

Third Sunday of
ADVENT

December 16, 2018





Saint Peter Catholic Church

100 Saint Peter Drive

P.O. Box 248

Douglas, MI 49406

Parish Office: 269-857-7951

Website: www.stpeter-douglas.org

Facebook: @stpeterdouglas

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Fabio H. Garzón, VF

Deacons/Diáconos:

Dcn. Tony Nethercott (Retired)

Dcn. Maximino Rodríguez

Sisters:

Sr. Olivia Latiano, SND

Hna. Maryud Cortés, MSDE

Hna. Yuliana Rúa, MSDE

Hna. Maria Eugenia Gómez, MSDE

Hna. Yurani Henao, MDSE

Business Administrator: Ralph Hensley

RCIA, Pastoral Care & Administrative Assistant:

Marianne Hoffman

Music Director:

Sr. Olivia Latiano, SND

Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization:

Alisha Giles

Liturgical Director:

Nancy Maslanka

Director of Communications:

Geri Pantelleria

Maintenance:

857-7951

Funeral Planning:

Parish Office ext. 0

Senior Luncheon:

Barbara Borst

Pastoral Council: Pastoral.Council@stpeter-douglas.org

Finance Council: Finance.Council@stpeter-douglas.org

ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Week Days: 8:30 am M - F

Holy Days: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer: 8:15am, M - F

Confessions: Saturdays: 2:30 to 4:30pm
During Advent only

HORARIO DE MISAS EN SAN FELIPE

Domingo: 12:30pm

Jueves: 6:30pm

Confesiones: Jueves por la tarde o por cita

ST. BASIL MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00pm & 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

M T & W: 9:00am

Friday: 5:00pm

Confessions: Saturdays 4pm

This Week

- ♦ **Family Faith Formation**, Sun 9:15am - 1:15pm
- ♦ **Confirmation Enrollment**, Sun 10:30am Mass
- ♦ **Carmelites Meeting**, Sun 1pm
- ♦ **Mass**, weekdays at 8:30am
- ♦ **Knitting Group**, Mon 10am
- ♦ **Penance Service @ St. Basil**, Mon 7pm
- ♦ **RCIA**, Mon 6 - 8pm
- ♦ **AA Meeting**, Mon 8-9pm
- ♦ **Bible Study**, Tues 9am - 10am
- ♦ **Open Vessels Women's Faith Sharing**,
Tues 9:30 - 11am
- ♦ **BeFriender Christmas Gathering**, Tues 7pm
- ♦ **Bilingual Posada**, Wed 6pm
- ♦ **Choir Practice**, Wed 7 - 8:30pm
- ♦ **Knights of Columbus Meeting**, Wed 7:30 - 8:30pm
- ♦ **Advent Stations**, Thurs 6pm
- ♦ **Catholic Men's Fellowship**, Sat 8 - 10am (Rectory)
- ♦ **Funeral Mass for Jerry & Betty Wroblewski**,
Sat 10am
- ♦ **AA Meeting**, Sat 12 - 1pm
- ♦ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Sat 2:30 - 4:30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 15

5:00pm † **Fr. Tim Cuny, OSA** (Anniversary of Death)
by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

Sunday, December 16

8:00am † **Maria Maslanka**
by The Maslanka Family

10:30am † **Jackie Wobith** by Don & Mary Wobith

Monday, December 17

8:30am † **Beverly Binder** (Anniversary of Death)
by Eugene Binder

Tuesday, December 18

8:30am † **Dan Rastall & his mother, Dolores**
by Nadine, Dan & Tony

Wednesday, December 19

8:30am † **Marie Holck** (Birthday Remembrance)
by Tom & Geri Pantelleria

Thursday, December 20

8:30am **The People of St. Peter Parish**

Friday, December 21

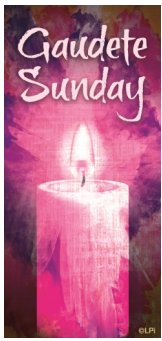
8:30am † **Anne Sheahan**
by Mary Leber

Saturday, December 22

5:00pm † **Sue Tisdale** (Anniversary of Death)
by Kathy Sturm

Sunday, December 23

8:00am † **Nora Allred** by Tony & Marsha Maslanka
10:30am † **Rob Smith** by St. Peter Parish Family



Reflection for the Third Sunday in Advent

If you should ever get the opportunity to go to Rome you will be thrilled to see all the beautiful churches. And of course you will be thrilled to see all the art in all those churches. Now as good Catholics with good Catholic souls and instincts you will not look at all that art like the tourists look at it—But you, of course, will recognize the art as your pictures—your saints—your story, your friends in the faith. And one thing I think you will notice as you go from altar to altar and image to image—in the flickering light of many candles—is that the picture may be of Jesus or Mary or the Apostles or saints—the statue may be a Bible scene or a depiction of a miracle or a martyrdom—you will notice there is—in almost every face—in every pair of eyes—in every mouth—always a smile.

