

St. Peter Parish, Douglas  
Parroquia San Felipe de Jesús, Fennville

# FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

“Si mi hermano me ofende, ¿cuántas veces tengo que perdonarlo? ¿Hasta siete veces?” Jesús le contestó: “No sólo hasta siete, sino hasta setenta veces siete”.

MATEO 18, 21-22

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope  
September 17, 2023

# REDEDICATING

## OUR CHURCH † OURSELVES

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Jeff Torrell

Jeffrey Wasilevich

Jerry Higgs

Jerry Nielson

Jessica Neely

Joann Otlewski

Joe Schalte

John Vermuelen

Kathy Drummett

Laura Falk

Libby Westrate

Lorrie Gaunt

Lynne Adamczyk

Lynn Dixon

Madison McAllister

Marian Hagenaur

Mary Ann Skaja

Michael DeRosa

Mick Wenlock

Paul Vermuelen

Paula Glennie

Randy Reimers

Regina Johandes

Richard Zelenka

Rob Munski

Sam Philippe

Saul Suarez, Jr.

Stephen Mars

Stephen & Marie Johandes

Steve VanHoof

Teil Lindgren

Vicky Zeman

and all our parish family and friends who need continued prayers. The group will continue to pray for your request until they hear differently from you.



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, September 16

5:00pm † Raymond Silerzio

by Mary Ellingsen

#### Sunday, September 17

8:00am † Carl & † Dolores Peterson

by The Family

10:30am † The Byk & Schreiner Families

by Frances Byk

#### Monday, September 18

8:30am † John Sexton, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)

by The Family

#### Tuesday, September 19

8:30am † Joseph O'Brien

by Joe & Nancy Maslanka

#### Thursday, September 21

8:30am † Harriet & Betty Lewandowski

by Frances Byk

#### Friday, September 22

8:30am † Linda Clark

by Sheila Tighe

#### Saturday, September 23

5:00pm † Michael Capudo

by Craig & Susan Janusz

#### Sunday, September 24

8:00am † Maria Celia Rios de Ramirez

by Fr. Evelio

10:30am † Sue Fisher

by Helen DeGeatano



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SUNDAY, 9/17

8:00am...Mass  
9:10-10:20am...CGS & 1st Reconciliation  
Student/Parent Meeting  
10:30am...Mass- Baptism

### MONDAY, 9/18

8:30am...Mass

### TUESDAY, 9/19

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

### WEDNESDAY, 9/20

NO MASS

### THURSDAY, 9/21

8:30am...Mass  
Noon...Senior Lunch

### FRIDAY, 9/22

8:30am...Mass  
9:00am-Noon...Eucharistic Exposition

### SATURDAY, 9/23

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

### NEXT SUNDAY, 9/24

8:00am...Mass  
9:10-10:20am...Family Faith Formation & Confirmation  
Student/Parent Meeting  
10:30am...Mass  
12:30pm-1:30pm...Carmel Devotions followed by meeting in school building

#### Observances for the week of September 17 Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
(8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday**

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



This weekend the U.S. Church celebrates "Catechetical Sunday," recognizing the role of catechists, teachers, parents, and others in the faith community who help to form

the faith of children, adults seeking membership in the church, and even each other. At each Mass this weekend, Fr. Evelio extends a blessing to all who have a part of helping to form and support the faith of children and adults seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

#### Senior Lunch

Thursday, September 21  
Noon

#### Taizé Prayer

Monday, September 25  
6:30pm

#### Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection this weekend.

In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

#### Saint Peter

100 Saint Peter Drive  
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Parish Office Hours:  
M-F 8:30am-2:00pm  
269-857-7951  
[facebook@stpeterdouglas](mailto:facebook@stpeterdouglas)  
Both Sunday Masses are live streamed on our facebook page.

#### Mass Schedule

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

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:30am

**Wednesday:** No Mass

**Saturday:** 5:00pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
3:30-4:30 or by appointment

#### San Felipe de Jesús

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#### Masses in our Collaborative

##### San Felipe, Fennville

**Sunday:** 12:30pm  
**Thursday:** 6:30pm

##### St. Basil, South Haven

**Saturday:** 5:00pm  
7:00pm (en Español)  
**Sunday:** 9:00am & 11:00am  
**Monday:** No Mass



Rick Hardy  
Pastoral Associate

## A Tale of Two Councils, Part 6: Conclusion, Finale, Coda, The End. No, really.

Church documents, at least the major ones, are named for the first 2 or 3 words of the document in the original Latin. So the official title of the Constitution on the Church is *Lumen Gentium* or *Light of the Nations*.

This constitution is the second of the four major documents produced by the Second Vatican Council. It was promulgated (officially released) in December 1964, and makes a perfect companion to the Constitution on the Liturgy, *Sacrosanct Concilium*, the first Vatican II document, released one year earlier.

