

**Parish Events Calendar**

**Monday, January 1**

7:00 pm-8:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Church)  
7:00 pm Siervos de Cristo Vivo (Church)

**Tuesday, January 2**

7:00 pm Siervos de Cristo Vivo (Gymnasium)

**Wednesday, January 3**

5:30 pm-7:00 pm Catechism Classes (School)  
6:30 pm Youth Group (Parish Hall)  
7:15 pm Legion of Mary (O'Brien Hall)

**Thursday, January 4**

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus (O'Brien Hall)

**Friday, January 5**

8:30 am-12:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Church)  
5:00 pm-7:30 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Church)  
7:00 pm Crecimiento (Gymnasium)

**Saturday, January 6**

10:30 am-12:00 pm Catechism Classes (School)  
1:30 pm-2:30 pm Applications for assistance (Parish Hall)  
6:15 pm-12:00 am Vespers in Spanish and Eucharistic Exposition (Church)

**Sunday, January 7**

10:30 am Parish Epiphany Potluck (Parish Hall)  
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers in English (Church)

**Sacrificial Offerings**

Weekly giving December 17 ..... \$8,444  
YTD weekly giving ..... 204,604  
YTD budgeted giving ..... 161,539  
Difference ..... 43,065  
Building Maintenance ..... 8,497

**St. Vincent de Paul** Next Sunday, we will have a second collection to assist those in need in our parish and neighborhood.

**Electronic Giving**

Paypal or an automatic payment sent from your checking account are two options available to St. Peter parishioners to give electronically. To donate to St. Peter Church online through Paypal, please see [stpeterchurch.net/donate](http://stpeterchurch.net/donate) for the link.

**Sacred Liturgies**

**Monday, January 1**

8:30 am Confessions  
9:00 am Mass in English: Loreta DeMarco+  
11:00 am Mass in Spanish: José de Jesús Valadez+  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition

**Tuesday, January 2**

7:30 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass in English: Linda Lenzen+  
6:00 pm Confessions  
6:30 pm Mass in Spanish: Maria Engracia Becerra Albizo+

**Wednesday, January 3**

7:30 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass in English: Rev. Stephen Gutsell+  
6:00 pm Confessions  
6:30 pm Mass in Spanish: Silverio Diaz Castelán+

**Thursday, January 4**

7:30 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass in English: Steve and Michelle Kahnke

**Friday, January 5**

7:30 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass in Latin: Yvonne Soucie+  
8:30 am-12:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition  
5:00 pm-7:30 pm Eucharistic Exposition

**Saturday, January 6**

7:30 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass in English: Amy Herr+  
4:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass in English: Robert Andy Crouch+  
6:15 pm-12:00 am Vespers in Spanish and Eucharistic Exposition

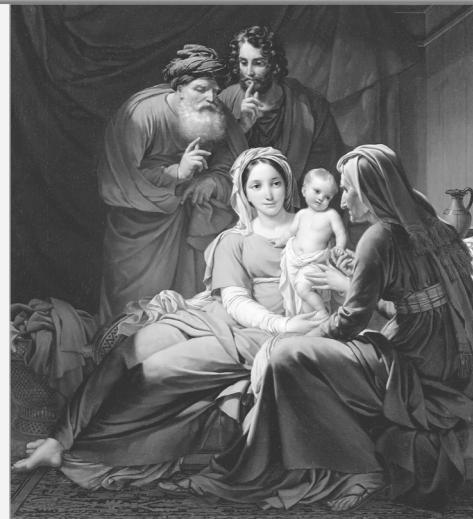
**Sunday, January 7**

7:30 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass in English: DeMers Family  
9:00 am Confessions  
9:30 am Mass in English: Roger and Mary Sullivan+  
12:30 pm Confessions  
1:00 pm Mass in Spanish: pro populo  
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers in English  
5:30 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass in Spanish: Rodolfo Medina Gallegos+

**December 31, 2023**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

**Saint Peter Catholic Church**



*The Holy Family by Joseph Paelinck*

**GENERAL SCHEDULE**

**HOLY MASS**

Saturday	5:00 pm English
Sunday	8:00 am, 9:30 am English 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm Spanish
Monday-Saturday	8:00 am English
Tuesday-Wednesday	6:30 pm Spanish

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Every day of the week	7:30 am
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
Sunday	12:30 pm
Sunday	5:30 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday	6:00 pm

