



ST. PETER PARISH, DOUGLAS PARROQUIA SAN FELIPE DE JESÚS, FENNVILLE

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope
January 11, 2026

THE SPIRIT OF GOD
DESCENDING LIKE
A DOVE.

— MATTHEW 3:16 —

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ST. PETER | Douglas

100 St. Peters Drive
PO Box 248, Douglas, MI 49406
Website: www.stpeter-douglas.org

facebook.com/stpeterdouglas

Parish Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8:30am–2:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:00am & 10:30am

Live streamed on Facebook

Weekday Mass:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am
- Wednesday: No Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm or by appt.

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Parish Coordinator:

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Mass Schedule:

- Sunday Mass: 12:30pm (Spanish)
- Thursday Mass: 6:30pm (Spanish)



St. Peter Website

WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10

5:00pm + Bill Vandervelden by Family

Sunday, January 11

8:00am + Marjorie Cistaro

by Dave & Erica Baarman

10:30am + Denise Carver & + Heinz Mattern

by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Monday, January 12

8:30am + Glen Greiner by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Tuesday, January 13

8:30am + Chuck Jensen by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Thursday, January 15

8:30am + Elizabeth Oswald by Steve Oswald

Friday, January 16

8:30am + John & + Josephine Solomon

by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Saturday, January 17

5:00pm + Joe Ramirez by Family

Next Sunday, January 18

8:00am + John Napoli by Bob & Jan Firmiss

10:30am Emily & Kevin Graham

by Pantelleria Family



Closing Event of "Little Towns of Bethlehem":

An Epiphany Celebration for Children and Their Families

Some 45 children, along with their parents and other parishioners, gathered before the prayer to decorate their own stars in honor of the Feast of the Epiphany.

The three Magi listen attentively to learn where Christ can be found within our church. "We have been following a star, but there are so many stars! Can you help us find the newborn Christ?" they ask. Through their journey, the Magi discover that Christ is found in three sacred places: in the Word, at the Altar, and in the Assembly of His People.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 1/11

8:00am...Mass
8:00am - noon...Pancake Breakfast
9:10 - 10:20am...Faith Formation
10:30am...Mass

MONDAY, 1/12

8:30am...Mass

TUESDAY, 1/13

8:30am...Mass
9:30 - 11:00am...Open Vessels
5:00 - 6:00pm...Holy Hour
5:00 - 8:00pm...Eucharistic Exposition

WEDNESDAY, 1/14

No Mass

THURSDAY, 1/15

10:00am...Mass

FRIDAY, 1/16

8:30am...Mass
9:10 - 11:10am...CGS
9:30am - noon...Eucharistic
Exposition
12:15pm...Al-Anon

SATURDAY, 1/17

8:00 - 10:00am...Catholic Men's
Fellowship
1:00pm...Wedding
3:30 - 4:30pm...Reconciliation
5:00pm...Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, 1/18

8:00am...Mass
9:10 - 10:20am...CGS
10:30am...Mass



The Little Towns of Bethlehem

With heartfelt gratitude to all who helped Fr. Evelio bring this exhibit to life: To those who built and created, Who painted and crafted, Who set up and took down, Who gave your time, talent, and hands to this work. You are all very much appreciated.

Thank you!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Alex Ramirez
Bertha Denemy
Carol Powers
Dcn. Tony Nethercott
Isa Rodriguez Kupres
Janet Fahey
Lynne Adamczyk
Madison McAllister
Saul Suarez, Jr.
Fr. Don Klingler

Michael Akey
Bill Alwin
Dorothy Lockwood
Henryke Ternier
Abbey Sapita
Jessica Castaneda
Kathy & David Brummett
Al & Mary Ellingsen
Tell Lindgren
Patrick & Jo Dargis

Carol Vandervelden
Mike Jamrog
Celestino & Lupita Reyes
Jerry Higgs
Jeff & Debbie Wasilevich
Sam Phillippe
Katie Beemer
Brian Wheeler
James Pankow
Patricia Ramirez

Gale Skiver
Natalie Ferris
Pat Simmons
Chet Simmons
Doris C. Pacelli
Rudy Diaz
Brian Richard Taylor

You're invited NET Retreat

Sunday, February 1
10:00am until 4:30pm

7th - 12th graders

You will be attending the 10:30am Mass
Lunch and a snack will be provided

REGISTER BY JANUARY 18.

