

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

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

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope  
December 3, 2023

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 2**

8:30am *In reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

5:00pm *Bill & Lisa Pringle* by Jim & Marianne Hoffman

**Sunday, December 3**

8:00am † *The Byk & Schreiner Families* by Kate Godwin

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

**Monday, December 4**

8:30am † *Pauline Syre (Remembrance Day)*

by Jeff & Betty Johnson

**Tuesday, December 5**

8:30am *Mary Leber (90th Birthday)*

by Laura Leber-Kammeyer

**Thursday, December 7**

8:30am † *Catherine Cicholski (Birthday Remembrance)*

**Friday, December 8**

8:30am † *Faustino Vasquez (Anniversary of Death)*

by Vasquez Family

5:30pm † *Luis Angel Ramirez* by Tom & Patti Reiss

**Saturday, December 9**

5:00pm † *Dina Andrysiak-Shepherd* by The Botz Family

**Sunday, December 10**

8:00am † *Pete Krupa* by Dominick & Julianne Testa

10:30am † *Fr. Oscar Londoño* by Esmeralda Klosner

***You're Invited to Celebrate  
the Nativity of the Lord***

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25 at 10:00am**

**with Christmas Carols at 9:30am**

**Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**

**Monday, January 1 at 8:30am**

**\*All Masses will be live streamed.\***



**Tuesday,  
December 5**

following 8:30 Mass



**Eucharistic Exposition**

is cancelled for  
Tuesday, December 12

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Al & Mary Ellingsen  
Ann Marie Sevic  
Bertha Denemy  
Bill & Toni Alwin  
Billy Pringle  
Brian Sessions  
Candi Schmuck  
Carol Powers  
Carolyn Bautista  
Chad DeWitt  
Dcn. Tony Nethercott  
Don Karaus  
Don Wobith  
Dorothy Lockwood  
Fr. Don Klingler  
Jean Cook

Joann Otlewski  
Fr. John Flynn, OSA  
Frances Byk  
Heather Botz  
Isa Rodriguez Kupres  
Janet Fahey  
Janet Schneider  
Jeff Rissover  
Jeff Torrell  
Jeffrey Wasilevich  
Jerry Nielson  
Jessica Neely  
John Vermulen  
Karen Martin  
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  
Patrick Dargis  
Randy Reimers  
Regina Johandes  
Rob Munski  
Saul Suarez, Jr.

Stephen Marsh  
Stephen & Marie Johandes  
Steve Sessions  
Steve VanHoof  
Stacey Wasilevich  
Terry Hemmeke  
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.*



# LITTLE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM

## MANY CULTURES, ONE CHRISTMAS

### Exhibit of Nativity Sets from Around the World Comes to St. Peter

**DECEMBER 7 - 17**

**Saturdays, Noon - 5pm & 6 - 8pm; Sundays, Noon - 5pm; Weekdays, 3 - 7pm**

**Sun. Dec. 3 at 3:30pm**

From Waiting to Wonder w/ Tim Fallon  
Spaghetti Dinner



For more details

**Wed. Dec. 13 at 7:00pm**

The Thinking Catholic  
w/ Dr. Thomas Gallagher, PhD

**Thurs. Dec. 7 at 6:00pm**

Solemn Vespers w/ a Special Guest  
followed by Opening Reception

**Sat. Dec. 16 at 6:30pm**

Las Posadas

**Fri. Dec. 8 at 8:30am & 5:30pm**

Immaculate Conception Masses (Holy Day)

**Sun. Dec. 17 at Noon**  
Family Gingerbread Nativity Making w/ Lunch

**Sun. Dec. 17 at 3:30pm**

From Waiting to Wonder w/ Tim Fallon  
Taizé Prayer

**Sun. Dec. 10 from 3:30 - 5:00pm**

Xmas Concert featuring Caitlin Cusack & Friends  
Imagination and Faith w/ Fr. Evelio

**Wed. Dec. 13 from 3:00 - 7:00pm**

Artists' Open Studio

**Mon. Dec. 18 at 6:30pm**

Reconciliation Service

#### This week in our parish

##### SUNDAY, 12/3

8:00am...Mass

9:10 - 10:20am...Faith Formation

10:30am...Mass

3:30pm...Tim Fallon w/ Spaghetti  
Dinner

##### MONDAY, 12/4

8:30am...Mass

##### TUESDAY, 12/5

8:30am...Mass - Tuesday Treats

9:30-11:00am...Open Vessels

5:00-8:00pm...Eucharistic Exposition

##### WEDNESDAY, 12/6

No Mass

##### THURSDAY, 12/7

8:30am...Mass

6:00pm...Solemn Vespers w/ Bishop  
Lohse followed by Opening Reception

##### FRIDAY, 12/8 (Holy Day)

8:30am...Mass

9:00am-Noon...Eucharistic Exposition

5:30pm...Mass

##### SATURDAY, 12/9

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

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

5:00pm...Mass

##### NEXT SUNDAY, 12/10

8:00am - Noon...Pancake Breakfast

8:00am...Mass

9:10 - 10:20am...CGS

10:30am...Mass

3:30 - 5:00pm...Xmas Concert &  
Imagination and Faith Talk with Fr.  
Evelio

#### Readings for the week of December 3

**Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent** Is 63:16b-17, 19b;

64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

#### Saint Peter

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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

