

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



551 N. Rush Street | Itasca, Illinois 60143 | 630.773.1272 | www.stpeteritasca.com

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

First Saturdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

Hope



November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

The description we hear from the lips of Jesus [Luke 21:25-28,34-36], this first Sunday of Advent, sounds like a nightmare: Omens in the heavens, nations in dismay, roaring oceans, people dying of fright, apocalyptic visions in the sky, the day assaulting us like a weapon and ambushing us like a trap. Jesus warns us to “Be vigilant at all times!” These words of the Lord Jesus set the tone for this holy season of Advent. We are called to be vigilant, to be in waiting for the second coming of the Lord at the end of time.

At each Mass, the priest prays on our behalf that we become a people who await the coming of the Lord. We are all to wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of our King who will come in great glory. But we shall not fear the signs prior to His coming for the Lord furnishes us with a hope-filled life. He offers to us his divine assistance by freeing our hearts from all “carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life.” Only the Father knows the day and the hour. And so, we are to be wise and take on a personal responsibility by which we use our freedom, aided by divine grace, to respond completely to God’s love and invitation to look forward to the second coming of Christ, our King.

As Christians, our stance of vigilance is one of love. When we love one another like Jesus loves us, the Lord Jesus is made present in our families, at places of work, within our parish and surrounding neighborhoods, at school, and in our hearts. This is the call of this Advent Season.

Have a holy Advent,

Fr. Noesen

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	November 28 (<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>)
8:30 am	†Gilda Lazzaro
10:00 am	†Ted and Betty Hemstreet
11:30 am	†Hillard and Sophie Bieschke
	†Maryann Koback
	†Anthony and Michela Mannina
	†Denis McNamara
	†Dr. Joe Rizzo
	People of the Parish
Monday	November 29 (<i>Advent Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
Tuesday	November 30 (<i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>)
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
Wednesday	December 1 (<i>Advent Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†John Trejo
Thursday	December 2 (<i>Advent Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Jack A. Ryan
Friday	December 3 (<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>)
8:00 am	†Wladyslaw, Richard and Zofia Chlopecki
Saturday	December 4 (<i>Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Carol Keegan
Saturday	December 4 (<i>Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent</i>)
5:00 pm	†Levyn and Jean DeMild
	†Robert Hoffman
	†Marc and Georgia Orzech
	Mary Booth - Special Intention
	Beth Heiferman - Special Intention
	For an End to Abortion
Sunday	December 5 (<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>)
8:30 am	†Luigi Alfano
10:00 am	†Rev. Brian Shepley
11:30 am	†Josephine Fiorante Cirrincione
	†Tim Daly
	†Biagio Gariti
	†Bruce Gariti
	†Witold Rabczko
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Advent

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Beginning this weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and window clings (*while supplies last*).

There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 each to help support this effort.

Keeping Christ in Christmas means daily revealing the character, love and spirit of Christ that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church on December 3.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

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

This is a wonderful time to offer your prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions for yourself or loved ones.

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot is asked to sign up using the link available on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE — Light-up someone's holiday

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



Here is how it works:

The giving tree is up and available for parishioners to select a "tag" with information about a gift for a needy person. Parishioners are asked to purchase a new gift as suggested on the "tag" (please no used items); wrap the gift and affix the "tag" securely to the package; and, return to the boxes in the back of church by **Saturday, December 11.**

Please note that each gift is designated for a specific individual and if you take an "tag" and do not return a gift, someone will be disappointed on Christmas.

St. Peter's is again providing the Christmas Giving Tree to help the less fortunate fulfill some holidays wishes.

In past years, Catholic Charities has provided a list of needy individuals and families for the Giving Tree program. This year, in addition to the Catholic Charities list, we would also like to ensure that those struggling within our own parish community are assisted.

If you are struggling with finances this holiday season or know of someone who is, please contact Fr. Noesen to make arrangements to participate in the Giving Tree program.

Candy for Christmas

Decorative Christmas Candy Gift Box (24 oz) - \$30.00 each

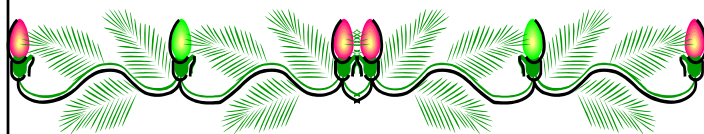
Please consider supporting this fund-raising effort for Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

All proceeds from this fundraiser will support St. Peter the Apostle's Catholic Religious Education, as well as renovations needed at the school building.

Free shipping is included, and all orders will arrive at the parish before Christmas.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS NOVEMBER 29.

ORDER FORMS can be found on the parish website as well as the table outside of Margaret Woods Hall. Orders will be available for pick-up December 11-12.



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life

St. Peter the Apostle

Due to an early publication deadline,

figures were not available in time for this bulletin printing.

