ST. PETER the APOSTLE Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am Monday - Friday: 8:00am First Saturday: 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15pm - 4:45pm Wednesdays: 8:30am First Saturdays: 9:30am

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 3pm Friday -Sunday: CLOSED or by appointment

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext.200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, 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 to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.

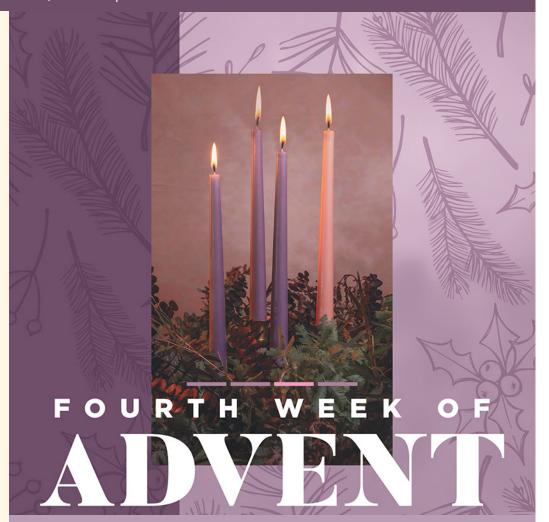




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"This is the one about whom it is written:
'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.'"

- Matthew 11:10

OUR MISSION

We, the people of St. Peter the Apostle, a Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Joliet, a faith-filled people, united in the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, strive to be the Body of Christ. We manifest our unity through the celebration of the Sacraments. We pledge to use our gifts and resources to live the Faith, preach the Word, and Service others as we welcome all into our faith community.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent) Sunday

8:30 am †Edward S. Kryger 10:00 am People of the Parish

11:30 am †Vito Cali †Ida Sularz †Donald Derma †Judy Ziomek

†Daniel J. Sheehy For an End to Abortion

December 22 (Late Advent Weekday) Monday

8:00 am †Anna Makil

Tuesday December 23 (Late Advent Weekday;

St. John of Kanty, Priest)

8:00 am †Iluminada Tiongson

Wednesday **December 24** (Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord -

Christmas Eve)

3:00 pm †Frank Durante 5:00 pm †Walter Kaban

10:00 pm Slaughter Family - Special Intention

December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas) **Thursday**

8:30 am †Deceased members of the

Arboleda and Frausto Families

10:00 am †Annie Mulligan †Bruce Gariti 11:30 am

December 26 (St. Stephen, First Martyr) **Friday**

8:00 am †Mary S. Giannelli

Saturday December 27 (Vigil: The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

†Irene and Ernest Koleto †Tom Sepka 5:00 pm

> †Annamarie Krkoch †Andrzej Symikowski †Ken and Jeanne Murphy For an End to Abortion

December 28 (The Holy Family of Sunday

Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

8:30 am †Mimma Bruno 10:00 am †John Murphy

†Abel and Maria Arboleda 11:30 am

†Anthony Arboleda †Harriet Karas

†Ted and Christopher Kosk

†Judy Ziomek People of the Parish

WEEKLY READINGS

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/ **Sunday:**

Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ **Tuesday**:

Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/

Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/

Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,

16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 **Next Sunday**: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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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 to renew your request.

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Paul Addison Paul Klein

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army

MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines Cpl Michael Fudacz, US Marines SSG Michael Helle, US Army Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines

PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard

CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy LTJG Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy

2LT Jacob Los, US Army

MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army

1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard PV2 Thomas Stathas, Army National Guard Cmdr Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot Gy SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines

2LT Jessica States, US Air Force LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners.

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, it's hard to believe that Christmas is just a few days away. I hope that this Advent Season has been rewarding and that you have found time to "be still" as you prepare your heart for the coming of Jesus.

I would like to thank everyone who supported our parish Giving Tree this year. Your generosity is just another example of how loving our parish is. Your kindness will bless many who are in need and unable to provide for themselves and their families. Special thanks to Patti Zubak and her helpers for again overseeing the Giving Tree and ensuring that every gift requested was fulfilled.

God has blessed our parish in many ways this past year: We welcomed new staff — Denise as secretary, Jenny as business manager, Schubie for the new role of director of evangelization, to oversee new and growing ministries; we implemented a new "Greeters" ministry

which welcomes the congregation as they come to mass; and, our music ministry is growing with new choir members. In 2025, we celebrated Patti's retirement, enjoyed a fun Parish Picnic, grew our faith through many spiritual opportunities, and began working on plans for a Blessed Mary Grotto.

Lastly, every October, the Diocese requires parishes to take a "count" of weekend mass attendance. I was very pleased to find out that our count this year increased by 6% over last year. This is a true indication that our parish is welcoming, and people continue to come back as they feel the joy our parishioners share.

As the new year approaches, there are many things to look forward to in 2026, but without your help it would not be possible. I want to thank you for your love, faith, and commitment to supporting your parish. Your time, talent, and treasure are very important and appreciated.

Next year we will also begin to implement Bishop Hicks' pastoral letter, "Make." I am excited and looking forward to sharing this journey with you.



Together with our parish Deacons and staff, I wish all of you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love and Prayers,

FR. TUAN, PASTOR

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



2025 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
3:00 pm (Children's Mass) | 5:00 pm | 10:00 pm

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day) **8:30** am | **10:00** am | **11:30** am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1, 2026 10:00 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3, 2026 Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 4, 2026 Masses: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am



Please join us...

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24
3:00 pm

Everyone is welcome!

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All are welcome to stop by **Margaret Wood's Parish Hall** weekly following Sunday morning masses. Grab a doughnut or bagel, and enjoy some fellowship!





