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Mass Times:

Weekday Mass: Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Except Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Sat.: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 7:30-7:50 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for Baptism Class.

Weddings: Please contact a St. Peter Priest at least six months in advance.

Sacramental Preparation: Is offered through St. Peter School and the St. Peter Parish School of Religion.

R.C.I.A.: Please contact the Parish Office.

To Join St. Peter Parish:

Please phone the Parish Office at 217-222-3155

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

DECEMBER 24, 2023

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

Our God is the God of the unexpected and the unhopd for. In the first reading, God promised that the dynasty of David would last forever. This promise was handed down for centuries, even though the descendants of David were worthless and corrupt.

It was unhopd for that a descendant of David could be righteous – but the Lord promised it. The promise was fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of David.

The second reading reflects the unhopd for reconciliation of Jew and Gentile. Jews hated Gentiles as corrupt, immoral, pagan, and evil. Gentiles (non-Jews) hated Jews as condescending, snobbish, arrogant, picky people who separated themselves from others. Yet Jew and Gentile are united in Jesus, Messiah for the Jews and Savior for the Gentiles.

Jewish tradition never expected a divine Messiah nor the Virgin birth. But beyond expectation, God himself became man; he took human nature, being born of the ever-Virgin Mary!

If God has done the unexpected and unhopd for in the past, he can also do it now! He can even convert us to be his holy people. He can change our lives and our world. Let us renew our faith and our hope in the God of unexpected joy.

--Msgr. William Carr

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

December 25-31, 2023

25. **Monday 8:00 a.m.**
D.J. Venvertloh
25. **Monday 10:00 a.m.**
Marty Peters
26. **Tuesday 8:00 a.m.**
Charles & Mildred Veihl
27. **Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**
Luke Mayfield
28. **Thursday 8:00 a.m.**
Loren Tournear
29. **Friday 8:00 a.m.**
Pat Ellerbrock
30. **Saturday 8:00 a.m.**
Linda McCulla
30. **Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
Ann Anderson
31. **Sunday 8:00 a.m.**
Robert & Joanne
Schlepphorst
31. **Sunday 9:30 a.m.**
Our Parish Family
31. **Sunday 11:00 a.m.**
Dale Tangy
31. **Sunday 5:00 p.m.**
Mae Jackson

— Mass Schedule —

- Monday-Saturday**
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m.**
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.**
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.,**
9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We gather today to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, a celebration of only a few hours before we go into our celebration of Christmas. This shortened Advent season is the result of Christmas falling on a Monday, and thus we find ourselves celebrating Advent and Christmas within a few hours of each other. We also found ourselves with a dilemma, namely, when do we decorate for Christmas. No one wanted to decorate on Christmas Eve, with family and friends being so much a part of our Christmas Eve celebration. So we decided to do so in advance, hoping that our parishioners would understand. Whatever the case, we will try to highlight both the 4th Sunday in Advent and then proceed into our celebration of Christmas.

Our gospel reading for this 4th Sunday of Advent presents the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary God's intention for her in her life. His message would turn her life upside down and her life would never be the same. She was called to be the Mother of God and this call would be filled with many unknowns in her future. No longer would she be a simple, humble housewife, but now she was asked to prepare her Son to become Israel's Messiah and Savior of the world. And she would be doing this with the cloud of misunderstanding and judgement because she was with child and it wasn't her future husbands. Imagine how frightening this was for Mary. But because God had given her grace, she was able trust in Him and say those beautiful words we all need to hear, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Lesson learned from Mary, we might find ourselves in similar situations, God asking us something beyond what we think we can do. With God's grace, we too like Mary can pray that we do His will and not our own.

Now we move into our Christmas celebration. Perhaps the good news of our solemnity of Christmas is found in the words of the angel who appeared to the shepherds in the field. The angel said to them and to us this day, "*do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.*" My brothers and sisters, the mystery of Christmas is remembered, celebrated, and lived. As we proclaim throughout this celebration, "***Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.***" On behalf of our parish staff, the administration and teachers in our school, and Fr. Zach Samples and myself, I want to wish each and every one of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. As we celebrate this Christmas Day, I am very conscious of the gifts that this parish has been personally to me. Thank you for making Christmas so much alive and present through your continual stewardship, your gifts of time, talents, and treasures that are present throughout this season and throughout the entire year. God bless and love you!

