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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17

5:00pm † John Sexton, Sr. by Elfride Sexton

Sunday, February 18

8:00am *June Carlson* by the Firmiss Family 10:30am † *Jerry Schorle* by the Roerig Family

Monday, February 19

8:30am † Larry & † Dorothy Rasmussen

by Linda Jensen

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am † Richard Zelenka by Midge Bernard

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, Februray 23

8:30am + Catherine Wagner by Linda Jensen

Saturday, February 24

5:00pm † Gene Binder by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, February 25

8:00am + David Burmmett by the Burmmett Family

10:30am † Linda Roerig by the Roerig Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Presidents' Day Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19 **Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Al & Mary Ellingsen Heather Botz Ann Marie Sevic Isa Rodriguez Kupres Bertha Denemy Janet Fahev Janet Schneider Bill & Toni Alwin Billy Pringle Jeff Rissover Candi Schmuck Jeff Torrell Carol Powers Jeffrey Wasilevich Carolyn Bautista Jerry Nielson Chad DeWitt Jessica Neely Dcn. Tony Nethercott Jim Cassar Don Karaus Joann Otlewski Don Wobith John Vermulen Dorothy Lockwood Karen Martin Doug Nichols Kathy Drummett Fr. Don Klingler Libby Westrate Frances Savel Lorrie Gaunt

Lynn Dixon
Lynne Adamczyk
Madison McAllister
Marian Hagenaur
Marianne Hoffman
Mary Ann Skaja
Matt Koswenda
Michael DeRosa
Mick Wenlock
Paul Vermuelen
Paula Glennie
Patrick Dargis
Regina Johandes
Rob Munski

Sandy Hauxwell

Saul Suarez, Jr.

Stephen & Marie Johandes Steve Sessions 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, 2/18

8:00am...Mass

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

10:30am...Mass

MONDAY, 2/19

8:30am...Mass

TUESDAY, 2/20

8:30am...Mass

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

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

Exposition

WEDNESDAY, 2/21

No Mass

THURSDAY, 2/22

8:30am...Mass

2:00 - 6:30pm...Blood Drive

FRIDAY, 2/23

8:30am...Mass

9:00 - Noon...Eucharistic

Exposition

4:30 - 7:00pm...K of C Fish Fry

7:00 - 8:00pm...Stations of the

Cross

SATURDAY, 2/24

8:00am - 5:00pm...Men's Day of Reflection

2:30 - 4:30pm...Reconciliation

5:00pm...Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, 2/25

8:00am...Mass

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

10:30am...Mass

12:30pm...Carmel Devotions followed by meeting in school

building



Men's Day of Reflection

Men's Role in the Family, Workplace and Community

Saturday, February 24 8:00am - 5:00pm

Reflection & Meditation
with Fr. Robert Creagan,
Rector of St. Augustine Cathedral
Learn about Defining Charity & Unity
and Making Changes in our Life

All men are free to attend; includes coffee, donuts, and lunch For questions or to register please contact Dennis Dreyer @ 810-241-0362 Father Evelio blessing Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of

Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.



Saint Peter

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Parish Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-2:00pm

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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.

San Felipe de Jesús

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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

February 18, 2024 1st Sunday of Lent St. Peter Parish 269.857.7951



Stay Awake, or Stay Woke?

Rick Hardy Pastoral Associate

It wasn't that long ago when a person might start a sentence with "I don't know if this is *politically correct* or not, but...." And then they would say something that was definitely not politically correct. Remember that? At first, "P.C." was a slightly smug way of trying to raise someone's awareness or sensitivity to a certain issue or person, or such. But being corrected smugly is not something most people take very well. So it wasn't long before the term P.C., whether by its initials or spoken in full, became a pre-emptive strike, as in, "... and I know this isn't P.C. but this is what I think..."

And before you knew it, a term that initially meant "being considerate of others" became a term of annoyance about being expected to be considerate of others — because it became a term representing judgment by those who thought of themselves as superior to other people who were not as considerate of others as they were.

