

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

# ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

Petersburg, IL



**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **FORGIVENESS**

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Peter Church**

Saturday .....4:00pm      Tuesday.....8:00am  
Sunday.....8:00am      Wednesday.... 8:00am

**RECONCILIATION**

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

December 12th & 13th

Sat. 4:00pm † John & Mary Margaret Murphy

Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Parishioners

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

November 7th— December 11th

Mon. NO MASS

Tues. NO MASS

Wed. NO MASS

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.**

### CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

5:00PM - Christmas Eve (Full no seating available)

7:00PM - Christmas Eve

8:00AM - Christmas Day

Attendance at Mass will be limited to 58 people per mass. Reservations must be made and will be reserved according to the order in which they are received. Call the office: (632-7118) or Email:stpeter234@sbcglobal.net.

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT/DECEMBER 6TH

**First Reading:** A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

**Psalm:** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

**Second Reading:** The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. (2 Pt 3:10)

**Gospel:** "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mk 1:7b-8)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ©LPi



### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT GOSPEL MEDITATION

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not? ©LPi

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains in effect. Mass will not be celebrated on the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day at St. Peter.

## 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.

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES

Jesse Tree 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please 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. Contact Meggann Bell @ 971-0535 with questions. **\*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.**

**BE NO AFRAID TO PRAY BIG!** We currently have 16 Seminarians, which is great! But wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary EVERY DAY at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. 4:40 for 40 Seminarians!

## RORATE CAELI MASS

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 7:00AM  
CATHEDRAL IN SPRINGFIELD**

Join us for a Rorate Caeli candlelit Mass in honor of Our Lady during Advent. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the light of the world who is soon to be born and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our Faith is illuminated by Christ. All are welcome to join us for this special Mass on Saturday.

## RETIRED FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

As you may know, senior religious were instrumental in establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more.

In these difficult days, you may feel as though your generosity has been exhausted. I ask just two things. First, please join me in praying for God's protection for all our elderly religious. Second, please support the Retirement Fund for Religious collection as you are able -and know that women and men religious across the country hold you and your loved ones in grateful prayer.

Most Rev. Thomas John Paprocki

**(Envelopes are in your monthly envelope packets)**

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

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 642,629
<b>Diocesan Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 6179.36</b>

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

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

NOVEMBER 22, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (18) & Loose Cash	\$1655.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	150.00	
Votive Candles	32.00	
Thanksgiving Project	140.00	
Micro Food Pantry	40.00	
Justice & Hope Campaign	20.00	
Christmas Flowers	45.00	
Jim Lutchka Memorial	200.00	
<b>NOVEMBER 29, 2020</b>		
Envelopes (16) & Loose Cash	\$2207.00	
Building Fund	20.00	
Capital Campaign	160.00	
Votive Candles	21.00	
Christmas Flowers	25.00	
Micro Food Pantry	25.00	

### 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.



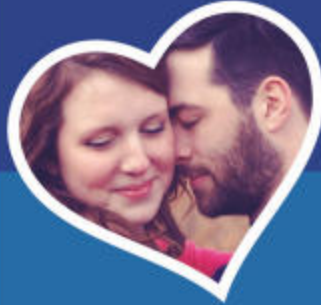
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