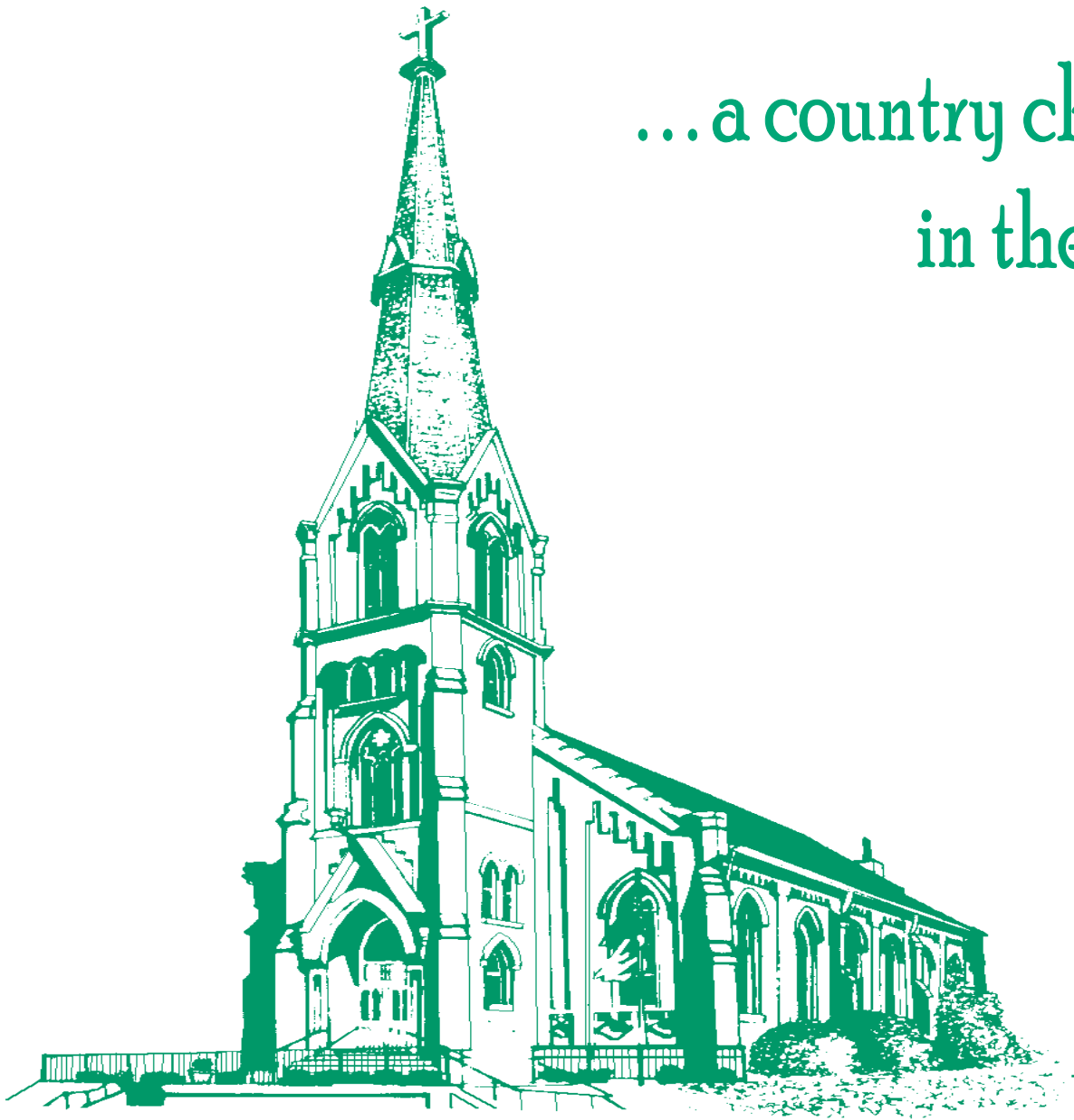


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RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 3:00—3:40 P.M.

NOTES FROM FATHER CHUCK

Year End Tithing Report.

We have mailed out the year end tithing report. If you have any questions about your tithing report please call the office.

I have several thoughts about the tithing report. First, we sent out 477 contribution reports. That is a tremendous number because we have 504 families registered in our parish. What this figure represents is that 95% of the members of our parish family made a contribution to our church. The national average is about 35%. I am certain that most priests will not believe that this figure is correct. I will wait patiently to share this great news with my friends. I say so often that you love this parish so much and you want to have it succeed. I thank all of you for your commitment to the parish and for your generous support of the parish.

One of the great blessings to our parish is electronic tithing. If we did not have electronic tithing we would not have the financial success that we have. The electronic giving raises about \$120,000.00 for the parish each year. I signed all of the tithing reports and I noticed the number of people doing electronic tithing. So please keep up the good work and if you would like to begin electronic tithing all that you need to do is to stop by the office and we will establish electronic tithing for you.

Once again thank you for your generosity to the parish.

I have spoken many times, and it is far more than I wish to, that we will have financial challenges this year.

We are doing okay for the year and with a couple of good months I believe that we will once again meet our budget.

When I was signing the tithing reports I was so overwhelmed by the generosity of so many. I had this thought that if you want to know who are the most generous, I think that we have to realize that everyone who supports our parish family in any way is truly generous.

The sacrifices that you make for this parish family is an inspiration to all.

I have said this many times that the greatest of God's presence in our lives is a generous spirit. Your generosity to our parish family is what makes this parish filled with Jesus presence.

