

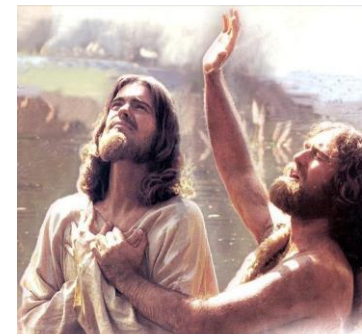
St. Peter's Church
1504 Joy Street
Stanton, NE.



December 4th, 2016

Please send bulletin announcements to stpeters@stanton.net by Wednesday morning

Financial – Nov 27th 2016
 Adult Envelopes..... 2,283.00
 Youth Offering..... 25.00
 All Saint Day..... 20.00
TOTAL-\$2,328.00



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Luke 3:4,6

Parish News

***Religious Ed. –Dec. 7th**-K-8 classes will meet at 6:30 pm. Mass at 7:30 pm.
***Holy Day (Immaculate Conception) Masses:** Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 7:30 pm, and on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 7:25 am.
***Christmas Program:** children in Religious Ed. grades K-6 will be putting on a Christmas Program in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Dec. 21st at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. More information will be sent home with the children at a later date.
***Those wishing to purchase a poinsettia for the altar at Christmas** may contact Pat Krutz at 402-439-2379 by Dec. 20th. The cost is \$10.00 each.
***Christmas Caroling: Come have fun and sing with us!** We will be going around the neighborhood caroling on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Meet at the Parish Hall at 5 pm that evening. Children should be accompanied by an adult. After caroling, we will return to the parish hall for a chili meal. Please bring a snack or cookies/bars to share. Everyone is invited! Questions, please contact Val Morfeld at 402-740-1416 or morfeld@cablone.com. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church lobby.
***Our Sincere Sympathy goes out to the Alma Suchan Family.** She passed away on Thursday, Dec. 1st. The funeral will be here at St. Peter's on Thursday, Dec. 8th at 10:30 am. Visitation will be from 9:00-9:30 am that morning, with Rosary to follow. This Mass will count for your Holy Day obligation.
***There will be a special 2nd collection next weekend (Dec. 10/11) for the Retirement fund for Religious.**
*** ADVENT IS HERE, and again this year Dynamic Catholic and Matthew Kelly will be offering their daily email devotionals, "Best Advent Ever: Rediscovering Christmas!"** This year the program will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy Holiday Season. To sign up go to www.dynamiccatholic.com/bestadventever and click on where it says "sign-up." The first email will be sent on Nov. 27th, and will continue through Dec. 26th.
***Prayer/Share during Advent:** this Advent Season Fr. Jerry will be offering a Prayer/Share study and reflection group.. These readings are a great resource to help us grow in our spiritual lives. We will meet Thursday evenings (December 8th, 15th, and 22nd) from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Stanton Health Center Solarium.
***The Norfolk Veterans Home members are in need of some personal items,** such as **full-sized** body lotions, body sprays, and body wash. Also Fixodent, Lectric Shave (put on before shaving with electric razor), and aftershave. They would greatly appreciate any donations you can give. There will be a tote in the back of church to put donations in. Thank you!!

<u>Sat. Dec. 10th - 5:30 pm</u>		<u>Sun. Dec. 11th - 10:00 am</u>	
Lector-	A. Spence		K. Nordby
EMHC-	C. Chilcoat		Deacon Al
Servers-	Dan Jensen		S. Siebrandt/M. Reese
Gifts-	C. & S. Schroeder		P. & K. Schulte
Ushers-	T. Kabes/R. Jansen		K. Funk/B. Hartl
Organist-	Kallhoff		D. Sindelar
Cantor-	Chilcoat		Sorricks
SHC-	-----K. Spence		
Money Counter-	----- Dan/Val Morfeld		

***KOC Meeting** on Dec. 5th will be at the Stanton Nursing Home at 7:30 pm.
***Tour of Churches-**The Stanton High School Choir will be singing at the local Stanton churches, which includes St. Peter's, on Sunday, Dec. 11th right before Mass starts at 10:00 am.
***SNOW REMOVAL-Nov. 28th-Dec. 11th**-Mike Race, Al Wolverton, Mike Sieh

Mass Intentions Dec. 5th –Dec. 11th 2016

	<u>Intention</u>	<u>From</u>
M. 7:25 am	Mike Wolken	Ralph & Shirley Wolken
T. 7:25 am	Ternus & Jansen fam	Bob & Margaret Jansen
W. 7:30 pm	Living & Dec Weidner Fam	Ronda Siecke
Th. 7:25 am	Lorraine Busch	Kathy Schiermeier
Fr. 7:25 am	No Mass	
Sa. 5:30 pm	Charles Psotta	Marianne Psotta
Su. 10:00am	Brian Nordby	Brad & Terri Johnson

Monthly Meetings
KOC: First Monday at 7:30 pm
Altar Soc: First Thur. at 1:30 pm
Rolls: First Sunday after Mass
Pastoral Council: Second Sunday 9:00 am

Question of the week: What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath? The Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin. As his Advent, or "Coming" draws nearer, another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God incarnate who comes to redeem the human race. The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us- a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.