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in the Dayton Deanery

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DECEMBER 26, 2021

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for STAFF MEETING

CLOSED December 24 and 27

and December 31 and January 3

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THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

There is so much to celebrate this weekend: obviously, Christmas as we gather to recognize the birth of Our Savior; and then on Sunday we gather again to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

With these great feasts, there is something beautiful to recognize: the Lord could have come in so many ways. He could have come with fire, riding the clouds in glory. He could have come with an army of angels to avenge the sins of humanity. But He did not.

Instead, He came in simplicity and humility. He came in a hidden and obscure way. And He came in a way that each of us can imitate and embrace: Jesus came as a child, He came in a family just like ours. He came to sanctify our lives by entering into our very existence in a deep and profound way.

This is what we celebrate this weekend, and it should give us a great and profound sense of joy that God's love is here, present, and entering into our lives to bring us to salvation.

However, there is a temptation which we face: we have spent the entire month of December (and maybe even longer!) preparing our hearts and our homes for the celebration of Christmas, making them perfect for all the guests we are expecting to visit over these days.

But Jesus does not want to just be in the perfect and serene moments of our lives. He desires to be in the messy and confusing parts of our lives way more than He desires to be in the serene and perfect moments of our lives.

It is good to remember: Jesus was born in a stable and welcomed into this world by animals; not by doctors, not by kings and princes; by animals. And my guess is, it was somewhat messy and smelly and noisy.

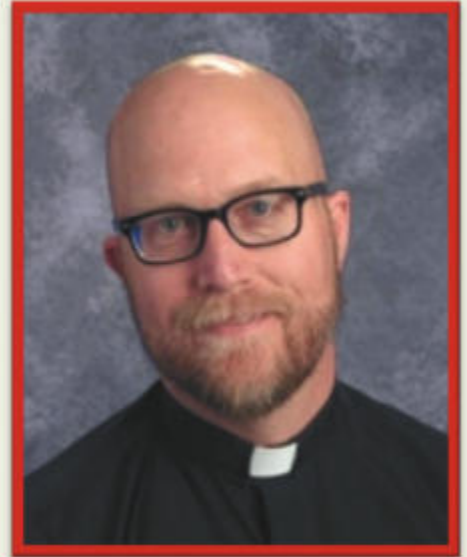
And that is where Jesus wants to meet us: in the messy, in the smelly, in the noisy parts of our lives.

As we celebrate Christmas, as we gather with our families, as we look to the coming of Jesus into the Holy Family; let us not forget that Jesus encounters us best in those moments of chaos; because He brings order out of chaos.

Then, He can truly be Lord of our hearts, our homes, our lives and our world.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Kyle Schnippel
Pastor



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:30am* @ St. Peter Marilyn Schaub

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24: *Christmas Eve*

3:00pm* @ St. Peter For the Parish (JK)

5:00pm* @ St. Peter For the Parish (KS)

9:00pm @ OLR For the Parish (AD)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: *The Nativity of the Lord*

12:00am @ Holy Cross For the Parish (JR)

12:00am* @ St. Peter For the Parish (KS)

7:30am @ St. Peter For the Parish (AD)

10:00am @ OLR For the Parish (KS)

11:00am* @ St. Peter For the Parish (JK)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26: *The Holy Family*

7:30am @ St. Peter Betty Hampshire (JK)

9:00am @ OLR Jim Pendergast, Michael Williams (JR)

9:00am* @ St. Peter Bertha Seger (AD)

10:30am @ Holy Cross Eugenija Gecas (KS)

11:00am @ St. Peter Margot Grandfield (AD)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27: *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

6:30am @ St. Peter Allen Fleury: Birthday

8:30am* @ St. Peter Mari and Mathew Skercevic

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

6:30am @ St. Peter John Zimmerman

8:30am* @ St. Peter Tom Ditonto

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29: *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr*

6:30am @ St. Peter Charles Gau

8:30am* @ St. Peter Bob Knueve

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:30am @ St. Peter Special Intention: Father Deepak D'Souza

8:30am* @ St. Peter Margaret Small: Birthday

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:30am @ St. Peter Leroy Brown

8:30am* @ St. Peter Joe Evans

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31: *Eve of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

11:30pm @ Holy Cross For our Region (Father Tim Farley)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1: *Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:30am @ St. Peter For our Region (KS)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1: *The Epiphany of the Lord*

