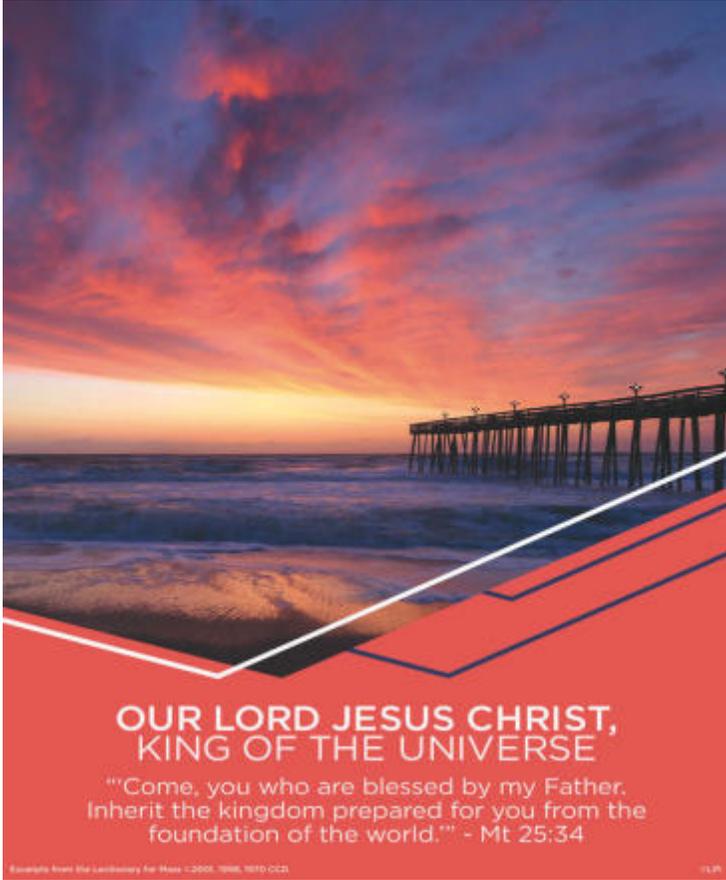


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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

Saturday4:00pm Tuesday.....8:00am
Sunday.....8:00am Wednesday.... 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm



MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 28th & 29th

Sat. 4:00pm † Catherine Canfield

Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Parishioners

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

November 23rd— November 27th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00am † Msgr. Tom Holinga

THANKSGIVING MASS

Wed. 6:00pm † Rita Stark

Thu. NO MASS

Fri. NO MASS

Attendance at Mass will be on a first come, first seated basis. If you arrive for Mass after we have already reached our seating limit of 58 people, you will not be able to enter for that Mass. We hope you understand and have patience with the changes.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 2020

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, thus says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Cor 15:25-26)

Gospel:

“He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” (Mt 25:33-34)

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Observances for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

For most of us, the year 2020 - filled with so many frustrations, difficulties, and setbacks - has been an *annus horribilis*, a horrible year. And some, looking to the coming Thanksgiving holiday, wonder what there is to be thankful for this year because they have accepted what they have been told; namely, that the year 2020 is the worst year in human history. 2020 may be the worst year any of us have known, but is it really the worst year of them all?

If we go back to that first Thanksgiving in 1621 celebrated between the Puritan Separatists and the local Indians, we can see that things were not so rosy that year. Of the original number who set sail from England, half died of malnutrition, disease, and the elements before the celebration of that first Thanksgiving. Twenty years later, there was only one plow between them. Yet still they gathered to give thanks to God for the blessings they did have, even in the midst of such hardship such as few of us can even really imagine.

With all its complexities, this year of 2020 has been marked by the grace of God. Couples have still married; babies have still been born; the stain of original sin has still been washed away in the waters of Baptism; sins have still been absolved through sacramental confession; the sick have still been joined to the sufferings of Christ through the Anointing of the Sick; deacons, priests, and bishops have still been ordained; and we have still had the opportunity of receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, perhaps not as frequently as we would have liked, but still more frequently than many of our brothers and sisters can do even in a year not marked by a pandemic. Over all of the struggles of this year, the grace of God still prevails and his merciful love remains available to us.

It may be that this year has been an opportunity for us to reflect more deeply, more intentionally, on our need for God and for his people, precisely because of the troubles we have encountered. This alone is a great reason to give thanks to God!

