sularz †Nancy Ward People of the Parish
Sunday	December 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
8:30am	†Anna Makil
10:00am	†Ted and Christopher Kosk
11:30 am	†Ken Hemstreet
	†Anthony and Michela Mannina
	†Andrzej Szymikowski



Anthony Arboleda — Special Intention

For an End to Abortion

	WEEKLY READINGS
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	ls 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/ Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/ Lk 1:39-45

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 Mel Gerard

Gary Grote Joe Halac Martha Hayes Pat Haves Cambria Helle Melissa Janik Michael Jasiak Mary Kelly Sylvia Kleinedler Dianna Kompanowski Belinda Sobucki Lynne Kryger Ruth Kryger Brianna Nehf Lund Cathy Nehf Lund Sue McNamara Maria Mizera Angie Morano Richard Mrugacz

Loretta Nicolini John O'Dea Abraham Ortega Cliff Peters Marian Reidy **Dennis Rosy** Tom Sepka Cindy Serrano Wayne Slowiak Michael Soland Fr. Miroslaw Stepien Randy Szweda, USMC Dennis Torii Marlene Torii Holly Vana Carol Zell Judy Ziomek

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.

### IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of **James DelGiorno Sharon Gange Harriet Karas John North** 

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

### 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 PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy LTJG Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy SGT Jacob Los, US Army MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf) SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

### PASTOR'S CORNER

### Dear parishioners,

REJOICE! As we enter Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate with joy and anticipation the coming of our Lord, Jesus at Christmas. Please continue to find time to spend in prayer in preparation for His coming.

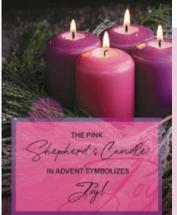
May you continue to have a blessed Advent. Remember, God loves you and I love you! Love and Pravers.

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



FR. TUAN, PASTOR



Rejoice! We hear the word again and again on Guadette Sunday, for the Lord is near, already even in our midst. It is easier to recognize that with only ten days until Christmas, but the prophets sensed the Savior's presence well before he was born. Because of that certainty, Zephaniah could tell the people, "You have no further misfortune to fear" (3:15). Hard to accept a generation later when they were driven into exile! Paul repeats the sentiment, "Have no anxiety at all" (Philippians 4:6), though Christians were persecuted then and for many more decades. Today, terrible things still happen, and it is tough to rid ourselves of all anxiety. But it is a great consolation to us here and now to realize that Jesus, who loves us, who redeems us, and who leads us to eternal life, is indeed in our midst. That can assuage the worries that threaten to overwhelm us, allowing us to take to heart the words of John the Baptist, who tells the crowds who come to him for baptism: Share with those in need, be content with what you have, and treat others as you would have them treat you. Doing so is a sign that Jesus is here with us, bringing not only himself, but God's kingdom into our midst.

Who can you share with or treat better, giving both you and them a glimpse of Jesus' nearness to us?



2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24** (Christmas Eve) **3:00 pm (Children's Mass) | 5:00 pm | 10:00 pm** 

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Wednesday, January 1, 2025 10:00 am

> THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Saturday, January 4, 2025 Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 5, 2025 Masses: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am



Please join us... CHRISTMAS EVE Tuesday, December 24 3:00 pm

Everyone is welcome!

Children and adult volunteers are needed to assist



If your family would like to assist during mass, scan the QR code or visit the website to sign up. For more information, contact Toni Pietrowski at 630-773-1272 (ext. 216) or toni@stpeteritasca.com.com

# Encounter God in prayer

### **BE A JOINER!!! JOIN us on Hallow!**

Hallow is the #1 prayer app in the world. Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace.

As a member of our parish, you'll have the opportunity to create a profile, find friends, share prayer intentions, and journey through life-changing content together.

If you're already a Hallow user, simply open the app, find the Community tab (bottom of screen), search for our parish by zip code, and JOIN!