Weekly collection information will appear in next weeks bulletin

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).



Electronic Giving is available using GiveCentral

Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.

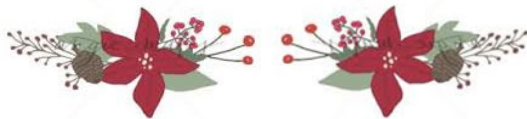
You can also connect directly by visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of November 10, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$346,102.14. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning. Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

This Week at St. Peter's...

- Tuesday November 30**
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday December 1**
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
- Thursday December 2**
9:00 am "Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
- Friday December 3**
8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (Church)
- Saturday December 4**
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
- Sunday December 5**
11:30 am Confirmation Retreat (Church/School)



GIVING TUESDAY

This Tuesday, November 30, St. Peter the Apostle is participating in #GivingTuesday!

As year-end approaches, please consider supporting the parish in your charitable giving on this #GivingTuesday.

Visit the parish website for a link to online giving or scan this QR code for easy access.



Thank you for your continuing support and commitment to the parish.



Schedule

Saturday, December 4 | Sunday, December 5

<i>Communion Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00 pm Beth McKenna	5:00 pm Chris Kunze
Frank McKenna	8:30 am Jean Grote
8:30 am Jim Ruffing	10:00 am Nancy Magnus
Deacon Fred	11:30 am Kathy Laken
10:00 am Mel Gerard	
Frank Vale	
11:30 am Mary McNamara	
Deacon Bob	

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

(Peter 4:10)

Cross and Offertory Gift Bearers

Thank you to this weekend's cross and gift bearers:

	CROSS	GIFTS
5:00 pm	Ava Gobetz*	Liam Kaufmann** & family
8:30 am		—
10:00 am		Vinny Augustine** & family
11:30 am		Frankie Pelagio** & family

Please pray for the children and their families who are preparing for *Confirmation and **First Holy Communion.

2021 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Saint Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
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Welcome to the Solemn Celebrations of the Lord!

+Advent Confessions before Christmas+

Saturdays | 4:15pm + Wednesdays | 8:30am

First Saturday, December 4 | 8:30am

Saturday, December 18 | 9:00am - 3:00pm

(held at Mary, Queen of Heaven Church, 430 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst)

Deanery priests will be available to hear confessions in English, Spanish, and Polish

+Last Confessions before Christmas+

Sunday, December 19 | following 11:30am Mass *until all are heard*

Wednesday, December 23 | 8:30am *until all are heard* | 7:00pm *until all are heard*

(Note: These will be the last scheduled Confessions before Christmas; Confessions resume January 1 at 4:15pm)

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday, December 3 | 8:00am - 8:00pm

Come and worship the Lord and grow closer to Him through prayer!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00pm | Sunday – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, December 7 | 6:30pm *Vigil Mass*

Wednesday, December 8 | 8:00am • 5:15pm

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS BAMBINOS

Bring the blessing of the Church into your home during the Christmas Season –

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18 and 19

Bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your Nativity set (CLEARLY LABELED) to Mass.

When you arrive to Mass, place Baby Jesus in the Christmas stable in church.

Father will bless the figures during Mass – the blessing will take place at all Masses this weekend.

+SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS+

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

Friday, December 24 | 3:00pm • 5:00pm • 9:00pm (*Carols begin at 8:45pm*)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 25 | 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

Join us for the Octaves of Christmas Weekday Masses ~

December 27-31 | 8:00am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD / NEW YEAR

Friday, December 31 | 4:00pm *Vigil Mass*

Saturday, January 1 | 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

*The Christmas Season extends from Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord ~
December 25th through January 9th*



Skip the Madness of the Mall...



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO

St Peter's School Hall

SAVE THE DATE—

Wednesday, December 15 | 6:30 pm

for



DINNER and...

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS... *oh my!*

Bring the kids to enjoy a pasta dinner, followed by cookies, cocoa and time with Santa Claus

Don't forget a camera to capture your visit with Santa!

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with this event, please contact Toni Pietrowski (630-773-1272 ext. 216 / religioused@stpeteritasca.com)

In order to help the planning team prepare for the event, please complete and submit a reservation form along with \$10.00 per family to help offset the cost. Registration is also available on the parish website.

Deadline: December 12



COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check Cash

Please return via collection basket, Parish Center or have your child submit to Religious Ed class.

Deadline: December 12

Advent: Symbols and History

THE SYMBOLS

The Circle of the Wreath: God Himself, His eternity and His endless mercy, without beginning, nor end.

The Green of the Wreath: Our hope of newness, renewal and eternal life. Light of the Candles: The Light of God that came into the world through Christ to bring newness, life and hope.

Lighting the Candles: The progressive departure of darkness from the world as the more and more light is shed through the candles.