*Lumen Gentium* (which will be called "LG" in the rest of this essay) is a new definition of the Church, but does not change what the Church is and has always been. It articulates in a new way how the Church defines herself. (Insider info: the Church is often referred to with a feminine pronoun, in the context of the image of the Church as the "Bride of Christ." The Church can also be referred to as "it.")

Prior to Vatican II, the Church would be seen by most people — whether in the Church or outside of it — as the hierarchy (bishops, archbishops, cardinals, pope), the clergy (priests), and religious (brothers/monks and sisters/nuns). Today the "clergy" would include deacons, but there were no permanent deacons for centuries prior to Vatican II. When a man became a priest, or a woman became a nun, some would refer to this as "joining the Church."

In this model of Church, the people — often referred to as "the faithful" — were something like passengers on a ship or train piloted and directed by the hierarchy and clergy. We were sheep, to be led in a docile fashion by our shepherds, the bishops and priests.

In the Vatican II model of church — and several models were discussed before this constitution was published — active membership in the church, including the call to ministry and the right to exercise ministry, originates in Baptism, not in Holy Orders. This might seem like a "demotion" for the priests and bishops, but it is far from that. Rather, it recognizes that Baptism unites us all in the body of Christ, and then it recognizes that some of the Baptized are called to more specific ministries with a more direct connection to apostolic tradition: bishops are the successors to the apostles; priests are their delegates for local sacramental and preaching ministry.

Today, we still hear talk of "volunteers" needed to "help Father" keep the parish operating smoothly. But we could do a lot better: In Baptism, every Catholic

Christian has the right and the duty to serve the Church as a member of the Body of Christ. There was no shortage of priests or sisters when this document was composed. It was more like a surplus. But still, Vatican II calls upon the laity to recognize the Baptismal call to ministry in the church and on its behalf in the world.

*Lumen Gentium* calls every one of us to see ourselves as an active participant in the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel to every corner of the earth, in word and deed, in our work and in our worship, in our politics, and in our prayer. Not to make up for a "shortage of priests," but to be who we are called to be by the God who created us and by the Christ who sends us forth.

### Stand with Moms in Need: A Note of Thanks



With gifts of baby items valued just over \$3000, a gift of \$900 from the Knights of Columbus, and a last-minute donation, the people of our parish provided a total of \$4000 in support to

**Positive Options** in Allegan. **Birthright** of St. Joseph received \$3600 in general donations along with \$400 from the Knights, for a total of \$4,000. Thanks and blessings to the many kind hearts and hands that made this drive a huge success. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the Open Vessels Woman's Group, and the exceptional generosity of our parishioners and summer guests.

St. Peter's Pro-Life Group

Two Pro-Life companies we recommend:

EveryLife.Shop online for diapers and wipes. Supports the first 1000 Days of Life - from conception to year two - ensuring every baby gets the very best start. EveryLife.com

The Little Rose Shop. Shop online for a variety of baby and family products. Bringing faith into everyday life building up the Domestic Church. TheLittleroseshop.com



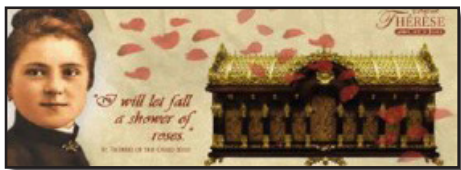


St. Peter once again hosted *Sleep In Heavenly Peace's* annual *Bed Build* in the parking lot last Saturday. Over 20 people built 30 beds for children in need.

## The Blessings of Marriage



Parishioners Michael and Brenda Burns celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at last Tuesday's morning Mass with a special blessing from Fr. Evelio and the parish community. Congratulations, Michael and Brenda, and may you enjoy many more years living the sacrament of Matrimony.



## Relics Tour sponsored by Lay Carmelites Friday, September 29

You may register in the parish office or online:  
[www.stpeter-douglas.org](http://www.stpeter-douglas.org)



It is time to fill a Box of Joy, Christmas shoebox with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items. Each child who receives a Box of Joy also receives a rosary and a booklet in their own language that tells *The Story of Jesus*. Box of Joy provides hope to children in need, each gift represents Christ's love, and may be the only Christmas gift they receive.

**Pick up your Box of Joy Today!**



## Sacramental Student / Parent Meetings

### 1st Reconciliation

Sunday, September 17 at 9:10am

### 1st Communion

Sunday, October 1 at 9:10am

### Confirmation Year 1

Sunday, September 24 at 9:10am

### Confirmation Year 2

Sunday, October 22 at 9:10am

### **\*Attention Homeschoolers\***

Contact Alisha Giles or attend one of the meetings if your child is preparing for a sacrament this year



### Next Class

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**It is not too late to register!**

Classes for all ages 3 years to Confirmation  
Church Chat for Adults  
[stpeter-douglas.org/faith-formation](http://stpeter-douglas.org/faith-formation)





Felicidades a **Maydely y Oscar Delucas** quienes se unieron en Santo Matrimonio en la Iglesia San Basilio el 2 de Septiembre.

