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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm
 Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon
 Tues, Wed, and Fri: 8am
 Thurs: 5:30pm

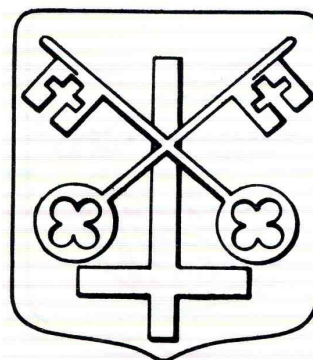
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Saturday 3:00—3:45pm
 Sunday 7:00-7:45am

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Save the Date!

Sunday, December 15th	Angle Tree gift return deadline	Noon Mass, St Peter's
Sunday, December 15th	Youth Group Advent Party	7-9 pm, Sozo Coffee, Omaha
Tuesday, December 24th	Christmas Eve Masses	4 pm, 6 pm, St Peter's Church
Wednesday, December 25th	Christmas Day Masses	8 am, 10 am, St Peter's Church

15 DECEMBER, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

From Father Jacob

Prepare the way of the Lord!

We prepare for the coming of the Lord the same way we prepare for anyone to come.

1. We clean: spiritually we examine our lives, ask forgiveness, and go to confession. We talked about this the first week of Advent.
2. We make space: we might need to move things around in our lives and hearts to make space for the Lord. We talked about this the second week of Advent.
3. We decorate: we adorn our lives with beautiful good works and loving acts to prepare for our guest, the Lord. We will talk about that this Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent

Decorate

When we are celebrating or having people over we want to decorate our homes. We want to make it clear that what is happening is important and bring our best.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord we want to do the same. How do we decorate our souls, our hearts, our lives for the Lord? *By our acts of devotion, generosity, and good works done for love of God we adorn and beautify our lives.*

All of us can think of a time we did something really beautiful. Maybe it was a wise word that came to you to comfort someone. Maybe it is a habit of reading the scriptures you have cultivated. Maybe it is a generous commitment you have made of time, work, or money to a good cause. These things beautify our lives and, if we do them with love of God, they beautify our souls for the Lord as well!

With God's help, we can live beautiful lives and have beautiful souls, ready to welcome the coming of the Lord.

Community Thanksgiving Feast

With the significant help of St Peter's Church, the annual Community Thanksgiving meal fed over 900 people this year, and also raised some excess funds which will be given to feed more people throughout this coming year.

Check out the testimony of coordinator Linda Pfenning included later in the bulletin. Thank you to our generous parishioners who fed the hungry this Thanksgiving and throughout the year!



New Year's Day—Mary the Mother of God

On the 8th day of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

On this very special day we conclude the solemn *week-long celebration* of Christmas, we commemorate the *naming of Jesus*, we mark the *shedding of Jesus's blood* under the law at his circumcision, and we celebrate that, through Mary, God has become a man like us men and women to save us. January 1st has been an important feast day in the Church far longer than it has been commonly marked as the civil New Year's Day, but what an appropriate way to ring in the New Year!

Tuesday. 12/31/24

6 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday 1/1/25

8 am, 10 am Masses



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READINGS FOR: December 22, 2024
1ST READING: Micah 5:1-4a
2ND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10
GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

MASS SCHEDULE

Tue	12/17	8:00 am	Alyce Megel
Wed	12/18	8:00 am	Bernie Erickson-RIP & Pat Hudek-RIP
Thurs	12/19	5:30 pm	Gerald McDermott
Fri	12/20	8:00 am	Joan Bunten-RIP & Sharon Kluding-RIP
Sat	12/21	4:00 pm	Mary Jo Dressel-RIP & Teri Regan-RIP
Sun	12/22	8:00 am	St. Peter's Parish
		10:00 am	Toni Delanty-RIP
		Noon	John Cardenzana-RIP

SATURDAY, 4PM December 21, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Rowan Jackson, Emma & Nicholas Rodenburg
LECTORS: Amy Rallis, Amber-Svajgl-Jackson
EUCH MINISTERS: 3 Eucharistic Ministers needed
USHERS: Jack Gross, Linda Bonham, Fred Schaben, William Stosahl

SUNDAY, 8 AM, December 22, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Velda Ring, Caroline & Claire Reineke
LECTORS: Jean Coughlin, Sean Dunphy
EUCH MINISTERS: Sheryl Garst, Jim Havermann, Patti Ford
USHERS: Russ Goeser, Keith Wirtz, Mike Rosloniec, Dennis Coughlin

SUNDAY, 10 AM December 22, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Cole, Connor, Charlotte Noon
LECTORS: Kyla Brockelsby, Mike Noon
EUCH MINISTERS: Theresa Jozwiak, Mary Brockelsby, Jeromy Brockelsby
USHERS: Zachary Clevenger, Mike Nielsen, Olivia Ausdemore, Nate Noon

SUNDAY, NOON December 22, 2024
ALTAR SERVERS: Mason Olson, Emma Thompson, One Altar Server needed
LECTORS: Natalie Veater, Mary Bratton
EUCH MINISTERS: Grace Burroughs, 2 Eucharistic Ministers needed
USHERS: Rob Peters, Trevor Yanovich, Chris Olson, Mikey Donovan

FATHER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What should we do?

This is the big question that preoccupies the crowds in our Gospel today. If the messiah is coming soon, what should we do to prepare? John tells them to be generous and do their duty. People today also want to prepare for "the end of the world". Instead of stockpiling food or otherwise "doomsday prepping", they'd be far better off loving their neighbors.

The Parish Life Committee could use volunteers after the Noon mass this weekend to help sort the Angel Tree gifts and then carry them over to the Social Hall. Please help if you are available.

Today is the last day to buy Gorilla Car Wash tickets from the Knights of Columbus. These make excellent stocking stuffers and are valid until October 26th 2025.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: December 24 at 4pm & 6pm
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: December 25 at 8am & 10am
NEW YEARS EVE MASS: December 31 Virgil at 6pm
NEW YEARS DAY MASSES: January 1, 2025 8am & 10am

January 11 after the 4pm mass and Sunday, January 12 after the Noon mass, the Parish Life Committee invites you to the Father Kottas Social Hall for wine & cheese, water, lemonade, crackers, and other light snacks. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

LIFE ACCORDING TO JEAN.....

- They say, "Do what you love and money will follow." So I ate cheesecake and drank some coffee....Now I wait.
- Whenever I see chocolate I hear two voices in my head. One of them says "Eat the chocolate." And the other one says, "You heard her..." "Eat the chocolate."
- It's not that I enjoy arguing. It's just that everyone else is wrong.
- I finally got 8 hours of sleep. Took me four days, but whatever.
- Dance like nobody is watching because they are not. They are all checking their phones.
- Everyone has photographic memory: some just don't have the film.
- Whenever I clean my closet I take a GPS with me so I can find my way back.
- If you ever get an email about pork, ham, salt, and preservatives don't open it...it's spam.
- Of course I'm in shape. Round is a shape.
- Santa saw your Facebook posts. This year you're getting a dictionary.
- Merry Christmas! May the magic of the holidays be with you even when you open your next credit card bill.
- This holiday season I think I will donate my bathroom scale. That way I won't be weighed down with guilt going into the new year.
- What is Santa's dog's name? Santa Paws...
- All we really need is love...But I wouldn't say no to a cupcake!!!!

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, December 15-Fully Alive Youth Group 7-9pm at
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Wednesday, December 18-Rel Ed & Confirmation 6:15pm

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