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St. Peter the Apostle - Tilden

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Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
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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.

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?

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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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

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

Second Sunday in Advent December 4, 2011

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tieltacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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Masses for the Holy Day of Obligation

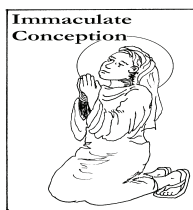
December 7, 2011

St. Charles: Mass at 7:10 p.m.

December 8, 2011

St. Peter: Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

St. Charles: Mass at Noon



Dear Parishioners,

All the priests I've talked to this past week have asked the same thing: "How did it go?" The "it" they're referring to was the first use of the new English Translation of the Roman Missal. All in all, I think we did pretty well at St. Charles and St. Peter's. It's going to take all of us - myself included! - some time to avoid slipping back into "auto pilot" when it comes to the prayers and responses. In the meantime we'll have to keep a close eye on the worship aids and missalette.

Picking up on an idea from last Sunday's homily, I'd like to reflect a bit on time and eternity. This is very much at the heart of Advent and Christmas. We remember Christ's coming in the flesh and we look for him to come again, even as we celebrate his coming among us even here and now in Word and Sacrament. In Jesus past, present, and future converge in the mystery of the Incarnation (literally, "becoming flesh.") What we celebrate in a special way at this time of year is our conviction that the eternal Word of God, without beginning or ending, has entered into time taking flesh at a particular point in history. What is timeless and invisible has now become visible in time.

This great mystery of our faith changes everything. So important is the Incarnation that we bow at its mention in the Creed. *All* make a profound bow at the words: "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." At Christmas and on the feast of the Annunciation (March 25) all kneel at these words. Bowing also recalls that in Jesus God has lowered himself (creed: "he came down from heaven.") So we ourselves bend down towards the earth, lowering ourselves in imitation of the Savior who "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." (See Philippians 2:6-7.)

That the eternal has become visible in Jesus reveals the potential of all visible, historical things to speak of eternal realities. This is what the Church's whole sacramental economy is built upon. Remember the Baltimore Catechism? "A sacrament is a visible sign, instituted by Christ, to give (invisible) grace." In other words, we have access to the Eternal through visible sacramental signs - and potentially through all created things. This happens in a most special way in the holy Eucharist, because the outward signs of bread and wine actually become what they signify - the Body and Blood of Christ.

These are indeed ponderous things to reflect upon. Which is what we mean by "mysteries of faith." The Incarnation is something we can simply define and say we've got it. No, the mystery of the Word made flesh; the Eternal entering historical time; the Creator becoming a creature - this is something we will never fully comprehend. We can only be filled with wonder and awe. We can only bow and adore.

God bless and have a great week!
Father Ed

St. Charles Borromeo Parish News



Mon. Dec. 5 Second week of Advent

5:30 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Tue. Dec. 6 Second week of Advent

8:30 a.m. + Bernice Schindler

Wed. Dec. 7 Second week of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter

10:30 a.m. Mass at Rutledge: Frieda Gaier

7:10 p.m. All Entrusted to the Pastors Care

THUR. Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter

NOON + Warren Wermund

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Peter

Fri. Dec. 9 St. Juan Diego

8:30 a.m. + Fred Moeri, Jr.

10:00 a.m. Mass at Chippewa Manor: + Edna Lowe

Sat. Dec. 10 Vigil Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. + Francis Leis

Sun. Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Joe Boos

11:00 a.m. + Edward Goettl

MINISTERIES for DECEMBER 10 & 11

4 p.m. Mass

SERVERS: Connor & Alainia MacNicol, Carter Holm

READERS: John MacNicol, Mike Rose

EMOC: Tim & Cindy Nyhus

CANTOR: Myra Detienne

PRAISE LEADER: Claudia Hable

SACRISTAN: Rita Nowak

8 a.m. Mass

SERVERS: Anthony & Ethan Roach, Sam Hakes

READERS: Norb Gaier, Rory Cameron

EMOC: Cyril & Lelah Krista

CANTOR: Peter Doermann

PRAISE LEADER: Phyllis Goettl

SACRISTAN: Ginger Harings

11 a.m. Mass

SERVERS: Evan Smith, Paul & Mark Buchmann

READERS: Youth Readers

EMOC: Ken & Diane Koss

CANTOR: Daniel Reither

PRAISE LEADER: Rita Nowak

SACRISTAN: Jody Rubenzer



Remember your loved ones with flowers.

