

Welcome to the Catholic Community of
HOLY FAMILY & ST. PETER

Athens, IL

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

Petersburg, IL

PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. PETER

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday: 10:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:00pm

Thursday, 8:00am

Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5:00pm-5:45pm

Holyday Masses As Announced



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MASS INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS AND WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

ST. PETER DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH & 26TH

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH

Friday 4:00PM † Jack Stewart

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Saturday 8:00AM † Lois Glynn

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY: NO 4:00PM MASS ON DECEMBER 25TH

SUNDAY, 8:00AM † Alexis Pillsbury

HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH & 26TH

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH

Friday 6:00PM † Mary Ann Hoefler

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Saturday 10:00AM † Norman Wiseman

WEEKEND MASS

SUNDAY: 10:00AM † Monique Gaston

WEEKDAYS DECEMBER 20TH—DECEMBER 23RD

ST. PETER

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday NO MASS

Wednesday 8:00AM † Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday NO MASS

HOLY FAMILY

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 6:00PM Communion Service

Wednesday 6:00PM † Joanna Baker

Thursday 8:00AM † Lowell Tasset

ADORATION: TUESDAY 2:00PM

BENEDICTION: TUESDAY 5:30PM

MASK MANDATE FOR PUBLIC PLACES

The Diocese of Springfield request that the Governor's Executive order regarding masks in indoor places be followed. Face coverings requirement for indoor public places applies to "all individuals in Illinois who are age two or over and able to medically tolerate face coverings (a mask or cloth face covering)."

HOLY FAMILY CHOIR PRACTICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 6:30PM

All are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU FOR THE 2022 CALENDARS

We would like to thank Potter Drugs, (Tim Gleason) for the 2022 Our Places of Worship calendars and the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers 2022 Calendar in celebration of 100 years of ministry in the Midwest. **Calendars are available in the church entries.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

DAILY BREAD MEALS ON WHEELS

Need volunteers to take meals out in Petersburg area, Monday-Friday in December and January. If you can help contact Vicky at Daily Bread (217-632-4314) 9am-Noon, Monday –Friday.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

Holy Family: Christmas Eve 6:00pm, Christmas Day 10:00am, New Year's Day 8:00am

St. Peter: Christmas Eve 4:00pm, Christmas Day 8:00am, New Year's Eve 5:00pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

ST. PETER, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 4:00PM

Coordinator: Claudia McEvers

Hospitality: Bill & Arlene Sowle

Lector: Joe Meister

Server: Margaret Hacke

ST. PETER, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 8:00AM

Coordinator: Chuck Muller

Hospitality: David & Karen Devine

Lector: Meg Murphy

ST. PETER, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 8:00AM

Coordinator: Jenny Jones

Hospitality: May & JD Stewart

Lector: Jenny Jones

HOLY FAMILY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 6:00PM

Lector: Lambert Fleck IV

Petitions: Lamber Fleck III

Sacristan: Lambert Fleck III

Hospitality: Amy Baughman/ Need Volunteer

Altar Servers: Madison & Pete Fleck

HOLY FAMILY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 10:00AM

Lector: Lambert Fleck III

Petitions: Phyllis Muller

Sacristan: Lambert Fleck III

Hospitality: Randra Church & Kathy Clemens

Altar Servers: Monica Parker

HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 10:00AM

Lector: Jim Baker

Petitions: Todd Corbin

Sacristan: Lambert Fleck III

Hospitality: Marilyn Haycraft & Monica Parker

Altar Servers: Need Volunteer

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

2:00-4:00PM AT ST. PETER CHURCH

Rev. Maurice Yonta and Rev. Peter Chineke from the Cathedral will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are invited and encouraged to come and celebrate Reconciliation

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
December 19, 2021, 4th Sunday of Advent**

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPi

CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S HOME COLLECTION

Since 1879, the Catholic Children’s Home has served as a “beacon of hope” for thousands of children in need of a safe harbor and a place to call home. Through the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918 to the Coronavirus in 2021, the Catholic Children’s Home has been there to give the love and compassion these children desperately need.

Today, the Catholic Children’s Home continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social academic and basic needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services, including an innovative program designed to serve the needs of children faced with the tremendous challenges of Autism. Many of the children have been chronically abused, or simply have no place to call home. (Envelopes to support the Mission of Catholic Children’s Home can be found in your monthly envelope packet)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS		
December 12, 2021	ACTUAL	NEEDED
HOLY FAMILY		
Envelopes (30) & Loose Cash	\$1121.00	\$1365.00
Building Fund	210.00	
Christmas Offering	25.00	
Christmas Flowers	15.00	
Immaculate Conception	90.00	
Religious Retirement Fund	690.00	
Solemnity of Mary	50.00	
ST. PETER		
Envelopes (25) & Loose Cash	\$1812.09	\$2746.00
Building Fund	220.00	
Christmas Flowers	2 0.00	
Immaculate Conception Holy Day	60.00	
Religious Retirement Fund	385.00	
Micro Food Pantry	300.00	

ST. PETER & HOLY FAMILY

“GIFT” FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM (K-6)

Call Monique, (971-1704) with questions or concerns.

DECEMBER 19TH—JANUARY 8TH NO “GIFT” CLASS.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

The St. Peter and Holy Family Adult Scripture Study groups will not meet again until the New Year.

New Parishioners

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

Baptism

Anyone interested in having their infant baptized need 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

The Prayer Chain is composed of members of the parish. Contact Paulette Doellman (217-636-7227) or Contact Meggann Bell by E-mail at (twobells32@hotmail.com) to make a prayer request.



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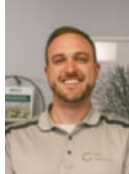
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