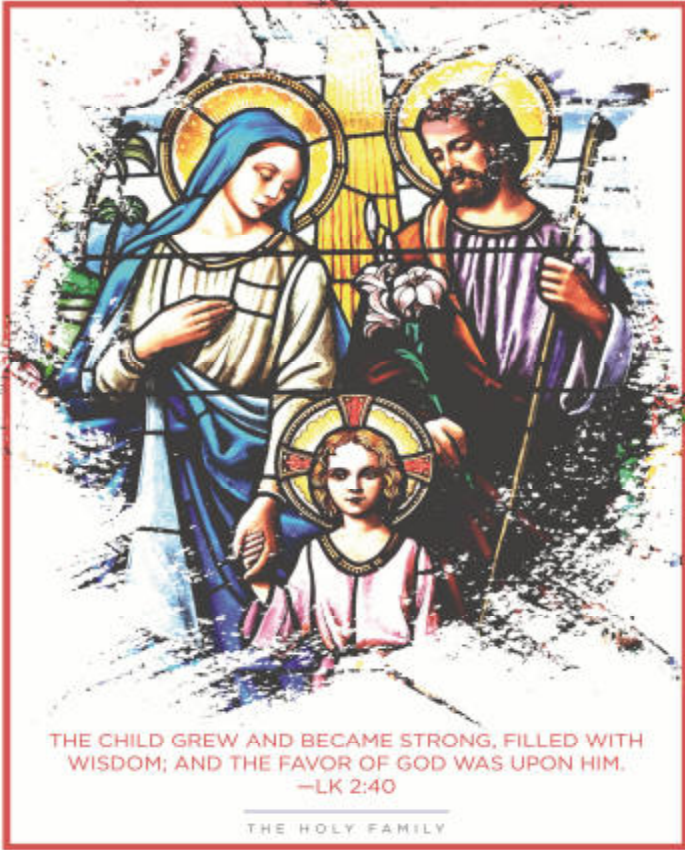


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# ST. PETER PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

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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

**January 2nd & 3rd**

**Sat. 4:00pm † Sue Fagan**

**Sun. 8:00am Intentions of Parishioners**

### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**December 28th— January 1st**

**Mon. NO MASS**

**Tues. 8:00AM Glenn Knous**

**Wed. 8:00AM Bill Kelly**

**Thu. 6:00PM Randy DeHaan**

**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.*



**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 6:00PM**

### HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 27TH

**First Reading:** The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

**Psalm:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

**Second Reading:** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

**Gospel:** The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday: The Holy Family  
Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
Thursday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve  
Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace  
Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

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## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

Very soon we will enter into a new secular year and while people may not be quite as excited to celebrate New Year's this year as in past years, still many will look forward to the beginning of a new calendar year expecting it to bring great and positive change (never mind that 2020 did not quite bring the changes people anticipated when they looked to a revival of the 1920s). We entered into a new liturgical year five weeks ago, but few people seem to take any real notice of this.

The beginning of the new secular year – that is New Year's Day – has been observed on different days in different places and centuries. For example, for centuries in England the New Year was said to begin on March 25<sup>th</sup>, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, when the Blessed Virgin Mary consented to conceive and give birth to the Son of God. Even today the connection with Our Lady and the New Year has not completely gone away, even if most people do not notice it; January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

All of this is to say that Mary has much to teach us about beginning a new year, about beginning a period of hope, not in the sense of some unfounded optimism but in the hope that comes from the knowledge of the merciful love of her Son. Mary shows us that the way forward in hope is simply to accept the Lord's will for us, to say with her, "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). At the same time, Mary lived her life in union with her Son, always remaining near and close to him, both physically and in her heart. This, too, is Our Lady's message to us as we enter into another year, that remaining close to Jesus is what is most essential. Mary shows in that in every year life is not about us, but about her Son.

In the treasury of prayers contained in *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, we find this Prayer for the New Year:

Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.  
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and  
ever. Amen.

Yes, may the Lord remember us and looking kindly upon us in the year 2021 and instill within our hearts the hope born from the certainty of the Christ Jesus' Second Coming in glory. It is he who is our hope and if we seek hope outside of him, we will not find it. May the Lord bless you and yours in this new year and draw us all closer to his Sacred Heart.

Happy New Year!  
Fr. Daren

**ROOTED IN FAITH-GROUNDED IN LOVE.....  
ALIVE WITH THE SPIRIT**

In gratitude for God's gift of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute: All the volunteers who changed the church environment from Advent to Christmas and set the manger up outside and all those serving the parish through Liturgical Ministries and Music Ministries.

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME COLLECTION**

The Catholic Children's Home has served as a "beacon of hope" for thousands of children for the past 141 years. Since 1879, through the Spanish Flu in 1918 to the Corona-virus in 2020, the Catholic Children's Home has been there to give the love and compassion these children desperately need. We ask you to continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to this special collection held at Christmas. Envelopes are in the monthly envelope packets you receive in the mail.

**HEY, FATHER!**

The Diocesan communications team has produced several videos from priests across the diocese answering questions about our Catholic Faith. These videos, called "Hey Father!," are intended to educate the faithful, those who have fallen away, and those who are seeking to become Catholic. Videos at ([www.dio.org/videos/hey-father.html](http://www.dio.org/videos/hey-father.html).)

**DIVE DEEP**

**The 11 things Catholics need to stop doing.**

No, this isn't a list to condemn you, but a friendly reminder to stop doing these 11 things and do the opposite because we want you to grow in your relationship with Christ! Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) to listen. Make sure to subscribe to the podcast so you never miss an episode!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER  
MEMORIAL OFFERING  
IN MEMORY OF**



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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| David Goetz                 | Otto & Lucille Goetz           |
| Josh Goetz                  | John & Kathryn Corrigan        |
| Patsy Wanless               | Dearing & Duncheon Families    |
| Bettie Rodier               | Cacciatori & Enrietto Families |
| Jon Stuber                  | Sophie & James Volenec         |
| John Standish               | Helen & Arthur Heetel          |
| Msgr. Tom Holinga           | Colwell Family                 |
| Timothy McNicholas          | Carla & Richard Heetel         |
| Laura & Nicholas McNicholas |                                |
| John & Mary Margaret Murphy |                                |

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

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Construction Cost      | \$ 655,928        |
| Amount received to date      | \$ 643,022        |
| <b>Diocesan Loan Balance</b> | <b>\$ 3179.36</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**  
Due to early bulletin transmission deadline the Sunday collection for December 20th will be in the January 3rd bulletin.

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

**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](mailto:twobells32@hotmail.com)) to make a prayer request.

**PARISH INFORMATION FORM**

Change of Name/Address/Phone #

Send New Parishioner Registration

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

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