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St. Peter the Apostle - Tilden

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(715) 288-6484
Mass: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

By appointment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please check with the parish first for available dates before making all your plans.

RECONCILIATION

St. Charles-Saturday 3:15 p.m.
St. Peter-Saturday 6 p.m.
or anytime by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you would like to be anointed please call the central office before surgery.

HOSPITALIZED/HOMEBOUND

We bring you Holy Communion and will visit you in the hospital or at home. Please call the parish office for arrangements.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

St. Peter Catholic School, Tilden

GRADES 1-8

Tammy Christopher, Principal
(715) 288-6250

Christian Mothers Society
Kathy Rice (715) 723-0224
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Chippewa Area Catholic Schools

(MACS) www.cacs.k12.wi.us

MACS Central Office

Br. Roger, President
(715) 723-0538 ext. 3309

St. Charles Childcare

Chris Cook, Director
(715) 723-2161, 6:30 am – 6 pm daily

Mary Sue Briggs, Principal
St. Charles Borromeo Primary

GRADES Pre K—2
(715) 723-5827

Holy Ghost Elementary
GRADES 3-5

Br. Roger, Principal
Notre Dame Middle School

GRADES 6-8
(715) 723-4777

McDonell Central Catholic High
GRADES 9-12
(715) 723-9126

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

December 11, 2011, Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question: How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2011

JOHN THE BAPTIST

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass tomorrow we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom. --James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Confession Schedule

**St. Charles : Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. and Monday
December 19th after 5:30 p.m. Mass**

**St. Peter: Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday
December 20th at 6:30 p.m.**

No confessions on December 24, 2011.

Dear Parishioners,

Every Advent John the Baptist makes his appearance on the liturgical scene. While not as popular as Frosty the Snowman or Rudolph, John the Baptist is obviously an important "holiday personality" in the mind of the Church. Each year he returns to remind us that just as we prepare our homes and tables for Christmas, we must also prepare our hearts and souls.

John the Baptist reminds us of what is most essential to a true Christmas celebration. To tidy up our home without giving our heart a thorough house-cleaning ... to trim the tree, but not to adorn our soul with virtue ... this to neglect the most important Christmas preparations of all! In fact, it is only in this way that we can experience the real joy and peace of Christmas. As we enter the third week of Advent, there will be communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance around the Chippewa Deanery.

Today (Sunday) there will be a communal penance celebration at 3:00pm at Holy Ghost and at 7:00pm here at St. Charles. Please check for the dates, times and other area celebrations in this week's bulletin and plan now to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas. Individual confessions will be heard at St. Charles on Monday, December 19th following the 5:30pm Mass and at St. Peter's on Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30pm. Please note that there are NO confessions scheduled on Saturday, December 24th.

This afternoon St. Peter's is having their annual school Christmas program beginning at 1:45pm. I'm looking forward to what I've been told is a wonderful event. On Wednesday St. Peter's also hosts their "Taste of Tilden" from 2 - 6pm, and that same day St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools have their Christmas program at 12:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. They will be held at the McDonell auditorium. This is going to be a grand week indeed! Penance services, Christmas programs, lots of food ... all important means of preparing ourselves for the Lord's Nativity.

This Sunday is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday." It gets its name from the entrance song contained in the Roman Missal: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4,5.) All the events listed above are ways to experience the joy of Advent and Christmas. And while they are all good and wholesome, it is especially the Sacrament of Penance that can bring us the joy that endures long after the music ends and the food and drink have been consumed. The Lord is near. Let us rejoice in his closeness to us this week!

God bless and have a great week!
Father Ed



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St. Charles Borromeo Parish News



- Mon. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**
5:30 p.m. + All Entrusted to the Pastors Care
- Tue. Dec. 13 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. + Dick Hamilton
- Wed. Dec. 14 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter
10:30 a.m. Wissota Mass: Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Thur. Dec. 15 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. + Clarence Bowe
- Fri. Dec. 16 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. + John Nowak
- Sat. Dec. 17 Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**
4:00 p.m. + Joy, Harvey Jr., & Toni Jurgensen
- Sun. Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. +Ervin & Margaret Cherrier
11:00 a.m. + Jerry Knapp
- Rosary: Weekdays at 8:35 a.m. and Sunday 7 p.m.*

