

# News & Happenings

Congratulations to the Prairie Conference Champions... our 8th grade Crusaders! Way to go boys.

#### Pictured Left to Right:

Front row: Emerson Vasquez, Braylin Bond, Alec Mandujano, Jonah Sherman, Gino Ferrari

Back row: Cade Kilmartin, Trajan Raffety, Weston Heersink, Carson Riva, Griffin May, Wyatt Kilday, Gus Burr

Coaches: Joel Vasquez, Chuck Riva, &

Luke Ferrari





**Blessing of Throats:** The feast of St. Blaise will be commemorated on Thursday, February 3rd with the traditional blessing of throats at the conclusion of 7:30 a.m. morning Mass.

### In Memoriam—Please pray for the repose of their souls.

- Ron Peterlin, who passed away on January 13th and was laid to rest Wednesday, January 19th.
- Bob Rowatt, who passed away on January 13th and will be laid to rest this coming week.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**Holy Hour for Vocations:** Fr. Blake invites all parishioners and Catholics of the Illinois Valley to attend the monthly holy hour for vocations at St. Valentine's Church in Peru. It will be held on Monday, February 7th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available and the evening will close with Benediction.

Catholic Schools Week: We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning Monday, January 31st through Friday, February 4th! Our students will share in special dress up days, spend the week praying for their prayer partners, and working on a couple community projects (providing meals at the local homeless shelter and sending special care packages for our diocesan seminarian). There will be one fundraiser that YOU can participate in as well. Chipotle in Peru will host an evening in support of our school. 33% of the event sales will be donated to Holy Family! All you have to do is enjoy a great dinner on Wednesday, February 2nd, between 4:00-8:00 p.m. So mark your calendars!! We will include the flyer that must be shown at the restaurant in our February monthly newsletter.

Marriage Mass & Date Night: Have you signed up to attend this special event at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, February 12th? If not, visit <a href="mailto:cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/">cdop.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/</a> DateNight2022.

**Teens Encounter Christ Weekends:** Our local TEC program has some upcoming Girls and Boys weekends for you to consider. *Girls: February 5-7 Boys: February 26-28*Below is some information about the program. For questions, you can contact Rachel Bezely at (815) 303-9299.

#### **Focus of TEC**

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a youth retreat sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria. The experience is based on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, and Christ lives in us and sends us forth with GOOD NEWS of God's Love for us. The weekend includes talks on Faith, Prayer, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Discipleship and Love. There is time for reflection on serious questions of life. This retreat experience offers participants the opportunity of forming Christian Community. At TEC, the message of Christ reaches not only the intellect but also the heart.

#### **Background of TEC**

TEC is the common name for Teens Encounter Christ. It originated in Lansing, Michigan in 1965. The program soon spread to many dioceses in the U.S., and came to Peoria in 1973. Since then, over 700 TEC's later, the program has expanded to six regional centers; Peoria, Quad Cities, Peterstown, Bloomington, West Central and Champaign. The TEC program started at Peterstown in 1976. TEC is guided by the diocesan director, a diocesan board, and the six regional boards. The weekends are conducted by teams of lay adults, teenagers, priests, and religious leaders.

#### Who Is TEC For?

TEC is intended for young adults aged 16-23 year olds, preferably in their junior year of high school. It is ecumenical in that young people from all Christian faith backgrounds are welcome. Each weekend begins Saturday morning and goes until Monday late afternoon. The weekend is sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria. The cost for the weekend is currently \$50.00, although inability to pay for the weekend should not be a reason for not attending (scholarships are available if needed).



Gospel Meditation—January 23rd

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

Fr. Paul Carlson, Pastor

**Holy Family Catholic Church** 

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning 7:30-7:45 a.m.

## Mass Schedule

1/22, 4:00 p.m. + Leonard and Lorraine Kasperski

1/23, **Sunday - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00 a.m. + Patricia Miller

by Mark and Mary Lee McLaughlin

For the Parish 11:00 a.m.

1/25. Tuesday

7:30 a.m. + Donald Daley by his sister and brothers

1/26. Wednesday

7:30 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Roger Majercian, Ryan Majercian

by Candie Alleman

1/27, **Thursday** 

+ Bill Banich by Mitzi Banich 7:30 a.m.

1/28. Friday

+ Gary, Emilio & Francis Balzarini 9:15 a.m.

1/29,

4:00 p.m. + Rosemary Weber by family and friends

1/30, **Sunday - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

11:00 a.m. + Sherry Senica Henkel

by Dale and Janice Washkowiak

# Minister Schedule

January 22nd @ 4:00 p.m. January 29th @ 4:00 p.m. Reader: Deena Pavinato EMHC: June Krasinski

Ushers: Tim Watkins Ushers: Joe Vittone Terry Piletic

January 23rd @ 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Mark Duttlinger EMHC: John Crew Ushers: Alex Newman Joel Gerdovich

January 23rd @ 11:00 a.m.

Reader: Paul Perona EMHC: Amie Walker Altar Server: Lenee McCoy Ushers: Cathy Granata

Brian Towne

Reader: Sue Van De Wyngaerde EMHC: Sue Van De Wyngaerde

Ken Capponi

January 30th @ 8:00 a.m.

Reader: Nathan Boudreau EMHC: Christina Elnicki Altar Server: Boudreau Fam.

Ushers: Jim Clinard Mike Liebhart

January 30th @ 11:00 a.m.

Reader: Brian Sherman EMHC: Brian Sherman Altar Server: Jonah Sherman

Ushers: Noah Sherman Jake Newman

# Finance Corner

Contributions received between January 13 - 18

Adult Envelope Contributions: \$3,567.00

Loose Money Collected: \$175.00

Online Giving: \$85.00

Mail-in Contributions: \$1,500.00

Maintenance: \$20.00

Christmas Collection: \$20.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$50.00

Initial Offering Envelope: \$230.00 School Endowment: \$15.00

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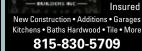
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