There is in almost every figure—a quiet happiness—a peaceful tranquility—a blessed serenity. In the faces of all those saints you will see subtle smiles, hopeful gazes and grateful nods—even if the image is of a Saint being martyred in the worst possible way, they are smiling. And that smile draws you to those saints—and therefore to Jesus. You want to know them because they are so mysteriously happy. Why are they happy even in the midst of the worst suffering? Because the joy of God is deep within them. It is their faith which makes them smile.

In other words, Catholic artists are trying to say that because of our religion—because of the things we believe, we can live our lives happily in this world—even if bad things happen to us. And why? Because we know that God is there with us in our trials and pains—in our sufferings and tears. Our Catholic faith gives us all the confidence we need—no matter what. That is what Catholic art—in Rome—or Mexico or South America tells us. No matter what sufferings and sorrows befall us in this life, our Catholic faith—in Jesus and in the Virgin—gives us strength and gives us joy. No matter what happens.

You see our religion is not just about logic or reason or ideas or theology—it is not even only about taking care of the poor—it is primarily about the joyful presence of God in our soul. That is what gives us hope and makes us smile. Look at those candles in our sanctuary—the three purple ones, the dark ones. These three dark and sad and purple candles symbolize the world and our lives without Jesus—without our Catholic faith.

But then look at the rose-colored candle—the one we light today—the Third Sunday of Advent—this is Rejoice Sunday—Gaudete Sunday as we say in Latin. This candle says; “It is not all bad. It is not all purple. There is hope!” This is how it all comes together: Everyone’s life is full of many things. Some good. Some bad. Some happy. Some sad. But if we do not know God—the bad only gets worse, the suffering multiplies and every tear we shed is forever. But, if we know God and if we hope in him and love him—why that makes all the difference in the world—because no matter what terrible things befall us—God is there with us—and that is good. That is what makes us smile that beatific smile that we see on the faces of all the saints—the smile that says that we know that God is our comfort. He is our joy. He is our life, our light, and our salvation. God is that rose-colored candle.

by Fr. Anthony Brankin, January 18th, 2015, greatcatholicomilies.com

RCIA News

Since September **Keith Aalderink** has been in a stage of inquiry concerning the Catholic Faith.

As of Sunday, December 9th, he has gone through the **Rite of Acceptance** in which he has entered a period of instruction which will prepare him to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. This Rite will place him in a formal relationship with the Catholic Church. Please pray for him as he continues his instruction and enlightenment.



Pictured are Candidate, Keith Aalderink and Sponsor, Rose Giles

St. Peter Parish will NOT be having a communal penance service. You may visit one of the following parishes in our deanery.

St. Basil, South Haven:

Monday Dec. 17th 7:00pm

St. Stanislaus, Dorr:

Tuesday, Dec. 18th 6:30pm

Fr. Fabio will be at the services at St. Basil & St. Stanislaus.

There will be a Funeral Mass for **Jerry & Betty Wroblewski** on Dec. 22, 2018 at St. Peter. Visitation will be in the Entrance of Church at 10am and Mass at 11am.



*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Please remember to return your Commitment Card by either putting it in the collection basket or returning it to the Parish office. Thank you!

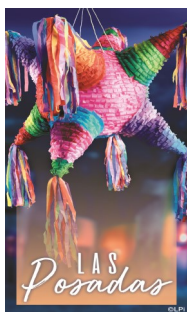
Our parish welcomes your assistance!

Advent Stations December 20 at 6:00 pm

The Advent Stations take us on a tour of the Old Testament. Like the traditional Lenten Stations of the Cross, these seven Advent "stations" or "stopping points" provide a way to ponder the mystery of how God prepared the world to receive His Son at the moment of the Annunciation. Each station contains an Old Testament foreshadowing of the Incarnation, a meditation, the New Testament fulfillment in Christ, and then a prayer.