4:30pm @ St. Peter Henry Cichaczewski (AD)

5:00pm @ OLR For the Parish (JR)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2: *The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:30am @ St. Peter The Wegerzyn Family

9:00am @ OLR Andy and Rose Dudon

9:00am* @ St. Peter Eufresina Naguit

10:30am @ Holy Cross Barbara August, Nathaniel Kiesman

11:00am @ St. Peter Dr. Donald Turner

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

FRIDAY, December 24: *Christmas Eve*

3:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass	SP Church
5:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass	SP Church
8:30pm	Christmas Carols	OLR Church
9:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass	OLR Church
11:30pm	Christmas Carols	SP Church
11:40pm	Christmas Carols	HC Church

SATURDAY, December 25: *The Nativity of the Lord*

12:00am	Christmas Mass	HC Church
12:00am	Christmas Mass	SP Church
7:30am	Christmas Mass	SP Church
10:00am	Christmas Mass	OLR Church
11:00am	Christmas Mass	SP Church

SUNDAY, December 26: *The Holy Family*

8:30am	Pray the Rosary	OLR Church
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MONDAY, December 27

7:55am	Pray the Rosary	SP Church
9:00pm	Adult Basketball	SP Gym

TUESDAY, December 28

7:30am	Reconciliation	SP Church
7:55am	Pray the Rosary	SP Church
3:30pm	Adoration for Families	SP Church

WEDNESDAY, December 29

11:00am	Fatima Holy Hour	SP Chapel
12:30pm	BINGO	HC Church Hall
2:00pm	Shepherds of Christ	SP Chapel
5:00pm	Youth Marine Meeting	Fehrenbach Hall
5:30pm	Holy Hour	HC Church

THURSDAY, December 30

7:30am	Reconciliation	SP Church
7:55am	Pray the Rosary	SP Church
6:30pm	BINGO	Fehrenbach Hall
9:00pm	Adult Basketball	SP Gym

FRIDAY, December 31

7:55am	Pray the Rosary	SP Church
9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	SP Church

FRIDAY, December 31: *Eve of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

11:30pm	Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass	HC Church
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SATURDAY, January 1: *Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

8:30am	Mary, Holy Mother of God Mass	SP Church
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SUNDAY, January 2: *The Epiphany of the Lord*

11:30am	RCIA Break Open the Word	Fehrenbach Hall
5:00pm	Adult Volleyball	SP Gym

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

BAPTISM: The Baptismal Preparation Class is held on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 10:30 am in Classroom 118 at St. Peter School. Please call 937.237.3516 to RSVP for the Baptism class and to schedule the Baptism. Baptisms are held after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Peter Church. Baptisms at Holy Cross Church and Our Lady of the Rosary Church are by request.

COMMUNION: Please contact the Parish Administration Office at 937.233.1503 if you or a family member needs Communion brought to your home or nursing facility.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements are to be made six months in advance. Please call the Parish Administration Office at 937.233.1503.

RECONCILIATION: On Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Peter Church and from 4:00 to 4:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church; and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:15 am at St. Peter Church. Also, by request.

ANointing of the SICK: Priests are available to administer the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the Parish Administration Office at 937.233.1503.

VOCATIONS: Please visit cincinnati vocations.org.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

Holy Cross Our Lady of the Rosary St. Peter
 MR/MRS • MR • MRS • MS • MISS
 Single • Married • Widowed
 Separated • Divorced

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

UNLISTED YES or NO _____

E-MAIL _____

Please mail form to the Parish Administration Office. New member registration can also be completed at daytonxii.org. To update your parish records, please call 937.233.1503 or email ljoliat@saintpeterparish.org.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION *for* DECEMBER

Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION *for* JANUARY

True human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

READINGS *for the* WEEK *of* DECEMBER 26

Sunday Cycle YEAR C: November 28, 2021 to November 20, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

LIVE *the* LITURGY

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort, too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

FAMILY FAITH MOMENTS

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Church presents the Holy Family to us as a model for our own family life. We don't have to be a "perfect family," but we remember that our family life is sacred and blessed by the Holy Family with graces. In today's Gospel, we hear of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus traveling to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover when Jesus was twelve years old. But when it was over, Jesus remained behind without His parents knowing and they searched for three days before finding Him.

