



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

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope
November 19, 2023

GIVE THANKS
TO THE
LORD
FOR HE IS
GOOD

REDEDICATING

OUR CHURCH ✠ OURSELVES

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18

5:00pm † *John Sexton, Sr.* by The Family

Sunday, November 19

8:00am † *Don & † Sylvia Scurio* by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

10:30am † *Bonnie Tolson* by Harry & Dorothy Tolson

Monday, November 20

8:30am † *Thomas Robert Saccaro* by Sharon Amaya

Tuesday, November 21

8:30am † *Dina Andrysiak-Shepherd* by The Botz Family

Thursday, November 23

8:30am † *Edward Uryga* by Andrew Uryga

Friday, November 24

8:30am † *Paige Pringle* by St. Peter Parish

Saturday, November 25

5:00pm *Regina Solomon* by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

Sunday, November 26

8:00am *Bob & Kay Sapita (Wedding Anniversary)*
by Bob Sapita

10:30am † *Patrick "JoJo" Murphy* by Patrick & Pam Murphy

Have you moved?
Got a new phone number?
Please let us know.

Please help us serve you better by keeping your contact information current. If you have moved, changed your number or have other updates to share with us, just stop by the parish office, reply to this email or call 269-857-7951. Thank you!



WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
11/22 - 11/24

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We remember in prayer...

Al & Mary Ellingsen	Don Karaus	Janet Schneider	Lynne Adamczyk	Saul Suarez, Jr.
Ann Marie Sevic	Don Wobith	Jeff Rissover	Lynn Dixon	Stephen Marsh
Annette Simaz	Dorothy Lockwood	Jeff Torrell	Madison McAllister	Stephen & Marie Johandes
Bertha Denemy	Fr. Don Klingler	Jeffrey Wasilevich	Marian Hagenaur	Steve Sessions
Bill & Toni Alwin	Fr. Fabio Garzon, VF	Jerry Nielson	Mary Ann Skaja	Steve VanHoof
Billy Pringle	Fr. John Flynn, OSA	Jessica Neely	Michael DeRosa	Terry Hemmeke
Brian Sessions	Fr. John Flynn, OSA	Joe Schalte	Mick Wenlock	Teil Lindgren
Candi Schmuck	Frances Byk	John Vermulen	Paul Vermuelen	Vicky Zeman
Carol Powers	Heather Botz	Karen Martin	Paula Glennie	<i>and all our parish family and friends</i>
Chad DeWitt	Heidi Ann Hebrank	Kathy Drummett	Patrick Dargis	<i>who need continued prayers. The group</i>
Dcn. Tony Nethercott	Isa Rodriguez-	Laura Falk	Randy Reimers	<i>will continue to pray for your request</i>
	Kupres	Libby Westrate	Regina Johandes	<i>until they hear differently from you.</i>
	Janet Fahey	Lorrie Gaunt	Rob Munski	



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 11/19

8:00am...Mass
10:30am...Mass

MONDAY, 11/20

8:30am...Mass

TUESDAY, 11/21

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

WEDNESDAY, 11/22

NO MASS

THURSDAY, 11/23

8:30am...Mass

FRIDAY, 11/24

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

SATURDAY, 11/25

8:00am-10:00am...Catholic Men's Fellowship

3:30pm-4:30pm...Reconciliation

5:00pm...Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, 11/26

8:00am...Mass
10:30am...Mass- Baptism
12:30pm...Carmel meeting

"Little Towns of Bethlehem - Many Cultures, One Christmas"

Our parish warmly invites our community friends in Saugatuck-Douglas and surrounding areas to visit a Christmas exhibit from December 7 through December 17.

The exhibit, a collection gathered over 8 years, will cover the 2000 square foot Narthex.

Backgrounds enhancing each display will support the culture represented by each nativity setting.

