

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

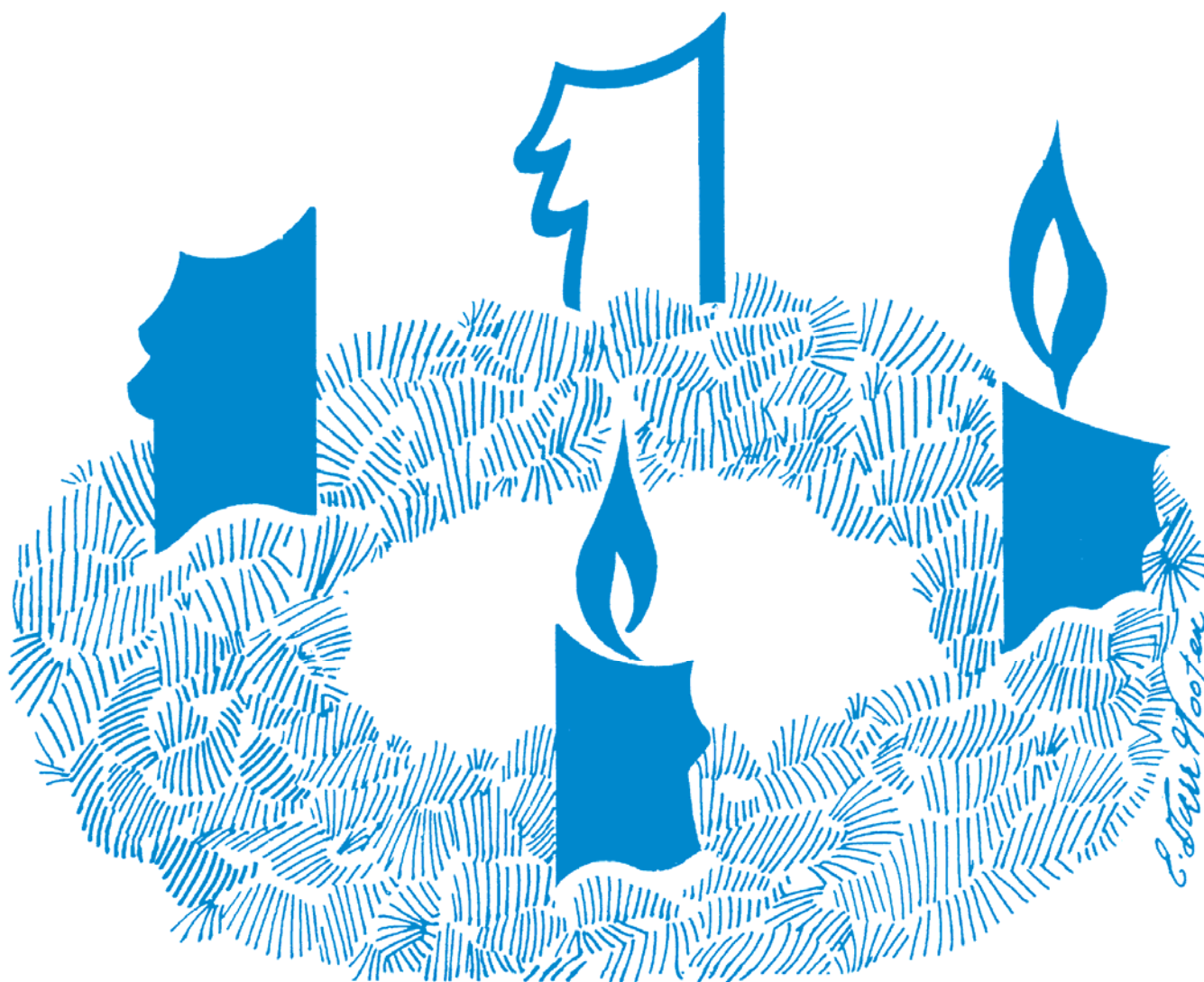
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L. Ann Hooper

December 5, 2010
Second Sunday of Advent

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

(closed daily from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch)

**Traveling?**

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

Pulpit announcements for **Saturday, December 11** and **Sunday, December 12** must be received by **Tuesday morning, December 7**. Requests for pulpit announcements are to be submitted to the Parish Center, by phone 630-773-1272 (ext. 201) or by e-mail to liturgy@stpeteritasca.com.

