



# DECEMBER 12, 2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Pastor

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Deacon Enrique Castro  
Deacon Ric Telthorst  
Deacon David Thompson  
Deacon Thomas Fischer (retired)  
Deacon Tom Whalen (retired)

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,  
11:00 am, 2:00 pm (en Español)

### Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 12:03 pm  
Tuesday-Friday: 8:00 am

### Priest on the Porch (Reconciliation)

Tuesday-Friday: 10:30 am - 11:45 am  
Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm  
Between Sunday Masses celebrated  
at 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

†Matt, Minnie, & Mary Jane Riegel

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

2:00 pm

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Pro Propulo*

†Victor Lueckenhoff

†Tanna (Riegel) Henson

Healing for the sick

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

12:03 pm

### **ST. LUCY**

† Agnes Eynard

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00 am

12:03 pm

### **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

†Danny Schaffer

†William J. Prenger

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:00 am

12:03 pm

†Leland Schweiss

† Doug Smith

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00 am

12:03 pm

†Mary & Ken Altheuser

†Jean Rosendale

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

8:00 am

12:03 pm

†Lloyd Dulle

†Pat Dyball

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18**

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

†Mary Hillen

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

2:00 pm

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Pro Propulo*

†Margaret Loethen

†Helen Cook & Jack Schnieders

†Charles Smith

*Rorate Caeli Mass will be held on  
Thursday, **December 23, 2021 at  
6:00 am.***

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass is offered just before dawn.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluunt justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”

“Drop down dew, from above you heavens, and let the clouds rain the Just One: let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.”

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. Reception to follow in the Notre Dame Room.





**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****DECEMBER 19 & DECEMBER 20, 2021****EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

4:30 pm Dave Ahlvers, Laura Ahlvers  
 7:00 am Judy Holzhauser, Pat Seifert  
 9:00 am Renee Bungart, Jim Hickman  
 11:00 am Rodney Bax, Stephen Stark

**READERS**

4:30 pm Mark Rehagen  
 7:00 am Jane Maurer  
 9:00 am Gerry Kliethermes  
 11:00 am Shannon Yokley

**USHERS**

4:30 pm Don Boes, Terri Haake, Zach Haake  
 7:00 am Tony Buechter, Mike Wiseman,  
 Volunteer Needed  
 9:00 am Ivan Schmidt, Mark Veit,  
 Volunteer Needed  
 11:00 am Pat Dudenhoeffer, Richard Mosha,  
 Scott Woodward

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:30 pm Levi Schaefer, Maddie Stiefferman  
 7:00 am Lucas Cox, Brooklyn Lute  
 9:00 am Caitlin Smith, Jacob Smith  
 11:00 am Aleksandr Careaga, Porter Schaefer

**CANTORS & MUSICIANS**

4:30 pm Dena Harre - Cantor  
 Lisa Fender - Musician  
 7:00 am Michael Muenks - Cantor  
 Lisa Fender - Musician  
 9:00 am Music - Choir  
 11:00 am Karen Kramer - Musician

**BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S**  
**DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Para nuestros niños y jóvenes: que el ejemplo de los padres de familia y otros adultos de la parroquia pueda fomentar un sentido de apertura al Espíritu Santo en sus vidas.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER PARISH****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

11:30 am - 3:00 pm: Cub Scouts in Selinger Hospitality Center

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

8:00 am - 8:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel  
 5:15 pm - 6:45 pm: Spirit Alive Choir Practice in Church  
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: RCIA Meeting in Selinger Hospitality Center

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

8:00 am - 7:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel  
 7:00 pm Advent Holy Hour and Confessions in Church

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

8:00 am - 8:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel  
 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Parish School of Religion in St. Peter School

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

8:00 am - 8:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel  
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Galatians Bible Study in Selinger Hospitality Center  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Choir practice in Church

**SEASONS OF HOPE**

*You don't have to grieve alone.*

**SEASONS OF HOPE - ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** offers to walk with you through your grief in a group or individual setting.

Consider being a part of this Christ-centered faith sharing group.

Each upcoming 2022 Session will meet for six weeks.

<u>Begin Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 11	February 15	6:15 pm	Fr. Ahrens Room
April 19	May 24	6:15 pm	Fr. Ahrens Room
July 12	August 16	9:30 am	Fr. Ahrens Room

Please call Kathleen at the Parish Office at (573) 636-8159 to reserve a spot. There is no fee to participate and all are welcome.



