



THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

# St. Peter Church

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## DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY • SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS



### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Monday:</b>	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
<b>Thursday:</b>	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
<b>Friday:</b>	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
<b>Saturday:</b>	8:00 AM Latin*		5:00 PM English	
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:00 AM Latin*		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin*		1:00 PM Spanish	
<b>1st Friday:</b>	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
<b>1st Sunday:</b>	7:00 AM Latin		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin		1:00 PM Spanish	

*\*The Mass according to the liturgical books of 1962*

FR. NATHAN CASWELL, SJC ..... PASTOR  
 FR. DENNIS KOLINSKI, SJC ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 FR. ROBIN KWAN, SJC ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 FR. SCOTT THELANDER, SJC ..... ASSOCIATE PASTOR  
 BR. KEVIN MENARD, SJC ..... SEMINARIAN  
 BR. MATEUSZ SZYMANSKI, SJC ..... SEMINARIAN  
 CHRIS KICHKA ..... OPERATIONS  
 CONNIE BALLANTINE ..... CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS  
 STEPHANIE BRUNE ..... LITURGICAL MUSIC

*FOR AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES ONLY - PLEASE CALL (815) 451-8219*



*a parish staffed by the*  
**CANONS REGULAR OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS**

## Welcome New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome you to St. Peter's in Volo. If you are visiting, we hope that you enjoy your time here and invite you to join us again! If you are interested in joining the parish and becoming a parishioner, you may register quickly and easily by visiting the parish website at [www.stpetervolo.org/registration](http://www.stpetervolo.org/registration).

When registering you will have an option to choose to receive Offertory Envelopes. We encourage all families to utilize these envelopes for making contributions, but also to let us know who is active in the parish, even when not donating. Please note it may take a few months before you begin receiving envelopes.

Please visit [www.stpetervolo.org](http://www.stpetervolo.org) to find much more information about the parish. If you have any further questions, please e-mail us at [office@stpetervolo.org](mailto:office@stpetervolo.org).

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## Sacraments

Do you have a newborn to be Baptized? Are you a couple ready to be married? Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? If so, visit us at [stpetervolo.org/sacraments](http://stpetervolo.org/sacraments) for more information on how to obtain the Sacraments at St. Peter's.

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## Confession Times

*The below are Confession start times*

**SUNDAY:** 6:50 AM | 8:15 AM | 9:45 AM | 11:15 AM | 12:45 PM

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:40 AM | 8:30 AM **WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 PM

**SATURDAY:** 7:45 AM | 4:30 PM

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## Divine Office

**SUNDAY:** 6:25 AM Matins & Lauds | 2:15 PM Rosary & Vespers |  
6:00 PM Compline

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:15 AM Matins & Lauds | 11:45 AM Mid Day Prayer |  
4:45 PM Rosary & Vespers | 6:45 PM Compline *(when no other events)*

**SATURDAY:** 7:15 AM Matins & Lauds | 11:45 AM Mid Day Prayer |  
4:00 PM Rosary & Vespers | 5:45 PM Compline

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## Adoration

**THURSDAY:** 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**1ST FRIDAY:** 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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## Novena to St. Joseph

Join us Wednesdays at 6:45 PM to pray together the Novena to St. Joseph.

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## Mass Intentions

The Calendar for 2024 has filled at this time and we're still working through the backlog. If still interested, please visit [stpetervolo.org/masssociety](http://stpetervolo.org/masssociety) to learn about the Canons Perpetual Mass Association.