Four Candles: The four weeks of Advent, representing the four centuries between the time of the Prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. Three Colored (purple or blue) Candles: A period of waiting, expectation and preparation.

The First Candle: A time of expectation and hope.

The Second Candle: The peace that is to come.

The Pink (or Rose) Candle for the Third Week: It symbolizes joy for the promise is almost fulfilled. *The Fourth Candle:* The love of God for humanity.

The Fifth White Candle (if applicable). Called the "Center Candle," it is lit on Christmas Eve or Day to display that the light of Christ has come into the world in fulfillment of the prophecies.

THE HISTORY OF ADVENT

Advent, as we know it today, is a creation of the Western churches that looked to Rome as their leader. There were two main streams flowing into it. The first came out of France, during the fourth century AD, probably from Celtic monks. A period of about six weeks before Christ's Mass was used as a penitential and devotional period, a lesser Lent. The second stream came from Rome, where there was a practice of having a three-to-six week fast during which they had to come to church regularly. This was a fast before the feast of Christmas time.



The current form of Advent took shape under Pope Gregory I, who set the current four-week length, and wrote liturgical materials for use in Advent. By the 10th century, the Celtic 'get ready' prayers and practices had been fully brought into the Roman form. Later, the church adopted a system of liturgical colors, and Advent received a purple color not unlike Lent's. The 20th century brought a rediscovery of joy in Advent preparations. This was signaled among Protestants by using the color blue (with or without a touch of red in it). Some highly Catholic areas (for example, in parts of the Philippines) hold special services on the nine days before Christmas (starting 16 December), as a worship novena.

In Latin countries, the days before Christmas are marked by the *posada*, the journey of Mary and Joseph to find shelter in the days before Jesus' birth. The people playing the roles go from house to house, being turned away at each, until a house takes them in — with a party ready to start upon their arrival.

The Eastern Orthodox have a preparation for Christmas, too, called the Nativity Fast. It starts the day after the 14 November, St. Philip the Apostle's Feast, and goes 40 days until 24 December. It's much more like Western-Church Lent than Advent, though it is not as strict as the Orthodox's Great Lent. Like in Lent, the Nativity Fast's purpose is to prepare through repentance, and it is a somber period. It is not so somber on the Forefeast of the Nativity (20-23 December), when Nativity hymns are sung every day, and when the Russian Orthodox put up happy hangings and symbols in their churches. (This is when the Orthodox holy season feels most like the Catholic or Protestant Advent.) The strictest day is 24 December, the Nativity Paramony, when no solid food is eaten until after the Vespers service that evening.

Advent nowadays has fallen on hard times. For most people, it's become a time to get ready for whatever you're doing with family and friends on Christmas, and not a time to get ready for the Christ child.

The bigger Christmas became, the more it swallowed up Advent. In fact, whatever Christmassy thing we think of as being done before Christmas Day is done in Advent. In the US, everything after Thanksgiving is now seen as a part of Christmas. The main problem is not that Christmas intrudes on Advent. The real problem is that people no longer keep their Christmas focus on Christ, and then the Christless Christmas saps Christ from Advent.

Practicing Advent as a religious season may help recover Christmas, but it can't do it by itself. If we don't look to Jesus every day in every season, you'll lose Advent, Christmas, Lent, and even Easter. Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

First Sunday of Advent prayer

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*As I begin this new Season of Advent, help me Christ,
our Savior and our King.*

Renew in me allegiance to Your Kingship.

*I pray for the grace to place You above the powers
of this world in all things.*

I pray for the grace to obey You before any civic authority.

*I pray for the grace to fervently bring about
Your Kingdom in my family and community.*

I pray that You will reign in my mind.

*O Prince of Peace may Your reign be complete in my life
and in the life of the world.*

*Christ, my King, please answer these petitions
if they be in accordance with Your Holy Will...*

[Mention your intentions here]

*As I reflect on Your second, glorious coming and the
judgment of all mankind, I beg You to show me mercy
and give me the grace to become a great saint.*

*I pray that not only will I spend eternity with You
but that You may use me – a sinner –
to bring others into Your Kingdom for Your glory.*

Christ the King, Your Kingdom come!

Amen.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass The Liturgy of the Eucharist Led by Fr Burke Masters

January 18-April 17, 2022

BE
FORMED

- Monthly online large group nights of reflection
- Weekly small group gatherings
- Zoom or in-person options
- Weekly videos emailed directly to your inbox
- Prayer Partners
- No previous participation necessary
- Groups for men, women, and couples

Register by
December 12th!



