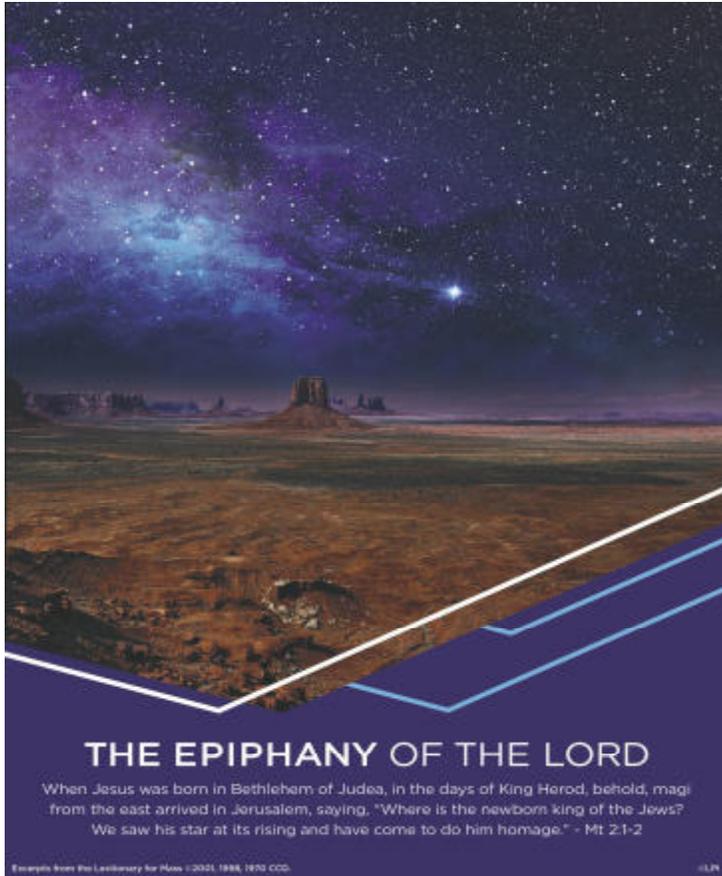


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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

Petersburg, IL



**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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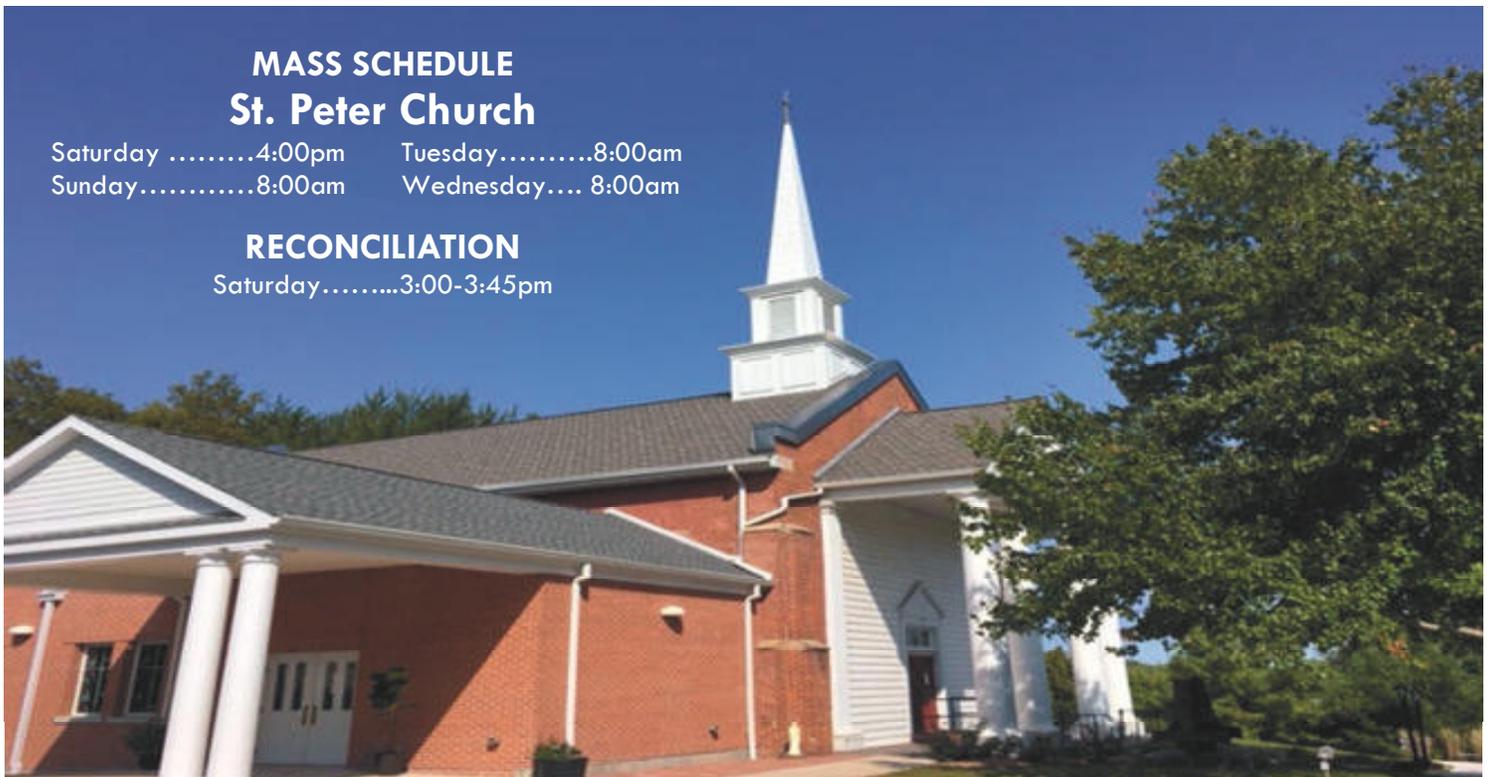
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**St. Peter Church**

