

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> Apostle

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

524 NORTH RUSH STREET | ITASCA, ILLINOIS 60143 | 630.773.1272



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[www.stpeteritasca.com](http://www.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

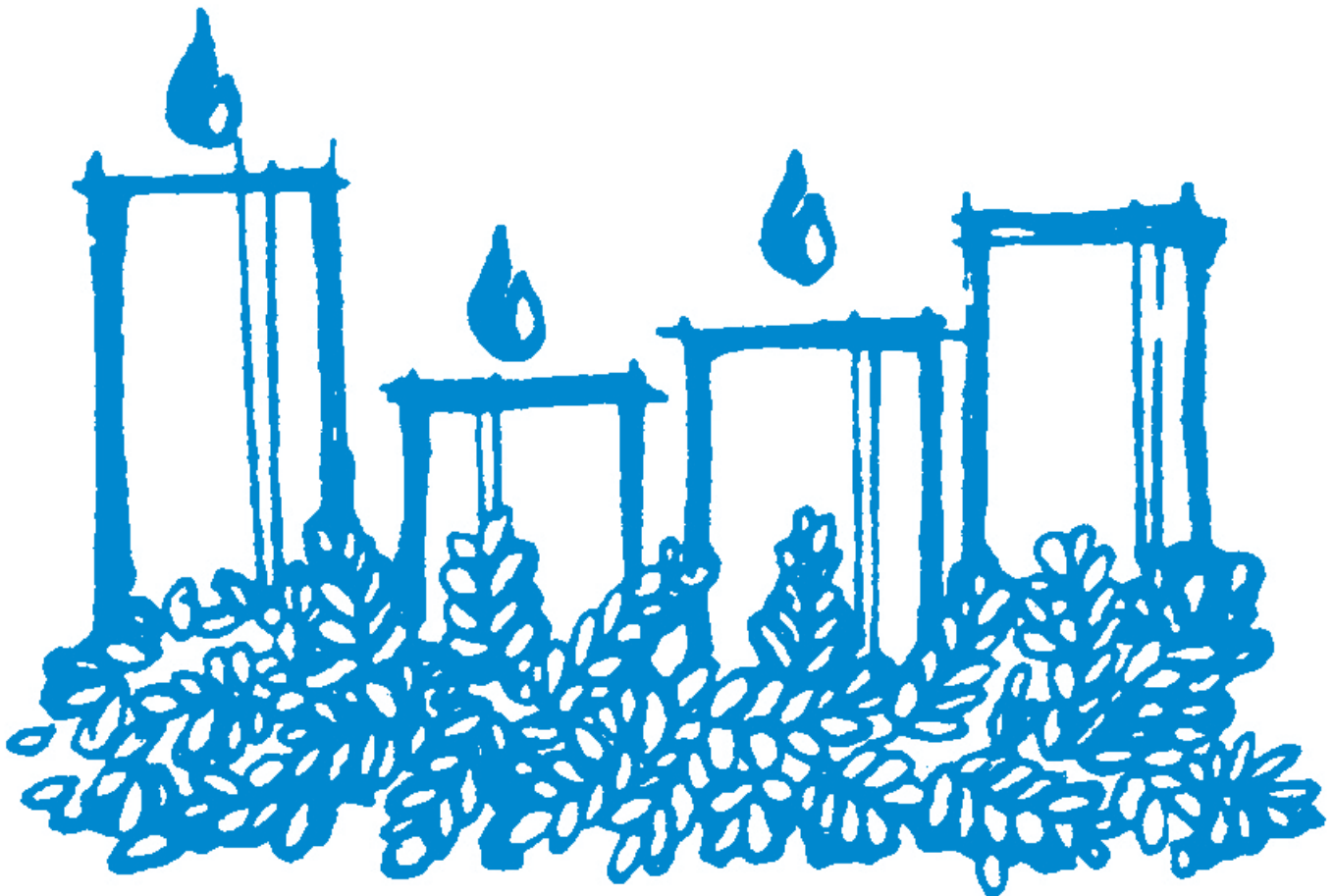
Day of: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

Second Thursday of every month during Father John Project  
and by appointment



December 13, 2015  
Third Sunday of Advent

**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**

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630-936-2652 e-mail: rbratta@msn.com

**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**

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

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

*(closed daily for lunch: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)***TRAVELING?**Call 410-676-6000 or log onto [www.masstimes.org](http://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. 201) or by e-mail to [office@stpeteritasca.com](mailto: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](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com).**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 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 11:15 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.**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.