Do you have more Christmas shopping? Do you really want to cook on a Friday night? Come join the Knights for chili and skip cooking on your way to finish Christmas shopping.

Friday December 17, 2021 the Father Helias Knights of Columbus are hosting an all you can eat chili supper at the Hall on Tanner Bridge from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Cost is \$8.00 per meal with cinnamon rolls from Oscar's Classic Diner. Skip the cooking and clean up. Join the Knights chili December 17, 2021 starting at 4:00 pm.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### Holy Matrimony

The first step in planning a wedding at St. Peter is to contact the Pastor. You may call to check available dates beforehand, but the wedding can only be scheduled after approval by the priest and *at least a minimum of six months* prior to the proposed wedding date. Any Catholic being married needs to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Baptism

Parental preparation is required for a child to be baptized. Please plan to attend the required class prior to your child's birth. Sessions are usually held once a quarter. Please call the Parish Office to sign up.

### Anointing of the Sick

If you are preparing for surgery, please our your priests know before you go to the hospital. Because of COVID-19, the possibility of receiving the Anointing of the Sick after you've been admitted to hospital is not guaranteed.

### RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Inquiry sessions for those interested in joining the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist began September 20, 2021. Please contact Deacon Ric Telthorst at (573) 690-0730 or [deacontelthorst@gmail.com](mailto:deacontelthorst@gmail.com) for more information.

## STEWARDSHIP

December 5, 2021	\$	56,787.77
December 12, 2021	\$	
December 19, 2021	\$	
December 26, 2021	\$	
Budget for December	\$	178,333.34
Total Collected for December	\$	56,787.77
Difference	\$	- 121,545.57
Budget Goal To Date	\$	946,538.55
Total Collected To Date	\$	922,705.76
Difference	\$	- 23,832.79
Facility/Property Maintenance: December	\$	2,029.00
Facility/Property Maintenance To Date	\$	46,531.69
Samaritan Center	\$	December 19
Seminary, Clergy Education & Priest Retirement	\$	December 25

Thank you for your continued tithing and support of St. Peter Parish & School! As of Wednesday, December 8, 2021.



**ADVENT HOLY HOUR  
AND CONFESSIONS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14,  
2021  
STARTING AT 7:00 PM  
IN CHURCH**

## BOXES NEEDED!

Boxes are needed to package food items for The Giving Tree. Please bring sturdy boxes to the Parish Office by Monday, December 13, 2021. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Our Diocesan annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal has begun. All registered households will receive an invitation and information from Bishop McKnight regarding this year's CSA. The campaign funds vital services to all of the parishes and schools of the diocese and to those in need in the larger community. Thank you for your sacrificial response.



**Catholic**  
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

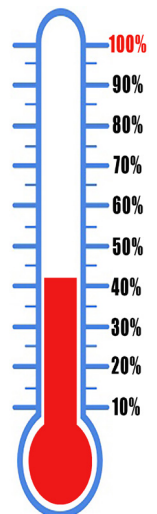
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

The Eucharist is the source of our Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Eucharist means "thanksgiving," and the CSA is an opportunity for us to thank God for all He has given us, particularly the gift of His Son. Both remind us that followers of Jesus are to be bread broken for the life of the world. Through the CSA, we make known the Kingdom of God by helping each other to live our faith and share our Gospel belief. From honoring the dignity of each life, to teaching people about our faith, to sharing our resources with those who are alone or in need, our gifts to the CSA and the ministries these gifts support are our grateful offerings to God.

**St. Peter  
Parish CSA  
Goal:  
\$127,500.00**

**Committed:  
\$53,553.00**

**Received:  
\$31,858.00**





## DIVINE MERCY YARD SIGNS



Divine Mercy yard signs, made by a non-profit group, are now available for purchase. A one-sided sign is \$25.00 and a double-sided sign is \$30.00. Each sign is hand made. If you would like to purchase one, or more, for your yard please contact Kenny and Robin Payne at (573) 338-5208.