3:30pm - 4:30pm or by

appointment

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Parish Office 269-561-5029

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#### Mass in our

#### Collaborative

#### San Felipe, Fennville

**Sunday:** 12:30pm

**Thursday:** 6:30pm

#### St. Basil, South Haven

Saturday: 5:00pm

7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 9:00am &  
11:00am

Monday: No Mass



Rick Hardy  
Pastoral Associate

## Ministry: It means what you think it means, only more

To borrow a few phrases from Dr. Michael Horan, the now-retired head of the Theology Department at Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles, "When I was a boy, a minister was a grey-haired, dignified man in his 50s who drove a blue Buick and was in charge of the Presbyterian or Methodist church in the neighborhood. Today, at my parish, we have 'Parking Ministers...'"

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has recognized more and more the call of the Baptized — you and me — to serve the Church through various ministries. And it started the practice of referring to those taking particular roles in the Church as "ministers." Since perhaps the 1990s, people who are employed by dioceses and parishes have been referred to as "lay ecclesial ministers." These are people who have some level of education, formation, and credentialing that qualifies them to serve in various roles of leadership and service in the Church.

The broad category "Lay Ecclesial Minister" includes coordinators or directors of Faith Formation, Music, Liturgy, Service to the sick and dying, Business Administration, and a more general category that might be named Pastoral Associate or similar. There are some 30,000 Lay Ecclesial Ministers in the United States today, and our parish employs four who would fit into this category, myself included.

(Insider info: "ecclesial" means "having to do with the Church," from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which means "an assembly or gathering," and is often used to mean "church." In Spanish, *Iglesia* specifically means "church," and it obviously has the same Greek origin.)

But even with some 30,000 Lay Ecclesial Ministers employed by Catholic parishes and dioceses, there are many multiples of that number who participate in ministry in the Church and on the Church's behalf, as volunteers. That's where you come in, if you're a baptized Catholic Christian and a member of a parish...

So, what, exactly, is "ministry?" The best definition I've read is this:

*The public activity of a baptized follower of Jesus Christ flowing from the Spirit's charism and an individual's personality on behalf of a Christian community to witness to, serve, and realize the kingdom of God.\**

Ministry has six characteristics: (1) Doing something (2) for the Advent (coming) of the Reign of God (3) in public (4) on behalf of a Christian community; (5) which is a gift received in faith, baptism, and/or ordination; and (6) which has its own limits and identity within a diversity of ministerial actions.\*

Every baptized Catholic Christian is called to some ministry, and the call comes from the gifts that the Holy Spirit has placed within us. These gifts sometimes manifest in personality traits or in favorite activities or pursuits. Ministry is not always — maybe not often — synonymous with one's career choice, even when one is highly successful. Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to individuals for the good of the Church and the world are called "charisms," and this concept is something to explore as a parish community in significant depth in the new year.

For now, and for this season of Advent, this bulletin space will offer some practical thoughts about ministries from two perspectives: ministries that sustain the Church (meaning the parish, in our case) and ministries that reach out from the Church (also meaning the parish) to serve those in the world around us and beyond.

\*from *Theology of Ministry* by Fr. Thomas F. O'Meara, OP, pp. 142 & 136 respectively; quoted in *Ministry* by Richard McBrien.

Please donate to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** next weeked. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

**"Gift of Love"** tags are in the Gathering Space. Please return the unwrapped, purchased items to the church by December 10, or drop off items at Christian Neighbors no later than December 12.



## Congratulations!

Please join Chaplain Father Evelio and the Knights of Columbus Council 8687 in welcoming our newest members; **Mike Sobutka, Dr. Tom Gallagher, Mark Horne, Ken Malik and Dom Testa**. They recently participated in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to become full members. We look forward to their service, as Catholic men, to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. For more information visit [koc.org](http://koc.org).



**Sundays, December 3 & 17 at 9:10am**

All Faith Formation classes are in session

### Senior Lunch date change:

Senior lunch this month will be on  
**Thursday, December 14.**



### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 10  
8:00am - Noon

### Nativity Gingerbread Party

**Sunday, December 17**  
Following 10:30am Mass

Make a nativity gingerbread house,  
eat lunch and enjoy some  
hot cocoa and candy.

All are welcome!

Are you able to help shop for supplies, set-up / clean-up, plan lunch, or donate materials?

Contact: [alisha.giles@stpeter-douglas.org](mailto:alisha.giles@stpeter-douglas.org)



Congratulations to **Ryan & Monica (Pfeffer) Thompson** who were joined together in Holy Matrimony last weekend. May Christ's peace, love, and joy always enrich your marriage!

