

Saint Peter Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

December 31, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

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

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESIONS

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*)

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

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

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

For details regarding planning a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) or visit the parish website.

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival
2022
2025





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

On the eve of a new year, I want to wish all of you a very blessed 2024. I am very grateful for all of you and your support since my arrival as your pastor. I am especially thankful to everyone who helped plan and attended my installation mass a few weeks ago. It was a beautiful event. And a reminder of how blessed I am that Bishop Hicks appointed me to this faith-filled and loving parish community.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in the Christmas masses last weekend. It was truly wonderful to see the church filled with the spirit of Christmas as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

Take a peek at some pictures on page 3 highlighting these wonderful events from this past month.

I am excited and looking forward to what the new year will bring our parish. There are already so many wonderful things happening and so much more to come.

Remember, God loves you and I love you!



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 am

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 6, 2024

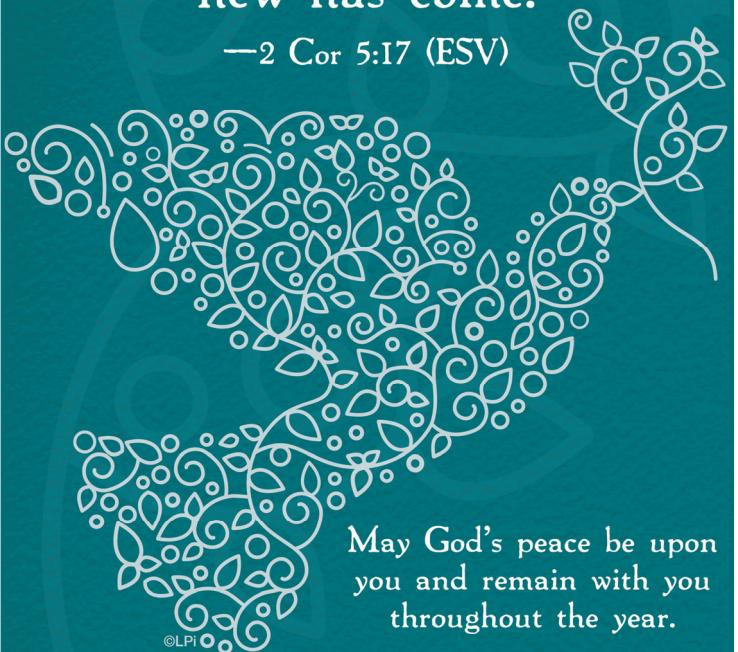
Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

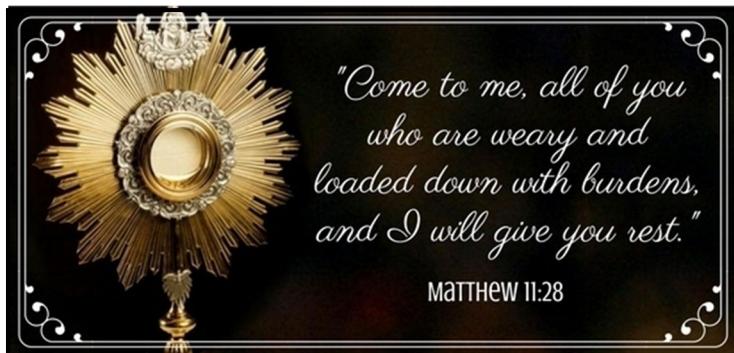
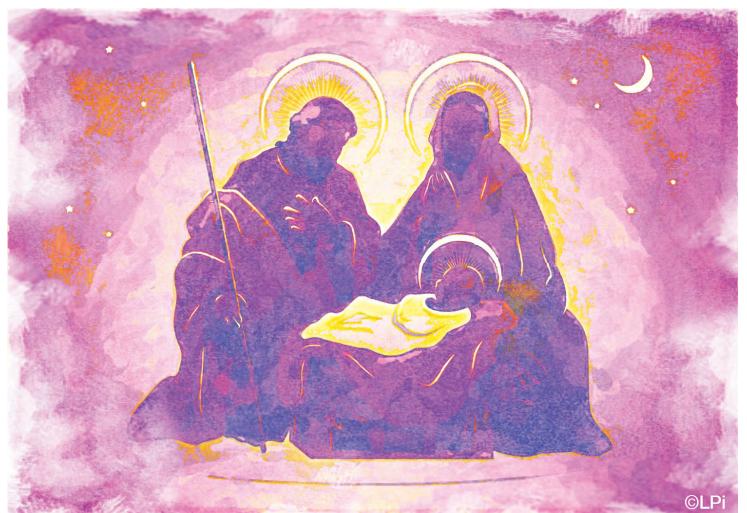


Happy NEW YEAR

Resolutions

New Year's Resolutions to consider...