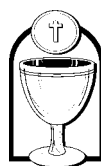
**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...**

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 consciences, as our minds and hearts turn to a deeper reconciliation and relationship with Our Lord. I believe it is important to go over a few things about the sacrament of reconciliation to help us make a better confession. Also it gives us the opportunity to speak to others about this wonderful sacrament of healing.

# From the Pastor



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 examination should take less than five minutes.

When we do our examination of conscience (available at the back of church) 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 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 last, 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 on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 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. Stawek*

 <p>Advent</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Confessions</h2> <p><b>Individual Confessions will be heard in Church on Thursday, December 17th, from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Confessions are also available on Saturdays at 4:00 pm and by appointment.</b></p>	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b>                  The Parish Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday beginning Wednesday, December 23, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016.                  Regular office hours will resume Monday, January 4, 2016.</p>
	<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>  <b>Thursday, December 24, 2015</b>                  4:00 pm   Family Mass  <i>(There will be NO 5:00 pm Mass)</i>                  12:00 midnight   Midnight Mass                  (Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  <b>Friday, December 25, 2015</b>                  Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am</p>	<p><b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>  <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>  <b>Thursday, December 31, 2015</b>                  Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm  <b>Friday, January 1, 2016</b>                  Masses at 8:00 am and 11:15 am</p>

## Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life*  
**St. Peter the Apostle**

**Sunday Collection Year to Date**

Fiscal Week 23: Dec. 6, 2015    \$ 12,342.67    \$ 247,574.04

*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)



## This Week at St. Peter's

**Sunday December 13**  
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex)

**Wednesday December 16**  
 5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)  
 6:00 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church)  
 6:20 pm Children's Choir Practice (School)  
 7:30 pm Adult Choir and Cantor Rehearsal (Church)

**Thursday December 17**  
 6:30-8:30 pm Advent Confession Services (Church)

**Saturday December 19**  
 9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)  
 4:00 pm Confessions (Church)  
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex)

**Sunday December 20**  
 MANNA Sales after all Masses (Church/Narthex)



The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary for Life next weekend beginning approximately 25 minutes before each Mass.

For the week beginning

**Saturday, December 12th and Sunday, December 13th**



Thank you to  
**Mel and Geri Gerard**  
 for the beautiful flowers  
 in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel  
 in memory of  
**Mardeen Potts**



*With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.*

~ Isaiah 12:3

## Mass Intentions for the week



**Sunday December 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)**  
 8:00 am People of the Parish  
 9:30 am Rose and Peter Diener  
 11:15 am †James Bezad †Denis McNamara  
 †Mardelle Gerard †Adeline Magnus  
 †Bernard and Irene Leonard †Frank Pedota

**Monday December 14 (St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)**  
 8:00 am †William Booth

**Tuesday December 15 (Advent Weekday)**  
 8:00 am †Porcia Carone

**Wednesday December 16 (Advent Weekday)**  
 8:00 am †Deacon Ray Siwek

**Thursday December 17 (Late Advent Weekday)**  
 8:00 am †Rose Schlager

**Friday December 18 (Late Advent Weekday)**  
 8:00 am †Donald Derma

**Saturday December 19 (Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent)**  
 5:00 pm †Deceased Members of  
 Knights of Columbus Council 10884

**Sunday December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**  
 8:00 am †Alex Horvath  
 9:30 am People of the Parish  
 11:15 am †Anna James  
 †Roger Treat Jackson  
 †Deceased Members of the Trejo Family  
 †Helen Wojtowicz

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:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27  
**R:** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
**R:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
**R:** Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior.

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
**R:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
**R:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
**R:** My mouth shall be filled with your praise, and I will sing your glory!