Our condolences to the Eynard family on the death of **Agnes Eynard**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



## JOIN US ON DECEMBER 12 FOR COFFEE, DONUTS, & FRIENDSHIP

Coffee, doughnuts, juice, milk, and fruit will be served after the 7:00 am and 9:00 am Masses on December 12 in the Selinger Hospitality Center. There will be special homemade goodies in celebration of Advent. All are welcome!

## CHRISTMAS & HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE



### December 24, 2021-Christmas Vigil Masses

4:30 pm Church and Chapel (overflow)  
7:00 pm Church

### December 25, 2021-Christmas Day Masses

12:00 am Midnight Mass in Church  
9:00 am Church

### December 25, 2021-Feast of the Holy Family

4:30 pm Vigil Mass in Church

### December 26, 2021-Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,  
2:00 pm (en Espanol)

### December 31, 2021-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:30 pm Vigil Mass in Church

### January 1, 2022-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

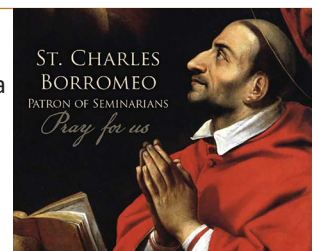
9:00 am Church

## VOCATIONS SPOTLIGHT

Please pray for the men who are studying and discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. This week, please pray for:

Mr. Phillip Novotny  
Home Parish: St. Thomas More Newman Center (Columbia)  
*Birthdate: July 15*

Please send any seminarian correspondence to the Office of Vocations at:  
2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109



## ST. PETER SCHOOL NEWS



There will be a live nativity at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, December 16 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Christmas Program and Nativity scene will feature 13 local schools and bands. There will also be another full-size nativity scene outside at the bottom of the State Capitol steps and several of the schools and bands will perform there from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.



At 11:00 am St. Peter School's Preschool will perform *Jingle Bells for Jesus* under the direction of Brittney Massman and Nikki Gutierrez.

At 1:30 pm St Peter School's 5th Grade will perform *Merry Christmas Mary and Children Go Where I Send Thee* under the direction of Donna Stuckenschneider.

For more information:  
Judy Bax 573 690 1218 or  
judy1218@centurylink.net

## PRAYER REQUESTS

"Prayer Angels" is a group of parish volunteers, mostly homebound, who pray for the needs of the parish. This is one of our prayer chains. There is also an email prayer list handled by Mary Dayton at [prayerline@saintpeterjc.org](mailto:prayerline@saintpeterjc.org). Anyone can send a prayer request to Lisa or Mary. Please use first name only and what the prayer need is. It is always good to hear of a continued need for this prayer request, or hear about prayers answered! Contact Lisa: [stpeterorganist@saintpeterjc.org](mailto:stpeterorganist@saintpeterjc.org) or call her at 573-821-1111.

## SLATE FROM CHURCH STEEPLE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Once again this year we are able to offer full slate tiles in grey as a keepsake. These are the original slate tiles from the church steeple. Each slate measures approximately 16"h x 8"w. Each slate comes with the St. Peter Catholic Church emblem and rope for hanging. The suggested donation for the full slate tile is \$100.00. Each tile will come with a certificate of authenticity on the back. Also available are custom made Christmas slate ornaments which come in a variety of sizes, approximately 2" to 4", and square nail crosses. The suggested donation for each ornament or cross is \$20.00. An order form will be available on our Facebook page and our website. Once we receive your form and payment we will contact you as soon as your order is available at the church. We hope you enjoy owning a piece of our history.



## EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER

### St. Peter Catholic Church is seeking an Organist/Director of Music and Liturgy.

The primary functions of the Organist and Director of Music are to assure, direct and facilitate the continuous quality of the music ministry and to assist the Pastor in directing the liturgical functions at St. Peter Parish. For a detailed description please go to [www.saintpeterjc.org/employment](http://www.saintpeterjc.org/employment).

**The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church** in Laurie is seeking a president and CEO who is responsible for the overall management and growth of the Shrine to ensure that it has the facilities, administration, spiritual programs, and financial means to carry out its mission for future generations. This full-time permanent position is for immediate hire at The Lake of the Ozarks, Laurie, Missouri. A full description is available online at <https://catholicrecruiter.com/wp-content/uploads/CRA-National-Shrine-of-Mary-Mother-of-the-Church-President-and-CEO.pdf>.

