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# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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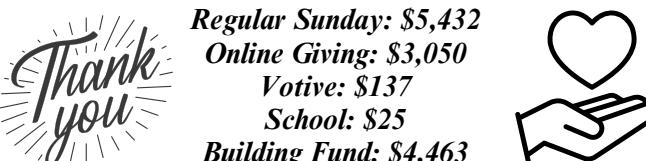
### WEEKLY SCHEDULE: DEC. 21 - 28

Mon.	7AM	Tom Sutch - Terry Wilt
Tues.	7AM	Michael Matthews - John & Betsy
Wed.	5PM 10PM	Christmas Eve Mass - For the People Christmas Eve Mass - The Intention of the Celebrant
Thurs.	8AM 10AM	Christmas Day Mass - For the People Christmas Day Mass - The Intention of the Celebrant
Fri.	7AM	Joseph & Verna Barbera- Family No 11:15AM Mass
Sat.	4PM	Special Intention - Renee Meager
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	William Piccirillo - Patricia Stevens For the People Dr. Joseph Robeson, Jr. - Anne Musser & Family

The rectory office will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, and Jan. 1 and 2.

### STEWARSHIP: Dec. 14th 2025

Regular Sunday: \$5,432  
Online Giving: \$3,050  
Votive: \$137  
School: \$25  
Building Fund: \$4,463



ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.

HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.

CONFESIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.

BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.

MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple must precede setting a date.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Rectory to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and home-bound on a regular basis.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: It is important to be a registered parishioner in order to gain the benefits & privileges of parish membership. New parishioners are welcome. If you have moved into, within or outside the parish or are not a member, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.

### CHRISTMAS MASS & CONFESSION TIMES:

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24th

Solemn Christmas Eve Mass - 5PM

Solemn Christmas Mass at Night - 10PM

(Songs by the Choir begin at 9:30PM)

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th

Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning - 8AM

Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning - 10AM

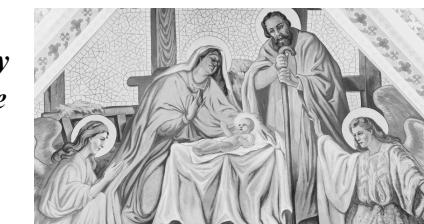
### CONFESION - In the Church

Tuesday, December 23rd: 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Please join us this Christmas Season and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

*Merry Christmas!*

*As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may the peace and joy of the Christ Child fill your heart and home this Christmas season.*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST: PASTOR'S NOTES:**  
**"REJOICE, TODAY IS BORN A SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"** - Today we rejoice and are glad as the words of the angels ring forth: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth to people of good will." Our hearts are filled with joy as we celebrate the feast of God's love for His people. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing." *Isaiah 9*. As we gather to celebrate Christmas, Fr. Michael, Deacon Mark and I wish you many blessings in this Holy Season. We are very grateful for your faithfulness, kindness and support throughout the year. May the peace and joy of a holy Christmas fill your hearts and those of your loved ones during this Blessed Season.

As we commemorate the coming of the Infant Savior into our world at Christmas, that joyful meeting of heaven and earth reminds us that Christ alone can brighten our lives and our world with the power of His enduring love. Our Christmas liturgies offer a wonderful way to help celebrate our hope for salvation, born in that Bethlehem stable. Once again we remember the miracle of the Nativity and its message of God's light and love.

Our prayer for you is that the Peace, Love, and Joy expressed in the Angel's song may come into your homes and family gatherings this Christmas Day and remain with you throughout the coming year.

From all of us here at St. Peter Parish, School, and Religious Education Department, I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with faith and happiness.

#### CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Heavenly Father, as we meditate and grow in our faith this Christmas, fill our hearts with joy; and help us recognize in this tiny King the revelation of your love, a new and radiant vision of your glory. Filled with wonder at Your nearness in Mary's newborn child, may we now offer You our praise, worship, and thanksgiving, and give You the Love and loyalty of our hearts. Amen

**THANK YOU** - Fr. Michael and I are very grateful for the many beautiful cards, gifts, Christmas greetings, homemade cookies, pies, candy, and baked goods of every kind. Thank you and God Bless You!

The Christmas Offertory Collection is very important for the well-being of our parish, especially as we continue to upgrade and improve our parish and school plant. Please be as charitable as you can to St Peter's parish and its ministries by contributing generously to this year's Christmas collection.

**Retirement Fund for Religious - Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity.** "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. May we always offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity is a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Learn more at [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org).

**CONFSSION OPPORTUNITY** - Tues., Dec. 23, 1:30 - 3PM.

**Prayer Before Confession:** Come, Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind that I may clearly know my sins. Move my heart that I

(Cont.) may be sincerely sorry for them, honestly confess them and firmly resolve to amend my life. Spirit of Wisdom, grant me to see the malice of sin and my ingratitude toward You, the all-loving God. Spirit of Fortitude, help me to make whatever sacrifice is needed to avoid sin in the future. Amen. **How to go to Confession:** 1. Make the Sign of the cross. 2. The penitent says: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned." You then say how long it has been since your last Confession. 3. The penitent tells the priest his sins and briefly answers any relevant questions. 4. The priest will give you some advice and will assign you a penance. 5. The penitent will next pray the Act of Contrition (such as the one below or any one you know). 6. The priest then gives the penitent absolution. The priest will then dismiss you.

