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7 JANUARY, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM FATHER CHUCK

The Epiphany

One of the great traditions will be made very easy for all of us. In the past we have always encouraged you to take a piece of chalk and put the words 20 + C + M + B + 24 above the entrance to your home. This year our liturgy committee has come up with a neat way for you to do this. On the table in the front of the church is a packet that has the blessings of the door and a piece of chalk to put this blessing above the front door of your home. One of the most wonderful things about our church is that there are so many ways to bring the presence of Jesus into our homes and our lives. If you have the opportunity please thank one of the members of our liturgy committee for all the hard work that they do to bring Jesus Christ into our lives.

Bethlehem House Collection.

I wish to thank you for your generous collection for the Bethlehem House. Your generosity resulted in over \$2,000.00 being collected for the ministry of the Bethlehem House. This collection helped us to have perspective on the needs of others during the Christmas season.

Thank You.

I am always overwhelmed by your kindness to me and for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts that you blest me with. I hope that I have written everyone a thank you note, if I have missed anyone I didn't do it intentionally.

A Wonderful Compliment.

One of the ladies came back to the sacristy on Sunday morning after 8:00 a.m. mass and thanked the four high school boys who served mass. She said that it is so wonderful to see young men so dedicated to serving mass in our church when they could easily sleep in.

Beautiful Decorations.

There are not sufficient words to thank Maxine Marshall and all her helpers for all of the hard work making our church so beautiful for Christmas. I know that we were written up in a magazine as one of the most beautifully decorated churches in Iowa. One of the greatest gifts that we have in our parish is the dedication of so many of you to making Saint Peters such a wonderful place of Jesus' presence.

Thank You for Your Generosity.

Your generosity at Christmas has been a great blessing to our parish. We have been very close to our budget numbers this year and the Christmas collection will help us to meet our obligations. These next coming months will continue to be a challenge for us financially. I will continue to have the finance report in the bulletin so that you can see how we are progressing financially. I wish that I could thank everyone of you individually but please know how grateful I am for your continued support of Saint Peters.

Confirmation.

I want you to be aware of the date for Confirmation. We are confirming 38 students this year. This is one of our largest classes and because of its size we will have two Confirmation services. The first celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be at the 4:00pm Saturday Mass February 10. The second confirmation celebration is during the Noon Mass on the 11th of February. I hope that many of you can attend the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Readings for January 14, 2024
1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	1/9	8:00 am	Doris Barton
Wed	1/10	8:00 am	Kirlin Family
Thur	1/11	5:30 pm	Lynn Ford
Fri	1/12	8:00 am	Ellen Koipust
Sat	1/13	4:00 pm	Ann Blackburn
Sun	1/14	8:00 am	Larry & Mary Harrison
Sun		10:00 am	Disalvo & Dinges Family
Sun		Noon	Bill Pettit

SATURDAY, 4PM January 13, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Ava & Ella Bussey, Noah Galus
LECTORS: Wally Bussey, Christina Beck
EUCH MINISTER: Owen Galus
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben

SUNDAY, 8 AM, January 14, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Elle McGrath, Audrey Garst, Grace Veit
LECTORS: Tyler Juranek, Nicole Juranek
EUCH MINISTER: Roger Harvey
USHERS: Russ Goeser, Andy Juranek, Gary Juranek, Eric Ledger

SUNDAY, 10 AM January 14, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Abby & Sarah Lighthipe, Carter Rossbund
LECTORS: Maureen Garrigan, Theresa Jozwiak
EUCH MINISTER: Marian Brown
USHERS: Margine Henry, Dan Lighthipe, Craig Menges, Mike Nielsen

SUNDAY, NOON January 14, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Aubree Brandeau, Theo Oswald, John Duitsman
LECTORS: Mary Ramsdell, Mike Noon
EUCH MINISTER: Janet Hogsed
USHERS: Chris Olson, Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

One of the things that has been discussed is why don't people attend Sunday mass like they did in the past. There are many reasons for this but this is my observation of how this would change. If everyone viewed their parish as a family then everyone would take the time to make their parish a true family of Jesus and important part of their life. My thought for the week is for all of us to work hard to make Saint Peters a parish family.

RCIA Retreat

Open to the first 20 parishioners will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9:15 am until after 4:00 pm mass. There will be morning coffee and lunch served. To sign up contact the church office before January 12, 2024 at 322-8889. There is no cost.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- We never worried about our TV being stolen in the 80's. It took four people just to move it a few inches to the left.
- Once you start dressing for comfort, there's no turning back.
- If you binged on Christmas cookies while you binged watching Christmas movies, don't worry, they cancelled each other out. It's science.
- Do you think as he approached the last house Santa said, "I'm good on cookies, please leave bacon."
- Weather warning: Southerners are urged not to travel unless absolutely necessary. Northerners, you will need a coat.
- Listening to a talk show about couples last night. The moderator said that most men don't know their wives favorite flower. Mike turned to me and said, "It's self rising, isn't it?" Not funny Mike.
- I'm really proud of myself. I haven't bought anything from Amazon yet this year.
- I lost some weight once, but I found it again in the fridge.
- Cooking rule: If at first you don't succeed, order pizza and donuts. Follow me for more cooking tips.
- You never realize how little self control you have until chips and salsa are in front of you at a Mexican restaurant.
- To those I offended in 2023...Try to improve yourself so I don't have to do it again in 2024.
- I'm not like the other girls. I know what I want for dinner. I've been thinking about it since lunchtime.
- Shout out to all the married folks out there waiting for their spouses to pass out on the couch so they can watch what they really want to. Tip: Wait until they fall asleep, slowly lower the volume, turn to the channel you want, wait for a commercial, turn up volume. Works, right Mike. I got out of watching a lot of football games this way.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK, STAY SAFE, BE NICE TO EACH OTHER

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 9-Women's Prayer Group 6:30pm Hall
Wednesday, January 10-Rel Ed 6:15pm Worship Center
9th & 10th Grade Confirmation 6:15pm Hall
11th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm Hall
Sunday, January 14-Coffee & Rolls after 8 & 10 Masses
Wednesday, January 17-Rel Ed 6:15pm Worship Center
9th & 10th Grade Confirmation 6:15pm Hall
11th Grade Confirmation 7:15pm Hall
Saturday, January 20-1st Communion Parent Meeting
8:30 am Hall
RCIA Retreat-9:15am until after 4pm Mass

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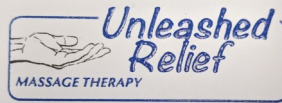
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