**Christmas Eve schedule: Sunday, December 24, Masses will be at
4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day schedule, Monday, December 25, Masses will be at
8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

St. Peter Christmas Decorations: We Remember...

- Roger Frankenhoff and Susan Cunningham**
By: Marydine Frankenhoff
- Chuck & Pat Schralla, Bob & Marianne Kroner, Emil & Opal Schralla, Bill & Verna Blersch and Boone Kroner**
By: Carol Kroner
- Richard Lauer**
By: Sharon, Dana, Karen, Nick, Christine and Jill
- Dr. John Nolan**
By: Jane Nolan & Family
- Robert Siepker Family**
By: Jane Nolan & Family
- Viola & Raymond Deters**
By: Barb & Lou Anderson & Family, Patricia Deters, Mary Deters, Carolyn & Dan Tipton & Family
- Daniel A. Frericks**
By: Vera McGregory-Frericks & children Jennifer, Nate & Brock
- Mr & Mrs James C. McGregory, Mr & Mrs Connor S. McGregory and Mr & Mrs Pasquale Odierno**
By: Vera McGregory-Frericks & children Jennifer, Nate & Brock
- Deceased Members of Schmidt & Boone Families**
By: Alan & Sandy Boone
- Karl Holtmeyer**
By: Darleen Holtmeyer & Family
- Dave & Sheri George**
By: Matt & Kristin George Family
- George & Dorothy Wort**
By: Ruth Koch & Tony Rhodes Family
- Dick & Dorothy Olps, Charles & Ione Seeley and Ross Evans**
By: Dwight & Barb Seeley
- Eugene, Marguerite, Mary, Jim & Scott Schlipmann**
By: The Schlipmann Family
- Dorothy & William Rupp**
By: Tom & Jane Deters and Dale & Marty Venvertloh
- Steven Sinnock, Floyd & Bebe Sinnock and Ed & Catherine Schwartz**
By: Margie, Brandon & Shannon
- John & Mary Jane Taylor, Rock & Catherine Gauthier and Jacqueline L. Taylor**
By: Richard & Celeste Taylor
- William H. Merkel and Barbara & Harold Helmedag**
By: Marsha Merkel
- Robert & Jennie Siepker and Joe & Myra Belle Moore**
By: Tom & Susan Moore
- The Terwelp & Wavering Families**
By: Steve & Lynn Wavering
- Harry & Virginia Dyel, Leonard & Loretta Klauser, Tom Klauser and Angie Klauser**
By: Diane & Mitch Dyel
- Rufus & Germaine Schmidt, Randy Schmidt & Robert & Rita Standley**
By: Gregory & Debra Standley
- Mary Talken and Larry Meyer**
By: Larry & Sharon Meyer Talken
- George & Grace Soltys, George Soltys, Jr. and Gerald & Wilma Hummel**
By: Bob, Ann, Greg & Emily Soltys
- Daniel E. Cook and Marie & Joseph Hilgenbrink**
By: Mary K., Ryan, Erin Colleen, & Kerry Cook and Kathleen Galloway
- McCleary, Morley and Lee Families**
By: Don & Diana McCleary
- Mr & Mrs J. A. Fredericks, Mr & Mrs Charles W. Moran and Sue A. Genenbacher**
By: Nick & Cheri Moran
- Dave Oakley and David Adam Oakley**
By: Mary K. Oakley
- Jim & Mary Pat O'Hearn**
By: Deb O'Hearn Druffel & Family
- Mary & LeRoy Venvertloh**