Las Posadas Wednesday Dec. 19 6:00 pm at St. Peter



Throughout the world, there are many different traditions associated with Christmas. Las Posadas is celebrated throughout Latin America. "Posada" is Spanish for "inn." Over the course of nine nights, local groups re-enact the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. Children dress as Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, and Wise Men. They go from home to home singing Christmas carols throughout the neighborhood. After several "rejections," the final home welcomes the group for a party. Las Posadas is a social event, a family gathering, and a moral lesson. Las Posadas reminds participants of the importance of hospitality and welcome to those in need.

"Lord, the one You love is sick." Jn 11:3

The St. Peter Prayer Line unites parishioners in a spirit of Christian Charity to pray for the needs of our parish especially: **Reese Holmes, Saúl Suárez, Jr., Ana Lilia Salinas, Fr. John Flynn, OSA, Dolly Leonard, Madison McAllister, Deacon Tony Nethercott, Pat Rummer, Br. Larry Sparacino, OSA, Tom Doucette and all the sick on St. Peter's Prayer Line.** The group will continue to pray for your request until they hear differently from you. All prayer requests are held in strict confidence. To make a specific prayer request or to join the Prayer Line, contact **Becky McClain at 269-561-8475**.

ST. PETER PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

Final Reminder: Feasibility Study Surveys Due

Last Chance! The St. Peter Parish Facility Feasibility Study is coming to an end. In order for your opinion to be counted in our parish-wide feasibility study, ***we must receive your completed survey this week. Our goal is to hear from every household in the parish.***

The survey is short and does not take long to complete. Please take time **today** to complete the survey and return it this week. You also have the option of completing the survey online at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/stpeter.

Remember, your feedback is **confidential**.

Thank you for participating in this important feasibility study.

May Our Lord continue to guide St. Peter Parish. Enjoy the Advent Season.

Look for our next communication in January 2019.



St. Peter Parish

Dec. 22/23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Sat. 5:00pm

Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil

Mon. 5:00pm

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 8:00pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Tues. 10:00am

San Felipe de Jesús

Dec. 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Sun. 12:30pm

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil

Mon. 10:00pm

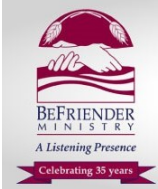
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day - No Mass

Señor, él que amas está enfermo." Jn 11, 3

Pedimos que oren por los enfermos de nuestras parroquias, especialmente: **Saúl Suárez, Jr. Ramona Galván, Aurora Saucedo, Ernesto y Elena López, Analilia Salinas, Aurelio y Eva Sánchez, Anita Martínez, Abel y Carmen Peña, Jirusco Peña, Amparo Martínez, Martha Sánchez, Gonzalo Álvarez, Alicia Cerda, Esperanza Cerratos, Lindy Martínez, Emmanuel Flores & Brisa.** Queremos ofrecerles el regalo de nuestra oración. Si quiere que pongamos alguien más que tiene necesidad de la oración, llame a la oficina parroquial de San Felipe (269-561-5029) y deje un recado con su nombre. Que Dios les ayude con su gracia a sobrellevar su enfermedad.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3er DOMINGO de ADVIENTO



Because December is such a busy time for all of us, we will not be having our *regular* BeFriender meeting this month ...however, those that can find time, are **invited to join us at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 18th for conversation and Christmas goodies.**

Feel free to bring munchies or just join the group to celebrate the season. Bring along a friend if you so desire.



Do you know someone who needs heating assistance?

The Diocesan Heating Assistance Program (DHAP) begins Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Anyone in need can access up to \$300 of heating assistance.

Contact Catholic Charities (269-381-9800) to learn more.

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Season

St. Peter Parish

Dec. 22/23th - 4th Sunday of Advent
Sat. 5:00pm • Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am
Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve - Family Mass - 5:00pm
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord - 8:00pm
Dec. 25th - Christmas Day - 10:00am
Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve Mass 8:30am
Jan. 1st - Solemnity of Mary 10:00am

San Felipe de Jesús

Dec. 23rd - 4th Sunday of Advent - 12:30pm
Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Vigil - 10:00pm
Dec. 25th - Christmas Day - No Mass
Dec. 31st - Solemnity of Mary 9:00pm

Thank you to all of the parishioners who came to the Latin Dinner to benefit our World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Panama. The food and music were excellent! And, we raised almost \$500 that weekend. God Bless You !!