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Communion Ministers/  
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

**Saturday, December 19, and Sunday, December 20**

<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Lectors</b>	
5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus	5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
8:00 am	Ralph D'Andrea Marty Hower Sharon Hower Rose Ann Roll	8:00 am	Lou Casolari Chris Aument
9:30 am	Kathy Frank Phyllis Cimaglia Ruth Kryger Cathy Zukauskas	9:30 am	Nancy Magnus Kevin Grisamore
11:15 am	Pat Cleveland Ken Cleveland Belinda Sobucki Dan Sobucki	11:15 am	Matt Vokoun Linda Vokoun
		<b>Servers</b>	
		5:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
		8:00 am	Michael Piatek
		9:30 am	Dylan Williams Mary Beth Clavarella
		11:15 am	Erin Mack Elle Warren



**CHRITMAS EVE: Thursday, December 24th**

<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Lectors</b>	
4:00 pm	John North Kay North Debbie Thude John Carello Rene Catalano	4:00 pm	Giuliano Catalano Francesca Catalano
Midnight	Linda Aiani Valerie Serzen Pat Barbee Mel Gerard	Midnight	Nancy Magnus Diane Blackburn
		<b>Servers</b>	
		4:00pm	Dylan Williams
		Midnight	Elliott Blackburn

**CHRISTMAS DAY: Friday, December 25th**

<b>Communion Ministers</b>		<b>Lectors</b>	
8:00 am	Bill Kolf Arlene Derma Rose Ann Roll	8:00 am	Chris Aument Sandie Galuszek
9:30 am	Pat Schwartz Kathy Frank Fred Maier Mel Gerard	9:30 am	Bill Schwartz Fred Maier
11:15 am	Deacon Bob Ken Cleveland Pat Cleveland Mary McNamara	11:15 am	Linda Vokoun Matt Vokoun
		<b>Servers</b>	
		8:00 am	<i>Needed</i>
		9:30 am	<i>Needed</i>
		11:15 am	Ian Swets Armand Voloder Munoz

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

Bette Bauman	Ken Hemstreet	Megan Putze
Barbara Beers	Lewis Hosters	Alanna Ruiz
Brian Beers	Brian Josephus	Alexandra Ruiz
Cathy Blair	Harriet Karas	Roxanne Ruiz
Sue Bobka	Daniel Koutsis	Jennifer Saele
Jacqueline Castellano	Slawomir Krolikowski	Shauna Sheffer
Ed Cervantes	Edward Kryger	Marilyn Sieradzki
Stella Cervantes	Joe Kryger	Margaret Jean
Elda Ciucci	Pasquale Lopardo	Slaughter
Regina Conti	Eileen Marino	Brenda Sobucki
Marion Crocilla	Joan McCamant	Sharon Sowers
Paul Cummins	Joanne Merner	Karen Stewart
Valeria D'Andrea	Michael Merner	Terry Tardi
Gina DeLuca	Bill McGarr	Lorraine Thielberg
Irene Dial	Gene Mikulecky	James Thompson
Teresa Dunhac	Leo Morrissey	Eric Thude
Scott Erickson	Peter Morrissey	Linda Ticsay
Tracy Fink	Rich Mrugacz	Jerry Tomaszewski
Cheryl Fisherkeller	Jean Nowobielski	Patricia Vitale
Sally Franz	Raffaella Olenek	Marie Wayda
Mary Frawley	Vince Oraziatti	James Webel
Dan Galuszek	Fred Oslager	Jennifer Weil
Joe Galuszek	Sharon Pacelli	Vern Weiss
Mel Gerard	Anne Marie Pagni	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Joseph Grabowski	Michael Palello	Irene Wodzinski
Jerry Grimaldi	Baby Vincent Porter	Judy Ziomek
Joseph Halec	Mildred Rossi	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Peter A. Helle		

*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.*

**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*



- PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
- LT Kassy Cinatl, US Coast Guard
- Sgt Felicia Cinatl, US Marine
- SGT Matt Cinatl, US Army
- PVT Jacob E. Cleveland, US Army Reserves
- 1LT Stephen Grabinski, US Army
- 1LT Steven Gregor, US Army
- Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
- CPT Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
- 2ndLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
- 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 Lauren Twarog-Rocha, US Marines



8TH GRADERS - HS SENIORS  
**WELCOME**

SATURDAYS | 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

PARISH CENTER - 2ND FLOOR



*Be like Charlie from the  
Chocolate Factory and*

# *EAT ALL THE CHOCOLATE.*

Come support St. Peter's Youth Ministry!  
We're selling delicious Fannie May chocolate bars...

December 19th and 20th  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**

**\$1.00 each**

\*These chocolate bars are very versatile. They fit in with any family. You can eat them, chop them, melt them, freeze them, bake them, stuff them in stockings, stuff them in mouths, buy them presents for Christmas, tuck them in at night. The list is endless.