Bulletin submissions for publication in the **Sunday, December 19**, issue must be received by **Tuesday, December 7**. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 6:25 am (Communion Service)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 6:15 am and 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center (ext. 201) for more information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation meeting prior to the Baptism date. Meetings are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Please call the Parish Center for more information.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

WEDDINGS

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 201) for information.

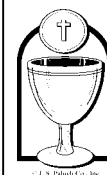
If you are hospitalized...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

Friday Communion Calls

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

During Advent, we especially make an added effort to examine our conscience, as our minds and hearts turn to a deeper reconciliation with Our Lord. I believe it is important to go over a few things about the sacrament of reconciliation, so when the opportunity arises to speak to others it will be fresh in our minds.

If we are not doing so, it is very fruitful to get into the habit of a nightly examination of conscience. It helps us to remember those little instances throughout the day where we could have done better and deepens our faith and love of God as we ask for His help. This is done by placing ourselves in the presence of God by knowing He is with us. We should then ask the Holy Spirit to help us as we review our day. What were the things done well? What are the things we could have done better or shouldn't have done at all? We then ask the Holy Spirit for His help to do better the next day and say an Act of Contrition. The whole exam should take less than five minutes.



From the Pastor

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When we do our examination of conscience to go to the sacrament of reconciliation, we need to remember that there are three conditions that must be present for a sin to be mortal. It must be a serious matter in thought, word or action. It must be known that what is being done is seriously wrong and the action or omission which God has forbidden must be freely chosen. There has been many a person who has stayed away from receiving the Eucharist because they believe they are in mortal sin when they are not because they have not met all the conditions of mortal sin. Equally, there are many who are receiving the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin who should be refraining until they receive the sacrament of forgiveness.

There are five steps to a good confession. The first is to conduct an examination of conscience. If it has been quite awhile since the last confession and help is needed, the priest is happy to assist during the confession. Second, is the need to be truly sorry for having offended God. Third, there needs to be a firm purpose of amendment to sin no more. Fourth, sins need to be confessed to a priest. And, fifth, the penance given by the priest needs to be performed.

As Catholics, we are so very blessed to have the sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ through His Church. Reconciliation helps us to wipe the slate clean, reunites us with our loving Father and gives us the needed grace to try again. God, knowing our weakened state, caused by original sin, lovingly provides the means to bring us back and closer to Him and His infinite love and mercy.

We will be having our Advent reconciliation service on Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 pm. I encourage you and ask you to encourage your family to come and receive the sacrament.

Have a blessed week and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Slawek

Join our Holy Father,
Pope Benedict XVI, in his
December prayers for the
Church and for the world:



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The Experience of Personal Suffering as a Help to Others who Suffer...

That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion for better understanding the situation of unease and pain which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.

Opening Our Doors to Christ...

That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice.

Confessions

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**Individual Confessions will be heard
in Church on Thursday, December 16
beginning at 7:00 pm.**

Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle*

	<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>
Fiscal Week 21: Nov. 21, 2010	\$ 11,893.25	\$ 258,295.22
Fiscal Week 21: Nov. 22, 2009	\$ 11,228.58	\$ 294,000.00
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 674.67	(\$ 7,666.61)
Debt Reduction Collection	\$ 60.00	\$ 11,285.00
Fiscal Week 22: Nov. 28, 2010	\$ 12,398.80	\$ 270,694.02
Fiscal Week 22: Nov. 29, 2009	\$ 14,277.00	\$ 280,248.53
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 1,878.20)	(\$ 9,544.81)
Debt Reduction Collection	\$ 206.00	\$ 11,491.00
Approximate Parish Debt as of November 30, 2010	\$ 79,830.75	

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket SUNDAY OFFERING** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)



This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday	December 5
9:30 am	RCIA Meeting (PC/RE Office)
11:15 am	Children's Mass
Monday	December 6
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg. (PC/lower level)
Tuesday	December 7
6:45 pm	Children's Mass Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 pm	Cantors' Meeting (Church)
Wednesday	December 8 Immaculate Conception
6:15 am	Immaculate Conception Mass
8:00 am	Immaculate Conception Mass
12:00 noon	Immaculate Conception Mass
7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception Mass
Thursday	December 9
7:00 pm	Adult Workshop (PC/Upper Level)
Friday	December 10
6:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Christmas Party (School Hall)
Saturday	December 11
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School, PC/Upper Level, PC/Lower Level)
Sunday	December 12
9:30 am	RCIA Meeting (PC/RE Office)

For the week beginning
Saturday, December 4th and Sunday, December 5th



Thank you to
Danuta Filipek
for the beautiful flowers
in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel
in memory of
Edward Filipek