**SOLEMN VESPERS**

Saturday in Spanish with Exposition	6:15 pm
Sunday in English	5:00 pm

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION**

First Saturdays	6:15 pm-12:00 am
Other Saturdays	6:15 pm-7:00 pm
First Mondays	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Second Tuesdays	7:30 pm-8:30 pm
Third Wednesdays	7:00 pm-8:00 pm
First Fridays	8:30 am-7:30 pm
Other Fridays	8:30 am-6:00 pm

**CLERGY**

Rev. John P. Broheimer, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph Broudou, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon John J. Zak  
Deacon Gregorio Elizalde  
Deacon Daniel DeLuca

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**Facebook** Saint Peter Omaha

**YouTube** St. Peter of Omaha

**Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday through Friday  
9:00 am-12:00 pm; 1:00-5:30 pm  
Closed on Mondays

**Emergencies**

402-346-9273

**Catechism Office**

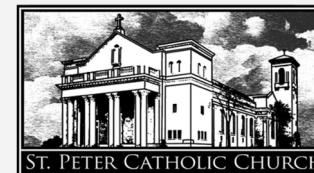
Telephone: 402-341-4560, ext. 113  
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Wednesday 5:30-7:00 pm  
Saturday 10:30 am-12:00 pm

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This is an ongoing summary of *Veritatis splendor*, an encyclical by Pope St. John Paul II 30 years ago. This was the first magisterial encyclical devoted entirely to issues regarding a fundamental understanding of the Church's teaching on moral theology. It is a magisterial document of the highest importance and relevance then, today, and ages to come.

### Chapter Three – Mortal and Venial Sin (paragraphs 69-70)

The previous section dealt with the moral theory of the “fundamental option.” To paraphrase this erroneous notion we might say: “I’m basically a good person, I think, so those sins I committed – even the mortal ones – those don’t matter. I know I’m saved because the overall direction of my life is mostly good.”

Following this line of thinking (which is more a psychological approach to human behavior than a theological understanding of man and his freedom in relation to God’s Law) has led some moral theologians to revise the distinction between mortal and venial sin. They try to reason that the only way to be in opposition to God’s law and lose sanctifying grace and so be eternally damned if one dies in such a state is if the person “in his totality” rejects God. These theologians insist that mortal sin can only exist in the total use of one’s freedom to reject God and not from any single, freely made choice. They also say it is difficult to accept that a person who desires in any way to remain united to Christ could at the same time commit mortal sin.

The Holy Father then reaffirms clearly – in opposition to these contemporary moral theologians – the mortal sin exists whenever “a person knowingly and willing for any reason chooses something gravely disordered.” The separation of the “fundamental option” (the overall use of a person’s freedom) from actual, deliberate choices is the denial of the Church’s doctrine on mortal sin.

The Pope reaffirms the doctrine of the Church that there exists mortal and venial sins. He also reminds us that “mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent.” Particular grave actions can include contempt for the Divine Law and be a rejections of God’s love. One gravely sinful act can turn a person away from God. Rather than the “fundamental option” being the overriding factor of a person’s moral status instead of particular actions, it is true that a person’s particular actions can radically change their fundamental orientation. Granted, situations can be very complex which influence a person’s imputability, but the traditional concept of mortal sin remains.

“With the whole tradition of the Church, we call mortal sin the act by which man freely and consciously rejects God, his law, the covenant of love that God offers, preferring to turn in on himself or to some created and finite reality, something contrary to the divine will (conversio ad creaturam). This can occur in a direct and formal way, in the sins of idolatry, apostasy, and atheism; or in an equivalent way, as in every act of disobedience to God’s commandments in a grave matter.”

If you are an adult not receiving Communion, please do not approach the Communion rail. Children who have not received their First Communion should not kneel or stand at the Communion rail. Children should remain behind those who receive Communion. Children are always welcome at Sacred Liturgies. If children become noisy and need a break, there are speakers in O’Brien Hall and the church vestibule from which the Mass may be heard. Blessings are not permitted by the Church during the Rite of Communion.

### Friday Eucharistic Exposition

On January 5, Eucharistic Exposition will be offered after the 8:00 am Mass until 12:00 pm due to an afternoon wedding. Exposition will resume at 5 pm until 7:30 pm.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

#### Monday, January 1

9:00 am Mass (English)

11:00 am Mass (Spanish)

### Epiphany Potluck: January 7

Celebrate Epiphany on January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall. Bring a family size lasagna or casserole to share, and deliver it warm to the Parish Hall before Mass. Bring Christmas cookies, too, if you have any left. There will be music, children’s activities, as well as an opportunity to win a King Cake. Contact Sara Jane Koch at sarajcc7@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

Like each year, the priests are offering Epiphany Home Blessings by request. Call the office.

