

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Petersburg, IL



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

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

RECONCILIATION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

December 5th & 6th

Sat. 4:00pm † Virginia "Ginny" Reiser

Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Parishioners

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

November 30th— December 4th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. 8:00am † Lynn Serena

Wed. 8:00am † All Souls

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29, 2020

First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)

Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mk 13:35)

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Observances for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent ©LPi

MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

Very soon we will enter into the great liturgical season of Advent. These four weeks which precede the season of Christmas are my favorite time of the year, filled as they are with quiet expectation and a growing and joyful hope.

I urge you not to get overly swept up in the premature secular celebrations of Christmas, which really now are nothing more than celebrations of wintertime with a faint remembrance of the Birth of the Savior. Take a few minutes each morning or evening to read through the passages from the Bible selected for each day's Mass. Let the mind of the Church and the Word of God help guide your own preparations for Christmas so that the full joy and beauty of this season can be yours.

Another way you can enter into the spirit of the season of Advent is to set up an Advent Wreath in a prominent location in your home. You do not even truly need a wreath of greenery; four candles placed in a circle will do. In these United States of America, three violet candles and one rose candle are used (in keeping with the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent), but in Germany and other places four red candles are used.

The *Book of Blessings* encourages the use of the Advent Wreath within the Domestic Church (indeed, the Advent Wreath came from people's homes and was slowly brought into church buildings), saying: "When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family... When the Advent Wreath is used in the home, the opening prayer of the Sunday Mass is recited when the candles are lighted. The lighting of the candles may be preceded or followed by an Advent hymn and a Scripture reading. The lighting of the Advent Wreath may fittingly be included as part of the evening meal" (1514-1515).

The opening prayer of the Mass can be found in the copies of *The Word Among Us*, which is available to you in the church addition, or in various apps for your phone. Appropriate Scripture readings include Isaiah 9:1-6; Isaiah 63:16-19 and 64:2-7; Jeremiah 33:14-16; and I John 1:5-7.

When blessing and lighting the Advent Wreath on the First Sunday of Advent, the following prayer may be used:

Lord God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. Amen.

A quiet and restful Advent to you all!

Fr. Daren

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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!

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.**

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.

DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE AND HOPE (DCJH)

All parish churches in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are encouraged to support this campaign. This is our opportunity to help our neighbors in our own communities. 100% of the money collected stays **LOCALLY!** Approximately 159,000 people live below the poverty line in our diocese. The collection is one way we can be a good Samaritan to those among us that are hungry, lack proper shelter, require clothing and/or need assistance finding employment.

There is a DCJH envelope in your November packet.

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

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the bulletin had to be submitted early. The Contribution Summary for November 22nd will be in the December 6th bulletin.

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.

MICRO FOOD PANTRY

St. Peter Church would like to fill the shelves at the Micro Food Pantry. Food and monetary donations can be placed in the food pantry baskets in the back and south entrances of St. Peter Church or at the parish office. Write checks to St. Peter Church with memo Micro Food Pantry.



Please contact the Parish Office (632-7118) with any changes to your contact information.



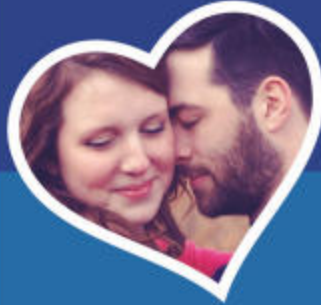
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