MINISTERIES for December 17 & 18

4 p.m. Mass

- SERVERS:** Emily Holldorf, Olivia Barry, Janna Fjelstad
READERS: Michael Salm, Des Sikowski– Nelson
EMOC: Larry Winter, Linda Dresel
CANTOR: Carol Heyde
PRAISE LEADER: Rita Nowak
SACRISTAN: JoAnn Vahlenkamp

8 a.m. Mass

- SERVERS:** Trent & Madelyn Zenner, Ben Weyenberg
READERS: Erin Rapienski, Ginger Harings
EMOC: Steve Meinen, Mary Jean Wagner
CANTOR: Robert Parkhurst
PRAISE LEADER: Robert Parkhurst
SACRISTAN: Rita Nowak

11 a.m. Mass

- SERVERS:** Kaitlin & Kayla Rubenzer, Mary Weaver
READERS: Gini Dachel, Mary Kuehl
EMOC: William Barkley, Arlis Hanson
CANTOR: Nathalie Burmeister
PRAISE LEADER: Phyllis Goettl
SACRISTAN: Barb Parkhurst



Richard Steinmetz
buried from St. Charles on
Nov. 26, 2011

May he rest in Peace

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 Budget: \$515,000.00

Week of December 3 & 4, 2011

Youth contributions:	\$15.00
Weekly budget:	\$9,903.85
Weekly contributions	\$17,676.55
Over:	\$7,772.70 (Thank you!!)
Year-to-date budget:	\$227,788.46
Year-to-date collected:	\$210,383.49
Year-to-date shortfall:	\$17,404.97

2011-2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal:

Assessed:	\$63,908.00
Cash collected:	\$28,012.60 (as of Dec. 1, 2011)
Left to raise:	\$35,895.40

Remember to get your 2011 contributions in before the end of the year.

Remember your loved ones with flowers at Christmas.

Did you send in your pledged monies for the annual appeal? Still have time before the end of the year. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming events:

Put up the trees: December 17th 8:00 a.m.

Cookie collection: December 17th & 18th
Delivery on Monday December 19th

First confessions:
December 17th at 10:30 a.m.

Sojourner House:
December 18, 2011 St. Charles Borromeo
December 21, 2011 St. Peter

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BAPTISM

Aubrey Delano Vich & Zoey McBeth Vich

Children of
Josh & Darlene Geissler Vich
Welcome to the family of
St. Charles Borromeo

St. Peter the Apostle Parish News



- Mon. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**
7:00 p.m. Novena / communion service
- Tue. Dec. 13 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles
- Wed. Dec. 14 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. + Ronald Schemenauer
- Thur. Dec. 15 Third week of Advent**
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- Fri. Dec. 16 Third week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles
- Sat. Dec. 17 Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent**
6:30 p.m. + Gerald Dachel, Sr.
- Sun. Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
9:30 a.m. + Sara (Bowe) Friedrich

MINISTERIES for December 17 & 18

- 6:30 p.m. Mass**
- SERVERS:** Jake Eslinger, John Lyberg
MC: Will Lyberg
- READER:** Matthew Rider
- GIFT BEARERS:** Doug & Kyra Secraw
- GREETER:** Becky Lyberg
- SCRIP:** Kim Dachel **ROSARY:** Marion Michels
- 9:30 a.m. Mass**
- SERVERS:** Jack Metza, Matthew Pomietlo,
Seth Schemenauer
MC: Collin Meinen
- READER:** David Meinen
- GIFT BEARERS:** Al & Rebecca Kelly
- GREETER:** Julie Rider
- SCRIP:** Diane Meinen
- ROSARY:** Tony & Lisa Schoch

Christian Mothers News

Taste of Tilden, Wednesday, December 14, 2011
starting at 2:00 p.m. in the church hall.

School cleaning during Christmas break. St Anne, Agatha, Cecilia, and Monica circles are assigned the cleaning during Christmas break. Cleaning instructions are in your circle packet. Questions contact one of the officers.

