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Sunday
OF ADVENT

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

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope
December 10, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

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

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

Monday, December 11

8:30am † *Dr. Bernard Sinner* by Mary Leber

Tuesday, December 12

8:30am *For the Holy Souls in Purgatory* by Jim &

Marianne Hoffman

Thursday, December 14

8:30am † *Mary Ann Downer* by the Knights of Columbus

Friday, December 15

8:30pm † *Fr. Tim Cuny* & † *Maria Maslanka* by Joe &

Nancy Maslanka

Saturday, December 16

5:00pm † *Frank* & † *Eileen Violante* by the Steenwyk Family

Sunday, December 17

8:00am † *Mary Ann Downer* by the Knights of Columbus

10:30am † *Elizabeth Pcolinski* by Peter & Marlene Keith



Congratulations to **Barbara Conklin**, our Wedding Coordinator and Confirmation Year 2 Catechist, for completing her M.A. in Theology from the Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. Last Monday, she gave her public presentation, *Eco-Theology and the Holy Spirit: A New Perspective*. What a momentous occasion and amazing accomplishment!

Here with Eric and Barbara are Noah, Eva, and Ian, all familiar faces here at St. Peter.

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
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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, 12/10

8:00am...Mass
 8:00am - Noon...Pancake Breakfast
 9:00 - 10:20am...CGS
 10:30am...Mass
 3:30 - 5:00pm...Xmas Concert
 Featuring Caitlin Cusack & Friends;
 Imagination & Faith Talk
 w/ Fr. Evelio

MONDAY, 12/11

8:30am...Mass

TUESDAY, 12/12

8:30am...Mass
 9:30-11:00am...Open Vessels

WEDNESDAY, 12/13

No Mass
 3:00 - 7:00pm...Artists' Open Studio
 5:00pm...Holy Hour
 7:00pm...The Thinking Catholic w/
 Dr. Thomas Gallagher, PhD

THURSDAY, 12/14

8:30am...Mass
 9:00am - 2:00pm...St. Basil School
 Fieldtrip
 Noon...Senior Lunch

FRIDAY, 12/15

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

SATURDAY, 12/16

8:00am-10:00am...Catholic Men's
 Fellowship
 3:30pm-4:30pm...Reconciliation
 5:00pm...Mass
 6:30pm...Las Posadas w/ celebration
 in Parish Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, 12/17

8:00am...Mass
 9:10 - 10:20am...Faith Formation
 10:30am...Mass
 11:45am...Gingerbread Party
 3:30pm...From Waiting to Wonder
 w/ Tim Fallon & Taizé Prayer

Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18
 6:30 - 8:30pm



Eucharistic Exposition

is cancelled for
 Tuesday, December 12

Readings for the week of December 10

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

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
 Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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 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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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

Put on your own mask first...

By now we are all familiar with the image of the Church as the Body of Christ. And this body, as described by St. Paul, has many parts, all of which work together to live the Gospel. As the Body of Christ, we find ourselves called to do the things that Jesus would do, if He were here, physically walking about the earth. But wait! He is here, isn't he? He is here in His Church, His people, whom He has called and sent to teach, heal, and serve.

Do you still find it a bit jarring when the flight attendant gives the instructions about the oxygen mask? "Put your own mask on first, then assist others." We are conditioned to serve ourselves last, to put others first — at least when we are on our best behavior. But if the airplane becomes de-pressurized, we might be just moments away from passing out due to a lack for oxygen. And even if we are the Mother Theresa of the airways, we can't help anyone else if we are unconscious. So we must ignore the impulse to put others first, and instead ensure our own survival so that we can be of service.

The Body of Christ is no different. There is a need for members of this Body to serve the Body itself so that the Church — that means you and me — can serve others by word, example, and deed.

I don't want to get into a generational issue here, but I can only imagine what our parish might look like to someone who is 17, or 25, or 35, or even 40-something. What do I imagine it looks like? The setting, the entry, the Gathering Space, and the worship space certainly look inviting, welcoming, and beautiful. The greeters and the priest, I'm sure, appear — and are — sincerely welcoming, friendly, and caring.

But there are two things that are going on just below this welcoming surface: there are numerous openings for ministry that go unfilled week after week. And the average age of all those who serve in scheduled ministries is certainly something just barely south for 70.

There's nothing wrong with older people. I'm one of them, and I'm hoping to be one for a nice long time yet to come. But if I am to imagine what a person 1/2 my age might see at Mass, I'm thinking it might be "none of the people up front look like me..."

(In fact, someone about half my age actually did say that to me!)

Dear younger friends: There is room in this parish for you and your gifts. There is a need for what you have to offer. If you see the same (older) people doing the same visible ministries over and over again, you might think it's because they're clinging to their positions and don't want anyone else to take it from them. (We "Boomers" are kind of known for that...). But there's another explanation: They might be doing the same things over and over because there are NOT other people stepping in to do them. So, on behalf of the older crowd, I'd like to say Please, replace us! Or maybe we could work alongside each other in this Body of Christ.

Before we can be a serving presence in the community around us, our parish needs to be healthy, itself. And in many ways, it is. But what is missing is the next generation or two, stepping into the ministries that keep our worship alive and thriving, that welcome those who arrive for worship, that collect the offering at each Mass, who help ensure safety and comfort, who proclaim the Word and offer the Eucharist to their brothers and sisters, who make the music that calls us to communal song, and who serve the priest at the altar.

