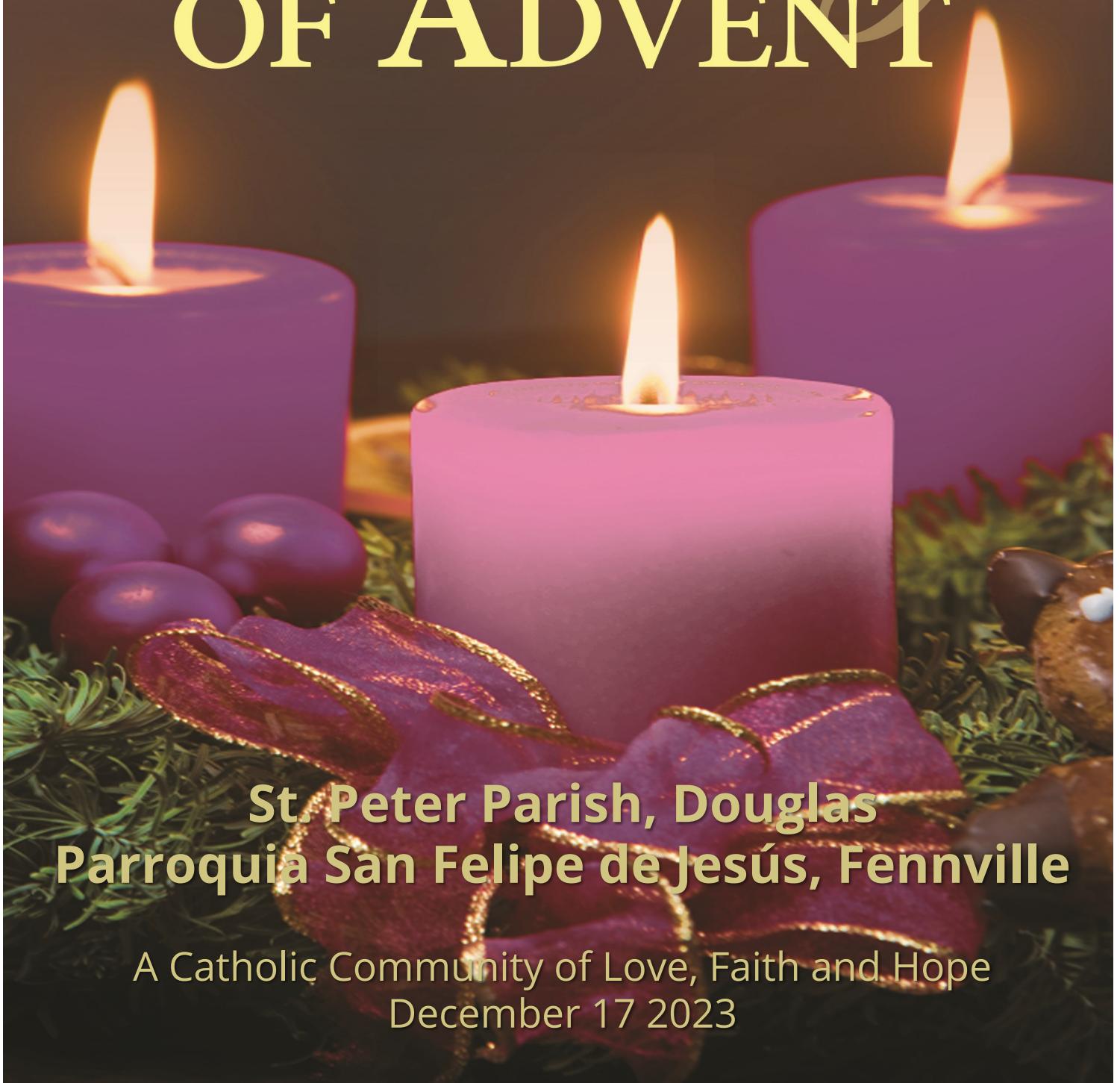


3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 18

8:30am † Eleanor Firmiss by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Tuesday, December 19

8:30am † Charles Jensen by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Thursday, December 21

8:30am † Mike & † Rose Carollo by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Friday, December 22