**Act of Contrition:** O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments. But most of all, because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more, and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

**Prayer After Confession:** Almighty and Merciful God, Whose mercy is boundless and everlasting and of Whose goodness the riches are infinite, I thank You because You have so graciously pardoned all my sins and restored Your Heavenly favor. I am awed by Your divine compassion and the incomprehensible love of Your Son, which has led Him to institute so gentle and powerful a remedy for sins. In union with all the gratitude that has ever ascended to You from truly penitent hearts, I proclaim Your merciful praises on behalf of all in Heaven, on earth and in purgatory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### 8 GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A CENT

**The Gift of Listening:** But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

**The Gift of Affection:** Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

**The Gift of Laughter:** Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

**The Gift of a Written Note:** It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

**The Gift of a Compliment:** A simple and sincere "You look great", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

**The Gift of a Favor:** Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

**The Gift of Solitude:** There are times we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

**The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition:** The easiest way to feel good is to make others feel good. - *Reprinted with permission from: "Apple Seeds" Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.*

**CHRISTMAS HUMOR** - A couple were in a busy shopping center just before Christmas. The wife suddenly noticed that her husband was missing and as they had a lot to do, so she called him on his cellphone. The wife said "Where are you, you know we have lots to do." He said "You remember the jewelers we went into about 10 years ago, and you fell in love with that diamond necklace? I could not afford it at the time and I said that one day I would get it for you!" Little tears started to flow down her cheek and she got all choked up...; "Yes, I do remember that shop." she replied. "Well I am in the gun shop next door to that."



## ST. PETER SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL NEWS FOR DEC. 21ST 2025

12/22: "Red & Green Dress Down Day!"

12/23: Early Dismissal 12:40 PM with Regular Transportation

### 12/25 - 1/2: Christmas Break

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

1/5: School Resumes (Please bring back cleaned and restocked supply pouches)

1/7: PTA Marianna's Pizza/Sub Sale Orders will be due 1/14

1/9: School Mass 11:15 AM - Full Uniforms

1/12: PTA Meeting 7 PM in Hall

1/19: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

*On behalf of the St. Peter School family we wish everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas. Thank you to our parish community for all of the love and support you show our school by your prayers, help and financial support. See you next year!*

#### CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, Interim DRE

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12/21: CCD Class

12/28: NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK

1/4: NO CLASS - NEW YEAR'S BREAK

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

1/11: CCD and Confirmation Class

1/18: NO CLASS - MLK weekend

**CCD and confirmation students!** Bring your Christmas ornaments to decorate our tree in the sanctuary now through Christmas.

**EWTN** - Watch special EWTN Christmas programming. EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington D.C., as well as inspiring musical performances, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations for the whole family to enjoy. Watch EWTN on Channel 291 or online. For more information, [go to ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com)

**PROJECT LUNCH BAG** - Thank you so very much for the gift cards for lunch bag recipients. Your generosity has provided two gift cards for each individual. Have a Merry Christmas and God Bless you!

**DEAR PARISHIONERS**, The second collection will be for the building fund. The sum total of the costs for the following projects is \$122,000.

1. **Roof Repairs:** \$25,000 COMPLETED

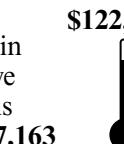
2. **Church Pavers:** \$6,700 COMPLETED

3. **Parking Lot:** Pavement repairs and resealed are needed. Total cost for this work is \$22,000.

4. **Hall Air Conditioners:** Replace the existing units with two high efficiency units at a cost of \$14,400. COMPLETED

5. **School Boilers:** \$54,000. COMPLETED

Our Parish has always been very generous in supporting the needs of our Church and we hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you! **FUNDS RAISED: \$97,163**



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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Anita M. Petrosky, Financial Services Professional

**ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You!** resumes Jan. 20th every Tuesday at 7PM in the hall. If you're on the fence, please plan to come to the first meeting and see for yourself. The food and fellowship are always great and the experience is exceptional. We will be hosting another **Spaghetti Dinner** on Fri., Jan. 16th from 4-7 in the hall. If you are able to volunteer, please call the rectory.

**ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP** would like to wish all our parish families a blessed & Merry Christmas and a healthy & happy New Year! We look forward to continuing to be of service, socializing, and supporting our members & parishioners in the future.

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** will have their next meeting on Wed., Jan. 7th, at 6PM in the annex.



#### MINISTER SCHEDULE:

*Christmas, Dec. 27-28, & New Years*

**Christmas Eve - 5PM**

EM: Please Volunteer

Lector: J. Matthews

**Christmas Eve - 10PM**

EM: Please Volunteer

Lector: D. Rullo

**Christmas Day - 8AM**

EM: Please Volunteer

Lector: B. Wilmotte

**Christmas Day - 10AM**

EM: Please Volunteer

Lector: S. Rizzo

**Saturday - 4PM**

E.M.: C. Madigan

Lector: P. Diesel

Greeters: Weimer

Cleaners:

**Sunday - 8AM**

E.M.: T. Woy

Lector: J. Wahl

Greeters: Gusbar

**Sunday - 10AM**

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: A. DiLoreto

Greeters: Svirsko, Menser

**Sunday - 12:15PM**

E.M.: J. Zern

Lector: L. Latuch

Greeters: Gombita

**New Years Eve: 4:15PM**

EM: Please Volunteer

Lector: C. Madigan

**New Years Day: 8AM**

EM: Please Volunteer

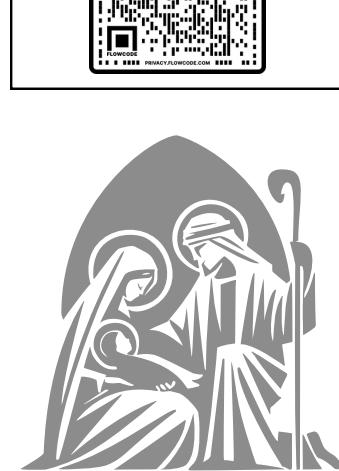
Lector: Please Volunteer

**New Years Day 10AM**

EM: Please Volunteer

Lector: D. DiLoreto

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*"A God who became so small could only be mercy and love"*

*-St. Therese*