Well, those days are over. Now, it's "woke." Same meaning, same evolution, same rejection as a term of judgement of one person by another, from a perspective of self-righteousness. And today, "woke" has a new feature that "P.C."did not have: just the word itself implies the issues that those who are woke want those who are not woke to be woke about. And to finish this convoluted loop, these are issues that those who are not woke not only don't want to be woke about, they are issues that the non-woke do not want to exist at all. (Absurdity intended.)

Why all this in the parish bulletin? What does this have to do with our life as Catholic Christians? For this, we can simply turn to the Gospel.

Last Sunday, it was Jesus, healing a leper. This seems almost common to us, but in His time and place it was considered a scandal and a public health hazard. Lepers, by what was thought to be the Law of God, were not to be among the general population of society. And, also by law attributed to God but actually created by religious leaders, no faithful Jew could, under any circumstances, actually *touch* a person with leprosy. A person who did so would be considered unclean himself and would be barred from entry into the temple.

The religious laws of Jesus's time designated

certain people as unacceptable and prescribed harsh penalties to anyone who dared to treat them as anything else. And Jesus loved violating these laws. Sinners, tax collectors, lepers, women (one bleeding, one a Samaritan), all were on list of people to be avoided because they were judged as lesser than most. But not just lesser; their existence was considered a threat to the general public, and their diminished status was encoded in what was presented as the Law of God.

Some of this condemnation was the result of ignorance — about God and about how the human body works. The belief was that a deformity or disease was a punishment from God, either for the sins of the afflicted ones or their ancestors. So, if you had a bum leg, or leprosy, or some other challenge, it was your own fault, or maybe your grandfather's. Physical maladies had a moral implication. Thus the sin and the sinner were one and the same. "Hate the sinner AND the sin."

And then there is what this implies about God: that God is so petty as to punish one person for someone else's sins. All of this was encoded in religious law, and all of it was wrong.

Jesus, the true Author of the real Law of God, simply ignored these laws as needed. He fearlessly reached out to anyone who approached Him for healing and mercy. He was not deterred by ignorance presented as faith-based law.

When Jesus says that love of God and love of neighbor are the summary of the whole law, and when the Church elaborates on this very law by saying that we defend the life and dignity of every human person, we can hardly turn our back on whoever is designated as the outcast du jour.

Back to "woke...". The word has worn out its welcome if it ever had one. But what it was supposed to mean — be courageous enough to take in new knowledge and understanding that affirms the life and dignity of every human person, including those that ignorance would define as unacceptable — that is something worth staying awake and alert for. That is walking the path of Jesus as a Catholic Christian in our time.

Two Faith Formation students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend. May they be blessed with a new and profound experience of the forgiveness and mercy of our loving God.



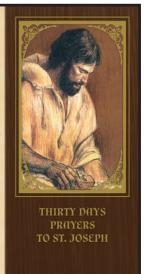


July 17 - 21, 2024 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

St. Peter has 10 tickets valued at \$200 each. These are offered to anyone who would like to attend the Congress but find the cost too high to manage. If interested, please call the parish office; if demand exceeds these 10, a lottery will determine recipients. If you'd like to sponsor one or more of these tickets, please call the office.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, patron and protector of families, is celebrated on March 19.

One way to honor the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus is a 30 day prayer, beginning on Saturday, February 17. Prayer pamphlets are available in the Gathering Space.



Lenten Fish Fry



Feb. 16 & 23, Mar. 1,8, & 22 4:30 - 7:00pm

Menu Includes

Pollack: Fried, Baked or Tacos French Fries, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese Coffee, Water, & Dessert

Adults: \$13
Children under 12: \$6
Max per family \$50

Dine in or carry-out
Cash or Checks Accepted



REFLECT Retreat for Mid-Life Singles April 5 - 7, 2024

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

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UN VISTAZO A SAN FELIPE ESTA SEMANA...



