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**Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4pm  
 Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12 noon  
 Tues: Noon  
 Wed and Fri: 8am  
 Thurs: Noon and 5:30pm

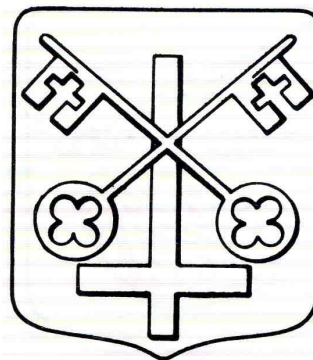
**Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm  
 Sunday 7:00-7:45am

**Baptisms, Weddings, etc**

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**Save the Date!**

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Tuesday, January 13th	Women's Prayer Group	6:30pm-7:30pm Social Hall
Saturday, January 17th	Youth Group retreat	10am-4pm, Worship Center
Saturday, January 17th	1st Reconciliation for 2nd graders	9am, St Peter's Church
Sunday, January 25th	Catholic School Week breakfast	After Masses, Social Hall

January 11, 2026  
Feast Of The Baptism OF The Lord

## From Father Jacob

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

Why did Jesus go to be baptized by John in the Jordan? Why did all these things happen?

Did Jesus need forgiveness of his sins? He is the perfect Holy One of God.

Did Jesus need Heaven opened? He is the one who came down from Heaven.

Did Jesus need to receive the Holy Spirit? He is the source of the Spirit, always filled with the Spirit.

Did Jesus need to hear the Father say “You are beloved Son”? He is the Son begotten before all ages, always dwelling with the Father.

No. Jesus didn’t need any of these things. All these things happened when Jesus was baptized so that, when *you* were baptized, maybe as a young child, maybe at the Easter vigil Mass a few years ago, these things would be accomplished in *you*.

*You* needed your sins washed away (and might need them wiped away again in confession). *You* needed Heaven opened. *You* needed to receive the Holy Spirit. *You* needed to be called by God his beloved son or daughter.

Jesus did all these things to “hallow the waters” so that, when you were joined to Him in your baptism however many years ago, all these things would be true of you. You were cleansed (and can be cleansed again if need be). You were made a citizen of heaven. You were filled with the Holy Spirit (and later strengthened by the same Spirit in Confirmation). You became a beloved son or daughter of the Father.

Give thanks to God for your baptism today, the day when He shared His life with you and brought you into His family, making you a beloved son or daughter who can call Him Father.

### **2025 Giving Statements**

This week we compiled and mailed out the statements for giving in 2025. A big thank you to so many of you who have very generously supported the parish in the past year. Look for your statements coming in the mail this week.

### **Christmas thanks**

The baptism of the Lord is the close of the Christmas season. Many thanks to so many of our parishioners who have made the season so special:

Thanks to Maxine Marshall and the whole team of decorators who made our church so beautiful for Christmas. A special thanks to them this year when they did extra work for the Holiday Homes tour in Advent!

Thanks to our choir who lead us in song all year, but go above and beyond for the Christmas season with many special Masses and lots of preparation.

Thanks to the Liturgy Committee who picked such good Advent and Christmas materials. They are already picking out our Lenten materials for us, which look like they’ll be great!

Thanks to Fr Emmanuel who subbed for me during the Christmas season so I could go visit my family. I appreciate his generosity with me and with the parish!

### **First Confessions**

Our 2nd graders will be making their first confessions this next weekend. Please pray for them this week that God will give them his Spirit of knowledge to know their sins, His Spirit of piety to truly be sorry for them, and His Spirit of fortitude to come and confess them!

We might pray for the same Spirit for ourselves too when we need to come to confession.

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	Saturday 4:00pm Mass	Sunday 8:00am Mass	Sunday 10:00am Mass	Sunday 12:00pm Mass
	Jan 17, 2026	Jan 18, 2026	Jan 18, 2026	Jan 18, 2026
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bianca Cihacek Elianna Cihacek	Connor McGrath Elle McGrath Addie McGrath	<b>Grade Level Mass for 2nd &amp; 9th Grade</b>	Ben Johnsen Keegan McCaffrey
<b>Lectors</b>	Wayne Stangl Cathy Assman	Gennette Wirtz Jim Pidgeon	<b>Grade Level Mass for 2nd &amp; 9th Grade</b>	Natalie Veater Mary Ramsdell
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<b>Ushers</b>	Jack Gross Linda Bonham Fred Schaben Mark Assman	Mike Skipton George Garst Mike Rosloniec Oliver Juranek	<b>Grade Level Mass for 2nd &amp; 9th Grade</b>	Chris Olson Trevor Yanovich Rob Peters Mason Olson

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Tuesday, 01/13**  
12:00 pm - Phillip & Phyllis Burke †

**Wednesday, 01/14**  
8:00 am - Craig & Tom Suden †

**Thursday, 01/15**  
12:00 pm - Vanessa McIntosh †  
5:30 pm - Deceased Members Of The Altar Society

**Friday, 01/16**  
8:00 am - Palma Kirlin †

**Saturday, 01/17**  
4:00 pm - William Burke †

**Sunday, 01/18**  
8:00 am - Frank & Ruth Holzer †  
10:00 am - St Peter's Parish  
12:00 pm -

**READINGS FOR: January 18, 2026**

1ST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
2ND READING: I Corinthians 1:1-3  
GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

- The World According to Bob**
- How many syllables does the word "gloria" have? Catholics: 18
  - When camping, the early bird gets the face full of spider webs. Bring a tall friend and let them lead.
  - If one door closes and another one opens, your house is haunted.
  - If you come across a bear, never push a slower friend down. Even if you feel the friendship has run its course.
  - Believe in yourself like tourists who believe they can pet a bison.

Father's Thought for the Week

Do you know when you were baptized? Your baptism is when you entered the family of God, when you received the life of God in you. It's a big deal!

Check your baptism certificate at home, ask your parents, or call the parish of your baptism and ask when you were baptized. Mark it on your calendar, thank the Lord on that day for His goodness, and celebrate!



*Knights Of Columbus*  
**SCHOLARSHIP  
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
After the 8AM & 10AM Masses  
Free Will Donation



St Peter's  
Council 1045

**MENU**

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