Hours are:

- 3pm to 7pm on weekdays
- Noon to 5pm and 6 to 8pm on Saturdays
- Noon to 5pm on Sundays

Special events during this time will include:

- a choir concert beginning at 3:30 on Saturday, December 10
- an Open Studio for local artists from 3:00 to 7:00 on December 13.

Enjoy a cookie as you leisurely stroll through the displays, with soothing Christmas background music playing. Refreshments will be available every day and the opening will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages to properly initiate the event.

Do you have questions about any exhibits? A guide will be on hand every day to assist anyone with questions. The exhibit is free of charge. For any questions, please call the parish office, 269-857-7951.

Readings for the week of November 19

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a) /1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr, 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;

Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day, 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs, 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Saint Peter	Mass Schedule	San Felipe de Jesús	Mass in our Collaborative
100 Saint Peter Drive Douglas, MI 49406 www.stpeter-douglas.org Parish Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:00pm 269-857-7951 facebook@stpeterdouglas Both Sunday Masses are live streamed on our facebook page.	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	5586 117th Ave Fennville, MI 49408 www.sanfelipe-fennville.org Parish Office 269-561-5029 facebook.com/parroquia.s.dejesus Parish Coordinator Joe Marble 269-501-9865 joe.marble@stpeter-douglas.org	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

Two For One Isn't Good Enough

If you're shopping, either online or in person, and you find a "two for one" deal, do you grab it? Sure you do! And does it matter if you don't need two? Certainly not! Whatever it is, you'll use it eventually or you can give it to someone else. But most people wouldn't turn down an offer like that.

Our faith life as Catholics, however, doesn't work that way. For one thing, God is far more generous than "buy one, get one free." God's gifts are all free. We don't pay for any of them, and it would be laughably arrogant of us to think otherwise. When it comes to God's grace, we are recipients. We are humbled. Our human capabilities do not include any possibility of reciprocity with God or for what God gives us in His infinite goodness.

Through the 1950s, life as a Catholic was taught to us in terms of rules, laws, and obligations, along with penalties for violating them. One of these was — and still is — the obligation to participate at Mass every Sunday and on certain days in the year designated as Holy Days of Obligation.

When the option for a vigil Mass (Mass of the day on the evening before the day) came into practice in the 1970s, the obligation approach began to show a few cracks: If a Holy Day fell on a Saturday or Monday, and if you chose the evening Mass on either Saturday (the vigil of Sunday) or on Sunday evening, which would be the vigil of the Holy Day, you could "kill two birds with one stone," or, in other words, get a two-for-one deal on the legal obligation. Except this wasn't really the case.

This illustrates the worst aspect of seeing the practice of our faith in terms of obligations to meet and penalties to avoid: we find ourselves bargaining for a discount on "repaying" an infinite God for infinite goodness. "We thank you, God, for your many gifts, but we'd like to thank you a little less this time. Will that be ok?"

When we gather for worship on a Sunday or Holy Day, we are celebrating the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in the context of a particular feast — a day marking an event in the life of Jesus, a particular teaching or parable He has given us, an event in the history of the Church, the life of a saint, or similar. Each time we gather is a different celebration, even though the flow of the Mass is very nearly the same every time. The distinct prayers, readings, homily, and overall atmosphere make each day's Mass unique.

For a practical example, try this: Let's say you have two children, one born on October 15 and another born a couple of years later on October 16. Fast forward a few years, and it's October 15 and after dinner there's

a big cake with candles on it and everybody sings happy birthday and enjoys the cake. What does child #2 think when on the 16th there is no cake, no mention of a birthday, and no presents? Or do you go all day on the 15th without mentioning your firstborn's birthday at all, so that child #2 can have the cake that day?

I'm actually not a parent, but I don't think I would expect that to fly at all. These are two different occasions! And anyway, parents don't celebrate their children's birthdays because they owe the child a birthday party (even though a child who feels slighted might in fact assert that exact idea...) They do it out of love! They wouldn't dream of simply ignoring one or the other birthday just because they fall on consecutive days.