Still need a **secretary for the Christian Mothers.**

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 Budget: \$175,000.00

Week of December 3 & 4, 2011

Youth contributions:	\$22.00
Weekly budget:	\$3,365.38
Weekly contributions:	\$5,980.80
Over:	\$2,615.42 (Thank you!!)
Year-to-date budget:	\$77,403.85
Year-to-date collected:	\$75,114.25
Year-to-date shortfall:	\$2,289.60

2011-2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal:

Assessed:	\$14,432.00
Cash collected:	9,048.90 (as of Dec 1, 2011)
Left to raise:	\$5,383.10

Peters Patter

Welcome to Gaudete Sunday! Today we are given encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for Christmas. It is only two weeks away! We are also working hard at school to prepare for our upcoming Christmas break. There are so many things to get done in just a short amount of time!

In Religion we just finished studying the three-fold office of Jesus; priest, prophet, and king. We have learned how Jesus took on these three offices, and also how all of us share in them through the sacrament of Baptism and then further in Confirmation. Along with Religion class, Father has also been in to help the students learn the new Mass parts, play a little review game of Jeopardy, and discuss the meaning of the Advent Season.

In Social Studies we have learned the location and capitals for the Latin American countries and also many islands in the Caribbean. In Science the students have all shared their wonderful Power Points on the planets. We learned something new about each of the eight planets in our solar system. In Math the 7th graders just finished the chapter on decimals and equations. They are starting a chapter on factors, fractions, and exponents. The 8th graders are finishing their chapter on solving equations and starting a new chapter on solving inequalities. In Reading the students are nearing the end of The Giver by Lois Lowry. It is a very interesting and challenging book to read! The 8th grade students were able to go to Kmart shopping this week for the Spirit of Christmas. They shopped for four children newborn to age 7. They had a very enjoyable time spending a great amount of money that was collected this year. We were able to create a wonderful Christmas for a family.

Just a reminder: The annual St. Peter Christmas Concert is this Sunday, December 11, at 1:45 pm in the church basement. Please come and witness all of the hard work we have put into it!
Mrs. Bowe and the 7th and 8th graders

School News & Community Events



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI
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I am trying something different this year for my Christmas giving, I am giving favorites. My favorite kitchen gadgets, my husband's favorite tool and my children's favorite scrip certificates.

Save yourself the hassle of shopping and shopping, looking for just the right gift and settling for what you can find. Buy the people on your list scrip certificates for their favorite store and let them purchase their favorite items. Reduce the stress of the holidays for yourself.

The MACS Scrip office is open from 7-4 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 7 – 6:30 on Thursdays, until Christmas. The office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and on Friday, December 30 for the holidays.

For additional Scrip information, please contact me at 715.723.0538 ext. 3301 or b.gale@macs.k12.wi.us.
Barb Gale, Administrative Assistant & Fundraising Coordinator

Advent Community Computer Classes –Mondays: December 12th and December 19th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at McDonell High School. Call if you plan on attending, 715.723.0538. McDonell National Honor Society and Student Ambassador students will answer your questions that you have about your computer for free.

Christmas Programs and Concerts

Please join us during this Advent season as we prepare for Christmas.

Middle School Concert - Monday, December 12th, 7:00 pm in the McDonell Auditorium

K-5 grades will have a combined Christmas program on Wednesday, December 14th in the McDonell Auditorium at 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

High School Concert – Monday, December 19th, 7:00 pm the McDonell Auditorium

Week 12 Football Mania Winners: Connie Eystad--\$50, Tony Reiter--\$25, Mark Johnson--\$25, Robert Parkhurst--\$25. You can view all the winners on the boosters website page.



Book Club news: You are welcome to come and share the discussion of the book “ **The Return of the Prodigal Son**” by **Henri J.M. Nouwen**. We will meet on January 12, 2012 for the first time. We meet at Notre Dame in the Avila Room on the southeast side of the church. Times are 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m. Call Sharon at 715-894-1060 if you have questions or are in need of finding the book.

KC Christmas party for children of members will be held on December 18, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. Santa will arrive between 1:00 ~ 1:30 p.m. Open to all members and their guests.

Thank you St Peter Parish for hosting the Agnes Table. We truly appreciate your support of this meal site.
The Staff of Starting Points



New times are available to be covered at the Goldsmith Chapel.

Call Andy and get the times still needed to be covered.

Andy at 568-5243



*Communal Celebrations of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation*

December 11, 2011

3:00 p.m. Holy Ghost

7:00 p.m. St. Charles

December 13, 2011

7:00 p.m. Notre Dame

December 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul, Bloomer