

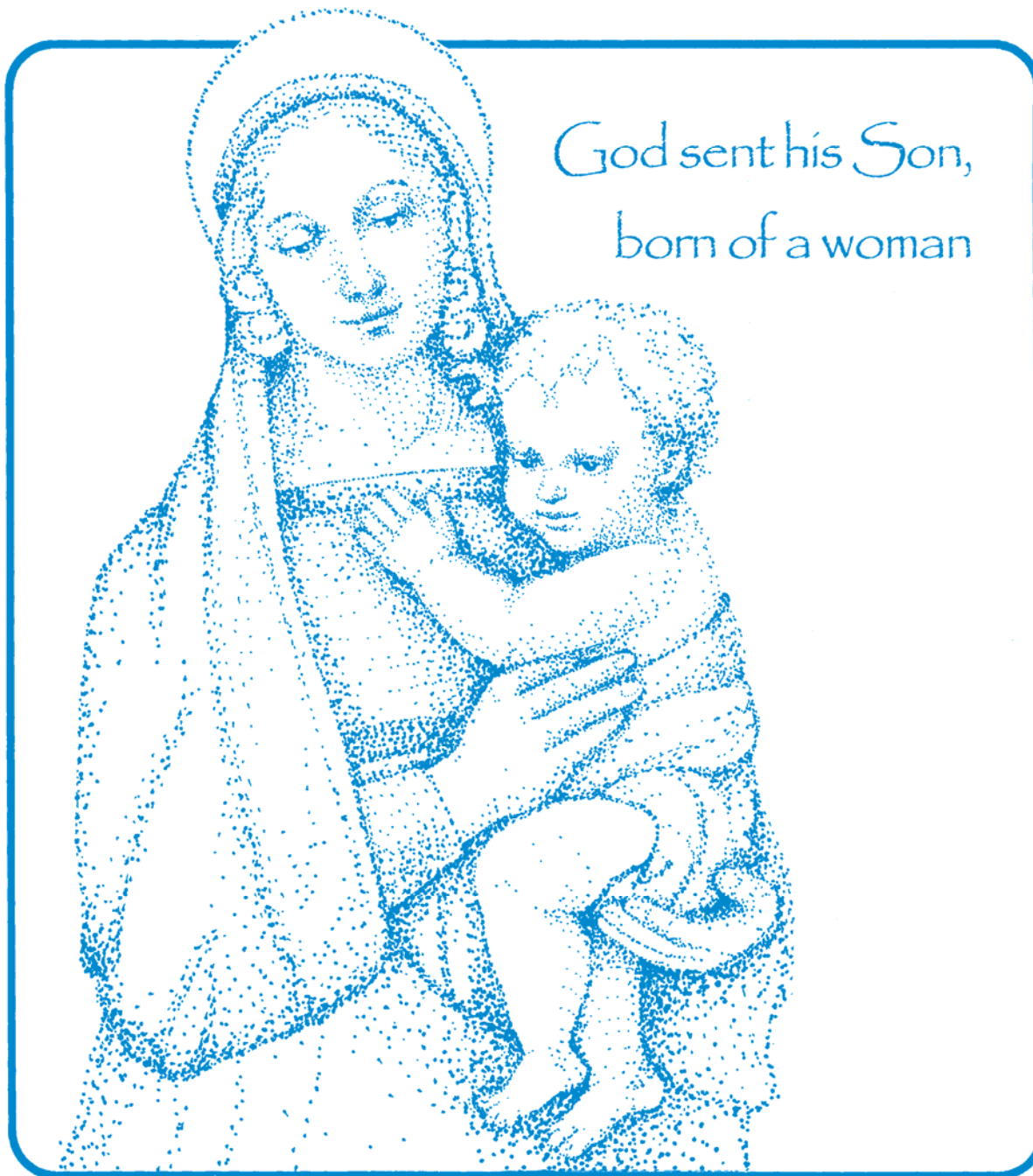
Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