By: Nick & Brandi Venvertloh
- Gary Myers Sr. and Patrick Myers**
By: Linda Myers
- Ralph & Lucille Schutte Family**
By: Mark & Nancy Schutte, Marcia Cramsey and Jerry & Jane Ippensen
- Molly Shields-Kite**
By: Linda Shields & Lucas Kite
- Mr & Mrs Walter Franklin and Mr & Mrs Joseph Ley**
By: John & Betty Ley
- Nadine & Russell Hull and Lena & Jodie Thrasher**
By: Steve & Sue Hull
- Bill & Yvonne Lohman, Helen Amburn, Alma Olker, Vivian Wottman and Cathy Lohman**
By: Linda & Terry Amburn & Family
- Don Adolfs, Adolfs & Giesing Families**
By: Fran Adolfs
- Chuck Aschemann and Virgil & Dolores Barge**
By: Angie & Mike Hancox
- Paul Barry and Beau Barry**
By: Diane & Joe Ary & Family
- Rita Hull and Father Roy Bauer**
By: Steve & Kathy Boll
- Floyd, Irene & Dodie Doellman and Carl & Dorothy Mast**
By: Maria & Steve Eckert
- Allison Ann Koetters**
By: Steve & Leslie Koetters & Family
- Chuck Gerding and Bob & Helen Miller**
By: Debbie Gerding & Family
- John & Tootie Hoffman and Rosene & Eugene Lehner**
By: Don & Mollie Hoffman
- Brian Davis Reis and Wayne & Dorothy Messick**
By: Reis Family
- Billy K. Smith**
By: Debbie Smith & Family
- Bernardo Go, Jesus Soliman, Jesus Ellen Soliman-Macalalad and Nicolas Soliman**
By: Jovie Soliman
- Edward & Rose Mary Benz, Lester & Mary Mitten, Ben & Helen Siepker and Larry Siepker**
By: Benz, Mitten and & Siepker Families
- Mr. & Mrs. Albert Mock, Helen Smith Family and Benedict Ruebbelke**
By: Debbie Smith
- Souders & Brady Families**
By: Mary Souders
- Paul & Ruth Peter, Virgil & Sis Obert and Ryan Peter**
By: Ray & Kay Peter
- Wayne & Dorothy Schlipman, Jim & Catherine Johnson and Jim Johnson II**
By: Bob & Jil Johnson
- Bob Laws**
By: Debra Laws
- Ismael & Carmen Guerra and Maisie Lopez**
By: Tony & Chena Zabaneh
- Mandi L. Dickerman**
By: Randy Dickerman
- Tom & Betty Dickson**
By: Steve & Jan Koester
- Andrew Teo and Elsie Goh**
By: Tammy Teo-Harrison
- Dan Miller**
By: Ginny Miller, Amy Looten & Julie Wilson
- Joe & Mary Obert**
By: Kathy Obert
- Bill & Mary Brahler**
By: Mike & Suzanne Kurk & Family
- Joe Mueller**
By: Mary, Ginny & Joey Mueller
- Jim & Dorothy Menn**
By: Dave & Judy Huseman
- Junior & Marian Schutte**
By: Dave & Judy Huseman and Dan & Leanne Hollensteiner
- Helen & Richard Liesen and Gertrude & Vellmer Harvey**
By: Camille & Dave Harvey
- Carmen & Ismael Guerra, Kristen Marie and Brother Benedict Silva OSB**
By: Rosa Bowman & Family
- Charles & Mary Scheufele and Jesse & Ruth Young**
By: Mike & Judy Young
- Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Obert Sr.**
By: Lawrence Obert
- Theresa Althoff**
By: Kenny Althoff
- Karen Wiewel**
By: Mark Wiewel & Family