**THE DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY** is seeking a Creative Services Manager to create quality communication assets for the diocese, in print, audio/visual and digital format. The individual will be responsible for updating the diocesan website and serves as support for parish websites. Experience with Adobe Creative Suites, WordPress websites and audio/video editing software is required. Qualified candidates should send their resume to [HR@diojeffcity.org](mailto:HR@diojeffcity.org).

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES INTERPARISH SCHOOL** is seeking a Communications and Outreach Specialist to coordinate print, audio/visual, and digital outreach initiatives, including, but not limited to, websites, Facebook pages, Flocknotes, and print materials. We are seeking someone who desires to promote the Catholic faith and Catholic education. Education and experience in a related area or areas is preferred but not required. The position is full-time (30-40 hours per week), hourly, non-exempt, with some weekend and evening hours required. Benefits included. Salary will be variable according to education and experience. Qualified candidates should send their resume to [frchris@ourladyoflourdes.org](mailto:frchris@ourladyoflourdes.org)

**HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is seeking a skilled, strategy-minded candidate for the position of Director of Finance. This is a full-time, salaried, 12-month position. The qualified candidate will direct the financial functions of Helias Catholic High School in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the successful applicant will advise the president and the school's advisory council and its committees as well as the board of directors to meet their fiduciary responsibilities. Interested candidates should make application through the school office of the Diocese of Jefferson City at <https://diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools/> as well as submit a letter of interest and resume directly to Helias Catholic High School.

**HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is seeking a full-time Technology Specialist to assist the Director of IT in providing quality support to students and staff by troubleshooting software, hardware, network and classroom technology problems. The technology specialist will assist with the setup of new devices and technology and maintain existing systems, as well as provide guidance on the use of software and hardware to enhance the educational environment of the school. Interested candidates should make application through the school office of the Diocese of Jefferson City (<http://www.diojeffcity.org/our-schools/school-office/school-employment/>) as well as submit a letter of interest and resume directly to Helias Catholic High School.

**ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER PARISH** in Columbia is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Adult Faith Formation to serve a diverse parish community on the campus of the University of Missouri. This position reports directly to the pastor and serves with a team of faith formation ministers including the RCIA director, middle school/high school youth minister, and director of grade school religious education, as well as with college campus ministry. This position is responsible for the faith formation of adults in the Catholic tradition. For a full job description, visit <https://www.comonewman.org/job-openings/> or contact Father Dan Merz, pastor, at [frdan@comonewman.org](mailto:frdan@comonewman.org)



## ALICE KUEHN'S NURSE NOTES

On December 12 we celebrate the feast day of the Virgin of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.

Mary first appeared to Juan Diego December 9, 1531, on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. She identified herself as the Virgin Mary, and asked Juan to tell the Bishop that a church was to be built on that site in her honor. Rejected by the Bishop and in need of a priest for his dying uncle, he tried to avoid Our Lady by taking a different route around the hill. She appeared and gently asked why he didn't seek her help, "¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre?" (Am I not here, I who am your mother?) She assured him that his uncle was fully recovered and told him to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill. Juan obeyed her and found Castilian roses (out of season and not native to Mexico) in full bloom. She arranged the flowers in his cloak (tilma) and when he opened the cloak in front



of the bishop the flowers fell out and on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

Our Lady wears the traditional garments of an Aztec princess. A black sash around her waist was a cultural tradition among the Aztec women that indicated pregnancy. All the elements of the image point to Our Lady as being above the gods the Aztecs worshiped, while at the same time showing that she herself was submissive to the true Creator God while being pregnant with the Divine God-man that grew in her womb.

## LOCATION OF PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED OR

**HOMEBOUND:** Please call or email to let us know if you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and/or if you would like the parish nurse to call, pray with you and/or assist you with questions and health care concerns. Remember that if you or a family member moves from hospital to home or rehab center or nursing care facility, the hospital cannot tell us your location due to HIPPA regulations. Please let us know their new location. Thanks! You may contact me at 636-8159x369 or via email akuehn@saintpeterjc.org.

A mass conversion of millions of Aztecs to the Catholic faith soon followed—ending the human sacrifices, especially child sacrifices, that they practiced. Because the image on the tilma depicts Mary during her pregnancy, Our Lady of Guadalupe has become the patroness of the pro-life movement and her intercession is sought for the protection of the unborn and an end to abortion.

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