I look forward to being able to return to normal and to have our masses back to normal.

A couple who will be getting married soon expressed that same feeling that they can't wait for the church to be back to normal. Thank you again for your generosity.

Number One Ranking.

Many a time people have teased me about Saint Peters being ranked number one in the nation for Catholic parishes. I believe if you read over the other column I think you can see why I believe you are the number one ranked parish in the United States. Thank you again for your generosity to St. Peters parish family.

Mass on Youtube

I am very pleased that we are able to stream our 8:00 a.m. Sunday mass on Youtube. A special thank you to Jeanie Thomas, Adam Thomas, Steve and Robert Beck for getting the computer and camera working in the church.

Scrip

One of the things that I am thinking about is having scrip available in our office. If you are not familiar with scrip, the scrip cards give a percentage of the money spent back to St. Peters and to Saint Albert.

I buy all of my groceries, gas and many other things with script as it is free money to the parish and to our school.

The scrip cards that we would have in the office would be for the grocery stores, Fareway, HyVee, and Super Saver. The return on these three cards is three percent of everything that is purchased.

I am looking for feedback if this would be a service that would be used by many of you.

I said this before it is free money to the parish and to school. If you have any thoughts please let me know.

The Touch of Jesus.

There are special moments where I can feel the touch of Jesus very profoundly.

Two weeks ago after the 10:00 a.m. mass a mother brought her first grader to visit with me about what the angels mean in our church. I told her that the story of the angels was sad but that I would tell her what they mean. It was a grace filled moment to experience that a first grade young lady would want to know about those angels. One of the parishioners was sitting behind that family and she remarked that during my sermon on the symbols of the baptismal ritual that this young lady stood on the pew so that she could see all of the symbols that I spoke about at mass. I have thought about this and realized who profoundly the grace of Jesus abounds in so many places.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue. 19 Jan	5:30 pm Mass:	Amelia Buhman	St. Peter's
Wed. 20 Jan	8 am Mass:	Daniel & Alma Hughes & Family	St. Peter's
Thu. 21 Jan	5:30 pm Mass:	John Geier	St. Peter's
Fri. 22 Jan	8 am Mass:	Judy Kenkel	St. Peter's

Saturday, 4 pm January 23 Jerome & Margaret Kasperbauer

Sunday, 8 am January 24 Fran Beck

Sunday, 10 am January 24 Ione Spitznagle

Sunday, Noon January 24 Mike Donovan

MASS NOW ON YOUTUBE

We have started livestreaming the 8 am Sunday mass on YouTube. This means you can watch it at 8:00 am every Sunday or anytime after 8:00. To watch the mass on YouTube simply:

- Pull up YouTube on your device (you must have internet)
- In the search box type **st peters catholic church cb**
- When the searches pop up find the picture with our St. Peters altar and click on it.
- Hit like and subscribe and each time you pull up YouTube and hit subscribe our site will automatically come up.

If you have any question, please call the office and we will try to walk you through the process.

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely, I can't look that old?" Well, you'll love this.... A woman was sitting in the waiting room of her new dentist waiting for her first appointment. She noticed his DDS diploma which showed his full name. She remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy in her class with the same name. Could this be the same young man that forty-odd years ago she had a secret crush on? Upon seeing him, however, she quickly dismissed any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with a deeply lined face was way too old to have been her classmate.

After he examined and cleaned her teeth she asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School. "Yes. Yes I did," he beamed with pride. "When did you graduate?" she asked him. He answered, "1959. Why do you ask?" "You were in my class," the woman exclaimed. He looked at the woman closely, then that old, bald, wrinkled, heavy set man asked, "What did you teach?"

FATHER'S THOUGHT

This Christmas I received a wonderful teaching gift. I received a miniature bowling set. The pins were made up to represent the 10 plagues of Israel. I had a wonderful time sharing this teaching gift with my confirmation students. It was so enjoyable to review the ten plagues of Israel. I was so impressed by the number of students that knew the ten plagues. I hope that you all have special teaching moments.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

ORDINARY TIMES

If you think of the liturgical calendar as the "circle of life", the mystery of Christ unfolds. The significance and beauty of how Christ calls us to live our lives through him comes to light.

GREEN is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time that we find on priestly vestments and in our church decor. It is the color of life and hope.

Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, as it continues until the Advent season begins again. In the first span of Ordinary Time we have wonderful prayer opportunities with our families. The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord is celebrated on February 2. Many display their nativities until this day. This is also the time for Candlemas (Blessing of the Candles), when parishes may have a prayer service; families bring candles to be blessed for use in their homes during the year.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary

This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and miracles while on this earth. One symbol often found in Ordinary Time is comprised of two fish and a basket of bread — symbolizing Jesus' "Loaves and the Fishes" miracle. (See Matthew 14: 13-21.)

The second season of Ordinary Time follows the celebration of Pentecost; the gift of the Holy Spirit moves us to do God's work. The Spirit does for us and the Church what Jesus did for his disciples — he left them with his love, fire, and Spirit to share with the world. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Trinity, gives us fullness in Christ — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The next Sunday is Corpus Christi, which commemorates the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and many parishes celebrate Eucharistic processions or Holy Hours at this time. The final Sunday in Ordinary Time is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, traditionally called the feast of Christ the King. We reverence our Lord as the King of all — and pray that all on earth may praise him now — as we look forward to living with him eternally in heaven forever.

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