If you are still interested in helping to send some of our young adults to World Youth Day in Panama City, why not donate online at:

www.gofundme.com/collaborative-on-the-rock

Or you may send a check payable to **St. Peter Catholic Church**, and mail or drop it off to the Parish Office, 100 St. Peter Drive, Douglas, MI 49406
Attn: Geri Pantelleria



St Peter Parish

Stmnt of Activity (Income Statement) for 12/2018

			Year to Date	Year to Date	
		12/2018	12/2017	07/2018-12/2	07/2017-12/2
					Total Budget
INCOME					
4010	Sunday & Hc	\$11,455.00	\$36,054.00	\$157,043.00	\$181,194.00
4020	Stipends and	\$20.00	\$175.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00
4025	Flower Collec	\$969.00	\$1,506.00	\$1,014.00	\$1,506.00
4030	General Don	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$13,985.00
4031	Maintenance	\$1,020.00	\$1,715.00	\$6,850.00	\$8,195.00
4040	Interest & Div	\$0.00	\$9,479.00	\$0.00	\$9,479.00
4060	Rental Incom	\$127.00	\$456.00	\$3,144.00	\$2,991.00
4070	Fund Raising	\$2,994.00	\$0.00	\$23,169.00	\$0.00
4090	Book & Pam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
4100	Votive Lights	\$0.00	\$319.00	\$1,307.00	\$2,330.00
4140	Coffee, Doug	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$37.00
4150	Christian Ser	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,984.00	\$1,450.00
4180	Other Funds	\$0.00	\$224.00	\$820.00	\$224.00
4197	Church Mass	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
4199	Parish Hall/C	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,440.00	\$3,550.00
-Total Parish Income-		\$16,586.00	\$49,930.00	\$203,228.00	\$226,758.00
Total Related Services Inc		\$0.00	\$250.00	\$978.00	\$6,289.00
Total Pass Through Incom		\$5,062.00	\$5,768.00	\$29,469.00	\$31,514.00
--Total All Parish Income--		\$21,648.00	\$55,948.00	\$233,675.00	\$264,563.00
TOTAL ALL INCOME		\$21,648.00	\$46,469.00	\$233,675.00	\$264,563.00
Total Parish Salaries		\$4,783.00	\$12,470.00	\$83,165.00	\$84,362.00
Total Parish Expenses		\$135.00	\$2,851.00	\$59,750.00	\$23,555.00
Total Plant Operations		\$557.00	\$12,762.00	\$63,845.00	\$64,776.00
Total Benefits and Insuranc		\$1,091.00	\$3,655.00	\$8,612.00	\$7,763.00
Total Pass Through Expen		\$0.00	\$4,783.00	\$21,359.00	\$27,968.00
Total Religious Education E		\$703.00	\$2,622.00	\$15,451.00	\$19,726.00
**TOTAL ALL EXPENSES		\$7,270.00	\$40,240.00	\$254,283.00	\$230,880.00
NET PROFIT/LOSS		\$14,377.00	\$6,228.00	-\$20,607.00	\$33,683.00
					\$284.00

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED TO FILE A REPORT?

contact the sexual misconduct questions & reporting line:

877-802-0115



**Saugatuck Harbor
Insurance Agency Inc.**



Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

Las Posadas

Las Posadas comienzan el domingo 16 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. Van a continuar cada noche hasta el 23.



La Posada de miércoles 19 de diciembre será a las 6:30 p.m. en San Pedro y tendremos la Posada bilingüe.

Las Misas de Navidad en Español

La Nochebuena vamos a tener la Misa del Gallo a las 10 p.m.

Hay misa en español el día 25 a las 12 del mediodía en San Basilio 513 Monroe Blvd., South Haven.



La Jornada de Confesiones

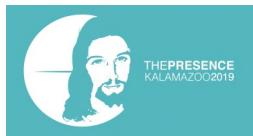
En español e inglés
Lunes 17 de diciembre
a las 6:30 p.m.
En la Iglesia San Basilio.

Eleuteria Solís - Q.E.P.D.

Se fue a su descanso eterno el pasado 7 de diciembre y fue enterrada de San Felipe el jueves pasado.



Pedimos por ella una participación en la gloria de Dios y por sus nueve hijos y nietos la paz y consuelo en Cristo.