Sunday	December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Harriet & Harry Maras
11:15 am	†Albert Tagliola, †James DeJoy
Monday	December 6 (St. Nicholas, bishop)
6:25 am	Communion Service
8:00 am	†James DiFalco
Tuesday	December 7 (St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church)
6:15 am	Communion Service
8:00 am	†John Rice
Wednesday	December 8 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
6:15 am	People of the Parish
8:00 am	†Donna Grimaldi
12:00 pm	†Deceased Members of the Mizera and Blackburn Families
7:00 pm	†Tina Catalano
Thursday	December 9 (St. Juan Diego, hermit)
6:25 am	Communion Service
8:00 am	†Pauline Farace
Friday	December 10 (Advent weekday)
6:25 am	Communion Service
8:00 am	†Anthony Sr., †Katherine †Anthony Jr., & †Edwin Banderowicz
Saturday	December 11 (Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent)
5:00 pm	†Chuck Sipko
Sunday	December 12 (Third Sunday of Advent)
8:00 am	†Alex Horvath
9:30 am	†Adeline Magnus
11:15 am	People of the Parish

If you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass, please see one of the ushers before Mass begins.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
James Galligan
(Father of Eileen Skalski)
May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**Extraordinary Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Val Serzen
Karen Kunze
Linda Aiani
Rosie McDonald

8:00 am Mary Harrison
Marty Hower
Sharon Hower
Maureen Kasper

9:30 am Deacon Bob
Frank McKenna
Cathy Zukauskus
Sue Presslak

11:15 am Deacon Bob
Mike Graziano
Carmela Graziano
Joe Busato

Children's Liturgy Ministers

9:30 am Beth McKenna
Madeline Blackburn

Lectors

5:00 pm Pat Powers
Chris Kunze

8:00 am Leroy Topolski
Jean Grote

9:30 am Warner Cruz
Bill Schwartz

11:15 am Judy Ziomek
Mary McNamara

Servers

5:00 pm Nicole Weirich
Danielle Weirich

8:00 am Michael Piatek

9:30 am Katie Stelter
Drew Cotton

11:15 am Marion Madaras
Enrique Alegria

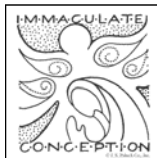


**Please Pray for the
Sick of our Parish Family**

Richard Abbinante
Don Angell
Lee Bauman
Candie Bombino
Theresa Camp
Bob Cleveland
Regina Conti
Marion Crocilla
Thomas Cummins
Rose Diener
Kelly Dippner
Teresa Dunhac
Jacque Dworzycycki
Nick Fahey
Dan Galuszek
Mel Gerard
Mary S. Giannelli
Meghan Henry
Jessica Hilario
Isabel Herrera
Don June
Daniel Koutsis

Loretta Kruszowski
Joe Kryger
Scott Lehn
Dan McDonald
Wanda Mikulecky
Adeline Milostan
Barbara Pierce
Ramona Rantisi
Brendan Reidy
Angie Scianna
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Corrine Skalski
Belinda Sobucki
Sharon Sowers
James Thompson
Linda Ticsay
Jennifer Weil
Julie Weisenberger
Irene Wodzinski
Philip Zerante

Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks. At the end of that time, you may call the Parish Center and request a name remain on the list for another six weeks.



Wednesday, December 8th

Extraordinary Ministers

12noon Carol Schubert
Angie Scanlon

7:00 pm Val Serzen
Ruth Kryger
Ed Kryger
Ken Cleveland

Lectors

12noon Diane Blackburn

7:00 pm Mary Stefanich
Chris Aument

Servers

7:00 pm Enrique Alegria
Matthew Fink



We joyfully welcome into our St. Peter's family

Julia

daughter of Rafal and Iwona Zablotny

who was baptized during the month of November 2010



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

Lt. Kassy Cinatl, U.S. Coast Guard

Sgt. Felicia Cinatl, U.S. Marine

Sgt. Matt Cinatl, U.S. Army

Todd Kirwan, U.S. Army

Sgt. Megan Putze, Army National Guard

HM3 (FMF) Bryan C. Thude, U.S. Navy

Cprl. Lauren Twarog-Rocha, U.S. Marines

Living Liturgy 2010

Source: *Living Liturgy* by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 2010

ADVENT AND LENT— TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN?:

The Gospel for this Sunday sounds like it might also be a good Gospel to use for Lent—Repent! Although we usually think of preparedness and expectations as describing what Advent is really all about—and this within a quiet joyfulness—we are also reminded that Advent begins by looking to the Second Coming and the final judgment. The repentance of Advent is interpreted within this context; thus repentance is one way we prepare and expect.