¡Que la paz, el amor y la alegría de Cristo siempre enriquezcan su matrimonio!



**Clases serán el primer y segundo Jueves de cada mes después de la misa de las 6:30pm.**

Bautizos se celebrarán el primer y tercer Sábado del mes.

**El primer Sábado - San Felipe y el  
El tercer Sábado - San Basilio**

*Padrinos tienen que estar casados por la iglesia y  
presentar su certificado de matrimonio.*

Comuníquese con Joe Marble para más información.



El 6 de Septiembre, el **Ministerio Migrante** de San Felipe asistió a una Misa de campo con el obispo Bradley.

Muchas gracias por todo el servicio que le hicieron al señor Jesús en la visita de los campos, todo lo que sembramos de buenas, será la cosecha de la vida eterna.

**Jueves,  
28 de Septiembre**  
**Reunión después de la Misa  
para los consagrados a  
la Virgen María.**



**Jueves,  
28 de Septiembre**  
**Reunión para organizar la venta de  
tamales en el festival del ganso.  
Todos son invitados.**

**Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano  
Colección ESTE fin de semana.**

En los Estados Unidos, más de 11% de la población vive en pobreza. Con esta colecta, ustedes apoyan los programas que tratan con las causas raíz de la pobreza y propocionan un futuro sostenible a aquellos que luchan por salir adelante en todo el país. Además, el 25% de los fondos que recaudamos permanece en nuestra diócesis para financiar proyectos locales antipobreza. [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)



# Esta semana en nuestra parroquia...

## Domingo, 17 de Septiembre

11:00am...Catequesis de primera comunión y confirmación  
12:30pm...Misa  
5:00pm...Catequesis del segundo año para la confirmación

## Martes, 19 de Septiembre

6:30pm...Catequesis

## Jueves, 21 de Septiembre

6:00pm...Rosario  
6:30pm...Misa- Formación para los ministros extraordinarios de la comunión después de la Misa

## Domingo, 24 de Septiembre

11:00am...Catequesis de primera comunión y confirmación  
12:30pm...Misa  
5:00pm...Catequesis del segundo año para la confirmación



### Domingo, 17 de Septiembre

12:30pm † Maria Celia Rios de Ramirez

### Jueves, 21 de Septiembre

6:30pm † Ariana Nuñez (recuerdo de cumpleaños)

## INFORME DE OFERTORIO PARROQUIAL Domingo, 10 de Septiembre

Primer Colecta: \$996.00

Venta de Comida: \$432.00



## Viaje para ver las reliquias de Santa Teresita en Chicago

Viernes, 29 de Septiembre



Patrocinado por el grupo de Carmelitas Laicos de San Pedro.

Para más detalles llame a Cecilia en la oficina de San Pedro o pregúntale a Joe.

## MINISTERIOS LITÚRGICOS Domingo, 24 de Septiembre

### Lectores...

**Primera lectura:** Guillermina Urioso

**Salmo:** Maria Concepcion Flores

**Segunda lectura:** Angela Puente

### Monaguillos...

Jesus, Jocelyn, Yazmin, Oscar

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 17 de Septiembre

### Domingo: 24° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo Catequético

Eccl 27, 33—28, 9/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12 (8)/Rom 14, 7-9/Mt 18, 21-35

**Lunes:** 1 Tim 2, 1-8/Sal 27, 2. 7. 8-9/Lc 7, 1-10

### Martes: San Jenaro, obispo y mártir

1 Tim 3, 1-13/Sal 100, 1-2. 2-3. 5. 6/Lc 7, 11-17

### Miércoles: Santos Andrés Kim Taegon, presbítero, y Paul Chong Hasang y compañeros, mártires

1 Tim 3, 14-16/Sal 110, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 7, 31-35

### Jueves: San Mateo, apóstol y evangelista

Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 4-5/Mt 9, 9-13

**Viernes:** 1 Tim 6, 2-12/Sal 48, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/Lc 8, 1-3

### Sábado: San Pío de Pietrelcina, presbítero

1 Tim 6, 13-16/Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 4. 5/Lc 8, 4-15

### Domingo siguiente: 25° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo del Sacerdocio

Is 55, 6-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 8-9. 17-18 (18)/Flp 1, 20-24. 27/Mt 20, 1-16

## LOS 46 ROSARIOS EN HONOR A LA VIRGEN MARÍA



Tendremos los 46 Rosarios a la Virgen María por las casas antes de la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Si alguien quiere tener en su casa un Rosario comuníquese con la Hna Angee o José Alfaro. Aún hay fechas.