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. So the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are on consecutive days. And there is always Mass on Christmas Eve, which is the Mass of Christmas. If we think of Mass attendance as punching a card that keeps us out of hell or purgatory — or just keeps us in the flow of "church" — we might completely miss the fact that Advent and Christmas are two very different experiences.

This year, many will be tempted to skip Sunday morning Mass on the fourth Sunday of Advent, because Christmas is the bigger feast. Don't do it! Celebrating each and every Sunday and Holy Day of the year is THE central practice of Catholic faith. It is what inspires, supports, and urges us to "go forth and live the Gospel by our life." And the Eucharist, called the "source and summit" of our life, invites us to share in the very life of Christ as food and drink to nourish, sustain, and animate us.

As you make your Christmas plans, be sure to include both liturgical days: The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Saturday evening or Sunday morning, and Christmas, Sunday evening or Monday morning. Don't let your keen eye for a bargain (which is not even real in this case) deprive you of the full experience of this holy season.

Rehearsals for Christmas Eve Youth Choir

Sunday, December 3: 9:15 – 9:45am
 Sunday, December 10: 9:30 – 10:15am
 Sunday, December 17: 9:15 – 10:00am
 There are opportunities to play your instrument as well!

Contact caitlin.cusack@stpeter-douglas.org to sign up or for more information.



Congratulations to **Tyrone & Vicky Brown**, who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless the love in your hearts and your life together with an ever deepening faith.



Welcome **Charlie Wylder**, son of Cody & Brianna Dunn, as the newest baptized member of our parish family. May Jesus always bless him with His love and grace.

The Special Collection for the Home Heating Assistance Program is today!

Please consider making a donation directly anytime at www.ccdok.org/donate. Every dollar matters and makes a difference. Your contribution is appreciated. God bless you!



ADVENT



CANDLES \$5.00 PER BOX

Pick up candles for your Advent wreath (3 purple, one pink) in the Gathering Space or Parish Office. Advent begins Sunday, December 3.



Back row: Noah Conklin, Brooks Massing, Erick Morales, Jorge Espino Jr., Alexander Cernugel
Front row: Isabela Kupres, Claire Gemeinhardt, Catherine Przybocki, Avery Smith, Julia Lowery



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the teens who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday with Bishop Edward Lohse.





Felicidades a Carlos y Esmeralda Treviño. Que la vida de su nueva bebé **Esme Catalina** esté llena de bendiciones. Y que su futuro esté lleno de alegría, paz y amor.

"Pequeños pueblos de Belén: muchas culturas, una Navidad"

La parroquia San Pedro invita cordialmente a nuestros amigos de la comunidad en Saugatuck-Douglas y sus alrededores a visitar una exhibición navideña del 7 al 17 de Diciembre.

La exhibición, una colección reunida a lo largo de 8 años, cubrirá el Narthex de 2000 pies cuadrados.

Los fondos que mejoren cada exhibición apoyarán la cultura representada por cada entorno de nacimiento.

Los horarios son:

- 3pm a 7pm de Lunes a Viernes
- Sábados de 12 a 5pm y de 6 a 8pm
- Domingo de 12 a 5pm

Los eventos especiales durante este tiempo incluirán:

- un concierto del coro que comenzará a las 3:30pm el Sábado 10 de Diciembre
- un Estudio Abierto para artistas locales de 3:00 a 7:00 el 13 de Diciembre.

Disfrute de una galleta mientras pasea tranquilamente por las exhibiciones, con una relajante música navideña de fondo.

¿Tiene preguntas sobre alguna exhibición? Un guía estará disponible todos los días para ayudar a cualquier persona que tenga preguntas. La exposición es gratuita. Si tiene alguna pregunta, llame a la oficina parroquial al 269-857-7951.