The liturgical seasons don't unfold the paschal mystery in any chronological or historical manner. The wholeness of the mystery is always incorporated in the various themes for each season of the church year. There is a special convergence between the face-to-face with the *not yet* of the mystery, that we are still sinful humanity in need of redemption. At the same time, both seasons also bring us to the gift of salvation: Advent in that it opens into the celebration of the incarnation and the coming of our Savior into our midst; Lent in that it opens into the celebration of Easter and the joyful new life of the risen Christ and of the baptized.

Advent and Lent aren't the two sides of the coin—dying and rising are. Advent and Lent each find themselves on both sides of the coin. Both seasons invite us to death and to resurrection.

Immaculate



Father,

You prepared the Virgin Mary
to be the worthy mother of your son.

You let her share beforehand

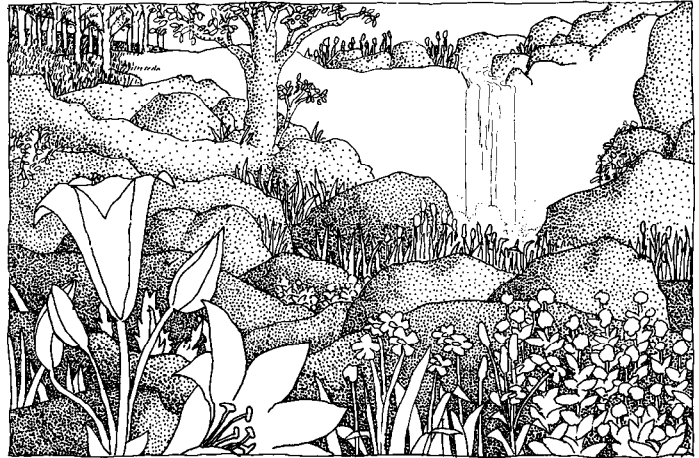
In the salvation Christ would bring by his death,
and kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception.

Help us by her prayers to live in your presence without sin.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

Dear Parishioners...

Thank you for your most generous response to our ministry *Cross International Catholic Outreach* during my weekend visit on August 28-29, 2010. Your donations of **\$3,535.00** will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely,
Father Robert Hazel



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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is time again for St. Peter's parishioners to pick an ornament from the **Giving Tree**. This project benefits Catholic Charities.

Here is how it works:

Choose an ornament and purchase a new gift as suggested on the ornament (please no used items). Wrap the gift and affix the ornament securely to the package and return to the boxes in the back of church by **Sunday, December 12 or Monday, December 13**. Please note that each gift is designated for a specific individual and if you take an ornament and do not return a gift, someone will be disappointed on Christmas.

The "Giving Tree" will be up and decorated on Thanksgiving Day. Please stop by and pick up an ornament.



MANNA GIFT CARDS

Christmas is just around the corner and gift cards are a great gift for everyone. Manna gift cards will be sold in the back of church after **every weekend Mass from now until Christmas**.

Remember... **Visa Gift Cards** (\$25 and \$50) are once again available with no activation fee.

Getting ready to order your Christmas cards? **Shutterfly** gift cards are available and 10% of your purchase comes back to the parish.

Stocking up on teacher and hostess gifts? Consider **Fannie May** gift cards, 25% of which comes back to the parish.

There are two more weeks of orders being placed before Christmas. Stop by the back of church or the parish center to pick up an order form.



Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.

The following items are needed:

- coffee
- cereal
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- toothpaste
- laundry detergent



If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

REMINDER...

If you have not yet picked up your Parish Directory, please stop by the back of church to get yours.

Parishioners who were photographed for the directory receive one (1) complimentary copy. Directories are also available to purchase for parishioners who were not photographed but would like a copy.



NOTE: Out of courtesy to the choir, please DO NOT use either of the side doors to exit church until Mass is over and the recessional song is finished.

Thank you!



Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following St. Peter the Apostle School alumni for achieving Honor Roll status at their respective high schools:

GUERIN PREP FIRST HONORS

Madeline Blackburn
(SPA class of 2010)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HONORS

Clark Brinkman
(SPA class of 2010)

Grant Hennessey
(SPA class of 2010)

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL "A" HONOR ROLL

Rebecca Flaherty
(SPA class of 2010)

Sarah Flaherty
(SPA class of 2007)

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL "B" HONOR ROLL

Tara Quinlan
(SPA class of 2010)

THANK YOU!

for supporting the St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

Dear Father Slawomir:

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I would like to thank you and the members of St. Peter's for a most successful clothing drive. Your generous donations will make it possible for us to help the many needy families in the diocese of Joliet.

