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## SS Peter & Paul 413 Fremont Street, Kiel 920-894-3553



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

# Eucharist

St. Ann

Sunday: 8:00 am Thursday: 8:30 am

#### Holy Rosary

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm Sunday: 10:00 am Wednesday: 8:30 am

### SS. Peter & Paul

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am Tuesday: 8:30 am First Friday: 8:30 am

# Reconciliation

*First Friday* SS. Peter & Paul 7:45 am

*Saturday* SS. Peter & Paul—3:15 pm Holy Rosary—5:30 pm *Sunday* 

St. Ann — 3rd Sunday after Mass

Adoration

Mondays SS. Peter & Paul 4—5 pm

*Wednesdays* Holy Rosary 4—5 pm *Fridays* 

St. Ann 4—5 pm

# Leadership

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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31 Divine Savior Artwork

scerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1998, 1970 CCD

# (PRACTICING)

#### What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not exactly disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

Let it be done.

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." - Luke 1:38

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

#### Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

May the blessings, the joy and the amazement of the Incarnation – God coming to earth! – be with you and your loved ones during this Christmas season and throughout the coming year! Let us raise the roof with praise! Glory to God in the highest!!

#### Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. St. Ann 6:00 p.m. Holy Rosary 8:00 p.m. Ss. Peter & Paul *Monday, December 25—Christmas Day:* 

8:00 a.m. St. Ann 8:00 a.m. Ss. Peter & Paul 10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary



#### **Experience Pietra Fitness**

Classes for Women are held on Mondays at 4:15 and Tuesdays at 9 am at SS Peter & Paul Parish Center, lower level. For cost information and to find out what to bring to class, contact Sherry, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor 920-286- 1062 and she'll get back to you.

#### FORMED

Signing up on FORMED has become a lot easier and parish codes and custom registration urls are no longer needed. Now parishioners just go to <u>formed.org/</u><u>signup</u> and find their parish to sign up for the first time.

- 1. Go to formed.org/signup
- 2. Select your parish by entering name, city or zip code
- 3. Enter your name and email address
- 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

Passwords are no longer needed. After you have initially "signed up" and created your account, simply "sign in" to formed.org by entering your email. You will then need to check your email on the same device for an authentication email. Going forward, as long as you don't log out or clear your cookies, you will remain signed in.

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#### Women's Retreat

If you are looking to give a gift that truly "keeps on giving," a Women Celebrate retreat is just the thing! What woman wouldn't love the chance to get away and grow closer to Christ? You can treat yourself or gift that special woman in your life...and you don't even have to leave home to shop! Registration is fast and easy. The weekend is February 9-11, 2024... Go to womencelebrate.org and sign up today! Merry Christmas!

#### one by One

To make a one by One payment towards your pledge, please mail it to the following address:

Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay PO Box 22550, Green Bay, WI 54305-2550 This is a locked box specifically for receiving campaign pledges. Please be sure to note your parish on the payment. Thank you.

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

# SS. PETER & PAUL, KIEL

#### Calendar of Events +Mass Intentions Dec 25-31, 2023

Mon	Christmas Day		
	Mass 8 am + Isabell, Willard & Andy Kienbaum		
Tues	Office Closed		
Sat	Reconciliation 3:15 pm		
	Mass 4 pm + For the Living & Deceased		
	Members of our Three Linked Parishes		

Sun Mass 8 am + Robert & Catherine Halfmann

For the week of December 24 the Sanctuary Candle is burning in *memory* of Bob, Dori & Tom Schroeder

#### Celebrate the Sounds of Christmas

All are welcome to join us for a Christmas Concert with the choir on Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm. Joy to the World!

#### Holiday Office Hours

Please note the office will be closed the following Mondays & Tuesdays; December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2 . Scrip volunteers and money counters should come in on the following Wednesdays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

#### Calendars

Help yourself to a 2024 calendar found on the table in the narthex under the rose window. We worked with Kiel's St. Vincent de Paul Society to bring you the calendar.

#### Year End Contributions

I can't believe I'm typing this, but the year 2023 will be coming to an end in a week! Parishioners are reminded that all tax-deductible contributions need to be in the parish office or postmarked by Dec. 31st to be counted in 2023. The Dec 30/31 weekend collections will be counted for 2023. Thank you all for your gifts throughout the year.

#### SCRIP

We brought back \$10 Barnes & Noble gift cards just for the Christmas season! And new to the scrip box is Christel's Pet Supply in \$25 denominations.

Planning on making a large purchase? Hunting equipment at Cabela's? Snow blower from Menards? Flooring from Home Depot? Why not use \$crip to pay the bill? Let us know in advance so we can be sure to have enough in stock for you.

#### Marian Devotions

How many people make New Year's resolutions? 38% of adults will at least make one New Year's resolution. This year why not make a prayer resolution.

Join us in church in front of Mary on Sunday nights at 6 pm, starting on January 7. We may include a song or two but we'll always start with any prayer intentions you bring and then pray the Rosary. Please enter through the south east sacristy door.

Praying the Rosary allows us to encounter Mary and to enter the mysteries of Jesus Christ. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, continue to inspire us to a life of discipleship.

#### Heating Project Extra

New lights will be installed in the church basement as the project comes to a close in January. We did not plan to replace the lights, but it's a good time to upgrade to energy efficient lights when the new ceiling is being installed. 30 lights needs replacing, and each light costs approximately \$200, or \$6,000 total. Since it wasn't originally planned, this cost was not included in the total scope of the project. If you would like to sponsor a light to bring the cost down, we would be grateful. For more information, talk to Father Amadi, Kim or any member of the building & grounds committee: Jeff Voland, Mike Muhs, Dave Pethan or Fred Meyer. Donations can be sent to Kim in the office labeled: LIGHTS.