524 NORTH RUSH STREET | ITASCA, ILLINOIS 60143 | 630.773.1272

Restore • Renew • Rejoice

www.stpeteritasca.com



January 1, 2012

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

RECTORY/PARISH CENTER

mailing address: 524 N. Rush Street, Itasca, Illinois 60143-1698

phone: 630/773-1272 **fax:** 630/773-1720

Web site: stpeteritasca.com

Reverend Slawomir Ignasik, Pastor

phone ext. 208 e-mail: pastor@stpeteritasca.com

Rev. John Guiney, SMA, Weekend Associate

Diane Blackburn & Patti Zubak, Parish Secretaries

phone ext. 200 e-mail: office@stpeteritasca.com

Carol Schubert, Director of Liturgy and Adult Faith Formation

phone ext. 201 e-mail: liturgy@stpeteritasca.com

Deacon Ron Searls, Operations Manager

phone ext. 204 e-mail: business@stpeteritasca.com

Deacon Robert Ziomek, Deacon

phone ext. 202 e-mail: deacon@stpeteritasca.com

Andrzej Ciupek, Director of Music

phone ext. 207 e-mail: music@stpeteritasca.com

Angela Scanlon, Director of Religious Education

phone ext. 216 e-mail: religioused@stpeteritasca.com

Linda Moretti, Religious Education Secretary

phone ext. 215 e-mail: religioused@stpeteritasca.com

Knights of Columbus phone ext. 205

Italian Catholic Federation (Branch 418)

630-936-2652 (Rita Bratta, President)

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, January 7, and Sunday, January 8, must be received by Tuesday morning, January 3.

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, January 15th issue must be received by Friday, January 6. 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: 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.

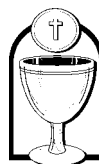
IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

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.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. We celebrate this feast day at the very start of the New Year to focus once again on the birth of Christ and to honor the role of Mary in salvation. She brought the Prince of Peace into the world, and we should renew our efforts to adore Him. Through the intercession of the Queen of Peace, in observance of the World Day of Peace, may we thank God for the gift of his Son and pray for an increase of peace in our hearts, homes and the world.

From the Pastor



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roseanne Roll and the Art and Environment Committee for the beautiful job they did decorating the church for Christmas. The church looked absolutely beautiful and added to the celebration as we joyously welcomed the birth of our Lord.

Of course, the beautiful music also played a part in our celebration. A big thank you to Andrzej, Kathleen Madaras and the children who sang at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. The youth choir also did a magnificent job during the 4:00 pm and 11:15 am Masses. Many thanks also to the adult choir who sang beautifully during the Midnight Mass. Many commented on the moving rendition of "Mary Did You Know" by the bell choir under the direction of Linda Aiani at the Midnight Mass, as well. The cantors at 8:00 am and 9:30 am also did an outstanding job. Thank you to all for helping us enter more fully into the miracle of the birth of Our Savior.

I would also like to thank Deacons Ron and Bob for their wonderful homilies during Christmas. Deacon Ron explained why Jesus had to come as a man, using the analogy of a bird needing to show the other birds the right way. Deacon Bob told us how JOY means Jesus always being first and others before you. This is the real meaning of joy in our lives. I am sure their homilies touched many hearts.

Thanks once again to the Knights of Columbus who every year decorate the outside of the church with lights. They also put up lights and a manger outside the rectory. We are so blessed to have an active Knights of Columbus at St. Peter's.

Last but not least, a big thank you to all who attended our Christmas liturgies and encouraged their families and friends to join them and participate in the Holy Mass. I am sure each person was touched in a special way.

May you all have a very blessed and happy New Year. May it be filled with an increase of faith, hope and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

General Intention: Victims of Natural Disasters.

That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Missionary Intention: Dedication to Peace

That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.



Stewardship of Treasure


A Way of Life—St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 25: Dec. 18, 2011	\$ 12,449.75	\$ 297,362.61
Fiscal Week 25: Dec. 19, 2010	\$ 14,277.96	\$ 311,182.02
Weekly Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 1,828.21)	(\$ 13,819.41)
Fiscal Week 26: Dec. 25, 2011	\$ 14,285.07	\$ 311,647.68
Fiscal Week 26: Dec. 26, 2010	\$ 14,807.08	\$ 325,989.10
Weekly Surplus/Deficit)	(\$ 522.01)	(\$ 14,341.42)

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** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)




