

**Parish Events Calendar**

**Monday, January 8**

6:30 pm Class on the Mass (Parish Hall)  
 7:00 pm Siervos de Cristo Vivo (Upper Room)  
 7:00 pm Sacramental Prep, Spanish (O'Brien Hall)

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:30 am Take down Christmas decorations (Church)  
 7:00 pm Siervos de Cristo Vivo (Gymnasium)  
 7:30 pm-8:30 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Church)

**Wednesday, January 10**

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

**Thursday, January 11**

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus (Parish Hall)

**Friday, January 12**

8:30 am-6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition (Church)  
 7:00 pm Crecimiento (Gymnasium)

**Saturday, January 13**

8:00 am-6:00 pm Curso Felipe (Gymnasium)  
 10:30 am-12:00 pm Catechism Classes (School)  
 10:30 am Parent Meeting in Spanish (O'Brien Hall)  
 11:00 am-1:00 pm Community Meal (Parish Hall)  
 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Applications for assistance (Parish Hall)

6:15 pm Vespers in Spanish and Eucharistic Exposition (Church)

**Sunday, January 14**

8:00 am-4:00 pm Curso Felipe (Gymnasium)  
 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers in English (Church)

**Sacrificial Offerings**

Weekly giving December 24 ..... \$6,494  
 YTD weekly giving ..... 212,863  
 YTD budgeted giving ..... 168,000  
 Difference ..... 44,863  
 Christmas ..... 9,427

**The Seminary Collection** will be taken up next weekend. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-two men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices, and generous financial support.

**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 8**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Elias, Lydia, and Caleb Wall

**Tuesday, January 9**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Marilyn Massich+  
 6:00 pm Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass in Spanish: Zuleyca Salazar+  
 7:30 pm-8:30 pm Eucharistic Exposition

**Wednesday, January 10**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Catholic Distance University  
 6:00 pm Confessions  
 6:30 pm Mass in Spanish: Chanel Pérez

**Thursday, January 11**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Madeline Harris+

**Friday, January 12**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Noah Regier  
 8:30 am-6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition

**Saturday, January 13**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Howard and Marilyn Hon  
 4:00 pm Confessions  
 5:00 pm Mass in English: Robert and Judy Weinand  
 6:15 pm Vespers in Spanish and Eucharistic Exposition

**Sunday, January 14**

7:30 am Confessions  
 8:00 am Mass in English: Yvonne Soucie+  
 9:00 am Confessions  
 9:30 am Mass in English: pro populo  
 12:30 pm Confessions  
 1:00 pm Mass in Spanish: Aquilina Rodríguez+  
 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers in English  
 5:30 pm Confessions  
 6:00 pm Mass in Spanish: Silverio Díaz Castelán+

**January 7, 2024**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saint Peter Catholic Church**



*Adoration of the Magi by Paolo Veronese*

**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

**EUCHARISTIC 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**

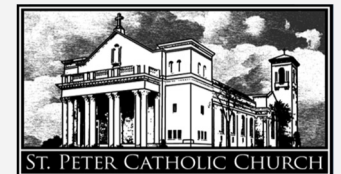
Telephone: 402-341-4560, ext. 113  
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This is an ongoing summary of *Veritatis splendor*, an encyclical by Pope St. John Paul II 30 years ago. This was the first magisterial encyclical devoted entirely to issues regarding a fundamental understanding 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 Four – The moral act

Teleology and teleologism (paragraphs 71-73)

The Holy Father sums up a truth from early in the Encyclical: "The relationship between man's freedom and God's Law, which has its intimate and living center in the moral conscience, is manifested and realized in human acts. It is precisely through his acts that man attains perfection as man, as one who is called to seek his Creator of his own accord and freely to arrive at full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him."

Human actions are moral actions because they express the goodness or evil of the person who does them. Doing good or doing evil morally defines a person who performs them deliberately. Our actions determine our "profound spiritual traits." The pope quotes St. Gregory of Nyssa who proposed that, in a way, we create who we are by our decisions.

Whether an act is moral or not is defined by the relationship of man's freedom with authentic good. The "good" is established by God (Eternal Law). The Eternal Law of God can be known by man in two ways: Natural Law (because man's natural reason shows him God's Law) and in a perfect way by God's Revelation of his will to us (Divine Law). Actions are morally good when our free choices are in conformity with the good of God's Law.