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 24: FOUND 6:30 p.m.,
Martha Jane Room
Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25: Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26:
 Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27: Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m.,
Fr. Bauer Prayer Room

Thursday, December 28:

Friday, December 29:
 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 30:

Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1: Masses at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
 Parish Office Closed

Fr. Leo's column continued..

On behalf of our parish family, I want to thank all those who were a part of our decorating committee for Christmas, both inside and outside of our Church. The Church as usual sets a festive theme as we gather to celebrate the mystery of Christmas. So thank you to our decorating committee who share their time and talents in order for us to celebrate the joy and beauty of Christmas. I would like to name the members but I'm afraid I might forget someone in the process. So a general thank you to each of you.

Since there might be confusion for our next weekend's celebration, I want to make sure that you have the schedule as I did for Advent and Christmas.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

Saturday, December 30, Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 31: Mass at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Mass, Sunday, December 31: Mass is at 5:00 p.m.
Masses on the Holyday, Monday January 1, at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Can you name the song fractured by some children: Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly. We three kings of porridge and tar. On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me. Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire. He's makin' a list, chicken and rice. Olive the other reindeer. Sleep in heavenly peas. O come, froggy faithful. Good tidings we bring to you and your kid. With the jelly toast proclaim. You'll go down in Listerine.

Magy. Leo J. Eulow

***St. Peter Christmas Decorations:
 We Remember...***

Howard Buckley By: Jo Buckley	Rod Frese By: Jan Frese
Jerry Kemner By: Mary Kemner	Jerry Kroner By: Carol Kroner
The Drechsler Family By: Jane Drechsler	Herb & Florence Terwelp By: Nick & Lori Terwelp
Joe Mason By: Mason Family	James H. Gibson By: The Family
George Caspermeyer By: David & Cathy Ley	Ken & Martha Heinze By: The Family
John Kramer By: Nicole Kramer	Ray & Mim Bailey By: Pat Arnold
Fr. Mike Grawe, OFM By: George & Mary Effrein	Brett Allen Miller By: Randy & Debbie Miller
Dr. Paul Nuessen By: His Family	Rosemary Reichert By: Joe & Chris Reichert
Dr. Jim Nuessen By: His Family	Marce & Marcella Deters By: Their Children
David & Patricia Stegeman By: Karen, Ann & Kent	Daniel H. & Helen Barry By: Mary Barry
Edward F. Evans By: Ella Jean Evans	Dan Barry By: Tanna Barry
Ab & Margie Benz By: Geri Black	John B. Johnson By: The Adrian Family
Barb & Ken Wolf By: Karen & Kristin	Mr & Mrs Thomas Allison By: Bella Allison
Judy Maas Oakley By: Peter A. Oakley II	Raymond, Shirley & Tony Kreinberg By: Patrick & Jane Carley
Penny Norton By: Jeff Norton	Herman & Rita Huber By: Cheryl Liesen
Don Vancil By: Mary Vancil & Family	Jeff Burgess & Bill Fessler By: Jill, Brooke & Nick Burgess
Jim Meyer By: The Meyer Family	
Luke A. Mayfield By: Jeff & Lori Mayfield	

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	December 17	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,093.00	\$26,582.95
Regular Collections	\$85,461.58	\$738,522.71
Annual School Fund	\$13,481.00	\$194,549.00
Holy Days	\$280.00	\$12,744.76
Totals	\$100,315.58	\$972,399.42
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$800,000.00
Difference	\$68,315.58	\$172,399.42

Diocesan Collections

Quincy Catholic Cemeteries: \$45.00
 Justice & Hope: \$40.00 Home Mission: \$145.00
 World Mission: \$20.00 Retired Religious: \$160.00
 Church of Africa: \$20.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$1,245.00

St. Peter Christmas Decorations: We Remember...

Michael Pasley

By: The Pasley Family

Wyverne Hunter

By: Virginia Hunter

Judy Kent

By: David & Linda Carper

Virginia, Alan & Don Weinberg and Abbie & Bill Holzgrafe

By: Jerry Holzgrafe Family

Priscilla Morrison and Henry & Alberta Kathmann

By: Tm & Susan Kathmann

Jack & Rita Terford, Steve Scherr, George & Selma Terford and Frank & Helen Wensing

By: Joe Terford

Russ & Rita Terstriep, Louis Schuckman, Sandy & Randy Brinkman, Ed Terstriep and Kelle Fleming

By: Kevin & Janice Schuckman

Dr. Joseph & Frances Musolino

By: Children & Grandchildren

Leonard & Loretta Klauser, Tom Klauser and Angie Klauser

By: Sherrie & Jim Weerts

Vernell Justice, Teodorico & Tereza Lagleva, Danilo, Rudolfo, Benjamin, Ruperto & Purita and Lagleva Family

By: Marima Justice

Members of the Bridal & Havermale Families Living & Deceased

By: R.W. Bridal Family

Kathy Laird and Knox Cassens

By: Sonny Laird

Wilma Wiewel, Harry Terstegge and Paul Viola

By: Brian & Angela Terstegge

Tony Oakley, T.C. & Mary S. Oakley, Harold & Dorothy Jacobson and Judy Maas Oakley

By: Signe Oakley & Family

Betty Ann & Art Robinson, John Davis, Marge Wolfe and John Ohnemus

By: Beth & Gary Musholt

Michael Reiter, Harold & Virginia Reiter, Rod Frese and Albert & Peachy Frese

By: Julie Reiter

Rita & Herman Huber and Irma & Harold Vollbracht

By: Ron & Rose Ann Huber

Brett Miller and Russell & Lucy Miller

By: Pete, Lindsay & Mia Bond

Paul & Hazel Goodapple and Margy, Al & Steve Kathmann

By: Mike & Mary Schuttler

Bill & Norma Schuttler and Brad & Bill Schuttler

By: Mike & Mary Schuttler

Henry, Rosalia, Dick & Ruth Bentrop and Virgil, Alice & John Funke

By: The Funke Family

Bruce Blickhan and Karl Holtmeyer

By: Mark & Donna Holtmeyer

Merle & Leta Mae Frese, Tom & Marjie Bergman, William & Barb Dance and Fr. Silas Musholt, O.F.M.