SUNDAY OFFERING

This Week at St. Peter's


Monday	January 2
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. <i>(PC/Lower Level)</i>
Tuesday	January 3
6:45 pm	Children's Choir Practice <i>(Church)</i>
Wednesday	January 4
9:00 am	Living With Christ <i>(PC)</i>
7:30 pm	Adult Choir <i>(Church)</i>
Thursday	January 5
7:00 pm	Baptism Preparation Class <i>(PC/Upper Level)</i>
7:00 pm	Well Built Faith workshop <i>(PC/RE Office)</i>
Friday	January 6
8:30 am	24-hour Adoration begins with Benediction <i>(Church)</i> Confessions following Benediction <i>(Church)</i>
Saturday	January 7
7:40 am	Adoration ends with Benediction <i>(Church)</i>
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes <i>(School, PC/Upper and Lower Levels, Church)</i>
4:00 pm	Confessions <i>(Church)</i>
Sunday	January 8
9:30 am	RCIA <i>(PC/RE Office)</i>

For the week beginning
Saturday, December 31st and Sunday, January 1st



Thank you to
Joe and Ida Sularz

for the beautiful flowers
in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel
in memory of
Mary and Stella Giannelli



Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday	January 1 <i>(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)</i>
8:00 am	†Otvatio Carrillo, Jr.
9:30 am	†Peter Vaglica
11:15 am	†Theresa McNamara
Monday	January 2 <i>(Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church)</i>
8:00 am	†James Childress
Tuesday	January 3 <i>(The Most Holy Name of Jesus)</i>
8:00 am	†James, †Richard and †Lorraine Koback
Wednesday	January 4 <i>(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)</i>
8:00 am	†Edward Filipek
Thursday	January 5 <i>(St. John Neumann, Bishop)</i>
8:00 am	†William White
Friday	January 6 <i>(St. Andre Bessette, Religious)</i>
8:00 am	†Stella and Mary Giannelli
Saturday	January 7 <i>(Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord)</i>
8:00 am	†Stella and Mary Giannelli
5:00 pm	†Edward Filipek †Marcia Arcela Sabedra
Sunday	January 8 <i>(The Epiphany of the Lord)</i>
8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Stanley Latka
11:15 am	†Anthony Mannina Special Intention of Mary Booth and Family

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

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

~ Vincent Caravello ~
~ Mary Ann Heisler ~
~ Stella Jaroch ~

May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

**Extraordinary Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, January 7th and Sunday, January 8th

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Pat Schwartz
Lynne Brenan
Bill Kolf
Rosemarie McDonald

8:00 am Ralph D'Andrea
Maureen Kasper
Arlene Derma
Pat Vitale

9:30 am Frank McKenna
Beth McKenna
Cathy Zukauskas
Marcie Stephen

11:15 am Ken Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Mary McNamara
Melvin Gerard

Lectors

5:00 pm Patrick Powers
Bill Schwartz

8:00 am Jean Grote
Erin Durso

9:30 am Nancy Magnus
Kathy Laken

11:15 am Matthew Vokoun
Linda Vokoun

Servers

5:00 pm Giuliano Catalano
Elena Sgarbossa

8:00 am Michael Piatek

9:30 am Lauren McKenna
Drew Cotton

11:15 am Jack O'Brien
Esteban Alegria

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

Richard Abbinante
Don Angell
Lee Bauman
Cathy Blair
Pam Caspary
Regina Conti
Thomas Cummins
Rose Diener
Marion Doyle
Teresa Dunhac
Kasey Dworzycycki
Sally Franz
Dan Galuszek
Mardelle Gerard
Kevin Hayes
Jeannette Hemmelgarn
Brian Josephus
Daniel Koutsis
Loretta Kruszowski
Jean Kryczka
Joe Kryger

Pasquale Lopardo
Dan McDonald
Wanda Mikulecky
Peter Morrissey
Richard Mrugacz
Barbara Pierce
Michael Poremba
Michael Quinn
Tom Scanlon
Shirley Schiller
Edward Schubel
Angie Scianna
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Mary Schubert
Sharon Sowers
James Thompson
Linda Ticsay
Jennifer Weil
Emilia Yurcheshen
Philip Zerante



Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to request to remain another six weeks.



We joyfully welcome into our St. Peter's family ~

Amelia Marie

daughter of Steven and Bridget (Karas) Loyd

Brodie Christopher

son of Christopher and Lauren (Twarog) Rocha

who were baptized during the month of December 2011



*Solemn Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament*

First Friday 24-hour Adoration at St. Peter's Church begins with Benediction at 8:30 am on Friday, January 6th and concludes at 7:40 am on Saturday, January 7th.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus in thanksgiving before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar

People are especially needed during the late night and early morning hours.

Sign up sheet can be found at the back of Church.