This week the Church celebrated the optional memorial of **the Most Holy Name of Jesus**, a feast reintroduced by Pope St. John Paul after it was dropped from the calendar for some reason after the Council. One way we show reverence for the Most Holy Name of our Lord in the Mass is that, if we are standing, we bow our heads. It doesn't need to be overdone but should be humble, bodily gesture to remind ourselves of the reverence we have for the Name that saves. This is a beautiful custom and is actually written in the rubrics of the liturgy. We always hear the Name twice in the Gloria and once in the Creed, but we should also bow our heads when we hear the Name during the Collect or during the Gospel. The same rubric applies to the Holy

The free and morally good action whatever it may be expresses the voluntary ordering of a person toward God himself, the supreme Good in whom we find full and perfect happiness.

It is this free ordering of human actions toward the good in its truth which constitutes morality. Because actions must be in accord with a true ordering toward the good, it cannot be said that an action is moral only because the intention is good or because an action finally achieves a good in the end. "Activity is morally good when it attests to and expresses the voluntary ordering of the person to his ultimate end and the conformity of a concrete action with the human good as it is acknowledged in its truth by reason."

The actions of a Christian are called to show either consistency or inconsistency with the dignity which has been given to us by grace. The Christian is a child of God; "by his actions he shows his likeness or unlikeness to the image of the Son, ... he lives out his fidelity or infidelity to the gift of the Spirit, and he opens or closes himself to eternal life, to the communion of vision, love, and happiness with God."

Therefore, the moral life has a "teleological" character, because our moral actions are deliberately ordered toward God. (*Teleological character might be defined as having an end purpose in mind; regarding morality, the end purpose is to order our actions toward the supreme good and ultimate end of man which is God.*) This ordering is not subjective to each person, meaning, not only dependent on one's intention. Human acts themselves regardless of intention can in themselves be ordered to this end, such as actions which follow the Ten Commandments.

Name of Mary or if we are celebrating a particular Saint that day. Relatedly, we bow from the waist in the Ordinary Form of the Mass when the Incarnation is mentioned during the Creed or when there is a doxology mentioning the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

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 are always welcome at Sacred Liturgies, however, 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.

**Friday Eucharistic Exposition** On January 12, Exposition will be offered after the 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm. Friday Eucharistic Exposition is typically offered after the 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm. On the first Friday of the month, Exposition ends at 7:30 pm. More dedicated adorers are needed. Contact the parish office for details.

**Holy Hour** On Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 pm for men (although everyone is welcome) to pray especially for our priests and St. Peter Parish.

**Taking down Christmas Decorations January 9** Please consider helping to take down the Christmas decorations. We'll meet in the church on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 am Mass.

**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*.

**Vocation 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 [olsotszakpak@yahoo.com](mailto:olsotszakpak@yahoo.com). Pass on the Crucifix kit to the next household before or after the 9:30 am Mass in O'Brien Hall.

**Community Meal: January 13** The St Peter SVdP will serve a Community Meal for our neighbors on Saturday, January 13, 11 am-1 pm in the Parish Hall. If you'd like to help serve or donate food, sign up online at SignupGenius.com by searching for the email address [angwilder3@gmail.com](mailto:angwilder3@gmail.com) or contact Angela Wilder at 402-690-3330.

**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, multi-purpose cleaners, shampoo, and conditioner. Leave items in the brown bins at the church entrances.

**The St. Peter Altar Society** is accepting donations and memberships during the month of January. All donations help to provide the things needed for the celebration of the Sacraments, priests' and deacons' vestments, and other liturgical needs of the church. All are invited to become members of the Altar Society. Learn how you can help care for the altars and things needed for the celebration of the Sacraments. Contact the office for details.

**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.

#### Pray for Parishioners Serving in the Military

SSgt. Luke Anderson, Marine Corps  
Capt. Jacqueline Baude, Air Force  
Senior Airman James P. Carl, Air Force  
Senior Airman Reyna Carl, Air Force  
Lt. Col. John Casey, Air Force  
Capt. Tyler Clawson, Air Force  
Spc. Eric Diego Mateo, Army  
PFC Estrella Flores, Marine Corps  
Cpl. Xotchil Flores, Marine Corps  
Lance Cpl. Nathan Leuck, Marine Corps Reserve  
Sgt. Joseph Methe, Army National Guard  
Capt. Nicholas F. Petro, Air Force  
Capt. Peter Roach, Air Force  
Lt. Mary Emma Schreffler, Air National Guard  
Lt. Andrew Steadman, Navy  
Ens. Kenneth Steadman, Navy  
Sgt. Gerard Zak, Army

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

**OUCCW Scholarship** for high school senior Catholic women. Applications must be submitted by January 15. For details: [oaccw.org/home/about](http://oaccw.org/home/about).