The Apostle Saint Paul tells us to “rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18). He does not say to give thanks when things are going just as we like them, but to give thanks in all circumstances. May this year not be an exception for us; there is still much to be thankful for: above all, the sacrificial death of Christ Jesus on the Cross for you and for me. You are welcome to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:00 p.m. on November 25th.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Daren

REST IN PEACE

Jim Lutchka past to his eternal rest on Friday, November 13th. Please pray for Jim and his family. Condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

October Family of the Month: Council 5754 is pleased to announce that **Jesse and Monique Sullivan** were selected as the **Family of the Month for October 2020**. Congratulations! The Council recognizes KC and Parish families who have earned special recognition for their commitment to the family, a building block of our Faith.

Baby Bottle Boomerang - Thanks to the generosity of the Parish, First Step Women's Center received over \$2,100 to assist in their mission to help women and future mothers. Thank you for your giving heart!

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest—5 to 14 years old
Get forms from the Parish Center or contact Darrell at darrell.roll@sbcglobal.net or call 217-632-0198. Posters must be done by December 20 include a theme on the picture, name on back, and returned with the registration Form.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BREADLINE SUNDAY

Breadline Sunday - Due to COVID, the St. John's Breadline largest fundraiser, Breadline Sunday, will be breadless for the first time in 35 years. **Please visit cc.dio.org to watch a short video about how the St. John's Breadline impacts our community and how this fundraiser is a critical component of our work.** Please consider making a donation to the St. John's Breadline so we can continue the work of this lifeline to the Springfield community. Donations can be made at cc.dio.org, by mailing a check to St. John's Breadline attn. Breadline Sunday, 430 N Fifth St, Springfield, IL 62702, or calling Laura Deutsch at 217-321-8311. Thank you for your continued support!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

NEW SALEM ROOTS—CARRY OUT AND DELIVERY ONLY NOVEMBER 26, 2020, 11:00AM-2:00PM

This dinner is open to everyone. Free will donations are accepted. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. Call Rachele (217-710-1901) or Anne Smith (217-652-1519) with any questions or to volunteer. Anyone who would like to help cover expenses for this event can leave donations in the "Project Thanksgiving" envelopes at church entries or send to the parish office.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES

Jesse Tree ornaments are available beginning with this weekend's masses. Ornaments on this year's tree will help local children, provide food for families and gifts for Sunny Acres residents. **All ornaments are due back no later than December 14th.** We ask that you take this opportunity to help the poor, lonely and needy in our parish and surrounding community. Please use the sign-out sheet located near the Jesse Tree to list your contact information and the ornament taken. If you have any questions, please contact Meggann Bell @ 971-0535.

***DUE TO COVID, WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT CONGREGATE AT THE TREE WHEN PICKING AN ORNAMENT. PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. THE CHURCH IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND ORNAMENTS MAY BE PICKED UP AND GIFTS LEFT OUTSIDE OF MASS TIMES.**

BUILDING ON THE PAST..... INTO THE FUTURE NEW ADDITION UPDATE

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 642,469
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$ 6179.36

Thank you to all who support this campaign. If you would like more information contact the parish office at 632-7118.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

NOVEMBER 15, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (16) & Loose Cash	\$1250.00	\$2802.00
Capital Campaign	165.00	
Building Fund	20.00	
Votive Candles	10.50	
All Souls	30.00	
All Saints	30.00	
Justice & Hope Campaign	120.00	
Thanksgiving Project	20.00	
Micro Food Pantry	50.00	

New Parishioners

We welcome you to St. Peter Church and invite you to call the Parish Office to register.

Baptism

Anyone interested in having their infant baptized is asked to attend a pre-baptismal class. Call the Parish office to register.

Matrimony

Couples planning to marry are to contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick

Notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound. Communion is available.

"GIFT" (Growing in Faith Together) Faith Formation

Contact Monique Sullivan (217-971-1704) to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith or to join the Catholic Church call the Parish Office.

Prayer Requests

St. Peter Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish. Contact Meggann Bell by E-mail at (twobells32@hotmail.com) to make a prayer request.

"GIFT" FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM K-7th GRADE IN PERSON CLASSES CANCELLED UNTIL 2021 DUE TO COVID. Call Monique, (971-1704) with any questions.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FROM NOVEMBER 30TH THROUGH DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:00PM AND ON DECEMBER 8TH AT 5:15PM.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will host the Annual Diocesan Novena. Each night a different preacher will offer a homily on a different aspect of Marian theology and devotion. All COVID guidelines will be in place at each service.



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