Horario de Cuaresma

Estudio de Biblia

Los Lunes de Cuaresma 6:30pm

Santo Viacrucis

Los Viernes de Cuaresma 6:30pm

Adoración al Santismo

Los Domingos de Cuaresma 6:00 - 8:00pm

Confesiones

Los Jueves de Cuaresma (excepto Jueves Santo) 4:30 - 6:00pm

Las ensayos para el Viacrusis en Vivo serán todos los Viernes después del Santo Viacrusis.





NOCHE DE RECONCILIACION

Lunes, 18 de Marzo a las 6:30 pm St. Peter, Douglas

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles

La próxima reunión de los Consagrados a la Virgen María será el 29 de Febrero después de la Misa.

Oficina Parroquial



UN VISTAZO A SAN FELIPE ESTA SEMANA...

Domingo, 18 de Febrero

11:00am...Catequesis

12:30pm...Misa

5:00pm...Catequesis de

Confirmación

6:00 - 8:00pm...Adoracion al

Santisimo

Lunes, 19 de Febrero

6:30pm...Estudio de Biblia

Martes, 20 de Febrero

6:30pm...Catequesis

Jueves, 22 de Febrero

4:30 - 6:00pm...Confesiones

5:45pm…Rosario

6:30pm...Misa

Viernes, 23 de Febrero

6:30pm...Santo Viacrucis

Proximo Domingo, 25 de Febrero

11:00am...Catequesis

12:30pm...Misa

5:00pm...Catequesis de

Confirmación

RECUERDA EN ORACIÓN...

Alex Ramirez Antemia Salazar Aurora Sauceda

Carolyn Bautista
Doug Nichols

Ernesto y Elena Lopez Irma León Gomez

Luis Vidal

Maria Nuñez Castillo

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

Si usted desea agregar a alguien a esta lista de enfermos, llame a Cecilia a la oficina de St. Peter 269.857.7951 o envíe un correo electrónico ceci.garcia@stpeter-douglas.org

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 18 DE FEBRERO...

Domingo: 1er Domingo de Cuaresma

Gn 9, 8-15/Sal 24, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (ver 10)/1 Pe 3, 18-22/ Mc 1, 12-15

Lunes: Día de los presidentes (EEUU)

Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18/Sal 18, 8. 9. 10. 15/Mt 25, 31-46 Martes: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19/Mt 6,

Miércoles: San Pedro Damián, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia Jon 3, 1-10/Sal 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19/Lc 11, 29-32

Jueves: La cátedra de San Pedro apóstol 1 Pe 5, 1-4/Sal 22, 1-3. 4. 5. 6/Mt 16, 13-19 Viernes: San Policarpo, obispo y mártir

Ez 18, 21-28/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-7. 7-8/Mt 5, 20-26 **Sábado:** Dt 26, 16-19/Sal 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 5, 43-48 **Domingo siguiente: 2º Domingo de Cuaresma** Gn 22,

1-2. 9-13. 15-18/Sal 115, 10. 15. 16-17. 18-19 (115, 9)/

Rom 8, 31-34/Mc 9, 2-10

INFORME DE OFERTORIO PARROQUIAL 4 y 11 DE FEBRERO...

Colecta 2/4 = \$1,408.00

Colecta del Domingo 2/11 = \$1,729.00

Colecta de las tres Iglesias 2/11 = \$211.00

UN TIEMPO PARA REFLEXIONAR

Durante este tiempo santo, estamos llamados a hacer una pausa y prestar más atención a nuestra relación con Dios y nuestro prójimo. Reflexiona sobre cómo las prácticas cuaresmales de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna pueden guiar tu camino y cómo la Eucaristía nos ayuda a vivir en solidaridad con nuestros hermanos alrededor del mundo. Visita crsplatodearroz.org para obtener más información y leer la Historia de Esperanza de esta semana

El Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos se ha establecido para recibir denuncias de abuso sexual y mala conducta de los obispos y transmitir esos informes a las autoridades eclesiásticas

correspondientes para su investigación.

Para hacer un informe, visite

ReportBishopAbuse.org o teléfono (800) 276-1562.