Sponsored by the
Diocese of Joliet
Office of Adult
Formation

For more information visit:
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that **IN-PERSON** experiences will be held locally in Chicagoland on the following 2022 weekends:

February 11-13

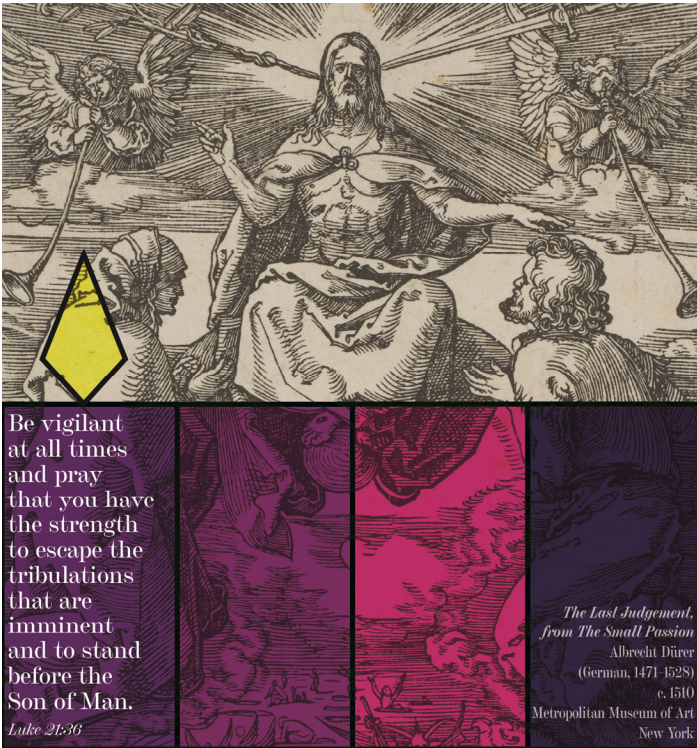
April 9-10

August 12-14

Early registration is suggested due to limited space.

For more information or to apply,
visit wwme-chicagoland.org,
or call 630-577-0778





Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

The Last Judgement, from The Small Passion
Albrecht Dürer (German, 1471-1528) c. 1510
Metropolitan Museum of Art New York

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.**



- 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.

*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.*

— Jeremiah 33:15



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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Mel Gerard	Julie Mulcahey
Michelle Anderson	Mike Graziano	John North
Sue Bobka	Gary Grote	Raffaela Olenek
Elio Campanella	Virginia Halac	Holly Vana
Mike Carey	Martha Hayes	Tom Vana
Gerri Ciucci	Ken Hemstreet	Harriett Pinkowski
Eunice Cleveland	Mary Hosters	Bonnie Pollock
Robert Cleveland	Anne Keeton	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Rickie Kruzal	Ann Marie Rossi
Marie Costable	JoLynn Lash	John Rossi
Colin Cummins	Lilly Lima	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	Anthony Mazzucchi	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Michael Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Linda Wuerffel
Paul Cummins	Christopher Mizera	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Jeanne Finn	Richard Mrugacz	Carol Zell
Gerri Gerard		

Published 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 renew your request.



Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his November prayers for the Church and for the world:

PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

- PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
- LCpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
- SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
- Maj Joseph DeHaven, US Army
- CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
- SGT Michael Helle, US Army
- Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
- PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
- CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
- SGT Jacob Los, US Army
- Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
- 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
- Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
- SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines
- 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
- SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
- LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
- SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
- Robert P. Woods Lt. JG. US Navy
- Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
- PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy

RECTORY/PARISH CENTER

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)



TRAVELING?

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

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT 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 announcement requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to **office@stpeteritasca.com**.

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. 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**.

CONFESSIONS

Weekly on Wednesday at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

Weekly on Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm

First Saturdays at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center for information.

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:30 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes 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.

Required paperwork **MUST** be submitted to the parish office **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the baptismal date or your date will be rescheduled.** This includes all necessary information regarding family records and godparents. Please read the **baptism planning information** provided before selecting a godparent. A sponsor certificate must be provided **by each godparent.** The proper **sponsor certificate** for St. Peter the Apostle is included with the baptism packet. Christian witnesses are most welcome to celebrate with the family and community, but please note they are not recorded as sponsors on the Baptismal Certificate or in the Baptismal Register.

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.

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS


Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Parish Center when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from Fr. Noesen or a deacon. Likewise, please call if you would like a visit while convalescing at home or at a facility.

Additionally, before being admitted to a hospital for surgery, it is advisable to call Fr. Noesen to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Please contact the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to arrange for communion visits to the homebound.

FUNERALS

It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead. The funeral director will contact the Parish Center regarding arrangements. Funerals are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 am. For more information, please read guidelines for Funeral Planning on the parish website.



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.



MAKE SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

Welcome, New Parishioners — Register Today

Week after week, many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their “spiritual home.” Part of the Catholic life and our Catholic identity is that we as Catholic people identify ourselves not only with the Universal Church - with over one billion other members, but we are also part of a “local Church.”

If you attend Saint Peter the Apostle Church on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your “spiritual home,” we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our Parish Family.

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