Passing along the traditions of the Church to the next generation: Discuss what you think Jesus' life was like growing up. What was the village of Nazareth, the city of Jerusalem like? How did Mary and Joseph feel when Jesus was missing? What did the Holy Family talk about, what were some of the difficulties they may have faced? Share stories about your own lives. Were you ever lost? What was life like when your parents and grandparents were growing up? What are some special qualities of your family? What traditions have you kept in your family?

"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them." – *Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning January 5, there will be no 6:30 am Mass on Wednesday mornings. And with that change, there will now be a 5:30 pm Mass on Wednesday evenings. In previous bulletins, it stated that there will be more prayer opportunities with the new Mass schedule on Wednesdays. With the changes from *Beacons of Light*, it was decided that the Mass time will still change, but the prayer opportunities planning has been postponed until a later date.

FINANCIAL NEWS

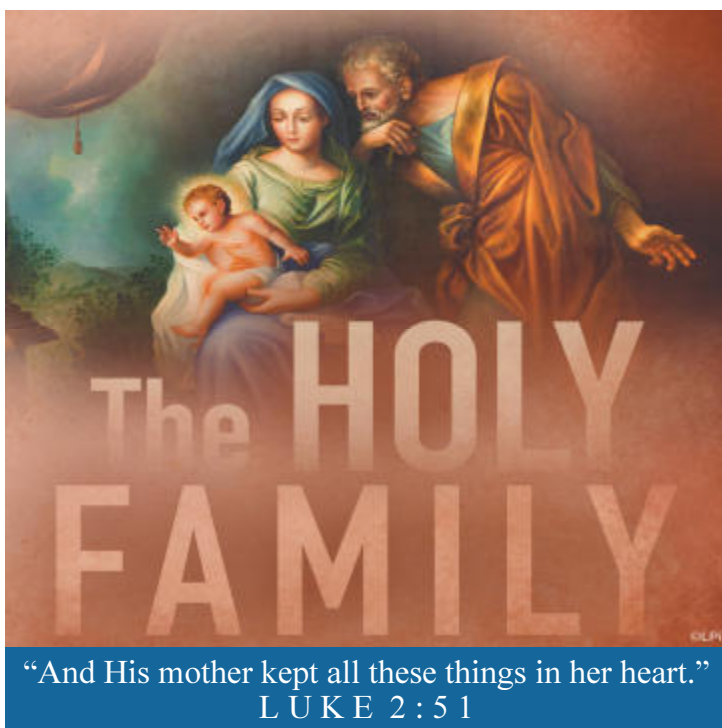
A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT ST. PETER PARISH and ST. PETER SCHOOL

The IRS has announced that for the 2021 tax year they WILL continue their program for charitable deductions for individual taxpayers that do not itemize their deductions on their 2021 TAX RETURN. The individual taxpayer can claim a deduction of up to \$300 (\$600 for couples) for gifts of cash made to a public charity such as St. Peter School Scholarship Fund or St. Peter Parish. The deduction is ONLY for gifts of cash made in the calendar year 2021.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE: If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can make gifts directly to Saint Peter Parish or Saint Peter School Scholarship Fund from individual retirement accounts (IRAs). These gifts are called qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). Why is a QCD such a good giving option? Giving directly from your IRA - rather than withdrawing these funds - won't increase your adjusted gross income or subject your Social Security income to more taxes. Such gifts can count toward all or part of your annual required minimum distribution (RMD). For those turning 70 ½ this year, the minimum age for taking RMDs has increased to 72. QCD gifts can be especially advantageous for those who do not expect to itemize their deductions and for those whose deductions are limited. You may make QCD gifts in any amount up to \$100,000 per person per year, or \$200,000 for a couple with separate IRAs.



A Synod on Synodality? Sounds strange, doesn't it? Yet this is what the Holy Father has called. In its simplest form, synodality represents a collaborative approach by all the people of God to address a particular issue for which the Holy Father seeks input. For this synod, he wants to hear from everyone on how the whole Church (not only the Bishops and Priests) can journey together in bringing the Gospel message to the world. To address this "synodal" approach, he has called for all Dioceses in the world to hold local consultative meetings to discuss this topic. Currently, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is targeting January and February 2022 for these meetings. Please prayerfully consider participating in your local deanery meeting. For more information, please visit catholicaoc.org/synod. Want to participate? On the website you will find an opportunity to sign up for one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there!