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, US Coast Guard
Sgt. Felicia Cinatl, US Marine
Sgt. Matt Cinatl, US Army
Pvt. Jacob E. Cleveland, US Army Reserves
Lcpl. Brandon Helm, US Marines
Cpt. Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
Lcpl. Marcin Platek, US Marines
Sgt. Megan Putze-Crum, Army National Guard
Ens. Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot Training
HM3 (FMF) Bryan C. Thude, US Navy
Cpl. Lauren Twarog-Rocha, US Marines

Living Liturgy 2012

Source: Living Liturgy by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 2011

Readings—composite of history of the festival:

The three readings assigned for this solemnity and used for all three years of the Lectionary cycle display an inherent tension in the festival itself: is it a Marian feast (focusing us on Mary) or a dominical feast (focusing on the Lord)?

The festival's history tells us that originally it was a Marian feast (in fact, the first one in the Western Church, dating probably from the fifth century), and the readings pick this up with the allusion to Mary in the second reading ("born of a woman"; the earliest New Testament reference to Mary and the only one in St. Paul's writings) and with the explicit mention of Mary at the center of the gospel ("And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart"). By the twelfth century the feast day had become dominical (from the Latin word for Lord) and focused on Jesus, since the preponderance of the Scripture content refers to him: in the second reading, "born under the law" connects to the Jewish custom mentioned in the gospel of naming and circumcising the sons on the eighth day after birth, while the dominical feast until the revisions of the liturgical year following the Second Vatican Council reinstated January 1 as a Marian solemnity. The shift back to a focus on Mary reminds us of Mary's central role not only in the Christmas mystery but also in the whole unfolding of God's plan of salvation. In her yes, her cooperation with God, we are given a model of discipleship.



New Year's Resolutions to consider...

1. Attend Mass every week (or every day, if possible)
2. Share your "Time and Talent" through a Parish ministry—there's something for everyone.
3. Support St. Peter's without spending an extra cent—continue to purchase Manna "Everyday Spending" certificates for both your everyday and gift shopping needs.



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!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WELL BUILT FAITH: A CATHOLIC'S GUIDE TO KNOWING AND SHARING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Location: Parish Center
 Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Dates: Thursdays—January 5, 12, 26; February 8, 16, 23; March 1, 8
 Facilitators: Deacon Bob Ziomek and Carol Schubert
 Cost: \$5.00

When it comes to talking about our faith, these four pillars provide us with all of the **H.E.L.P.** that we need:

- H = HOLDING** on to our faith, which is revealed to us through scripture and tradition and is summarized in the Creed.
- E = EXPRESSING** our faith in the liturgy and sacraments of the Church.
- L = LIVING** our faith according to Catholic morality.
- P = PRAYING** our faith by maintaining a healthy prayer life.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Schubert at the Parish Center, by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 201) or e-mail: liturgy@stpeteritasca.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

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.

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



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know it takes less than one hour to give someone the gift of life? That is what you are doing every time you donate blood.

Please come to the school hall on **Sunday, January 16, 2012**, between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm to donate blood.

To schedule an appointment, please call Matthew Lozich at 630-595-7441. Information about the National Marrow Donor Program will also be available.

**The Lord bless
you and keep you**



Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools

On Sunday, January 29, in celebration of Catholic Schools Week—our annual celebration of Catholic education—**Queen of the Rosary School in Elk Grove Village** is hosting an open house to celebrate our success and excellence.

Kicking off the week's activities is a 10:00 am Mass, which will be followed by an Open House and Reception (11:00am-1:00pm) in the school. Join us for a variety of events that demonstrate our high academic standards and our strong moral values. Meet the staff; tour the school; view student work; and join us as we celebrate being named a **2011 National Blue Ribbon School**.

At Queen of the Rosary School, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. We are excited to have the opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished. We teach our students **faith**, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. We hold them to high **academic** standards and do everything we can to help students reach their full potential. We also teach them how to **serve**, both as a way to express their faith and to become good citizens.

Queen of the Rosary School serves preschool through grade eight, with full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten programs. Additionally, the school offers before and after school care.

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will be accepted on Sunday, January 29.

For more information regarding the open house or questions about the school, please contact Ms. McGinn at 847-437-3322 or visit the school Web site at www.qrschool.org.

Encourage friends who may be considering Catholic education for their children to visit Queen of the Rosary school.