Acompañanos a nuestra
Celebración
en honor a

*Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe*

Martes, 12 de Diciembre
MAÑANITAS 4:00AM

6:00 - 8:00pm

EL SERVICIO RELIGIOSO EL
BALLET FOLOCÓRICO LA
MÚSICA DE MARIACHI DARÁN
AL EVENTO UN AMBIENTE
FESTIVO

Necesitamos sus intenciones de la Misa antes del Domingo

La intención principal se anuncia al principio de la Misa y se publica en el boletín.

Normalmente se le ofrece a la parroquia una cooperación de \$10.

Otras peticiones serán incluidas en la Oración de los Fieles después del Credo. A más tardar necesitamos esas peticiones para el Sábado anterior en la noche.

Con su cooperación podemos hacer que la misa comienza a tiempo si nos organizamos antes del Domingo.

Por favor comunique sus intenciones con Cecilia en la oficina de San Pedro, 269-857-7951.

Esta semana en nuestra parroquia...

Domingo, 19 de Noviembre

11:00am...Catequesis

12:30pm...Misa

5:00pm...Catequesis del 2º año confirmación

Martes, 21 de Noviembre

6:30pm... Catequesis

Jueves, 23 de Noviembre

11:00am...Misa - Día de Acción de Gracias

Domingo, 26 de Noviembre

11:00am...Catequesis

12:30pm...Misa

5:00pm...Catequesis del 2º año confirmación

6:00pm-8:00pm...Adoración al Santísimo

Intenciones de la Misa

Domingo, 19 de Noviembre *Familias de la Parroquia San Felipe*

Jueves, 23 de Noviembre † *Cirilo Flores*



Clases de preparación para el Bautismo son el primer y segundo Jueves de cada mes después de la misa.

Lecturas de la semana del 19 de Noviembre

Domingo: 33er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 (ver 1)/1 Tes 5, 1-6/Mt 25, 14-30 o 25, 14-15. 19-21

Lunes: 1 Mac 1, 10-15. 41-43. 54-57. 62-64/Sal 118, 53. 61. 134. 150. 155. 158/Lc 18, 35-43

Martes: La presentación de la Bienaventurada Virgen María, 2 Mac 6, 18-31/Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Lc 19, 1-10

Miércoles: Santa Cecilia, virgen y mártir, 2 Mac 7, 1. 20-31/Sal 16, 1. 5-6. 8 y 15/Lc 19, 11-28

Jueves: San Clemente I, Papa y mártir; San Columbiano, abad; Beato Miguel Agustín Pro, presbítero y mártir; Día de Acción de Gracias (EEUU)

1 Mac 2, 15-29/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Lc 19, 41-44

Viernes: Santos Andrés Dung-Lac, presbítero, y compañeros, mártires, 1 Mac 4, 36-37. 52-59/1 Cr 29, 10. 11. 11-12. 12/Lc 19, 45-48

Sábado: Santa Catalina de Alejandría, virgen y mártir, 1 Mac 6, 1-13/Sal 9, 2-3. 4 y 6. 16 y 19/Lc 20, 27-40

Domingo siguiente: Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 22, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 (1)/1 Co 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46



Felicidades a los adolescentes que celebraron el Sacramento de la Confirmación el Sábado pasado con el Obispo Edward Lohse. **Mary Carmen Carranza, Adrian Deciano Salinas, Agustin DeLucas, Jose DeLucas, Julissa DeLucas, Jose Fernandez, Dulce Yvette Garcia, Ivan Garcia, Giovanni Gonzalez, Jesus Lopez, Alondra Martinez Aguilar, Alexis Palacios, Efrain Peralta Salinas, Efrain Perez Perez, Juan Rosas, Adan Ruvira, Jose Ruvira, Luis Ruvira, Isaias Salamanca Salazar, Luseidy Salamanca Salazar, Noelia Salazar, Melanie Soriano, Nayla Sustaita, Angel Villalobos.**