List will be published after Christmas.

**Please help us with a donation to Casa Hogar,
Donations do not need to be in until December**

25th. Tags are available on the trees. Thank you.

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

Week of November 19 & 20, 2011

Youth contributions: \$9.54

Weekly budget: \$9,903.85

Weekly contributions: \$6,176.75

Shortfall: \$3,727.10

Year-to-date budget: \$207,980.77

Year-to-date collected: \$185,087.94

Year-to-date shortfall: \$22,892.83

2011-2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal:

Assessed: \$63,908.00

Cash collected: \$20,678.40 (as of November 17, 2011)

Left to raise: \$43,229.60

Only three weeks to get your donation in for the 2011 year. Please also send in your pledged amounts for the Diocese Annual Appeal.

Upcoming Events

Church cleaning: December 10th 9:00 a.m.

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.

Communal Penance Service:

St. Charles, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.
Check the newsletter for all the other parish times and dates.

Thank you to the building and grounds committee for trimming and removing some of the trees from the parish grounds.

Thanks to Tom Eder, Jim Loew, Dick Schemenauer, Gene Goettl, Tom Steinmetz, Tom Weyenberg, Ian Kopp, and Alex Pope. Thank you to Dan Miller and Big Rivers Tree Service. We appreciate everyone's hard work. The grounds look good.

St. Peter the Apostle Parish News



- Mon. Dec. 5** **Second week of Advent**
7:00 p.m. Novena / communion service
- Tue. Dec. 6** **Second week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles
- Wed. Dec. 7** **Second week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. + Sonny Dachel
- Thur. Dec. 8** **Immaculate Conception**
8:30 a.m. + Herman Dachel
5:30 p.m. + Jessica Eder
- Fri. Dec. 9** **Second week of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles
- Sat. Dec. 10** **Vigil third Sunday of Advent**
6:30 p.m. Andrew Webb
- Sun. Dec. 11** **Third Sunday of Advent**
9:30 a.m. + Joni & Joe Blum

MINISTERIES for December 10 & 11

- 6:30 p.m. Mass**
- SERVERS:** Nick & Patrick Sloan
MC: Aaron McDonald
- READER:** Betty Schemenauer
- GIFT BEARERS:** Tim & Cyndi Schimmel
- GREETER:** Ruth Goulet
- SCRIP:** Karen Bohl
- ROSARY:** Al Fialkowski
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- 9:30 a.m. Mass**
- SERVERS:** Wyatt Moon, Peter Stoffel, Scott Wild
MC: Lance Schoch
- READER:** Mike Stoffel
- GIFT BEARERS:** Pete & Missy Eslinger
- GREETER:** Mary Steinmetz
- SCRIP:** Mike Beaudette
- ROSARY:** Steve Plendl
- Remember your loved ones with Christmas flowers. Lists will be published after Christmas.

Christian Mothers News

Bingo report: St. Mary's Circle cleared \$1,319.06 on November 20th.
Next Bingo will be January 15, 2012 and St. Clara's Circle will host.

Still need a secretary for the Christian Mothers.

Week of November 19 & 20, 2011
Youth contributions: \$27.00

Weekly budget: \$3,365.38

Weekly contributions: \$2,389.17

Shortfall: \$976.21

Year-to-date budget: \$70,673.08

Year-to-date collected: \$67,146.45

Year-to-date shortfall: \$3,526.63

2011-2012 Diocesan Annual Appeal:


Assessed: \$14,432.00

Cash collected: \$6,787.60 (as of November 17, 2011)

Left to raise: \$7,644.40

Only three weeks to get in your 2011 contributions. Remember to send in your Annual Appeal monies.

Fuel fund monies accepted any time. Thanks for your support.



St. Peter's students invites all of you to the Christmas program on **Sunday, December 11th beginning at 1:45 pm.**

For those who can not make it please join us on **Friday, December 9th at 1:00 pm** in the church basement for our dress rehearsal.