## Offertory Collection

The total Collection from Sunday the 24th was: **\$11,267** and from Christmas Day was: **\$30,349**

The total through Online Giving in the month of November was: **\$6,705.00**

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 1st** - *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (N), Octave Day of the Nativity (T)*

- **7:15 AM** - Novena for Parish Volunteers & Their Families
- **9:00 AM** - Kelly Kichka, Mary Huebner, & † Mary Normoyle
- **11:00 AM** - Pro Populo

**Tuesday, January 2nd** - *St. Basil the Great (N), St. Gregory Nazianzen (N), The Most Holy Name of Jesus (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Stephen Patrick D'Amico by D'Amico Family
- **8:00 AM** - Cathy Doan by Wilson Family

**Wednesday, January 3rd** - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus (N)*

- **6:15 AM** - Philip J. Bednar by Sheba & Mike Sands
- **8:00 AM** - Special Intention by Eva Lalinska
- **7:00 PM** - Benefactors of Chesterton Academy of the Immaculate Heart

**Thursday, January 4th** - *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (N), Vigil of the Epiphany (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Moran Family by Susan Moran
- **8:00 AM** - Special Intention by Eva Lalinska

**Friday, January 5th** - *St. John N. Neumann (N), St. Telephorus (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Julia Podstolowicz by Meg & Wes Podstolowicz
- **8:00 AM** - Marie Ligurotis by Adriene & Gerald Grzenia
- **7:00 PM** - † Mary Alice Isaacson

**Saturday, December 6th** - *St. Andre Bessette (N), Epiphany of the Lord (T)*

- **8:00 AM** - † Mary Alice Isaacson
- **5:00 PM** - Rose Marie by Her Friend

**Sunday, December 7th** - *Epiphany of the Lord (N) | The Holy Family (T)*

- **7:00 AM** - † Mary Alice Isaacson
- **8:30 AM** - Jeanne & Joe Luminiello and Ellen & Richard Ryan
- **10:00 AM** - Julia Kendall by Kendall Family
- **11:30 AM** - Members of St. Peter's Quid Volo Young Adult Group
- **1:00 PM** - Pro Populo

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## Prayer Requests

Jesus Banuelos & Family  
Julie Bilodeau  
Richard Borman  
Christa Hudson  
Sarah Hudson  
Irene Kenderes

Cynthia LaGraff & Family  
Yvette Mader  
Mendoza Family  
Louie S. & Family  
Kyra Smith  
Bishop Joseph Strickland

Julia Suchomski  
Jason Taylor & Family  
Grace Walker & Family  
Mark Weber  
Valerie Wilk

and for the repose of the souls of Roy Dudzik, David Gibson, and David LaGraff

*Names added to the Prayer Requests will remain for 1-month. To add, or re-add, a name to the Prayer Requests please e-mail the Parish Office at [office@stptetervolo.org](mailto:office@stptetervolo.org)*

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### First Friday

We invite all to join us this coming Friday, January 5th, the First Friday of the month, for Adoration and our monthly 1st Friday Mass.

Adoration will begin following the 8:00 AM Mass, and will conclude at 6:45 PM, prior to the start of our First Friday evening Mass.

This month there will be no First Friday devotions following Mass, rather stick around to join us for our annual Blessing of Holy Water on the Vigil of the Epiphany. See the last page of the Bulletin for more about this powerful blessing of water.

### First Friday Family Holy Hour

Children and their parents are invited to our Family Holy Hour on the 1st Friday of each month, at 1:00 PM. All ages are welcome to this hour which is broken into 15-minute segments offering time for both community and silent prayer to Our Lord. Whether you are able to stay for just 5-minutes or the entire hour, we hope that you will join us!

Contact [Jeannelum@mac.com](mailto:Jeannelum@mac.com) for more.

### Quid Volo Young Adult Group

The Quid Volo Young Adult group offers those in their 20's and 30's, the chance for prayer, reflection, and discussion, as well as opportunity for fellowship and socialization, with other young adults.

Meeting on the 1st Friday of each month following the 7:00 PM First Friday Mass. For more info about Quid Volo, visit our website at [www.stpetervolo.org/quidvolo](http://www.stpetervolo.org/quidvolo).

### First Saturday Devotions

One of the most important aspects of Our Lady's Fatima message was the request for the devotion to Her Immaculate Heart on the 1st Saturday of each month. Join us on the First Saturday following the 8:00 AM Mass, to honor Our Lady's wishes.

You may visit our website for more information about this beautiful devotion at [www.stpetervolo.org/firstsaturday](http://www.stpetervolo.org/firstsaturday).