A team of young adults from NET Ministries will be traveling to St. Peter to lead this retreat.

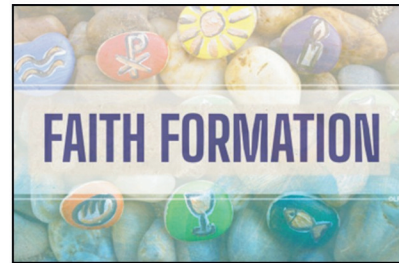
Welcome the newest baptized members of our parish family. May Jesus always bless them with His love and grace.



Jameson Lee, son of Alex & Brittney (Giles) Marion



Eleanor Maria Lynn, daughter of John & Melissa (Graham) Mogor



**Sundays,
January 11 & 25
9:10 - 10:20am**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION UPDATES

Confirmation Year 2 Enrollment

Sunday, January 25 during 10:30a Mass

1st Reconciliation Student / Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 25 at 9:10am

1st Communion Student / Parent Meeting

Sunday, February 15 at 9:10am

stpeter-douglas.org/faith-formation

**The Feast of the Presentation is coming
up on February 2!
Candles will be available for purchase
on the weekends of
January 25-26 and February 8-9.**



Camp Geneva
3995 Lakeshore Dr. N
Holland, MI 49424

February 27 - March 1
6pm Friday - 12pm Sunday

CALLING ALL TEENS!

**Don't Miss THE PRESENCE Kalamazoo
2026!**

Registration deadline: February 11 at 2pm

If you haven't signed up, do it today!



Keynote Speaker:
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Host: Tommy!!



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Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 11
8am - noon



Why Was Jesus Baptized?

Quite often, I just make up a question to get one of these essays started, and then try to answer it in a way that I hope readers will find interesting and informative. But in this case, the question is real, and has come from several parishioners in recent weeks.

Jewish tradition around the time of Jesus included the practice of ritual washing, usually in the form of immersion. This was always self-administered, and symbolized ritual purity, which was required for temple worship. This restoration of ritual purity was required after contact with corpses, certain bodily discharges, childbirth, and in preparation for Temple worship. The remains of pools used for this purpose are abundant in Jerusalem and throughout Judea.

Gentile converts to Judaism were also immersed (and males circumcised) along with Temple sacrifice, when the Temple was standing, to symbolize their transition from Gentile (impure) to membership in the Covenant. This was a one-time act. And this practice may or may not have existed at the time of John's baptizing activity.

John's baptism was different, and it was a bit more like ours: John baptized others, as opposed to the self-immersion practiced previously. John's baptism was once and for all, not repeatable, and tied to repentance from sin. Most surprisingly, Jews were being baptized by John as if they needed the same cleansing as the "impure" Gentiles. The implication was that ancestry alone did not guarantee standing in the Covenant.

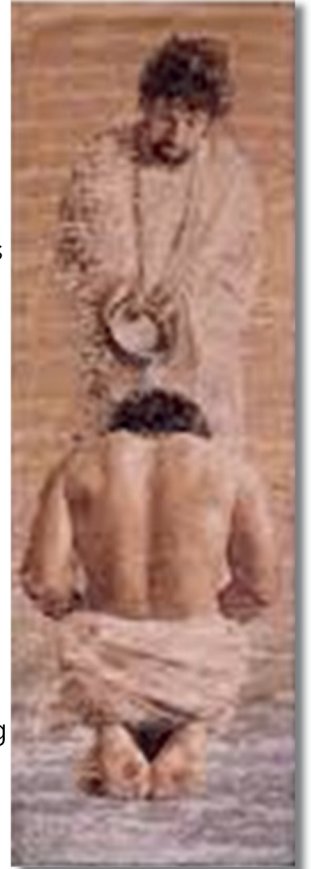
All of this was a part of John's preaching that Judgement was imminent; it was a preparation for the coming kingdom of God. (The Jewish tradition confirms John's ministry and describes accurately his nuance regarding conversion or moral reform as opposed to mere ritual cleansing. Thus it is clear that John the Baptist, and his particular treatment of Baptism, was not merely a Christian invention.)

