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

A Catholic Community of Love, Faith and Hope December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MUSIMAS!

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

5:00pm *Brian Sessions* by Rose Ramirez

Monday, December 25

10:00am † Luis Angel Ramirez & † Maria Celia Rios Ramirez

by Mary Leber

Tuesday, December 26

8:30am For the People of St. Peter Parish

Thursday, December 28

8:30am † Ronald Hebrank (Anniversary of Death)

by Midge Bernard **Friday, December 29**

8:30pm † Mary Ann Downer by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 30

5:00pm † Paige Pringle by St. Peter Parish

Sunday, December 31

8:00am For all Knight of Columbus, living and deceased by

Knights of Columbus

10:30am Karen Martin & Bertha Denemy

by Faith Formation

Readings for the week of December 24

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 **Monday: The Nativity of the Lord** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve Sir Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

Fr. John Flynn, OSA
Frances Byk
Heather Botz
Isa Rodriguez Kupres
Janet Fahey
Janet Schneider
Jeff Rissover
Jeff Torrell
Jeffrey Wasilevich

Joann Otlewski

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, 12/24

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

5:00pm...Christmas Vigil Mass

MONDAY, 12/25 The Nativity of the Lord

9:30am...Christmas Carols 10:00am...Christmas Day Mass

TUESDAY, 12/26

8:30am...Mass **WEDNESDAY**, **12/27**

No Mass

THURSDAY, 12/28

8:30am...Mass

FRIDAY, 12/29

8:30am...Mass

9:00am-Noon...Eucharistic

Exposition

SATURDAY, 12/30

2:00pm...Wedding

5:00pm...Mass (Baptism during

Mass)

NEXT SUNDAY, 12/31

8:00am...Mass

10:30am...Mass

NEXT MONDAY, 1/1

8:30am...Mass, Solemnity of Mary







Thank you to all who attended the Christmas Concert!!

My guests performers, **Brendan Hollins (piano)**, and **Mason Viilo (saxophone and guitar)**, and I were grateful for the warm reception!!

If you'd like to be notified of other performances and learn more about the *You Carry Me* project that invites you to memorialize lost loved ones with original music, please visit my website <u>caitlincusackmusic.com</u>. There you can sign up for my e-newsletter list...or follow my music page on facebook or instagram <u>@caitlincusackmusic</u>. Thank you, and Merry Christmas to all!

-Caitlin Cusack

Saint Peter

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on our facebook page.

December 24, 2023

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 San Felipe de Jesús 5586 117th Ave Fennville, MI 49408 www.sanfelipe-fennville.org Parish Office 269-561-5029 Facebook.com/ parroquia.s.dejesus Parish Coordinator: Joe Marble joe.marble@stpeter-douglas.org 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

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4th Sunday of Advent

appoinment

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Hail th' Incarnate Deity!

Veiled in flesh, the godhead see; hail th' incarnate Deity! Please as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. These words, from the second verse of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," written in 1739 by Charles Wesley (yes, it's a Methodist hymn), summarize the Incarnation pretty concisely, if you don't mind a bit of antiquated English and some poetic phrasing.

This — the Incarnation — is what animates our faith and gives it not only meaning but power and effect. Not only does God not abandon us because of our sinfulness, God doesn't even stand by with a benevolent presence while we try to work out the way to salvation. God is not content to simply hear our prayers from afar. Instead, God *becomes* us. God takes on human flesh and a human life in the person of Jesus, who, as a person, is conceived and is born, like us. He has a beginning. The Word of God, which is who Jesus is, in His divine nature, is eternal. This isn't rational, and there is no future in trying to debate exactly how it all works out. It's God's work, and we should not expect, in every case, to understand how God does what God does.

Contemplating the Nativity of Jesus is an acknowledgment of the Incarnation. We make our own faith incarnate (think "real, tangible, experiential") in numerous ways throughout the year, but especially in the Christmas season. I can think of several ways this happens; what are the ways you think of?

Much is made of Jesus' "birth into poverty." The conditions certainly were austere. But was the Holy Family a poor family? Joseph, after all, is known as a carpenter. In the Greek texts, he's called a "tekton," or skilled tradesman. (I don't know Greek at all, but anyone can look this up.) If you've been to the Holy Land or even seen photos of it, you can see that, other than olive wood, it's not exactly the lumber capital of the Middle East. A "tekton" might well have worked with stone as well as some wood. It would be reasonable to think that Joseph made a decent living.