### Hymns for Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

**Communion: #30**

*What Child is This?*

**Recessional: #15**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

10:00 AM Mass

**Communion: #30**

*What Child is This?*

**Recessional: #15**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

11:30 AM Mass

**Recessional: #15**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

### Propers for Sunday

10:00 AM

**Introit:** God is in His holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in His house; He Himself will give power and strength to His people. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee before His face.

**Gradual:** one thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord. To gaze in delight upon the Lord's beauty and to be sheltered in His holy temple.

**Alleluia:** Rejoice in the Lord, O you just. It is fitting that royal hearts should praise Him.

**Offertory:** In You have I Put my trust, O Lord; I said: "You are my God, my destiny is in Your hands."

**Communion:** Take the child and his mother and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the child's life are dead.

### Exodus 90

Calling all men of St. Peter's – join us for our next session of Exodus 90! Exodus is a 90-day spiritual exercise for men that provides a path to freedom through prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. In just 90 days you'll get rid of habits that enslave you, find true freedom in Christ, and strengthen your spiritual life and relationships.

The journey officially begins January 1st. To find out exactly what we are committing to visit [stpetervolo.org/exodus90](http://stpetervolo.org/exodus90) or email us at [exodus90@stpetervolo.org](mailto:exodus90@stpetervolo.org).

## O Come Let Us Adore Him

There's something about a formal Nativity scene that's unlike anything else in Catholic tradition. While it doesn't have the central importance of a Crucifix, it's still a three-dimensional image, with a purpose that goes beyond being merely decorative. We usually see a Nativity scene only during the Christmas season, and its appearance is greatly anticipated every year, especially by children.

At the very least, the scene comprises the Holy Family, with Christ in His manger between Mary and Joseph. Other figures may include the three Magi, shepherds, angels, and various domestic animals. Traditional Nativity scenes, especially in European churches, can be incredibly ornate and detailed, showing artistic and cultural influences from their country of origin. They all tell the story of Christ's birth in a compressed timeframe (the real Magi probably arrived several months later), and one is meant to notice the various figures and contemplate their meanings.

The Nativity scene in St. Peter Church is set at night outside Bethlehem. Houses are lit from within, suggesting people settling in for the evening. This context underscores the reality that, on an ordinary human level, Christ came unobserved into the world. There may have been a strange star in the sky, but most people were absorbed with their own lives and didn't pay much attention. They certainly didn't know what was taking place in a stable outside the town.

In fact, the heavens were flung open that night, revealing – to a few people, at least – unimaginable wonders. Up on the hills, a group of poor shepherds witnessed hundreds of angels filling the darkness with light. From the east, the Magi saw the star and were compelled to take a long journey to follow it. Both were receptive to the call to seek out the newborn King, and they found Him in the humblest of places.

One of the most beautiful chants from the Christmas matins, “O Magnum Mysterium,” celebrates the fact that animals were also among the first witnesses of the Nativity. Perhaps this is why children like Nativity scenes so much. They enjoy the Magi, who even in their nobility kneel before a little baby. They see no strangeness in the idea of shepherds keeping company with angels. But they especially love the fact that the Christ Child shares his sleeping place with cows and lambs.

It's not unusual to see children standing in front of a Nativity scene for a long time. The details speak a language that they can easily understand. Here, there is love and peace and absolute stillness. It's a moment of adoration, and we set up Nativity scenes every December so that we might continue to adore Him, at Christmas and throughout the year.

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## Blessing of Epiphany Holy Water

*Friday, January 5th | Following 7:00 PM 1st Friday Mass*

The Feast of Epiphany celebrates 3 manifestations of God. Among them is the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan where He is revealed as the Son of God, the second person of the Holy Trinity and in which event Our Lord sanctifies the water by His baptism for our own baptism.

For this reason, on the vigil of the Feast of the Epiphany, the Church gives us a particularly powerful blessing of water. As the vigil falls on Friday, January 5th, we invite you to join us Friday evening for our 1st Friday Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by the blessing of water.

If you wish to have water blessed, please bring your water in one gallon jugs. You may wish to write your name on the container to make it easier to claim afterwards.