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Friday, December 8 Masses at 8:30am & 5:30pm

Under the title "Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception" Mary is the patroness of the United States. For this reason, this feast is always a Holy Day of Obligation, when Catholics are expected to participate at Mass.

On the Vigil of this Holy Day, December 7, our parish will welcome Bishop Edward Lohse to be present at Solemn Vespers at 6:00pm. Vespers are the evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours — the daily prayer of the Church that complements the celebration of the Eucharist. This Solemn Vespers will also formally open the exhibition "*Little Towns of Bethlehem, Many Cultures, One Christmas*," curated by Fr. Evelio and open to the public for 10 days starting that evening.

Plan to celebrate Solemn Vespers with our Bishop, and also be sure to participate at Mass on Friday morning or evening, to keep the rhythm of the liturgical year alive and strong in your life and the life of our parish community.



## Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

### Misa Diocesana para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Preside el Señor Obispo Edward M. Lohse

Lunes, 11 de Diciembre  
a las 6:00pm  
en la Parroquia de San Basilio en South Haven.  
**¡Todos están invitados!**



*Por favor llevar flores para ofrecer a la Virgen  
María y para compartir con otras personas.*

#### Intenciones de la Misa

Cuando un sacerdote celebra Misa, ofrece cada celebración de la Eucaristía para una persona o intención en particular. Al hacerlo, aplica gracias especiales de Dios sobre esa persona o intención. De manera similar a cómo podemos interceder por los demás mediante nuestras oraciones personales, la Iglesia puede interceder por nosotros mediante la celebración de la Misa.

*Para que se diga una misa por su ser querido, por  
favor visite o llame a Cecilia a  
la oficina parroquial de San Pedro  
al 269-857-7951.*

### **Los Pueblecitos de Belén** **Muchas Culturas, la Misma Navidad**

La Exposición de Nacimientos de Todo el Mundo  
Viene a San Pedro **7-17 de Diciembre.**

- Los Sábados 12-5pm y 6-8pm
- Los Domingos, 12-5pm
- Entre Semana 3-7pm



Comenzaremos las posadas en la  
Parroquia de San Pedro  
**16 de Diciembre a las 6:30pm**

Por favor traiga comida para compartir.  
Después tendremos un pequeño convivio  
en el Salón Parroquial.



#### **Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos**

Les rogamos que donen al **Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos** la próxima semana. Su regalo proporcionará cuidados esenciales para casi 25,000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas ancianos que han dedicado su vida al servicio de los demás.

*Mostremos nuestra gratitud a estas abnegadas  
personas con un generoso donativo el proximo  
Domingo, **10 de Diciembre.***

## Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

### **Domingo, 3 de Diciembre**

11:00am...Catequesis

12:30pm...Misa

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

6:30pm...Novena

### **Lunes, 4 de Diciembre**

6:30pm...Novena

### **Martes, 5 de Diciembre**

6:30pm...Novena

### **Miercoles, 6 de Diciembre**

6:30pm...Novena

### **Jueves, 7 de Diciembre**

5:45...Novena

6:30pm...Misa, Celebracion de la Inmaculada

Concepcion de Maria

7:30pm...Compartir

### **Viernes, 8 de Diciembre**

6:30pm...Novena

### **Sabado, 9 de Diciembre**

6:30pm...Novena

### **Proximo Domingo, 10 de Diciembre**

6:30pm...Novena

## Informe de Ofertorio Parroquial

### 19 de Noviembre

Colecta : \$ 1,534.50

Colecta para Caridades Católicas  
(La Calefacción): \$ 312.00

### 26 de Noviembre

Colecta: \$ 1,361.00

Venta en la Cocina: \$ 541.00

## Las lecturas de la semana del 3 de Diciembre

### **Domingo: 1er Domingo de Adviento**

Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 79, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)/1  
Co 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

### **Lunes: San Juan Damasceno, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia**

Is 2, 1-5/Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 8, 5-11

### **Martes: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17/Lc 10, 21-24**

### **Miércoles: San Nicolás, obispo**

Is 25, 6-10/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Mt 15, 29-37

### **Jueves: San Ambrosio de Milán, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia**

Is 26, 1-6/Sal 117, 1 y 8-9. 19-21. 25-27/Mt 7, 21. 24-27

### **Viernes: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María**

Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38

### **Sábado: San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

Is 30, 19-21. 23-26/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 5. 6-8

### **Domingo siguiente: 2º Domingo de Adviento**

Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 84, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 (8)/2 Pe 3, 8-14/Mc 1, 1-8

## 12 de Diciembre Fiesta en honor a nuestra

## *Señora de Guadalupe*

- 4:00am - Mañanitas y Rosario
- 6:00am - Desayuno
- 6:00pm - Serenata - Santa Misa - Danza

**Si alguien quisiera ayudarnos con la preparación del desayuno por favor hable con Alicia Villareal o Teresa Morales.**