TUESDAY ROSARY MINISTRY

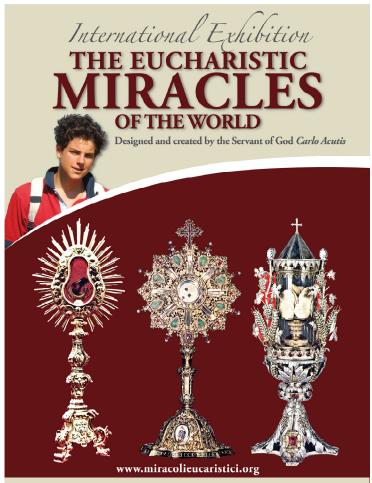
WEEKLY | 7:15PM

Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and inspired to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

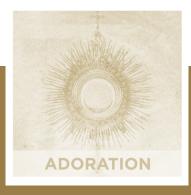




Coming to St. Peter the Apostle in January

The traveling exhibit has be created to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based on the website created by St. Carlo Acutis to catalogue all other Eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide.





FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION **JANUARY 2**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins following 8:00 am Mass.

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



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.

Please use the link available on the parish website or scan the QR code to sign-up.

SAVE "She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." MATTHEW 1:21

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Adoration, Confessions, and private prayer opportunities.



MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday-Friday 8:00am **First Saturday** 8:30am

HEALING MASSES

March 1	8:30am
June 7	8:30am
September 6	8:30am
December 6	8:30am



CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 8:30am (following 8:00am Mass) 9:30am (following 8:30am Mass) **First Saturdays**

Saturday 4:15pm - 4:45pm



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays 8:30am - 8:00pm

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday	7:00am - 7:00pm
Tuesday	7:00am - 8:00pm
Wednesday	7:00am - 7:00pm
Thursday	7:00am - 7:00pm
Friday	7:00am - 7:00pm
Saturday	7:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday	7:00am - 7:00pm

NOTE: Holidays and special events may affect these times. Visit stpeteritasca.com for updates.

As a designated pilgrimage church, everyone who makes a pilgrimage to our church during the Jubilee Year 2025, and fulfills the conditions for a plenary indulgence can receive an indulgence for oneself or for someone who died.

What is a Plenary Indulgence?

A significant feature of the Jubilee year is the granting of a plenary indulgence – which is the complete removal of the effects of sin that remain in us even after we're forgiven.

These conditions need to be met for a plenary indulgence:

- Have complete detachment from sin in your life
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope
- Make a Sacramental Confession and be in the state of grace
- Receive Holy Communion

After these four conditions are met, a plenary indulgence can be obtained by visiting a pilgrimage site.

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Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful flowers adorning our Church this Christmas season...

Mrs. Diane Berardi Mary E. Booth Mrs. Rita Bratta Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Busato Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Calip Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cruz Mr. & Mrs. Mike DiSilvestro Mr. Mrs. James Ferenzi Mr. & Mrs. Gregorio Gagula

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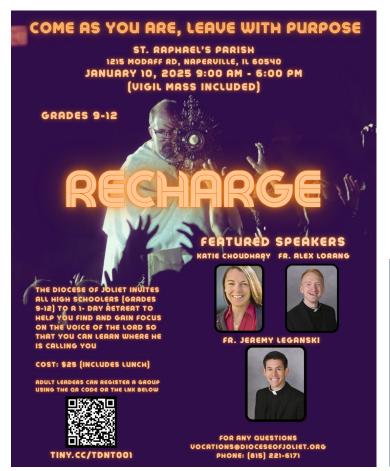
















PILGRIMS OF HOPE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF PRAYER

Father in heaven. may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION JOIN IN THE POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to an early publication deadline, recent collection figures were unavailable in time for this bulletin.

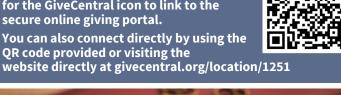
Collection information will appear in upcoming weeks.

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

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

QR code provided or visiting the









Don't let 2025 slip away without taking full advantage of your charitable giving!

When "checking your list" for tax-deductible donation options, please consider making a gift to St. Peter the Apostle Parish for your year-end giving.

the opportunity to ensure the stability and growth of a Catholic "home" for current and future

If giving by **check or cash**, please submit no later than **December 28, 2025**, in order to ensure your donation is applied to the current year.
Envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Center
or in the collection basket.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 21 - 28

December 21 Sunday

Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) MW Hall 12:30 pm Church Baptisms Church

1:30 pm Christmas Eve Nativity Rehearsal

Tuesday December 23

7:15 pm **Tuesday Evening Rosary**

Saturday **December 27**

4:15 pm Confessions Church 8am-3pm 7-hours of Confessions Church

Sunday **December 28**

> Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) MW Hall

Church



LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Celebrant

5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen 8:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen 10:00 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen 11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette

Lectors

5:00 pm Diane Blackburn 8:30 am Samantha Stephan 10:00 am Franco Cascella 11:30 am Edgar Garcia

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm **Nelly Cozzone** Beth McKenna Frank McKenna

8:30 am Barb Castellano Jim Ruffing Marcie Stephan

Adam Stephan **Deacon Anthony** 10:00 am Mary Booth

Ann Fleming Deacon Fred

11:30 am Carmela Graziano

Michael Graziano Deacon Bob

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REGISTER TODAY!

Many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their "spiritual home."

If you attend 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.

Please fill out the form below and mail it or drop it in the Sunday collection basket. You can also register by calling the parish center or by visiting the parish website.

Welcome to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

INVITATION TO REGISTER!

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)		
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ARE YOU CONNECTED???

DO YOU RECEIVE ST. PETER'S ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS?

This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.

If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com. Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.

And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:



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