Well, if you put it that way, who better to be baptized than the One who brings the Kingdom of God to earth? Jesus, of course, did not need any purification, nor any ritual cleansing. But His example of submission to the ritual signifying a turning point in life serves us all very well. And this was, in fact, a turning point in His life. From here, He entered into His public ministry.

The Baptism of Jesus is another and final revelation of the presence of the Word Made Flesh in the world: the first was at Christmas to the lowly shepherds, next, as celebrated at Epiphany, to the Magi from outside the confines of Israel, and finally, this revelation of the adult Jesus, with the endorsement of a voice from a shining cloud: *This is my beloved Son; Listen to Him!*

It's all about *Incarnation*, the ongoing theme of so much of our faith: God's entry into our human world brings us a visible, tangible experience of what we cannot fully understand. God so profoundly desires to be near us, to be with us, that He provides this rich and literally immersive experience of Jesus's own baptism, and subsequently the sacrament of Baptism to bring us all into the new life of faith that is ours.

Joy to the world!



This is a tapestry by artist John Nava, hanging in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. The full work is some 40 feet tall.

Concierto 2026



Pasamos una noche de diversión para comenzar el año nuevo. Disfrutamos de los talentos de los miembros de nuestra parroquia y nos despedimos de Pachó quien nos ha acompañado el año pasado. Los que participaron están esperando que se haga el año que viene.

Un rato de silencio para hablar con Jesús con otro rato para orar juntos...

Adoración al Santísimo
Domingo, 18 de enero
5 - 6:30pm

Pueden venir a visitar a Jesús por la cantidad de tiempo que quiera.



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Estás invitado al retiro NET

Domingo, 1 de febrero
10:00am hasta 4:30pm

¡Todos los estudiantes de 7° a 12° grado están invitados! Asistirás a la Misa de las 10:30am
Se proporcionará almuerzo y un refrigerio.

Un equipo de jóvenes adultos de NET Ministries viajará a St. Peter para dirigir este retiro.

Contacta a **Joe Marble** para preguntas o para registrarte.

CALENDARIO SEMANAL

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR, 1/11

10:45AM... LAS CLASES DE CATEQUESIS

12:30 PM... LA MISA

2:30 PM...LAS CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

MARTES, 1/13

6:30PM....LAS CLASES DE CATEQUESIS

JUEVES, 1/15

5:00PM...ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

6:30PM...LA SANTA MISA

2° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO, 1/18

10:45AM... LAS CLASES DE CATEQUESIS

12:30 PM... LA MISA

2:30 PM...LAS CLASES DE CONFIRMACIÓN

5:00PM...LA ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

Domingo, 11 de Enero

12:30pm + Emeterio Jimenez

Jueves, 15 de Enero

6:30pm Por las almas del Purgatorio

Ayúdenos a Hacer Más Fuerte Nuestra Parroquia

Queremos ver que prospere San Felipe y cumpla con su misión entregada por Dios.

Toma el tiempo para poner su familia en el censo.

El número de familias en el censo revela la fuerza de nuestra comunidad. Nos ayuda a mantener la comunicación entre nuestras familias y a planear par el futuro.

INFORME DE OFERTORIO PARROQUIAL

Colectas de Navidad 12/24 & 12/25: \$962.00

Colecta del Domingo 12/28: \$1,325.00

Venta de Comida 12/28: \$1,106.00

Colecta del Día Santo 12/31 & 1/1: \$580.00

Colecta del Domingo 1/4: \$1,180.00

Venta de Comida 1/4: \$679.00

La Bendición de la Casa para el Año Nuevo
En honor de la Epifanía hay gises bendecidos para llevar a la casa a bendecir la puerta de su hogar. Encima de la puerta se pone:



RECUERDA EN ORACIÓN

Alex Ramirez

Antemia Salazar

Ernesto y Elena Lopez

Luis Vidal

Maria Nuñez Castillo

Bonifacio Rojas Guzman

Pedro Huerta

Jacqueline Marin

Elvira Rodriguez

Juana Garcia

Zoe Blanco Morales

Melisa Flores

Ramiro Benitez

Jasmin Muñoz

Celso Randa

Juanita Rodriguez

Ma. Dolores Rosas

Angel Gastelum

Enelda Lopez

Casandra Moreno

Diacono Jose Alfaro