Your kindness will not be forgotten.

*Peace,
Deacon John Boyle*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVES NEEDY FAMILIES

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, hopes to make Christmas a little brighter for low income families in DuPage County. This year, through the agency's Holiday Outreach Program approximately 1,000 children and their parents have already been "adopted" by donors and parishes.

Although most families were "adopted" during the early fall months, Catholic Charities is still in great need of monetary donations to purchase gift cards for food and clothing for families who will ask for our help before and during the Christmas holidays.

Your donation to purchase food and gift cards for these families and their children may be mailed to Catholic Charities' Holiday Outreach Program, 26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148. If you prefer, you may donate small denomination (\$10, \$25 and \$50) gift cards for area grocery stores and department stores (example: Target, Wal-Mart, Kmart, and Kohl's).

Catholic Charities relies on the continued generosity of the community to help them serve every needy family.

Thank you and God bless you for all that you do!

Do You Need Help with Food?

Catholic Charities has resources available to help those who are in need of food. Even if you may not have qualified for assistance in the past, Catholic Charities can help.

Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at www.cc-doj.org.

**Retirement Fund
for Religious**



Share in the Care
Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

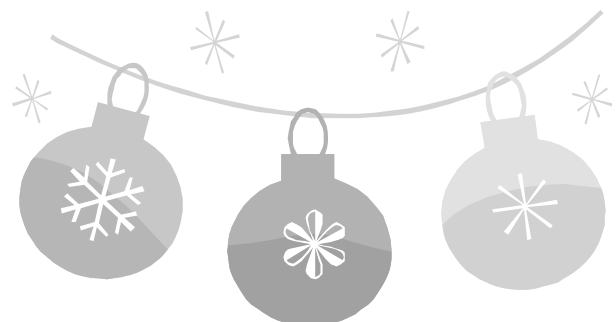
To donate:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.
Or give at your local parish.

www.retiredreligious.org

Retirement Fund helps senior religious.

"As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's collection.

Collection next weekend, December 11-12.
Please be generous.



Wheel of Fortune is more than a TV game show with Pat Sajak and Vanna White. While they have been at it for almost thirty years, having contestants spin the wheel and puzzle out the hidden phrase- "Id like to buy a vowel, Pat!" - Fortune's Wheel has a much longer history. Going back to Roman times, and then made famous in the Middle Ages, the true "Wheel of Fortune" is an allegory on life. Fortuna (Fortune) is shown as a woman who spins the wheel with a person at the top, one on either side, and a fourth crushed at the bottom. The person on his way up will reign, the one on top is reigning, the person on his way down has reigned, and the final person on the bottom has lost everything. This is fortune's never ending cycle in human existence.

Rather than adhering to the wheel of falling and rising fortunes, with the beginning of the church year we enter into our annual cycle of celebrations of the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As Christians, we are on a greater journey than a wheel of fortune. The life of Christ is our life too. As Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, we have put on the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not fortune that guides us, but hope in Christ, who is our salvation. We will follow him in this new year of grace. And through faith and love we will be ready to welcome him when he comes again.

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Advent Word Search

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**BEAR DOWN
CHICAGO BEARS!!!**
**BEAR DOWN
THE PARISH DEBT!!!**

Here's your chance to win
2 tickets to a Chicago Bears' Games...

Sunday, December 26, 2010 at 12:00 noon
Chicago Bears vs. New York Jets

Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2010
following the 11:15 Mass.
Winner need not be present.

Tickets generously donated by
Ray Jones of Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home in Naperville

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524 N. Rush Street ♦ Itasca, Illinois 60143
630.773.1272

Please complete the entry form(s) and return with your donation to the weekly collection basket or to the Parish Center.

BEAR DOWN CHICAGO BEARS!!!
BEAR DOWN THE PARISH DEBT!!!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number: _____

Raffle to be held December 19, 2010 following 11:15 am Mass.
Winner need not be present.



PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthing of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthing	1-800-848-LOVE
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	630-790-8433 x 266
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	1-815-838-7171
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities Children's Services	630-495-6864
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-67-BABY-6 1-800-NO-ABORT
Women's Choice Services	630-261-9221
The Gabriel Project	1-877-734-2444

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC

Please join the Life groups of St. Peter and St. Walter's in praying the rosary for one hour outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, every first Friday and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Upcoming dates are December 15 and January 7. A prayer book is available by contacting Jean Angell at 630-773-0987.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Post-abortive women and men are encouraged to attend the Rachel Vineyard Weekend Retreats held twice yearly at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center. The next scheduled retreat will be held February 11-13, 2011.

Contact Kay at 866-994-GIVE (4483) for additional information. See registration information at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/documents/RachelVineyardBrochure.pdf>



TEENSPEAK

A Special Program for Teens at SpeakOut Illinois
Sat., Jan. 29, 2011, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Doubletree Oak Brook Hotel

"PRO-LIFE KNOWLEDGE IS POWER"

Featuring Linda Couri:
"The Choice Driven Life"

With her professional and personal experience with abortion, former Planned Parenthood employee Linda Couri examines the values and motivations of those who are "pro-choice" and explains how pro-life teens can best address this often hostile audience.



Plus pro-life videos, networking with other pro-life teens, and more!

TEENSPEAK ESSAY CONTEST! First place: \$1,000 • Second place: \$500

Win a scholarship with your original essay responding to one of the following three common "pro-choice" arguments:

1. Don't tell women what they can and cannot do with their bodies.
2. Abortion must remain legal to protect victims of rape and incest.
3. If we don't have legal abortion, the world will become overpopulated.

E-mail your submission (max. 750 words) by Jan. 26 in Word or WordPerfect format to info@generationsforlife.org. Students ages 14-18 are eligible to enter. You must be present to win.

TeenSpeak 2011 is brought to you by Generations for Life, the youth outreach of the Pro-Life Action League. For more information on TeenSpeak and SpeakOut Illinois, including directions, visit SpeakOutIllinois.org

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Christmas is about love and family and that is what we strive to be for the many women in difficult pregnancies who come to us. This year we saved approximately 1,000 babies from abortion and helped their mothers through friendship and love.

Volunteers are needed to assist clients in our Family Rooms in Chicago (especially on Saturdays) and Calumet City and be a friendly face when clients walk in our front door. For more information call **773-794-1313**.

Last year over 1,000 children and adults attended our annual client Christmas parties. Each family enjoyed a light meal and left with gifts of toys and clothing for the children. For this year's Christmas parties we are in need of **food donations from restaurants**. To participate in this way please call Jackie at **773-794-8807**.

Save the date of Sunday, February 13th, 2011. Our 26th Annual Life Banquet will be at The White Eagle in Niles. Our main speaker is Fr. Thomas Loya. If you have an item, gift certificate or service to donate for our silent auction, it would be appreciated. For tickets or to donate phone **773-794-1313**.

We desperately need a used cargo van in good working order.

We are selling beautiful (difficult to find in stores) Pro-Life themed Christmas cards at a super price of 10 for \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for shipping. Call **773-794-1313** for an informational flyer and ordering information.

Diapers and other infant and small child items are always needed. Please call Peg at **773-794-3292** to donate.

Welcome

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Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

Family Name _____

Family Member Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT EUCHARIST CHAPEL DONATION

If you or your family would like to be responsible for the "Flowers of the Week," just fill out this coupon, put it in an envelope marked chapel flowers and drop it in the collection basket with \$25.00 or more. Your name will be printed in the bulletin the week your gift purchases flowers for our Eucharistic Chapel.

Specific weeks cannot be guaranteed, but we will try if possible.

Donor's Name: _____

Parish Envelope Number: _____

Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

What would you like the acknowledgement to read?

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CATHOLIC CITIZENS LUNCHEON

will host Michael Voris

December 10, 2010

Michael Voris is the founder and president of St. Michael's Media and Senior Executive Producer of Real Catholic TV. He is an articulate and courageous defender of the Catholic Faith against enemies both inside and outside of the church. Trained in theology at doctrinally-sound St. Joseph's Seminary in New York, he is unyielding in his mission to educate a generation of Catholics that did not receive the truths of the Faith. He has won multiple Emmys for his work in broadcast news production during his work at CBS, which provided him with the technical knowledge to produce excellent television programming. Real Catholic TV provides daily YouTube segments on current issues in the Church. The subject of his talk will be "Exorcising the Spirit of Vatican II."

The luncheon is at 12:00 noon at The Union League Club located at 65 W. Jackson Boulevard in Chicago.

Tickets are \$35.00. Reservations required. Call Maureen at 708-352-5834.

Business attire is required.