JOURNEYS of FAITH

Shrines, Souvenirs and Catholic Tourism

Catholic shrines and festivals attract millions of visitors each year, ranging from pilgrims on spiritual journeys to casual tourists. This exhibit, featuring items from the Marian Library and the United States Catholic Special Collection, explores the motivations for Catholic travel; what visitors do at these sites; and the souvenirs they bring back — from handcrafted devotional objects to quirky mementos. Cost is FREE, visit goudayton.edu/journeysoffaith for more information.

Open now to January 31
8:30am to 4:30pm Weekdays
Marian Library Gallery
Roesch Library
University of Dayton

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS @ St. Peter Church

When you serve as a Eucharistic Minister, you increase your respect and reverence for the Eucharist under both species and participate in the full ritual beauty of ministering Communion to your fellow parishioners. To become a Eucharistic Minister at St. Peter Church, the following should apply:

- Be in good standing as a Catholic such as having received Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.
- Be willing to receive the Eucharist in both species.
- Be available at least once a month.
- Arrive early and sign in before your assigned Mass.
- Arrange for a substitute from the Eucharistic Minister list if you are unable to honor your scheduled commitment.
- Attend a training session.

We are especially needing Eucharistic Ministers for Saturday evening Mass at 4:30 and Sunday morning Mass at 7:30.

Come and be a part of our family. Please contact Curt Niebrugge by calling or texting to 937.238.1693.

In Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the recently deceased members of our region family: Gabe Calzada (St. Peter Parish), David Dickens (St. Peter Parish), Susan Gough (Holy Cross Parish Employee), Robert Hupp (St. Peter Parish), Rich Lynch (St. Peter Parish Employee), and Betty Schweller (St. Peter Parish).

ADORATION for FAMILIES

Tuesday / December 28
3:30pm / St. Peter Church

DATE CHANGE due to Christmas.
We will meet again the third Tuesday of each month starting in January.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Petitions, Prayers, and Teaching.
Call the Parish Office at 937.233.1503 for more details.

**REGISTER TODAY FOR
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Saturday | January 8 | 7:00 to 11:00pm
Ries Center at St. Peter Parish in Huber Heights
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Semi-formal/formal dance with hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer.
Plus, a special 30-45 minute session of ballroom dance lessons!

Cost: \$20/person before January 1st / \$25 after - come home with a gift included!
Tickets go on sale beginning December 1st and are first-come, first-served.
Use the QR Code below to purchase your tickets.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ANDREW AT DAYTONCATHOLICYA@GMAIL.COM



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Friday | December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

*3:00pm at St. Peter Church

*5:00pm at St. Peter Church

9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church (Carols at 8:30pm)

Midnight at Holy Cross Church (Carols at 11:40pm)

*Midnight at St. Peter Church (Lessons & Carols at 11:30pm)

Saturday | December 25 ~ Christmas Day

7:30am at St. Peter Church

10:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church

*11:00am at St. Peter Church

Friday | December 31 ~ Eve of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

11:30pm at Holy Cross Church

Saturday | January 1 ~ Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*8:30am at St. Peter Church

*Mass will be live streamed at daytonxii.org.

Holy Cross

Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Peter



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory/Honor of...