Nevertheless, the actual birth of Jesus took place in poverty, and was first revealed to some of the lowliest laborers in society at the time, namely, shepherds.

Now let's talk about His mother. The Son of God needed a human mother, and God prepared one

for Him. And even though she had been prepared from her very conception to be the Mother of God's son, she nevertheless had the choice to do so. She may have been saved from original sin, but she was not deprived of her free will. Even if God knew she would say yes, she was free to say it. This consent of hers was when Incarnation happened. All the rest of its ramifications started at that moment.

Ramifications? When the time was right, the Son of God — not yet revealed as such to many — walked about the land, teaching, healing, forgiving, and challenging. All very real, tangible, provocative, and life -changing actions.

At the time of His last supper with his disciples, He gives them, and us, the real, tangible, experiential gift of the Eucharist. We eat His body and drink His blood in memory of Him and His teachings, but also to nourish in the present and future of our own journey of faith. At the time of Pentecost, He sends the Holy Spirit to fill the Apostles with the wisdom and courage (and five other gifts) to establish the Church as the Body for Christ on earth. And Incarnation continues.

Each sacrament, each prayer, each sacred article (statues, rosaries, medals, images) becomes an expression of the Incarnate presence of God in our life. And each of us, Baptized into the Body of Christ, and strengthened by the real, tangible, human signs that make up the sacraments, is an extension of the Incarnation.

What are the ways you can see the Incarnation in your life? Talk amongst yourselves....

Merry Christmas!





is cancelled for Tuesday, December 26



Irvine and Christine from **Positive Options in Allegan** received a generous donation of \$400 from Knights of Columbus. Representatives from **Standing with Moms in Need** were there as well when Dennis Dryer presented the check.

LITTLE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM MANY CULTURES, ONE CHRISTMAS

With the help of some 100 parishioner volunteers, Fr. Evelio presented a wonderful exhibition of nativity sets from around the world. The exhibit was a huge success in many ways.



Sundays, December 7 & 21 at 9:10am

All Faith Formation classes are in session



1st Reconciliation Student / Parent Meeting

Sunday, January 21 at 9:10

Confirmation Year 2

Enrollment & Journey to Confirmation Letter

Sunday, January 21 during the 10:30am Mass













December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent St. Peter Parish 269-857-7951



Mensaje de Navidad para los miembros de San Felipe:

Nos gustaría tomarnos un momento para desearles a todos una muy Feliz Navidad. Durante esta temporada celebraremos la Esperanza, la Paz, el Amor y la Alegría; Oremos para que estos cuatro llenen nuestras vidas en todos los sentidos esta Navidad y más allá. Seamos agradecidos con Dios.



Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron para organizar la celebración para nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Fue un gran éxito. Que la Virgen nos illumine y proteja siempre.





Los danzantes honraron a la Virgen con sus pasos y bailes antes de la Santa Misa y después compartieron un pastel con la comunidad. Gracias, **Danza Guadalupana**.



UN VISTAZO A SAN FELIPE ESTA SEMANA...

Domingo, 24 de Diciembre

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

Lunes, 25 de Diciembre

12:00pm...Misa de La Natividad del Señor

lueves. 28 de Diciembre

6:30pm...Misa

Proximo Domingo, 31 de Diciembre

12:30pm...Misa de La Sagrada Familia; Víspera de Año Nuevo

Informe de Ofertorio Parroquial 17 de Diciembre

El boletín se envió temprano para su publicación debido a los dias festivos. Los totales de colecta se publicarán en el siguiente boletín. Gracias

No olvides llevarte a casa tu caja de sobres para la colecta y tu calendario 2024.

Gracias por apoyar nuestro ofertorio parroquial. Se agradece su generosidad.

Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de Diciembre

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

Lunes: La Natividad del Señor

Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 Noche: ls 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5, 9-14

Martes: San Esteban, el primer mártir

Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22

Miércoles: San Juan, apóstol y evangelista 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 2-8

Jueves: Día de los Santos Inocentes, mártires 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 2, 13-18

Viernes: San Tomás Becket, obispo y mártir 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40

Domingo siguiente: La Sagrada Familia; Víspera de

Año Nuevo

Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4 -5 o Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17 o Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

Intenciones de la Misa

Domingo, 24 de Diciembre

12:30pm † Francisco Rivera Giles

† Raul Martinez



Recuerda en oración...

Aurora Sauceda, Elena Lopez, Luis Vidal

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

¿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.



Necesitamos voluntarios para contar el dinero después de la Misa.



Comuníquese con Joe para más información.

Atención:

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