Upcoming Events

Golden Mass: December 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Taste of Tilden: December 14, 2- 6 p.m.

First Confession: December 17th 9:00 a.m.

Trees & decorations up: December 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Penance service is December 11, 2011 at St. Charles 7:00 p.m.

For city wide penance services please check dates and times in the newsletter.

School News & Community Events



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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Dear Parishioners and Families,

Again, this year the libraries have a Give-A-Book to the library. This book can be added in the honor of your student's birthday, a memorial or just for fun. The St. Charles Media Center would like to have books with CDs to replace the many taped books that have left our library. At Holy Ghost Media Center facts and trivia books are popular along with historical fiction and historical factual books. Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell Central Catholic High School could use additional up dated biographies, new saint books (many of present ones are from 1940s and 1950s) and additional books for research on various topics especially addiction problems. This is a topic covered each year by students for classroom projects. It is important for student researchers to know how to use written resources as well as the Internet for research. The goal is to teach the student what is good research as well as what is reliable research.

Peggy Nehring, *Media/Technology*

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

Christmas Reception The McDonell Area Catholic Schools invite, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the school system to a Christmas Reception on Saturday, December 10th from 5 - 8 p.m. at the McDonell High School. **Call Barb Gale if you plan on attending by Monday, December 4th** 715.723.0538 ext. 3301 or b.gale@macs.k12.wi.us

Christmas Programs

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

Middle School - 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 – Monday, December 19th, 7:00 pm the McDonell Auditorium

International Experience

McDonell High School is seeking families who will open their homes, for an international experience, by accepting a student for one semester starting January 2012. Please contact international coordinator Denise Boos 715.723.9126 or email d.boos@macs.k12.wi.us. Compensation is given to the hosting family from the student's family.

MACS Central Office EXTENDED HOURS

Thursdays nights Dec. 8 & 15th the Scrip office will be open until 6:30 pm. Normal hours are 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please use the McDonell High School main entrance. Scrip gift cards make a wonderful gift and we have two new vendors! In Bloomer, Shadick's Price Rite, in \$10 amounts giving the school system 10% and Ojibwa Golf and Bowl in Chippewa Falls in \$20 denominations giving 5%. Thank you!

Week 11 Football Mania Winners: Michelle Kent--\$200, Lee Rusch--\$100, Jamie Knowlton--\$25, Karen Bohl--\$25. You can view all the winners on the boosters website page

The Chippewa Falls **Knights of Columbus Goldsmith Council #974** will hold a Children's Christmas Party for the children of Chippewa KC members at the hall on Sunday, December 18, 2011 from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Santa will arrive sometime between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Open to members and their guests.

The Knights of Columbus are seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance company. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the KC's. For more information contact Ed Knolmayer, FIC, General Agent at 715-426-9898 or e-mail at edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org

National Night of Prayer for Life

Thursday, December 8, 2011

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Eau Claire.

8:00 p.m.- Midnight Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00—10:00 p.m. confessions

Benediction at Midnight.

Peter Patter

Happy second week of Advent to all of you!

We have all been working hard and returning to a normal schedule after we completed our IOWA tests last week. In math, the 4th graders are beginning to review basic multiplication facts that they learned in 3rd grade. We are taking 2 minute tests on them to see how much they remember. In 3rd grade math, we are reviewing subtraction. We will be subtracting basic math facts along with double, triple, and even quadruple digits. We will also be reviewing the skill of re-grouping while subtracting. In Science we are finishing up a chapter on different forms of energy. We learned about electrical energy, thermal energy, chemical energy and more. In Social Studies we are beginning a chapter where we are going to learn more about our national government; the three branches of government, how Congress works, the Supreme Court, etc. Finally, in religion the 4th graders are reading the Old Testament stories of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai, and the events preceding it. In 3rd grade religion, we continue to discuss the Ten Commandments more specifically. We are learning about all of the things that the Commandments require of us and also what we are forbidden to do.

We wish all of you a joyful and Blessed Christmas,

Mrs. Weimert (teacher for 3rd & 4th grades)