1. Attend Mass every week (or everyday, if possible)
2. Know someone who's been away from the Church or who is interested in joining? Reach out, invite them to Mass with you, and encourage them to find their way on a journey of faith.
3. Make Tuesday Evening Rosary and Father John Project recurring events on your calendar.
4. Sign up for an hour of Adoration on First Fridays
5. Share your "Time and Talent" through a Parish ministry—there's something for everyone.
6. Visit a nursing home or volunteer at a hospital.



**FIRST FRIDAY
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...**

will take place at St. Peter's Church
on January 5.

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



SAVE THE DATE
Make Plans to Attend

Cupid's Ball

Knights of Columbus Council 10884
invites you to an evening of
dinner, dancing, raffles and more!!!

Saturday, February 10, 2024
Belvedere Events and Banquets • Elk Grove Village, Illinois

CASH RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE
1st Prize.....\$ 1,500.00
2nd Prize\$ 500.00
5 Prizes\$ 100.00 each

Please contact Chairperson, Nick Alfano (630-595-9318), or Tom Kryger (630-773-9392) with any questions.
You can also send an e-mail to [knights@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:knight@stpeteritasca.com) or
visit us on Facebook at "St Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus - Itasca"

Scan the QR Code for reservation, donation and advertising information

Father Tuan's Installation Mass and Reception



Christmas Family Mass 2023





*Commemorating
75 Years of
Catechesis,
Evangelization
and Service*



DIOCESE OF JOLIET
diojoliet.org/75th



75th Anniversary Prayer

All-knowing and loving God,
we give you thanks for your blessings upon
the Diocese of Joliet.

For 75 years, we have been
founded in faith,
called to witness, and
sent forth to serve.

In thanksgiving
for your abiding presence among us,
and with gratitude for the life and service
of those who have gone before us,
we recommit ourselves
to carrying out this mission entrusted
to them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron,
St. Francis Xavier,
may our diocese continue to be a source of hope
for the Church and all peoples,
now and in the years to come.

We pray this in the name
of Jesus, your Son
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40

*Mary and Joseph present Jesus at the Temple
in accordance with the Law of Moses.*

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

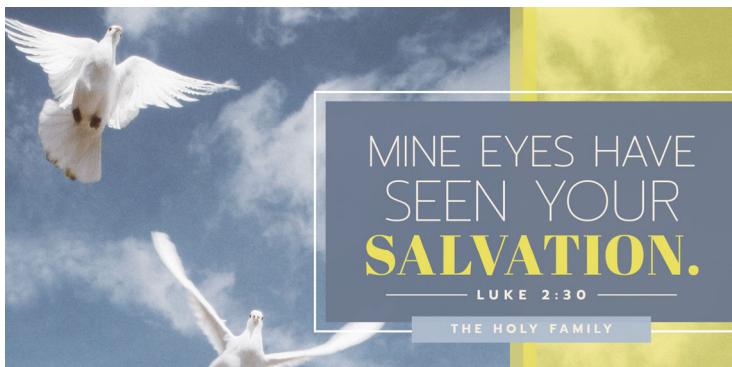
According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, Nunc Dimitis, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

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GIVE SERVE LIVE

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Peter the Apostle

Weekly Goal \$ 10,971.00 Annual Goal \$ 570,500.00

Fiscal Week 24 - 12/17/2023:

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,515.90	Year to Date	\$ 253,877.15
E-basket.....	\$ 590.00	Year to Date.....	\$ 25,520.00
GiveCentral	\$ 857.21	Year to Date	\$ 13,999.31
Capital Improvement....	\$ 50.00		
Parish Poor Fund	\$ 390.00		
Christmas Flowers	\$ 87.00		
Religious Retirement....	\$ 245.00		

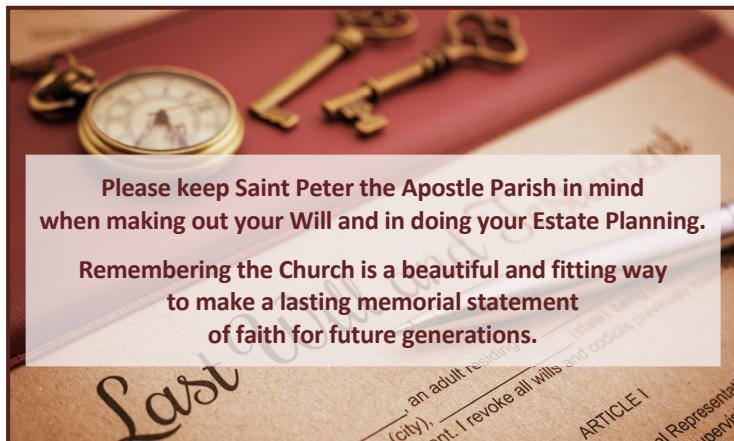
If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

DONATE NOW
with 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 using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251