Consider, please, what gifts God has entrusted to you for the service of His Church. Don't "volunteer" because "we need you." Step forward, please, when you recognize that God is calling you to serve in some specific way.

Do you have some insights to offer about this? Let's talk. Send an email or stop & chat after Mass!

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Please support them by giving to the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



FAMILY FAITH Formation

Sunday, December 17 at 9:10am

All Faith Formation classes are in session



Kids Club learned about Juan Diego and made flowers for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Nativity Gingerbread Party

NEXT Sunday, December 17

Following 10:30am Mass

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

RSVP today! All are welcome!

Contact: alisha.giles@stpeter-douglas.org



Youth Christmas Choir Rehearsals

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 9:30am, in the Parish Center
Sunday, Dec. 17 at 9:15am, in the Church

Questions? Contact caitlin.cusack@stpeter-douglas.org



THIS Thursday, December 14 at Noon

On the menu will be baked ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, Jello fluff, chef's choice salad, and rolls. For dessert are holiday cookies from our dedicated volunteers.

Douglas Elementary Kindergarten Classes will be joining us to sing Christmas Carols for our guests.



Blessing of Baby Jesus

Christmas Eve at 5:00pm Mass

Bring your baby Jesus to be blessed during Mass. All will be asked to stand for the blessing.

**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.



Susana Mojarro enciende la primera vela de Adviento mientras su esposo **José** observa.

Las Quinceañeras junto con sus papás estarán decorando la iglesia para Navidad el **15 de Diciembre.**

Para más información comuníquense con **Ely Leon** o la **Hermana Angee.**

Durante los **46 Rosarios a la Virgen de** se recaudó un total de **\$1,407.26**. Esto ayudará a pagar el Mariachi y las decoraciones para la fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Gracias a todos los que donaron y sobre todo, gracias a quienes ofrecieron su hogar a la Virgen y rezaron el rosario juntos.



Segunda Colecta HOY para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Apoye toda una vida de servicio. Las mujeres y hombres consagrados han dedicado su vida al servicio de los demás rezando, ministrando, educando y cuidando a los necesitados, y muchas veces por un pago escaso o ninguno. Les rogamos que los apoyen con su donativo al **Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos**. Su donativo significa mucho para casi 25,000 religiosas y religiosos ancianos. Sean generosos.



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



Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**Mañana Lunes,
11 de Diciembre
a las 6:00pm**
en la Parroquia de San Basilio. Preside el Obispo Edward M. Lohse



Martes, 12 de Diciembre
en San Felipe

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

LAS Posadas

Comenzaremos las posadas en la Parroquia de San Pedro

ESTE SÁBADO
16 de Diciembre a las 6:30pm

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

Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

Domingo, 10 de Diciembre

11:00am...Catequisis
12:30pm...Misa
3:30 - 5:30pm...Concierto Navideño de Música en Inglés con Caitlin Cusack y sus Amigos y La Charla: *Imaginación y Fe* con Padre Evelio en **San Pedro**
5:00pm...Catequisis de confirmación del año 2
6:30pm...Novena

Lunes, 11 de Diciembre

6:00pm...Misa para la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe con el Obispo Lohse en **San Basilio**

6:30pm...Novena

Martes, 12 de Diciembre

4:00am...Mañanitas y Rosario
6:00am...Desayuno
6:00 - 8:00pm...Serenata - Santa Misa - Danza

Jueves, 13 de Diciembre

5:45pm...Rosario
6:30pm...Misa

Sábado, 16 de Diciembre

3:00 - 5:00pm...Plática de Matrimonio en **San Basilio**
6:30pm...Posadas en **San Pedro** con convivio después
Proximo Domingo, 17 de Diciembre
11:00am...No Habrá Catequisis
12:30pm...Misa
5:00pm...Catequisis de confirmación del año 2
6:30pm...Posadas

Informe de Ofertorio Parroquial 3 de Diciembre

Colecta del Domingo \$1,608.32
Venta en la cocina \$325.00



Intenciones de la Misa

Domingo, 10 de Diciembre

12:30pm † Erminio Cortez Cardozo



Recuerda en oración

Aurora Saucedá, Elena Lopez, Luis Vidal

y a todos nuestros familiares y amigos de la parroquia que necesitan oraciones continuas.

Las lecturas de la semana del 10 de Diciembre

Domingo: 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

Lunes: San Dámaso I, Papa

Is 35, 1-10/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Lc 5, 17-26

Martes: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/Jdt 13, 18. 19/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47

Miércoles: Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir

Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30

Jueves: San Juan de la Cruz, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia

Is 41, 13-20/Sal 144, 1 y 9. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 11, 11-15

Viernes:

Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mt 11, 16-19

Sábado: Las Posadas comienzan

Eccl 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/Mt 17, 9. 10-13

Domingo siguiente: 3er Domingo de Adviento

Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 53-54 (Is 61, 10)/1 Tes 5, 16-24/Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

Adiós Padre Fernelly!

Gracias **Padre Fernelly** por visitarnos este año. Esperemos que vuelva el año que viene. Muchas bendiciones para usted en Colombia y dondequiera que el Señor lo envíe.