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

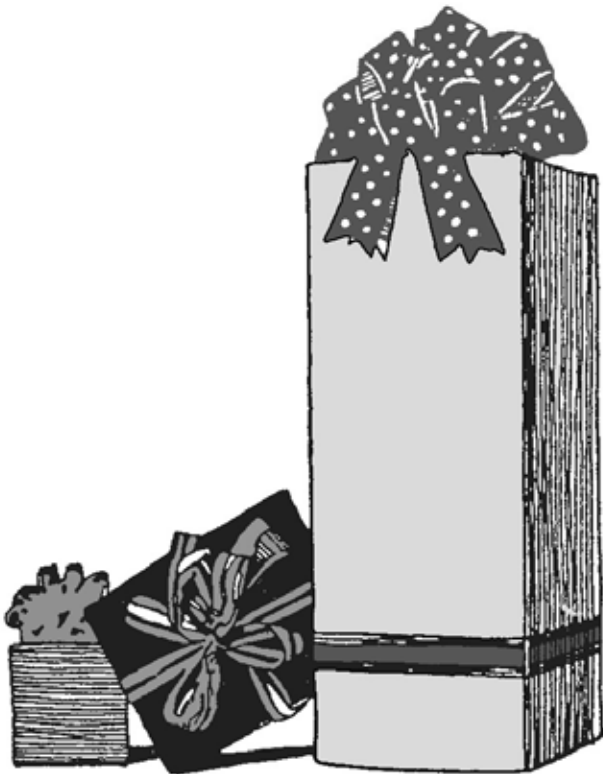


**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

*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 17, 2016**, from 8:00 am until 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.



**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!**



**MANNA GIFT CARDS NEWS FLASH...**

Gift cards for **Super Low Foods** and **American Express**

(no activation fee; no expiration) are now participating in the Manna Gift Card program and will be available beginning with next week's scheduled Manna Sales.

**Getting ready to order your Christmas gift cards**

**JUMP START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

*Manna gift cards make Christmas shopping easier and very convenient!*

Check out the Manna Web site at [www.mannagroup.net](http://www.mannagroup.net) for a complete list of vendors.

Orders must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday, will be delivered to the Parish Center the following day. See order form on page 8.



*Thank you to everyone who gave generously to St. Peter's 2015 Giving Tree ministry. Our community is truly blessed.*





Queen of the Rosary  
Catholic School

**Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service**



Queen of the Rosary School  
[www.qrschool.org](http://www.qrschool.org)



Queen of the Rosary School  
690 W. Elk Grove Boulevard  
Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

On Sunday, **January 31**, **Queen of the Rosary School** is hosting an open house to celebrate the school's success and excellence.

Following the 10:00 am Mass, an open house and reception will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the school. Join us for a variety of events that demonstrate our faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to community service.

***Come see the community we are building to educate tomorrow's citizens and leaders.***

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.

**Open registration for the  
2016-2017 school year begins on  
Sunday, January 31**

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](http://www.qrschool.org).




*"My life is tied to the liturgy and the Eucharist," says Precious Blood Sister Ann Hipp, 95, who entered religious life in 1937. "It's part of who we are as a community." As a teacher for 50 years, she shared this love of the Eucharist with her students. At age 70, Sister Ann traded in her chalk for a sewing needle and today still helps craft altar cloths and vestments.*

## Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**  
[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

Like Sister Ann, tens of thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to sharing their faith. Generations of Catholics recall with gratitude their work in Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies. Yet years of ministering for little or no pay came at a price, and now their religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

Over 93 percent of donations aid senior religious.



**Parish Collection THIS WEEKEND - December 12-13**



Faith. Academics. Service.