By: Tom & Diane Frese

Charles & Polly Newkirk and Russell & Betty Wolf

By: Deacon Jeffrey & Gina Wolf

Joseph & Helen Weselich, George Talbot, Alice Bennewitz and Sue Elsner

By: Gregory & Moia Uzelac

Ray Parker, Pat Lynch and Jennye Lynch

By: Donna Parker

Jim Seibert and Robert & Amy Cavitt

By: Deb & Amy Seibert

Mr Robert Deters, Mr Richard Schrage and Mr & Mrs George Schrage Jr.

By: George & Connie Schrage

Farris & Dorothy Viar, Donald Klingele and Anne Bollom

By: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Viar

James Wagner, Wing Family and Christine Ruff

By: Jana Wagner

Albert & Margaret Frier and Robert & Mildred Simms

By: Tom & Marilena Frier

Earl E. Shade and Gary M. Frye

By: Lorna M. Shade

Don & Henrietta Buening and Roger & Mildred Kroshinsky

By: Karl, Mary Ann, Carson &

Spencer Kroshinsky

Deceased members of Joe & Dorothy Sanders and Ed & Laura Peters Families

By: Jerry & Joyce Sanders

Mildred & Julius Meyer

By: Sharon & Don Meyer

Jesus & Maria Camacho and Harold & Dotty Johnson

By: Mario & Ginny Camacho

Florence & Herman Kemner and Laura & John Vancil

By: The Family

John & Catherine Stauder, Eugene Stauder, Joseph Stauder and Thomas Lawless

By: Judy Lawless & Family

Jeff Steinkamp and Jonda Steinkamp

By: Cindy Steinkamp & Family

James & Rebecca Mabry and Jeremy Goodapple

By: Emily & Terry Goodapple

Merle & Joan Hellhake and Katherine Hellhake Kraus

By: Tom & Marlene Hellhake

Ken & Sadie Foster and James Vollrath

By: Donna Foster Schutte

Ann Anderson and Bob & Eileene Anderson

By: Kent Anderson

Kenneth & Dorothy Schlipman, Joe & Anita Lavery and Tom Lavery

By: Mike & Karen Lavery

Veronica Hagstrom and Marg Warrington

By: Verne Hagstrom

Don & Carol Drieselman and Bob & Marj Terwelp

By: Thom & Cindy Drieselman

Ray & Irene Kocher and Herman & Georgiann Kuhl

By: Dave & Sue Kuhl

Douglas Anderson and Mr & Mrs Robert Mast

By: Marie Anderson

Tangy and Frese Family Members

By: Rosemary Tangy

Walt & Sis Becks, Dick & Dee O'Donnell and Kevin O'Donnell

By: Rod & Cathy Becks

Becky Bliefnick, Alfred & Lillian Osinski and Howard & Helen Postle

By: Bill & Bernie Postle

Richard, Marie & Skip Willer, Rome & Marge Schutte and Larry,

Don & Pam Gramke

By: Tom & Judi Schutte

Pat Ellerbrock, Henry & Alvena Dempsey and Raymond & Esther Ellerbrock

By: Harold Ellerbrock and Families

D.J. Venvertloh, Dr. Kirk Kvitle and Jeanne & Brown Frericks

By: Jay & Carol Frericks

Thomas Edward Strieker and Ann Marie Derrick

By: Barbara Strieker and Family

Edward & Genevieve Strieker, Mary Watts and Rose Ann & Jerry Brown

By: Barbara Strieker and Family

Roy & Virginia Hoener, Patricia Craft, Todd Craft and Sr. Kathryn Hoener SSND

By: Barbara Strieker and Family

John & Margie Purdy

By: Loy & Cindy Archer, Robyn,

Gavin & Gabby Iseminger and

Trevor, Kristi, Reece & Layne Beck

Marty Peters and Rich & Marilyn Bocke

By: Janet Peters & Family

Sherrie (Grandma) Craven

By: The Family

Don Christ

By: Don Christ Family

Mary White

By: Richard White & Family

George Kroeger, Dan Kroeger, Fred, Vivian & Mary Jane Schlottman,

George & Lorena Kroeger and Mac & Lacy McLaughlin

By: Karen Kroeger



Rest in Peace
May the soul of
Jeanne Lubbe



sing praises with the Angels in Heaven forever.