8:30pm † John & † Josephine Solomon by Bob & Jan Firmiss

Saturday, December 23

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

Sunday, December 24

8:00am † Jean Nowicki by Joe & Nancy Maslanka

10:30am † Dorothy Rasmussen by the Maslanka Families

Readings for the week of December 17

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**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38**Thursday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56**Saturday: St. John of Kenty, Priest** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66**Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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, 12/17

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

MONDAY, 12/18

8:30am...Mass
6:30 - 8:30pm...Reconciliation
Service

TUESDAY, 12/19

8:30am...Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, 12/20

No Mass

THURSDAY, 12/21

8:30am...Mass

FRIDAY, 12/22

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

SATURDAY, 12/23

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, 12/24

8:00am...Mass
5:00pm...Christmas Vigil Mass



A few pictures from
opening day of the
“Little Towns of
Bethlehem”
exhibit.



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Both Sunday Masses are
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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

The Nativity and Incarnation

Why do we say "Nativity" instead of "birthday" when we are talking about Christmas? I can think of a couple of reasons. First, "birthday" refers to the specific date on which a person was born. And celebrating one's birthday is really celebrating the anniversary of one's birth. In that sense, December 25 is definitely not Jesus' birthday. The date was chosen by Christians for the celebration of His birth in order to give a new, Christian meaning to the Roman festival of Saturnalia, which marked the winter solstice and celebrated the return of lengthening days.

"Nativity" means the celebration of one's birth and the circumstances surrounding it. And while we do not know with certainty exactly when He was born, we know quite a bit about the circumstances. His mother was a virgin. She really accepted God's call to be the Mother of His child. His earthly father was a patient, understanding, and faithful working man. He was of the House of David. Jesus was born in poverty, away from home, with an animal feed box to sleep in. His birth was announced by angels. To shepherds. He was and is the Messiah, but He had none of the trappings that might reasonably have been expected to accompany the Chosen One of God.

In all, the Nativity of Jesus is an engaging, enchanting, and miraculous moment that divides human history into two parts forever: before and after.

As you read this, our Gathering Space and Chapel are animated with some 50 Nativity sets, each from a different part of the world. Each of these ensembles represents the imagination of people who have heard of the Nativity of Jesus and found it meaningful in their life. And each one evokes some sense of connection in those who view it.

So Nativity refers to the birth of a person, along with the circumstances of that birth. And in this case, the circumstances are extraordinary. But wait, there's more...

Incarnation is the name for what has happened in the Nativity of Jesus. For, as we know from the beginning of the Gospel of John, the Word was, in the beginning, with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and makes His dwelling among the human race. (I'm paraphrasing here, which is allowed, as long as you admit it.)

So the Nativity of Jesus is not just the birth of a child in a stable. It is the Word of God — the Word by which God created all that is created, and the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity — now incarnate (it means "in flesh" or perhaps "enfleshed") in the person that Mary was told to call Jesus. He is also called "Emmanuel" or "God with us," and "Wonder-Counselor" and all the rest. But first of all, he is a human person like you and me, but who is also the Son of God: one person with two natures, human and divine.

The "Little Towns of Bethlehem" exhibition in our parish is an unprecedented opportunity to invigorate our reflection on the Nativity of Jesus. With some 100 volunteers contribute to its success and multiples of that number coming to view, ponder, and savor each one of these artistic expressions of imagination at the service of faith, this experience illustrates how Incarnation must be not only a past event but a present reality.

God's Incarnate Word is still in the world. In the Church, in the Sacraments, in the Assembly of the Faithful, we hold that Christ is truly present. This is the Incarnation: the Nativity, the Gospel, the People of God, and their artistic expressions. Gaudete! He who is to come is also already here! Rejoice!



Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18 at 6:30pm

This Monday, our parish will hold a Reconciliation Service at 6:30 pm in our church. Five priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions after a communal time of preparation. This is a perfect opportunity to leave the burdens of sin and guilt at the feet of our loving and merciful God and celebrate the Incarnation with a joyful heart that will surely make this holy season one of peace and comfort.

The Reconciliation service is meant to be an occasion to focus on what is most serious, and to simply say it to the confessor. There are times when, in this sacrament, a longer and more in-depth conversation with the priest is desirable. For this, it is best to make an appointment with the priest of your choice so that the needs of all penitents can be met in a reasonable time.

Above all, the Sacrament of Reconciliation frees us from our sins and strengthens our resolve to sin no more. Don't miss this opportunity for a truly joyful Christmas celebration.