# Catholic Schools

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS

**January 10, 2016 | 8:00 am**

**BENET ACADEMY**  
2200 Maple Avenue | Lisle, Illinois 60532  
630-969-6550  
www.benet.org

**GUERIN COLLEGE PREPARATORY**  
8001 W. Belmont Avenue | River Grove, Illinois 60634  
708-437-4732  
www.guerinprep.org

**IC CATHOLIC PREP**  
217 Cottage Hill Avenue | Elmhurst, Illinois 60126  
630-530-3460  
iccatholicprep.org

**MONTINI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
19W070 16th Street | Lombard, Illinois 60148  
630-627-6930  
www.montini.org

**SAINT VIATOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
1213 E. Oakton Street | Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004  
847-392-4050  
saintviator.com

**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
7574 West Division Street | River Forest, Illinois 60305  
708-771-8383  
trinityhs.org



### Diocese of Joliet

#### ANNUAL SCOUT DAY OF REFLECTION RETREAT

Saturday, February 20, 2016 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Cathedral of St. Raymond | Joliet, Illinois

This year there will be **two separate sessions**, one for older scouts (**grade 6+**) and one for younger scouts (**grades 1-5**). This event is for **ALL Scouts (male or female)** 1st grade and up.

For further information, registration and permission forms please visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting) and click on "Events".

## Annual "Empty Manger"

### Christmas Caroling

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015

Each year, the Pro-life Action League brings the light of Christmas to the darkness of the abortion facility by singing the songs of Christmas right outside their doors. They travel to each of the abortion facilities shown below and sing Christmas carols for about 45 minutes and then travel to the next facility.

#### 2015 DuPage Caroling Tour

- 9:00 am    Planned Parenthood Aurora  
3051 E. New York Street  
Aurora
- 10:00 am    Access Health Center  
1700 75th Street  
Downers Grove
- 11:00 am    Anchor Health Center  
1186 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn

Everyone is welcome to participate in the 2015 DuPage Caroling Tour outside the three abortion facilities noted above or just show up at one of the facilities. Please consider joining fellow St. Peter the Apostle parishioners at the Glen Ellyn facility at 11:00 am on December 19th and help spread the hope of Christmas at that abortion facility. Feel free to contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197 with any questions you may have about this event.

If you want more information on the Pro-life Action League and the many events they sponsor, you can contact them directly:

Tel: 773-777-2900 • Fax: 773-777-3061

Newsline: 773-777-2525 • E-mail: [info@prolifeaction.org](mailto:info@prolifeaction.org)



*"Regardless of our circumstances and whether people acknowledge it, nothing and no one can take away our God-given dignity."*



~ USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program  
"Maggie's Story: Living like Dad"  
www.goo.gl/JKnvWc

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright	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 outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

**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](http://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.

**The Women's Center**

**December 2015**

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

**Last year, over 1,500 children and adults attended our annual client Christmas parties.** This year's parties will be on the north side December 12<sup>th</sup> and south side December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please help by providing desserts, snacks, beverages, and other "ready to eat" food. If you would be willing to solicit food donations, or donate a large quantity of paper products, I will provide a letter/tax form: [pscarlett@womens-center.org](mailto:pscarlett@womens-center.org) and 773-794-8807.

The Women's Center pregnancy resource center is looking for volunteers Mondays-Fridays at our Cicero Avenue location:

- We are looking for weekly volunteers for Lobby Desk: Monday 1-4pm or Friday 9-12pm.
- We are looking for someone with open availability to learn lobby desk and answer simple calls.
- We are looking for warm self-starter volunteers to answer after-hours calls weekly on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday 5pm-9am (the following day) on their phones and book appointments for our office.
- We have an opportunity to clean, tag and box bottles for our "Baby Bottle Campaign".
- We are in need of diaper donations (specifically in size NEWBORN (nb), 4, 5, and 6.

If you would like to find your place in our mission or donate, contact Paige at 773-794-8807 or [pscarlett@womens-center.org](mailto:pscarlett@womens-center.org).

Save the date: Saturday, February 13, 2016 is the date for our 31<sup>st</sup> Life Banquet. We are excited to announce our keynote speaker is Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood Director, now 100% pro-life and a Catholic convert. The super price for the banquet is \$65.00 per person or \$600.00 for a table of 10 and \$30 for under age 18. For tickets call 773-794-1313. If you have a new item, gift certificate for a restaurant or sporting event, etc., or a service to donate for our silent auction, it will be most appreciated. To donate, phone Janet at 773-685-2531.

We need 2 **infant car seat/carriers**, 3 toddler beds, 2 fixed side cribs, 3 strollers, 3 double strollers, 2 walkers, 2 changing tables, 2 bouncers, 5 pack n plays, 2 high chairs, 2 bassinets, and 3 swings. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. **For our address, or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.** The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### ST. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Envelope Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like the acknowledgement to read?

In Honor of

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**OR. . .**

In Memory of

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### 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**