El Retiro Juvenil "The Presence"

El retiro eucarístico para los jóvenes de grados 9 a 12 que se lleva a cabo cada año en la diócesis de Kalamazoo están recibiendo inscripciones.

Fechas: 22 - 24 de febrero del 2019

Lugar: El Campamento YMCA en Augusta

Vamos en un grupo de San Felipe. Si quiere ir como chaperón o si su hijo quiere ir, recoge las hojas de inscripción de la oficina de la parroquia. Más Información: <https://www.presenceretreat.com>.

¡Santa María de Guadalupe te amamos!



¡Virgencita, cuídanos siempre!



Gracias a todos que ayudaron con la Novena y las Mañanitas.



No va a haber clases de doctrina desde el 23 hasta el 31 de diciembre. Volvemos a las clases 31 de 6 y 7 de enero.

Su Última Oportunidad...

Para donar a la Cooperación Anual con el Obispo y contarlo en sus impuestos de 2018. Pasen a la oficina para hacer su ofrenda hoy.

Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

Ofrendas

Segundo Domingo de Adviento – 9 de Diciembre

La Primera Colecta \$ 1,064.00
 La Colecta para la Jubilación de Religiosos \$ 254.00
 La Cocina \$ 174.00

Ministerios Litúrgicos

Jueves 20 de Diciembre	6:30 pm
Lector(a)	Sonia Pineda
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión	Manuel & Martha Ponce
Monaguillos	Se anunciarán
Domingo 23 de Diciembre	12:30 pm
Lectores	Arcelia Marín (1) Ana Osorio (2)
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión	Ana Osorio, Rebeca Ponce, Lucilo & Irene García
Monaguillos	Se anunciarán

Las lecturas de la semana del 16 de diciembre de 2018



Domingo: 3er Domingo de Adviento

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Lunes: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 72, 1-4. 7-8. 17/Mt 1, 1-17

Martes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 72, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-24

Miércoles: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71, 3-6. 16-17/
Lc1, 5-25

Jueves: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 24, 1-6/Lc1, 26-38

Viernes: San Pedro Canisio,
sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia
Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/
Lc1, 39-45

Sábado: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-8/Lc1, 46-56

Domingo siguiente: 4º Domingo de Adviento
Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 80, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19/Heb 10, 5-10/
Lc1, 39-45

Para Hacer un Reporte de Conducta Sexual Inapropiada - Making a Report of Sexual Misconduct

Una persona puede iniciar la investigación de una conducta inapropiada tocante al abuso sexual con la Diócesis de Kalamazoo llamando a su línea dedicada a preguntas y reportes: **877-802-0115**.

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PO Box 558

Fennville, MI 49408

Oficina Parroquial/Parish Office: 269-561-5029

Fax: 269-561-2192

Página Web/Website: www.sanfelipe-fennville.org

En caso de emergencia: Llame al Coordinador Parroquial (Joe Marble) al 269-501-9865.

Calendario de la Semana

16 de Diciembre –Tercer Domingo de Adviento

11:00 a.m. La Clase de Primera Comunión

12:30 p.m. La Santa Misa

6:00 p.m. Los Grupos de la Confirmación - A,B,C

6:30 p.m. La Primera Noche de las Posadas

Lunes - 17 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. Las Clases de Primera Comunión

6:30 p.m. El Segundo Día de las Posadas

Martes - 18 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. El Tercer Día de las Posadas

Miércoles - 19 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. La Posada Bilingüe en SAN PEDRO

Jueves - 20 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. La Santa Misa y La Posada

Viernes - 21 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. El Sexto Día de las Posadas

Sábado - 22 de diciembre

6:30 p.m. El Séptimo Día de las Posadas

23 de Diciembre – Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

11:00 a.m. NO HAY Clases de Doctrina

12:30 p.m. La Santa Misa

6:30 p.m. La Octavo Día de las Posadas



La Colecta para el Fondo de Jubilación de los Religiosos

Los religiosos expresan su gratitud. “Este dinero es un don completo”, escribe una religiosa acerca de lo que el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos hace posible.

“Nos permite seguir cuidando a nuestras hermanas ancianas”. Su donativo a la campaña de la semana pasada ayuda a cientos de comunidades religiosas a satisfacer las necesidades urgentes de jubilación mientras que siguen sirviendo al Pueblo de Dios. El domingo pasado la parroquia donó **\$ 254** en la segunda colecta para este fondo ¡Gracias por su generosidad!