



# St. Peter

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### The Lord's Day

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

#### WELCOME

*On behalf of the entire St. Peter Catholic Parish Community, we welcome you! Whether you are a parishioner, vacationer, or seeking a parish to call home, we hope that we can provide you with any desired information and spiritual support while you are here.*

#### SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office for sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage.

#### ANointing OF THE SICK

If you are hospitalized and would like the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the hospital chaplain. If you are at home and would like to receive this anointing before surgery or in case of a serious illness, please contact the parish office.

#### FUNERALS

To make arrangements, please contact the funeral director of your choice who will coordinate with the parish office.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Call the parish office for programs and details.

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formation and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.

#### CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

\* Parish Council \* Finance Council \* Choir  
\* Servers \* Lectors \* Ushers \* Greeters  
\* Eucharistic Ministers \* Mission Society  
\* Grief Ministry \* Gabriel Project \* Bible Study \* Art & Environment \* Youth Group  
\* St. Peter Prayer Group \* Divine Mercy

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#### SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent



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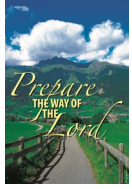
John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

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On that day,  
a shoot shall sprout  
from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots  
a bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1



#### HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



#### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our parish has been assigned to ring the Salvation Army bell at Stake's IGA on Sunday, December 18 from noon to 5:00 pm. We will have a sign up in the vestibule for one hour shifts for those that would like to help.

#### Sick & Homebound

If you are aware of a family member, friend, or parishioner that is in need of prayers or would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office so that we can make arrangements.

#### OUR FASCINATING FAITH

##### The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ. Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.

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#### Holy Hour and Adoration

Please plan on joining us on Monday, December 12 for a Holy Hour in the church from 7:00 – 8:00pm. The hour will begin with a short prayer service followed by quiet time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. At this midway point in Advent, consider taking an hour away from your busy schedule to focus on the true meaning of the season.

#### Men's Group

Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30pm in the meeting room behind the sanctuary. All men of the parish are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

#### Advent Program

Our next session will be this Monday December 5 at 10:00am in the meeting room behind the sanctuary. We will continue taking a deeper look at Advent and how this time prepares us for Christmas. This week's topic will be "Trust in God" and will include video segments, scripture passages and group discussion. Take an hour away from your busy schedule to focus on the true meaning of the season during this season of waiting.



Please come and experience Morning Prayer in the church this Monday and Tuesday morning at 8:00am.



Masses for  
the Week



Day	Date		Feast/Holiday			Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Dec	3	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Allison Bucher	Linda Bucher
Sunday	Dec	4	Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 am	✙	Richie Wolfe	Toni Dunmire
Wednesday	Dec	7	Vigil for Immaculate Conception	4:00 pm	✙	Ed & Kae White	Toni Dunmire
Thursday	Dec	8	Immaculate Conception	7:00 pm	✙	Eddie Murphy & The People of St. Peter	Dan & Susie Piskur
Friday	Dec	9	Advent Weekday	Noon	✙	Lori Strong	Mary Davis
Saturday	Dec	10	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Dick & Jack Porter	Barb Porter
Sunday	Dec	11	Third Sunday of Advent	9:00 am	✙	Bruce Hier	Cathy Hier

### December Parish Events

4th—Sun	2nd Sunday of Advent
4th—Sun	PSR & Youth Group (10:15am)
5th—Mon	Morning Prayer (8:00 am)
5th—Mon	Advent Program (10:00 am)
5th—Mon	Parish council (7:00 pm)
6th—Tues	Morning Prayer (8:00 am)
7th—Wed	Immaculate Conception Vigil (4:00 pm)
7th—Wed	Youth Group Fun Night (6:45 pm)
8th—Thur	Immaculate Conception Mass (7:00 pm)



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8 is a Holyday of Obligation. There will be two Masses celebrated: 4:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 7 (Vigil) and 7:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 8.

In this feast we celebrate that the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, was preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

### Healing Tree of Remembrance

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the lighting of the Tree of Remembrance. If you were unable to join us for the lighting, please feel free to stop out and add your ornament at any time.



### Pastoral Council

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm in the meeting room at church.



Ken's

With Advent underway, are you feeling uneasy, anxious, or even a bit overwhelmed in this period of "joyful" anticipation? If so, you are probably not alone. As darkness continues to increase, our bodies crave more natural light. And while this can be more severe for some than others, we can all experience symptoms. How can we begin to let the light shine more brightly and so prepare for the Lord's coming? Don't overlook the little things. It is in and through the everyday, ordinary motions that we can help others overcome the darkness while easing our own anxiety. By reaching out with a caring word, gesture, smile, action, text, call, email, card, letter or even a post on social media, we can begin to lighten someone's burden. By asking someone how they are, and then being there to actually listen to their response, we let that light in. We are often told to "think big", but in Advent, it may be better to "think small" yet often. Never overlook the possibility that you may be the channel of hope for someone this Advent.



### PRAY FOR...

Jeanne Petersen,  
Helen Ankney,  
Mary Louise Kick,  
Josephine Grega,  
Barb Young,  
Frank Gaines,  
Carol Gaines,  
Christa Snyder,  
Beth Fry,  
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Becky Stanley,  
Vince Graham,  
Kaden Allarding,  
John Kick,  
Runyan Family,  
Midge McKinley,  
Jamie Parker,  
Anne Kochera,  
Mary Moses,  
Bruce Bible,  
Tripp Heffelfinger,  
Raymond Keck,  
Jane Bible,  
Micki Gaines,  
Fr. Elmer Marquard,  
Pope Francis,  
and for peace  
throughout the world.

### Stewardship Report

Weekly  
Offering



	11/22/22-11/28/22	YTD
<b>Offertory</b>	\$2,662.00	\$73,723.10
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### Thank You!

Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything belongs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.



God loves it when we are at peace with each other!  
Scripture tells us that someday even wolves and lambs will get along.  
Follow the steps below to draw a lamb on the bottom of this page. Then read about this time of peace at Isaiah 11:6-9 in your Bible.

Draw a small cloud touching a big cloud.  
Draw a bumpy line for wool.

Draw the letter "C" onto the small cloud for a head.

Add four rectangles under the big cloud to make legs.

Draw a teardrop shape onto the small cloud for an ear.  
Add a dot for an eye and curved lines to make a nose and mouth.

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## Second Sunday of Advent

How much do you know about John the Baptist?  
Get ready to test your knowledge!  
Read the start of each sentence.  
Then circle the letter that you think will complete it correctly.

John the Baptist lived...  
a. in mountains.  
b. in the desert.  
c. on a boat.  
d. in a big city.

He ate...  
a. hamburgers.  
b. cereal.  
c. grasshoppers.  
d. Salads.

Men and women came to him to...  
a. be baptized.  
b. buy things.  
c. get directions.  
d. fix jewelry.

John preached to people about...  
a. how to fish.  
b. a pet he had.  
c. the weather.  
d. Jesus.

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