Col./Mrs. Frank Albanese, Jr.	
Mr./Mrs. Bernard Anatole	
Mr./Mrs. Andrew Beiring, Sr.	
Mr. Mark Besecker	Lorraine Perna
Mr./Mrs. Reginald Bowyer	Roy and Kay Moore, Robert Bowyer, Robert Moore, William Moore
Mrs. Carol Carroll	Raymond Carroll, Victoria Catherine Waker
Mr./Mrs. Isauro Delos Santos	Lee Delos Santos, Macaria Dela Cruz, Lourdes Delos Santos
Ms. Michelle Dryfuse	
Mr./Mrs. Charles Fikes	The Rocha, Fikes, Statesman, Harken, and Bartlett Families
Mr./Mrs. Vernon Fischer	The Topp and Fischer Families
Mr./Mrs. David Gannon	Edward and Geraldine Dobmeier, Howard and Albina Gannon
	Donna Mae and Gerald Dobmeier, Darin Hughes
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Mrs. Lutitia Hartlage	Ken Hartlage
Mr./Mrs. John Hoffman	Bill and Doris Neace, Larry Clutter
Mr./Mrs. Thomas Istvan	The Istvan, Betts, Moquin, and Lanouette Families
Mr./Mrs. David Jackson	
Mr./Mrs. Bryan Jay	William and Margaret Brennan, Everett Lipps, Carla Weber
	The Schwidweiler Family, The Brennan Family
Mr./Mrs. Brian Kadel	Mrs. Judi MacLeod
Mr./Mrs. Michael Kennedy	
Mr./Mrs. Joseph Kiley	All Souls
Mrs. Margaret Kincade	
Mr./Mrs. Michael Lechnir	Deceased Family Members of Mr./Mrs. Lechnir
Mr./Mrs. Thomas Lucente	Mark Lucente
Mr./Mrs. Robert Lutz	John and Margaret Lutz, Dominick and Dina Cyr
Mr. Gregory Marx	Walter and Patricia Marx, The Marx Family
Mr./Mrs. Ralph Meyer	Garard and Mabel Meyer, Al and Norma Meyer
	Jim and Rosella Faulkner, Edward and Jean McIntosh
Mr./Mrs. Michael O'Hearn	Robert and Rita O'Hearn, Wood and Rose Powell and Karl
	Dave and Marge O'Hearn; Daniel, Martin, and Chris O'Hearn
	Florence and William Anderson, Gertrude and David O'Hearn
Mr./Mrs. Terry Phillips	
Mr./Mrs. Hervey Potter	
Mr./Mrs. George Radic	The Radic and Vrabec Families
Mr./Mrs. Richard Ray	The Hageman and Ray Families
Mrs. Mary Rodgers	
Mr./Mrs. Jeff Schafer	
Mr./Mrs. Ted Serrer	
Mr./Mrs. John Skuya	
Mr./Mrs. Robert Spoutz	Family Members
Ms. Insuk Trafficante	
Mr./Mrs. Richard VanDorpe	Edward H. Meyer, Mary Alicia Meyer, Rose and Nora Meyer
	Henry VanDorpe, Jeanette VanDorpe
Dr./Mrs. Gregory Weber	Living Family Members of Gregory and Precious Weber
Mrs. Carolyn Yankel	Gene Yankel
Mr./Mrs. Bryan Young	

... continued with upcoming bulletins ...

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE

for December 11 and 12

HOLY CROSS	\$ 1,298.00
<i>weekly budget</i>	<i>\$ 769.23</i>
OUR LADY of the ROSARY	\$ 6,289.47
<i>weekly budget</i>	<i>\$ 3,846.15</i>
ST. PETER	\$17,264.39
<i>weekly budget</i>	<i>\$24,038.46</i>

RETIREMENT FUND for RELIGIOUS

Thank you for your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection; our region collected \$9,531.43 to help those who have GIVEN A LIFETIME.

A sister writes, “Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible.” Thank you for supporting last week’s collection. Please visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly Sisters, Brothers, and religious order Priests.

HOLY CROSS ENVELOPES

Beginning January 2022, parishioners registered at Holy Cross Church will now receive monthly envelopes versus one box for the year.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The 2021 Christmas Bazaar was a big success. We cannot thank the office and maintenance staff enough for all of their help with this event. Thank you to everyone to volunteered at the Bazaar, and thank you to Martha Cordonnier and her ladies for all of those wonderful buckeyes. We had an anonymous donation of \$1,000... THANK YOU! The grand total of profit was \$13,804.83, which will go to the St. Peter School Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to our team of elves - they are the best! Want to join the elves for this wonderful event? Email Head Elf Linda at stpeterchristmasbazaar@gmail.com.