Queen of the Rosary School
690 Elk Grove Boulevard
Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007
847-437-3322
www.qrschool.org

Catholic High School Entrance Exams

GUERIN COLLEGE PREPARATORY will offer an entrance exam for incoming freshmen on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 8:00 am. No registration is needed for the exam. All the details are available on the Web site at www.GuerinPrep.org.

Our last Gator-for-a-Day before the exam will be held on Friday, January 6. An application form can be downloaded from the Web site or students can call Mrs. Reiss at 708-437-4732 to register.

Guerin College Prep is located at 8001 W. Belmont Avenue in River Grove, Illinois.

MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will have its 2011 Placement Exam on Saturday, January 14th 2012 at 8:30 am. In addition, all 8th grade students are *strongly encouraged* to attend the Montini Catholic Placement Exam Review and Pre-Registration Night on Thursday, January 12th, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL will offer an entrance exam on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 8:00 am. Interested students should arrive by 7:45 am at the north entrance of the school. Please bring two #2 pencils along with a \$25 check (payable to SVHS). The test will conclude between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm. Saint Viator is located at 1213 E. Oakton St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Saint Viator High School Tuition Assistance Seminar will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 7:00 pm to review with prospective parents the application process for tuition assistance. The seminar will be conducted by Fr. Mick Egan, President, and Mrs. Nora Boka, Controller, in the Jeuck Auditorium. This year over \$1.2 million of tuition assistance was awarded to 26% of our students.

Bible Bingo: An Act of Charity... in Two Acts

The creator of the Hit comedy, "Late Nite Catechism," brings to life this new comedy performance, "Bible Bingo: An Act of Charity... in Two Acts." Join creative genius Vicki Quade, straight from the Royal George Theatre to St. Philip the Apostle Church in Addison, for a night of Bible trivia, audience interaction, improvised moments, and more! This performance is hosted by St. Philip the Apostle Parish and the Addison Center for the Arts.

The performance will be held at St. Philip the Apostle Parish located at 1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison on Saturday, January 21. Cash bar starting at 6:00 pm performance at 7:00 pm. Price is \$20 per ticket and tickets are available by calling 630-263-2723 or by visiting the Web site www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/2011/bible-bingo/. Resurrect your social life in this guaranteed night of divine entertainment.

Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office

FAMILY VOCATION NIGHT

Friday, January 6, 2012

The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office, Bishop Conlon and St. Joseph Parish invite you to an evening entitled "The Family: Seedbed of Vocations" at St. Joseph Parish (4801 Main Street, Downers Grove). All people of all ages are invited to this wonderful event. Bring your entire family for an engaging evening to talk about God's will in our lives.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Conlon at 5:30 pm, followed by light refreshments.

After Mass there will be a panel discussion with seminarians, seminarian parents, and priests, followed by a talk by Fr. Burke Masters on the Holy Priesthood – Spiritual Fatherhood.

We will discuss the following questions:

- Why would I want my son or daughter to be a priest, brother or sister?
- What is it like for a parent to have a son in the seminary?
- How do we hear God's voice in this noisy world?

Please RSVP to Antonia Summers by phone at 630-964-0216 or by e-mail at antoniasummers@gmail.com, so that we have enough refreshments.

There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering can be made to support the seminarian formation programs.



For more information on vocations, visit vocations.com

Support Group Forming For Couples Raising Special Needs Children

While there are support groups for parents of children with special needs that focus on parenting, there seems to be no faith-based support groups for parents of special needs children where the focus is on the marriage. As a follow-up to a retreat offered last fall, there will be a meeting on Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to discuss what the needs are for ongoing support, and how that support might best be offered.

The event will be held at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville, and will be facilitated by Dr. Jim Healy and Dr. Madonna Wojtaszek-Healy. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are on the house, and couples will share the cost of pizza at noon. If at all possible, please register by Monday, January 31 by using the enclosed form or by calling 815-838-5334.

Liturgical Minister Availability Form
March 2012 to June 2012

Return to the Liturgy Office
by Sunday, February 5, 2012

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers
PLEASE SUBMIT FORM TO BE ON THIS SCHEDULE!

Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____

Ministry _____
 Ministry _____
 Ministry _____
 Ministry _____
 Ministry _____
 Ministry _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address _____

New to Ministry: _____ TRAINING IS REQUIRED

Please note the Holidays listed and Mass times!

Please circle the dates that you are available!