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

**RECONCILIATION**

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**January 9TH & 10TH**

**Sat. 4:00pm Intentions of Parishioners**

**Sun. 8:00am † Imogene Sanders**

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**January 4TH—January 8TH**

**Mon. NO MASS**

**Tues. 8:00AM † Glenn Knous**

**Wed. 8:00AM † William Sullivan**

**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.***

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / JANUARY 3, 2021**

**First Reading:**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

**Psalm:**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading:**

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

**Gospel:**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt 2:10-11)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

**Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

**Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop

**Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

**Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

**Next Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord ©LPi

## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAREN

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we continue our journey into the sacred season of Christmas, I hope and pray that you are continuing to rejoice in the Lord's Birth and to ponder the mystery of the Incarnation of God. I urge you, as I did this past weekend, to continue celebrating Christmas through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Though the secular world around us has largely already thrown out the Christmas decorations, we are Catholics and we should live differently than those around us, always giving witness to the tremendous mystery of Love made flesh. Such a mystery is simply too great to celebrate for only one day; this is why the Church continues to rejoice in Christmas.

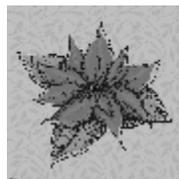
To help you continue to celebrate Christmas, you will find copies of Scott Hahn's book, *Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (And Still Does)* available at the entrances to the church. If you have not yet picked one up, you are welcome to do so. If you want to take a few copies to give to family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, or even strangers, there are plenty of copies remaining for you to do so. This could be one simple way to continue celebrating Christmas, the continuous giving of gifts.

We celebrate this weekend the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the mystery of the visit of the Magi from the East to the Christ Child. On this day, it is customary to bless our homes in honor of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – with prayer, chalk, and holy water. Epiphany blessing kits were made available to you last year, and I hope to have them available to you again this year. I have bottles for the holy water and plenty of chalk, and hope they will arrive in time. You are welcome to take an Epiphany kit home with you. The kits include the text of the short prayer service and blessing, a bottle of holy water, and a piece of chalk.

The memory of Christmas Eve and of Christmas Day is still within my heart. I am deeply grateful to all those who helped to decorate our church and make it more beautiful for the Child of Bethlehem. I am also most appreciative for the many assurances of prayers and the many good wishes so many of you extended to me this Christmas. Please know that you are all very much in my prayers during these holy days.

As this weekend we celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, I wish you and yours a very merry and blessed Christmas!

Fr. Daren



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL

Louella Casteel

Patricia Yargus

Loretta Allen

## 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!

## LETTER FROM BISHOP PAPROCKI

My dear friends in Christ,

Over the past year, the coronavirus pandemic has magnified the importance of communication. Whether it was announcing the closing and then reopening of the public celebration of Mass, updates on Confirmations, how our schools would reopen safely and responsibly, and how we should respond spiritually to the fear and stress of the pandemic, Catholic Times was consistently in your mailbox conveying these critical messages to you and the faithful of our diocese. In fact, I have heard numerous people say that despite all the uncertainty, Catholic Times was a consistent beacon of normalcy, something people deeply appreciated.

Catholic Times has been putting a greater emphasis on feature reporting, highlighting the people, parishes, and schools that are building up the Kingdom of God in our diocese. The magazine is also focusing on educating people about the faith through the "Hey, Father!" series and showcasing inspiring stories that provide a much-needed spiritual boost, especially during this uncertain time. New series in Catholic Times were also launched this past year including "From the Archives" and the cartoon "One Last Thing."

My column, "Lex Cordis Caritas," is on page 4 of each issue. It is one of the best ways that I can speak to you about the issues that we face as Catholics in Central Illinois and the nation and update you on important decisions I make that impact the faithful. As your bishop, it is important for me to be an active participant in Catholic media.

Catholic Times strives to report on the people and issues in our diocese and the extraordinary work ahead of us. Whether it is your church, your neighbor, or your school, it is important the magazine highlights the incredible life-giving and spiritually giving work our people are doing. The mission of Catholic Times is to educate readers about our faith, inspire readers about our faith, and equip readers with information to defend our faith.

It is all these reasons why I believe that Catholic Times should be available to every household in our diocese, either online ([ct.dio.org](http://ct.dio.org)) or by mail. Your \$15 annual subscription will help ensure that it remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted. Please renew your subscription in your Catholic Times parish envelope during the weekend of January 9-10.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

## 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>

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

December 20, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (18) & Loose Cash	\$1685.00	\$2802.00
Building	15.00	
Capital Campaign	90.00	
Jim Lutchka Memorial	155.00	
Votive Candles	4.25	
Christmas Offering	50.00	
Christmas Flowers	95.00	
Micro Food Pantry	225.00	
Retirement Fund For Religious	120.00	
Catholic Children's Home	70.00	
Solemnity Of Mary	50.00	

December 25th & 27th, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (24) & Loose Cash	\$5380.00	\$2802.00
Catholic Children's Home	3 50.00	
Retirement Fund For Religious	520.00	
Votive Candles	6.50	
Christmas offering	1670.00	
Christmas Flowers	25.00	
First Step Baby Bottle	25.00	
Micro Food Pantry	150.00	
Solemnity of Mary	100.00	
Catholic Times	30.00	

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



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