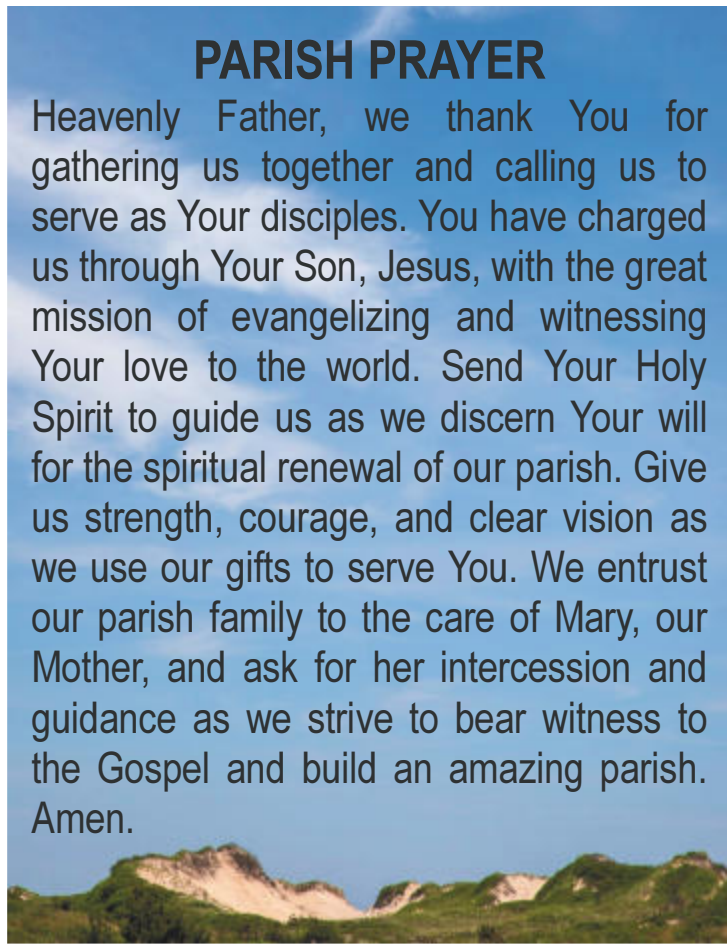
Thank you for all the donations this year to our St. Vincent de Paul Societies at St. Peter and at Holy Cross/Our Lady of the Rosary. Your generosity has helped many families and individuals in our community. And a big thank-you to all our wonderful volunteers from our St. Vincent de Paul Societies who help one-on-one with those in need and those who do work in the background.

“We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of His love.”

~ St. Vincent de Paul ~

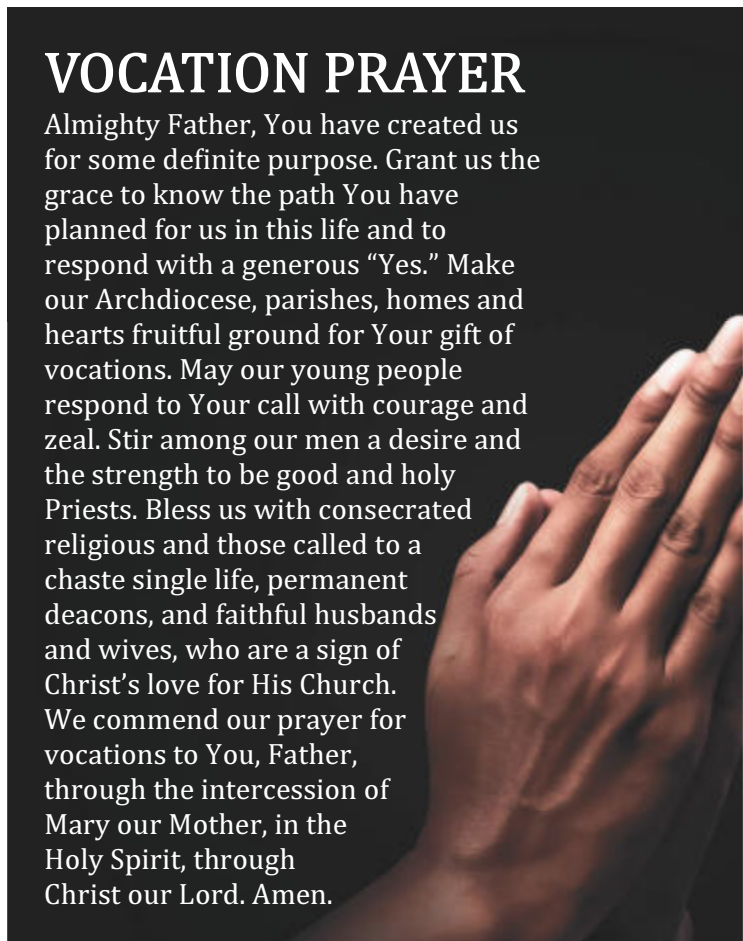
PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us together and calling us to serve as Your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing Your love to the world. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our Mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish. Amen.



VOCATION PRAYER

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes.” Make our Archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy Priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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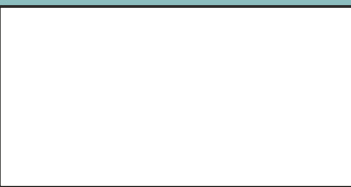
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