Mass Preference: _____

Date	Day of Week	Mass Times				Notes
3/4/2012	Sunday	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Children's Mass
3/11/2012	Sunday	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
3/18/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
3/25/2012	Sunday	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
4/1/2012	Sunday	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Palm Sunday
4/5/2012	Thursday	7:00PM				Holy Thursday
4/6/2012	Friday	7:00PM				Good Friday
4/7/2012	Saturday	7:30PM				Holy Saturday
4/8/2012	Sunday		8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Easter Sunday
4/15/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
4/22/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00 AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
4/29/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
5/6/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Children's Mass
5/13/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Mother's Day
5/20/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
5/27/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Pentecost
5/28/2012	Monday	9:00AM				Memorial Day
6/3/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	
6/10/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	Corpus Christi Sunday
6/17/2012	Sunday	8:00AM	Noon	5:00PM	7:00PM	Father's Day
6/24/2012	Sunday	5:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:15AM	

- 1) Please indicate which Mass you and your family regularly attend as your first choice to serve.
- 2) Please indicate if you are new in signing up to be part of Liturgical Ministry.
- 3) If you have any questions, please contact Carol Schubert in the Liturgy Office on X201.
- 4) Please return to the Parish Office by **Sunday, February 5, 2012** through mail, email, or collection basket.

Thank you, Schubie

630-773-1272 ext. 201
 liturgy@stpeteritasca.com

The Church considers it her duty to defend in our society as a whole the truths and values in which the very dignity of man is at stake. Accordingly, to mention one particularly important point, we have no right to judge whether an individual is “already a person” or “still a person,” and even less is it up to us to manipulate the human being or even to wish to do so.



~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright Aid for Women	1-800-848-LOVE
National Pregnancy Hotline	630-896-8600
National Adoption Hotline	1-800-535-9947
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	1-202-463-7563
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	630-790-8433 x 266
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-7171
DuPage Catholic Charities Children’s Services	1-815-838-1002
The Nurturing Network	630-495-6864
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Women’s Choice Services	1-800-67-BABY-6
The Gabriel Project	1-800-NO-ABORT
	630-261-9221
	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 January 6 and January 18. 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.

ANGELS

It seems that angels are everywhere at Christmas. In the Gospel Gabriel comes to Mary to announce that she will bear the Savior. In other stories at this time of year, an angel comes to Zechariah and Elizabeth to announce the birth of John the Baptist. An angel appears to Joseph to tell him to welcome Mary into his home. Angels appear to the shepherds to proclaim the birth of Christ, and to the Magi to warn them to flee from Herod after they have presented their gifts to the newborn King.

In our popular culture, angels adorn the Christmas cards we send, are put up on our front lawns, and festoon the house in various decorations. In an argument that reflects the different perspectives of the two Gospel stories of the birth of Jesus, families debate what will sit atop the Christmas tree: a star-which reveals the birth of Christ in Matthew’s Gospel-or an angel-which heralds the birth of the Savior to the shepherds in the story written down in Luke.

Mary was hardly the first to be visited by an angel. They have a solid history in the Bible. But Mary’s quick assent to the will of God is an example for all of us who follow Christ. She was willing to accept what god wanted of her, that is, to become the mother of his son. And it was the angel that conveyed the message.

So with all of the images of angels that surround us at this time of year, it might be good to ask ourselves who are the real angels in our lives. As with Mary, there may be people around us who give insight into the will of God for us. As with the Magi, there may be people who give us warnings about the paths to follow in life. As with Joseph, there may be those who give specific direction about what is right. They are all our angels.

© 2011 Liturgical Publications Inc.



Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father.” - Lk 1:30-32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Welcome

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 _____

E-mail Address: _____

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: _____

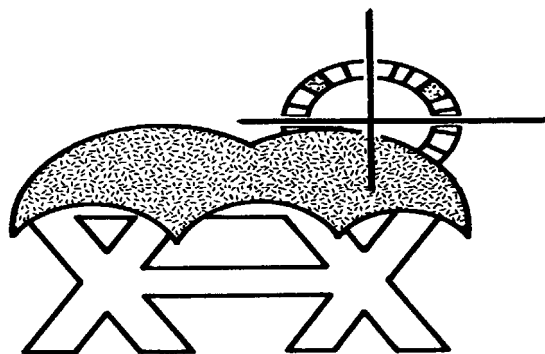
Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

What would you like the acknowledgement to read?

In Honor of

OR...

In Memory of



© J. S. Pellich Co., Inc.