## Father's Christmas Wish List

If you’re looking to give a special gift to the parish this year, this is a list of some of our current needs in the parish. Thank you.

### Parish Buildings and Grounds

Storage cabinets in O’Brien: ~\$3,000

Ongoing landscaping of the campus: \$8,000

Irrigation around the Convent: ~\$20,000

Preparing the loft for the organ: \$40,000

### The Sacred Liturgy

Liturgy Guides for one month: \$40

Hosts/Wine for one month: \$125

Altar Candles for one month: \$250

Incense for one year: \$500

### Catechism Program

Baltimore Catechisms: \$400

**Vocations Crucifix** You are invited to host a traveling Vocations Crucifix for a week. Place the Crucifix in your home and pray for vocations in the Archdiocese of Omaha. There is a signup to reserve your week at SignupGenius.com. Search for the signup using the creator’s email olsotszakupak@yahoo.com. Pass on the Crucifix kit to the next household before or after the 9:30 am Mass in O’Brien Hall.

**A class on the Mass** led by parishioners Deacon Daniel DeLuca and Demetrio Aguila meets at 6:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month in the Parish Hall. January 8 class: *Post Conciliar Consilium Part I*. January 22 class: *Post Conciliar Consilium Part II*.

**Altar Servers’ Party** All currently serving altar servers are invited to party on Sunday, January 21 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Bowlatorium at 24<sup>th</sup> & Bancroft. Pizza will be provided; all are invited to bring chips, cookies, or a snack to share. The required permission forms are available from the parish website at stpeterchurch.net/altar\_boys or in the Sacristy. The forms are due Sunday, January 14.

**Epiphany Lessons & Carols** Sunday, January 7, 3 pm at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 129 N. 40th St.

**The St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry** needs brown paper grocery bags, pasta sauce, soup, cereal, oatmeal, dried or canned fruit, boxed side dishes, mac & cheese, pasta, ramen, toothbrushes, tooth paste, travel size toiletries, toilet paper, small size dish and laundry soap, and shampoo. Leave items in the brown bins at the church entrances.

**Please Pray for the Sick** Juan Arce and Juana Ochoa, María Isabel Arce Peña, Juliana Arciniega, Brigitta Aumen, Phil Bawden, Judy Buhlke, Aniceta Carmona Pérez, Carlos Carrillo, Minerva Castro, Juan Manuel Chaidez, José Lucio Chávez, Gabe Chubb, Maximina Cruz, Sidonia De la Rosa, Rick Duros, Kevin Engelkamp, Daniela Escalante, Lilia Gloria Espinosa, Justina Franquez, Juanita García, María García, Dolores Hernández, Octavia Hurtado, Ashley Ibach, Rosalba Kohout, Ruby Mesa Lara, Patricia López Elizalde, Jerry M., Francisca Magallón, Michelle Methe, Juan Esteban Ocaña Balboa, Cindy Ortiz, Carol Ortlieb, Nora Guadalupe Peralta, Michael Phillips, John Piper, Susan Polson, Mark Ptacek, Patrick Ptacek, Edith Rodríguez, Matt Shimerdla, Mary Kay Sullivan, Rick Swanson, María Jerónima Trejo Vizcaya.

**Christmas flowers were donated in memory or in honor of:** Morones Tapia Family, Morones Torres Family, Tapia Galindo Family, Pedro Mateo, Lucia Basilio, Mariana Tzite, Charles and Esther Hoelscher, David Dickinson, Doris Regier, Nancy J. Duros, Hap Engelkamp, Ivo and Caroline Esser, Frank Fonfara, Harold and Clara Jacobson, William Lehre, Tom and Frances Fonfara, Dale and Irene Keller, Mary and Connie Boler, Landon Muller, Ben Dolan, Deborah Maher, Kevin Maher, Bernard Marasco, Lyle Latimer, Marlene Majeski, Ralph Latimer, Jon Tefft, Mary Kleyla, Rosaura Martinez, Robert Maly, Jason Redder, Phyllis Mumpower, Aubrey Mumpower, Sylvia Penrod, and the Drobsky, Makovicka, Hawkinson, and Hottovy Grandparents.