

# Saint Peter's Catholic Church

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## NOTES FROM FATHER CHUCK

### THE EMPTY CHURCH

Each year one of the saddest times is to see the Christmas season come to an end and to see the Christmas decorations taken down. The first time that I walk into the church after the decorations are taken down it feels like I have lost a good friend. The decorations this year were absolutely marvelous. One last thank you to Colleen Thompson and Maxine Marshall and their helpers for all the time and effort they put into making the church so beautiful for the Christmas season. I am very proud of the coverage that Channel 3 gave to us on Christmas Eve. I hope next year we have a beautiful day and the temperature will be at least sixty degrees. Once again thank you to every one who made this Christmas season a beautiful experience of the birth of Jesus Christ.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a pancake, sausage, biscuits & gravy breakfast on Sunday January 24 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. All of the monies raised from this breakfast will go towards scholarships for students from our parish who attend St. Albert Catholic. I hope all of you will attend this breakfast. Our crowds have been smaller the past few breakfasts we have had so I hope that you will all attend this breakfast. This is a wonderful help to many students who attend St. Albert Catholic.

### ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER

We begin our sign up for the Lenten program "On A Journey Together" today. In the fall session we had over a hundred people participate in the groups for this program. This Lent we will have the soup suppers but we will not have a program with the Lenten soup suppers. I urge you to sign up for this program. It is a great way to grow in your faith and to get to know your parish family. I am very pleased with the impact that this program has had on our parish. There are many times available for people to sign up for this program. I am looking forward to visiting the groups throughout the Lenten season. It was a great blessing for me to be able to attend most of the groups during the fall session.

### CYO TALENT SHOW

Once again we are going to have the CYO talent show. The talent show is one of the most fun evenings that we have in the parish. I hope all of you can attend. This year we are featuring a chicken dinner prepared by Staley's. You can purchase your tickets after mass from CYO members.

### IT MUST BE WEDNESDAY

Last Tuesday I went to the Worship Center to celebrate mass. Two of the priests came in and said is today Wednesday? I reminded them that we are having all the daily masses at the Worship Center until February 17. There were five priests who celebrated the mass on that Tuesday. It is so enjoyable to have all of the priests attending the mass together. One of the retired priests said there are not many of us left. Please pray for vocations.

### FOURTH GRADE MASS

I wish to thank the fourth graders for the wonderful mass that we celebrated last week at the 10:00 a.m. mass. It is such a wonderful experience to have our young people involved in the liturgy. What is most impressive is how poised they are in reading and in performing the ministries at the mass. Thank you fourth grade students for a job well done!!!

### CAN I HAVE A WEDDING

This is first time this has happened. A young lady living in Wichita, Kansas called and asked if she could have her wedding at St. Peter's. She is from South Dakota and her fiancée is from Wichita so I am meeting with them this week to make sure that they want to be married here. No sooner did I finish that call when I received another call from a young lady who said that she was looking on the internet and she saw our church and asked if she could join the parish and get married here in two years.

### GREAT BIRTHDAY PRESENT

I was talking to a young lady and she told me that for her eighth birthday she is going to Hawaii. I asked her if I could go along and she wasn't certain that I could. This is a fantastic birthday present.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Mon. Jan 18	8 am Communion Service	St. Francis
Tue. Jan 19	8 am Mass: Clare Kirlin	St. Francis
Wed. Jan 20	8 am Mass: Jack Grali	St. Francis
Thu. Jan 21	8 am Mass: Martyn Bierman	St. Francis
Fri. Jan 22	8 am Mass: Dick Bunten	St. Francis

**Saturday, January 23 4 pm Emmett Mathiasen**

Lectors:	Matt Osterhaus, Jim Beck
Euch. Min:	Maxine Gotto
Servers:	Conor Donegan, Haley Whitesel, Nick Beck
Gifts:	Dennis Michal Family
Ushers:	Fred Schaben, Steve Whitesel, Joni Thomas, Chuck Bardon
Scrip Sales:	Diane Beck

**Sunday, January 24 8 am Chuck Schroer**

Lectors:	Joan Goeser, Jean Coughlin
Euch. Min:	Steve Rosman
Servers:	Lauren Cornelius, Megan Weihs, Kayla Beck
Gifts:	Mike Gorman Family
Ushers:	Russ Goeser, Jonna Andersen, Brian Butcher, Jerry Gubbels
Scrip Sales:	Lindsay Andersen

**Sunday, January 24 10 am Ken Buhman**

Lectors:	Denise Beck, Genette Wirtz
Euch. Min:	Amanda Peters
Servers:	Celine Helton, Allison Montgomery, Alec Maher
Gifts:	Steve Rost Family
Ushers:	LeRoy Brockelsby, Melloney Keller, Amber Huttman, Robt. Berding
Scrip Sales:	Kim Kouri
Child. Lit.	Amy Rallis & Jacque Rallis

**Sunday, January 24 Noon James Garafalo**

Lectors:	NINTH GRADE MASS
Euch. Min:	
Servers:	Max Donaldson, Clare Campbell, Kaity Hammer
Gifts:	
Ushers:	
Scrip Sales:	Jane Showers

*Liturgy Corner*

We enter into a new liturgical season. It is called ordinary time. The biggest change that you will see is that the vestments return to green. We have had blue vestments in Advent to signify our anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ. We have had white vestments during the Christmas season to celebrate the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ and the feast of the Holy Family, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Jesus.

This season is called ordinary time but there is nothing ordinary about it. There are three cycles of readings and we are in Cycle C. This cycle is used so that we read all of the gospels in a three year period. If you look in the missalette you will see the letter C which signifies the cycle from which the reading are being taken. I hope that you enjoy the beauty of ordinary time.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, January 24**

**First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**  
**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

**NINTH GRADE MASS**

The 9th grade students of St. Peter's will do the mass ministries on Sunday, January 24 at the Noon mass. Please sign up on the form located in the back of the church.

**APPRECIATION DINNER**

The 9th annual Appreciation Dinner for priests, deacons and sisters will be held Thursday, February 4 at Queen of Apostles. The evening will begin with mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner. Cost is \$8/person or \$25/family. Please RSVP to Patty Faust, 323-1349.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

The Women's Prayer Group will meet every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room during the months of January, February & March. All ladies welcome.

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

The Men's Prayer Group will meet Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All men of the parish all welcome to attend.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR**

A doctor, a nurse, and the president of a health insurance company died and were met by St. Peter at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked the doctor, "What did you do on earth?" The doctor replied, "I healed the sick and worked at a clinic so that if patients could not pay I would help them for free." "You may enter," said St. Peter. Then he asked the nurse what she did on earth. "I also helped heal the sick and volunteered my time at a free clinic," she replied. "What did you do on earth?" St. Peter asked the third person. The man said, "I ran a large health insurance organization. I helped thousands of companies find cost-effective health care for their employees." "Well, then," St. Peter replied, "You may go in...but you can only stay for three days."

A professional organist was hired to play for a wedding. Not being familiar with the church's organ, she went to the sanctuary to practice. Wondering about a small keyboard that pulled out from under the two regular keyboards, she played a few measures of a children's song but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music. Just then a deacon came running into the church, exclaiming, "Who's playing 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' on the steeple bells?"

*Memory:* What God gave us so that we might have roses in December.

*Taxes:* Simply robbery.

*Prayer:* A wish turned God-ward.