New Year's Mass Times

The New Year's Mass Times we will be the normal weekend times year: Sunday 5:00 p.m., Monday 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

EMHC & Usher Sign Up for New Year Masses

We need Eucharistic ministers and ushers for the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses. Please signup in the Narthex if you can help. Thank you!

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days during the holidays. The following is our schedule.

Friday, 12/22/22 - Tuesday, 12/26/22

Friday, 12/29/22 - Monday, 1/1/22

Holy Moments Group

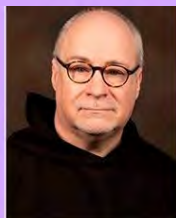
We are looking into starting a weekly informal discussion group based on the book "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly. The group would read a few pages from the book and then discuss how God has helped us to recognize and utilize these moments for the good of others. We are looking at meeting on Thursday evenings, around 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please call Denny Meyer at 217-926-4829.

SAVE THE DATE

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

FEBRUARY 24-26, 2024

- **Begins during all Weekend Masses on 2/24 and 2/25**
- **Continues with Parish Mission Conferences on 2/25 and 2/26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church**
- **A reception will follow on 2/26 in the Cafeteria**
- **Childcare available for children age 1 and older**



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB is excited to return to St. Peter for his second Lenten Parish Mission. He will offer a series of presentations on the Eucharist and how this relates to the Lenten season.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| ~Valerie Fox Ortbald | ~Mary Lavery | |
| ~Bonnie Haubrich | ~JoAnn Schaefer | |
| ~Donna Schutte | ~Isabella Benner | ~Steve Hull |
| ~Charlotte Siebers | ~Cindy Barner | ~Ed Berry |
| ~Kathy Schuckman | ~Bill Morrison | ~Anonymous |
| ~John & Barb Meyer | ~Michael Mason | ~Elias Erd |
| ~Hunter Hildebrand | ~Debra Sparrow | ~Dan Dailling |
| ~Kristopher Schreacke | ~Diane Wagner | ~Julie Eftink |
| ~Alden & Joyce Shipp | ~Sue Hildebrand | ~Jo Buckley |
| ~Norma Johnson | ~Weston Harvey | ~Joan Wilson |
| ~Natalie Meyer | ~Lorna Shade | ~Ted Kemner |
| ~Nancy Bohan | ~Liem Thanh Mai | ~Amy Seibert |
| ~Diane Zoller | ~Mario Camacho | ~Ian Mehaffy |
| ~Michelle & Dustin Houston | ~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow | |



Baptism

Eva Lou Stratton,

daughter of **Nicholas & Brooke (Wellman) Stratton,** was made a child of God through the reception of the sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

Welcome!

Please welcome to our parish family **Kenneth Bartelt!**

2024 Calendars

We now have the new 2024 calendars in the Narthex. Please take one. If you know someone in a nursing home, or that is staying at home right now, please take one for them.

Men's Cursillo #365

Men's Cursillo #365 will be held January 18-21 at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Quincy. During this three-day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate the Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share the fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides a casual and relaxed experience in a Christian community. Cost of the weekend is \$185.00 with lodging and all meals provided. A partial monetary gift to defray the cost is available if needed. For more information or to receive an application please call Dwight/Barb Seeley at 217-224-5615 or go to www.quincycursillo.com and "applications" and print one.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Francis Solanus Parish will offer a six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" beginning Wednesday, January 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, located on the north side of the church at 17th and College Avenue. It will run for six consecutive Wednesday evenings and will conclude on February 7. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Deacon Wayne Zimmerman, 217-430-7792.

Deacon Dennis Holbrook to Give Talk About Dying

Living a Christ-centered life means we can face suffering and death without fear. I pray that this talk will enlighten our perspective on this topic and how our relationship with God can truly help us approach the end of our earthly life. This talk will take place on Tuesday, January 2 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Parish Center. All are welcome to attend! Ray Wheeler will accompany us that evening with music and songs.

QND Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Annual QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be Sunday, January 7 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the QND cafeteria. The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. (Children under 5 eat free). All proceeds benefit the Catholic Heart Workcamp trip this summer.

Christmas Mass Times

The following are the Mass Times we will have for Christmas this year:

- Christmas Eve:**
 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Day:
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**Next Meeting
Dodgeball
January 7
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

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All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



**Saints Alive!
January 21
6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gym**

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