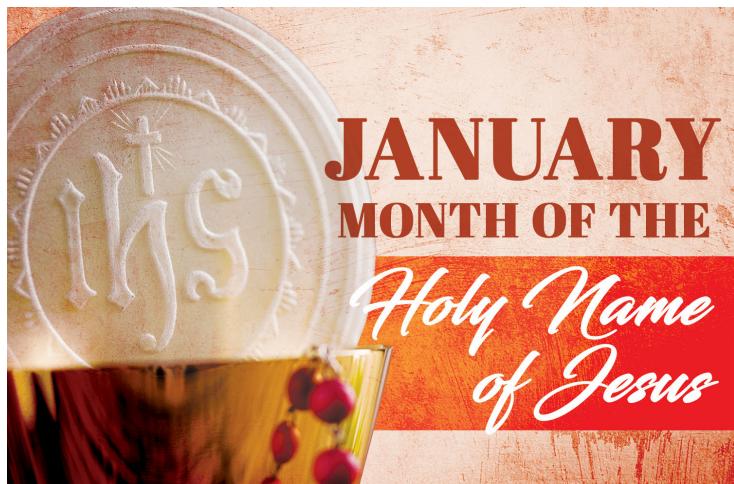
Monthly Diocesan Loan Balance December 2023

As of December 11, 2023, the \$2 million dollar diocesan loan balance for our capital project stands at \$50,999.51.

Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

This Week at St. Peter's...

Tuesday	January 2
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (<i>Church</i>)
Wednesday	January 3
8:30 am	Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
7:15 pm	Adult Choir Practice (<i>Church/Choir Loft</i>)
Thursday	January 4
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (<i>PC Conference Room</i>)
7:00 pm	Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (<i>AFCM Center</i>)
Friday	January 5
8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (<i>Church</i>)
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Epiphany Party (<i>MW Parish Hall</i>)
Saturday	January 6
4:15 pm	Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
Sunday	January 7
After Masses	Faith & Fellowship (<i>after masses</i>) (<i>MW Parish Hall</i>)



SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6 | Sunday, January 7

Celebrants

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

Lectors

5:00 pm Chris Kunze
8:30 am Jean Grote
10:00 am Franco Cascella
11:30 am Mary McNamara

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi
Kay North
Deacon Fred
8:30 am Dorie Calip
Karl Schmidt
Deacon Bob
10:00 am Mary Booth
Ann Fleming
Edgar Garcia
11:30 am Carmela Graziano
Michael Graziano
Deacon Anthony

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	December 31 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
8:30 am	†Darline Berowski
10:00 am	†Joseph Bratta
11:30 am	†Bruce Gariti †David Rood †Andrzej Szymikowski
Monday	January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)
9:00 am	†Bruce Gariti
Tuesday	January 2 (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazinzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church)
8:00 am	†George Kveck
Wednesday	January 3 (Christmas Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Jesus)
8:00 am	†Dominico and Teresa DePalma
Thursday	January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)
8:00 am	†Fr. Tuan's Parents
Friday	January 5 (St. John Neumann, Bishop)
8:00 am	†Rose Gerardi
Saturday	January 6 (Christmas Weekday; St. Andre Bessette, Religious)
8:00 am	Special Intentions of The Blackburn Family
Saturday	January 6 (Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord)
5:00 pm	†Raymond Adrian †Jerry Grimaldi †Robert Hoffman People of the Parish
Sunday	January 7 (The Epiphany of the Lord)
8:30 am	†Maria Arboleda
10:00 am	†Patricia DeBella
11:30 am	†Deceased Members of the Cali Family †Giuseppina Fricano †Chuck Fuscone

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Anthony Arboleda	Mel Gerard	John North
Sue Bobka	Gary Grote	John O'Dea
Rosaleen Bradley	Joe Halac	Abraham Ortega
Ken Buffo	Martha Hayes	June Pautsch
Ginger Busato	Cambria Helle	Cliff Peters
Joe Busato	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Rocco Busato	Michael Jasiak	Cindy Serrano
Elio Campanella	Mary Kelly	Wayne Slowiak
Bill Carpenter	Sylvia Kleinedler	Belinda Sobucki
Danny Clements	Rickie Kruzel	Dan Sobucki
Regina Conti	Judah Kuhlman	Randy Szweda, USMC
Mary Cummins	Sue McNamara	Dennis Torii
Mike Cummins	Maria Mizera	Marlene Torii
Paul Cummins	Richard Mrugacz	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Charlie DeFranco	James Nehf	Holly Vana
Beth Dobose	Loretta Nicolini	Carol Zell
Geri 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 January prayers for the Church
and for the world:**



For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**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

Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines

SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army

MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army

PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines

SGT Michael Helle, US Army

Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines

PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard

CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy

ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy

SGT Jacob Los, US Army

MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army

1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines

Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard

MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard

GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines

2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard

SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard

SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army

LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)

SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines

LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy

Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

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Pulpit announcement requests should be submitted 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 bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

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

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