You're invited to a family **Christmas Eve Mass**

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm



**Children please bring a bell and a
3 foot piece of ribbon with you to Mass.**



FAMILY FAITH Formation

This Sunday, December 17 at 9:10am

All Faith Formation classes are in session



The Confirmandi made Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners.



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.

Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23 at 5:00pm
Sunday, December 24 at 8:00am and
10:30am

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 at 10:00am
with Christmas Carlos at 9:30am

NOCHE DE RECONCILIACIÓN

Este Lunes, 18 de Diciembre, la parroquia de San Pedro llevará a cabo un **Servicio de Reconciliación a las 6:30pm**. Cinco sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones individuales después de un tiempo comunitario de preparación. Este es un perfecto oportunidad de dejar las cargas del pecado y la culpa a los pies de nuestro Dios amoroso y misericordioso y celebrar la Encarnación con un corazón alegre que seguramente hará de este tiempo santo uno de paz y consuelo.

El servicio de Reconciliación debe ser una ocasión para centrarse en lo que es más serio y simplemente decírselo al confesor. Hay momentos en que, en este sacramento, es deseable una conversación más larga y profunda con el sacerdote. Para ello, lo mejor es concertar una cita con el sacerdote de su elección para que las necesidades de todos los penitentes puedan ser atendidas en un tiempo razonable.

Sobre todo, el Sacramento de la Reconciliación nos libera de nuestros pecados y fortalece nuestra determinación de no pecar más. No pierdas esta oportunidad de vivir una celebración navideña verdaderamente alegre.



Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a decorar nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe. Su tiempo y dedicación es muy valorado.

SE NECESITAN VOLUNTARIOS



Necesitamos voluntarios para contar el dinero después de la Misa.

Comuníquese con Joe para más información.



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.

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Nuestras religiosas y religiosos están muy agradecidos. Una hermana comparte: "Agradezco al Señor por todos los que donan. No creo que podríamos vivir sin ellos". Gracias por donar al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos la semana pasada. Su donativo significa mucho para la vida de las religiosas y religiosos ancianos. Para saber más sobre cómo su donativo los ayuda, visite retiredreligious.org.



UN VISTAZO A SAN FELIPE ESTA SEMANA...

Domingo, 17 de Diciembre

12:30pm...Misa

Lunes, 18 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Posadas

Martes, 19 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Posadas

Miercoles, 20 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Posadas

Jueves, 21 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Misa y Posadas

Viernes, 22 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Posadas

Sabado, 23 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Posadas

Proximo Domingo, 24 de Diciembre,

Nochebuena

12:30pm y 8:00pm...Misa

Informe de Ofertorio Parroquial 10 de Diciembre

Colecta del Domingo: \$1,106.50

Fondo para Jubilación de los Religiosos: \$389.50

Venta en la Cocina: \$628.00

¿Te has mudado? ¿Tienes un nuevo número de teléfono? Por favor déjanos saber.

Ayúdenos a brindarle un mejor servicio manteniendo actualizada su información de contacto. Si se mudó, cambió su número o tiene otras actualizaciones para compartir con nosotros, comuníquese con Joe.

Las lecturas de la semana del 17 de Diciembre

Domingo: 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

Lunes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 71, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/Mt 1, 18-25

Martes: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 70, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17/Lc 1, 5-25

Miércoles: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 1, 26-38

Jueves: San Pedro Canisio, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45

Viernes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56

Sábado: San Juan de Kety, presbítero Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66

Domingo siguiente: 4º Domingo de Adviento;
Nochebuena 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2)/Rom 16, 25-27/
Lc 1, 26-38



Recuerda en oración...

Aurora Saucedo, Elena Lopez, Luis Vidal

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

Atención:

No habrá clases de catecismo durante las próximas semanas. Las clases comenzarán nuevamente el 7 y 9 de Enero.

¿Estás listo?

Este año el cuarto Domingo de Adviento aterriza el 24 de Diciembre, que también es Nochebuena. Deberá asistir a una Misa para cumplir con su obligación dominical y una para cumplir con la obligación del Día Santo de Navidad.

Para su planificación de la Misa de Navidad, aquí está nuestro horario:

Domingo 24 de Diciembre a las 12:30pm y 8:00 pm

Lunes 25 de Diciembre a las 12:00pm