If you're new to Hallow, or if you're currently on the free version and would like to experience all the app's premium content, watch the "how-to" video on the parish website for more details and assistance to get you started. Then scan the QR code for a direct link to the St. Peter the Apostle parishioner activation page.



*Have you signed up?* If not, here are the simple steps to start streaming your Catholic Faith.

Need help or have questions, contact Toni Pietrowski or Diane Blackburn at the parish center or stop by to chat with them after Mass this weekend.



### THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

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Follow these steps to sign up for free:

- 1. Visit signup. formed.org
- 2. Enter our parish zip code (60143) or search by parish name

SIGN UP



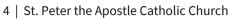
### FOR FREE

### AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated** Jeff Hansen from LPi, our bulletin printer, is currently securing new ads for our parish bluletin. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/ or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!



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Don't let 2024 slip away without taking full advantage of your charitable giving!

When "checking your list" for tax-deductible donation options, please consider making a gift to St. Peter the Apostle Parish for your year-end giving.

Your support of St. Peter the Apostle Parish provides the opportunity to ensure the stability and growth of a Catholic "home" for current and future generations.

If giving by **check or cash**, please submit no later than **December 29, 2024**, in order to ensure your donation is applied to the current year. Envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Center or in the collection basket.

Online donations using <u>GiveCentral</u> can be made through **December 31, 2024**.



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Third Sunday of Advent

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to an early publication deadline, recent collection figures were unavailable in time for this bulletin. Collection information will appear in upcoming weeks

### **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



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.



#### YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Parish Name: St. Peter the Apostle-Itasca 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 12/08/2024

2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
\$57,800	\$57,000	\$800	\$57,000
\$91,320	\$96,337	(\$5,018)	\$96,877
\$90,171	\$93,049	(\$2,879)	\$95,852
\$1,149	\$3,288	(\$2,139)	\$1,025
261	236	25	238
\$22,659			
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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15 - 22

Sunday	<b>December 15</b> Faith & Fellowship (after all masses)	MW Hall
12:30 pm	Baptisms	Church
Monday	December 16	
7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting	Church
Tuesday	December 17	
6:45 pm	OCIA Class	PC Conf Rm
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary	Church
Wednesday	December 18	
8:30 am	Confessions	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	December 19	
6:00 pm	Religious Education	Church
Saturday	December 21	
4:15 pm	Confessions	Church
Sunday	December 22	
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses)	MW Hall

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Parish Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Friday, December 20, through Friday, January 3. Regular office hours will resume Monday, January 6, 2025.

### LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

### Celebrant

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5:00pm	Fr. Tuan	5:00pm	Kay North
8:30am	Fr. Larry Brunette		Rose Ann Rol
10:00am			Deacon Fred
11:30am		8:30am	
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Lectors			Kathy Frank
5:00pm	John Los		Karl Schmidt
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5:00pm	John Los
8:30am	Kathy Nehf
10:00am	Nancy Magnus
11:30am	Diane Blackburn

### **Communion Ministers**

5:00pm	Kay North Rose Ann Roll Deacon Fred
8:30am	Dorie Calip Barb Castellano Kathy Frank Karl Schmidt Deacon Anthony
10:00am	Ann Fleming Allyson Fricano Edgar Garcia
11:30am	Kurt Kaufman Mary McNamara Deacon Bob

### POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION JOIN POPE FRANCIS, IN HIS DECEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For pilgrims of hope.

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.





### 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:



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Remember to invite your friends!!!

### **BULLETIN/ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSIONS**

**Bulletin submissions** should be e-mailed to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com, and are due no later than 8 days preceding requested publication date. Run time is at the discretion of the bulletin editor; priority will be given to items that are date sensitive.

### **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!

### **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).

Family Name		
Family Member Name(s)		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone		
E-mail Address:		

**Pulpit announcement** requests should be submitted no later than the Tuesday preceding the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

**NOTE**: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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