	Your Stewardship Sharing					
	Ending December 17, 2023					
Stewardship \$ 9,345.50						
	Loose	\$	237.30			
	Immaculate Con	\$	1,091.00	and the second second		
	Building & Main	\$	515.00			
	Needed weekly to meet budget: \$5,962 Over \$3,383					

Thank you for your contributions!

SS. Peter & Paul Liturgical Roles					
	Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day 8 AM	Saturday, Dec 30 4 pm	Sunday, Dec 31 8 AM		
GREETERS	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed		
LECTOR	Volunteers Needed	MJ Meyer	Volunteers Needed		
EUCHARIST	M J Meyer Volunteer Needed	G Vondracheck Volunteer Needed	T Schad Volunteer Needed		
SERVERS	M Brost Volunteers Needed	Four Volunteers Needed	M Brost Volunteers Needed		
USHERS	J Mahloch P Mahloch	H Brost M Raquet	J Mahloch P Mahloch		

**Calendar of Events + Mass Intention** Sunday – December 24 4th Sunday of Advent +Living & Deceased Members of our Mass 8 am **Three Linked Parishes** Christmas Eve Mass 4 pm +Robert, Kathleen & Tom Winkel Monday—December 25 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day Mass 8 am +Donald Stemper Wednesday — December 27 **NO Faith Formation** Thursday – December 28 Mass 8:30 am +George & Lucille Dickrell Friday – December 29 Exposition & Adoration 4-5 pm Sunday – December 31 The Holy Family Mass 8 am +Dorothy, Harold & Greg Roehrig

#### Quilters

St. Ann Quilters will again be assembling and knotting quilts starting January 2, 2024, and every

Tuesday through March 26<sup>th</sup> – from 8:30 – 11:30 am (weather permitting). We have both men and women on the job. Quilts are given to the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse in New Holstein for shipment to 3<sup>rd</sup> world missions. Needles and yarn will be furnished. This is to take place at the Ken Turba home at N9539 Irish Court. Come join us for lots of fun, fun, fun! P.S. the most expensive cost is the batting for the quilts. If you wish to contribute towards the cost, we ask you to place your donation in an envelope, marked "quilt batting) and drop it in the collection basket by February 4, 2024. Any questions call Ken at 920-894-3858. Thank you, The Quilters.

#### Scrip

Don't forget about us after the holidays . . . you can still do your shopping with gift cards that give back! It's a convenient way to support a cause you care about; your parish. You can even go to RaiseRight.com and purchase scrip right on your phone!

#### Mass Announcements

If you have information that you would like announced at Mass, please email the information to Lisa Gross. <u>lgross6@hotmail.com</u>

Your Stewardship	Sharing	- December 17,	2023

Church Support Envelopes \$ 1,905.00 Loose Offering \$ 166.00 Weekly Stewardship needed to meet budget: \$1,154.00

Thank you for your contributions!

St. Ann Parish Liturgical Roles			
	Monday – December 25 Christmas Day 8 am Mass	Sunday – December 31 8 am Mass	
GREETERS	Renee Keltesch	Donna Schmitz	
LECTOR	Lynnette Mierzejewski	Cheri Schmitz	
EUCHARIST	David Winkel	Renee Keltesch	
SERVERS	Alana Leichtnam	Leo DeBruin	
USHERS	Renee Keltesch	Terry Winkel	
USHEKS	Dean Winkel	Steven Winkel	
GIFT BEARERS	Stemper Family	Roehrig Family	

#### 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT





# HOLY ROSARY, NEW HOLSTEIN

#### **Calendar of Events + Mass Intentions**

#### Monday – Dec 25 Christmas Day

10:00 am Mass + Jerry Koenigs

Wednesday – Dec 27 Mass | 8:30 am + Robert Ruffing Lectio Bible Study | 1:00 pm Adoration | 4:00-5:00 pm Church

#### Saturday – Dec 30 6:00 pm Mass

+ Dorothy Kearns

<u>Sunday – Dec 31</u> 10:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

Sunday – Jan 1

+ Stephen & Debbie Greuel

+ Marvin & Allen Muellenbach and Louis Pavlicek



Sanctuary Candle Memorial For the week of December 24, the Sanctuary Candle is burning in Memory of Marvin, Agnes, Dan & Logan Berenz

#### Year End Contributions

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#### **Housekeeper Wanted**

Holy Rosary Church is looking for a Housekeeper. Duties include cleaning and laundry of the rectory and cleaning the parish offices. This is a part-time position 2-3 hours per week. Questions or if interested, call Fr. Amadi at 920-898-4884.

#### **Mission Quilters**

The Mission Quilters are tying quilts on Tuesday from 8:00 – 10:00 am at the Ruffing home starting January 2, 2024. Anyone interested in helping can contact Julie at 920-898-5966. Also, flat sheets are always needed. A box will be available by the corner cabinet in the main wing for your donations.

#### **Knights of Columbus Pizza Sale**

The New Holstein Knights of Columbus will again be sponsoring their annual pizza sale with the help of the Faith Formation Students. Date of the Pizza making and pick up is March 2, 2024. This fundraiser is the main source of income where the funds are used for charitable donations to worthwhile parish and community programs.

Orders can be placed with a KofC member, Faith Formation Students or on the order forms which can be found in each of the wings of Holy Rosary Church. Orders are due by February 8, 2024. Some people have asked where we make our donations, last year the funds were directed towards the purchase of the (2) AED devices. Parish Donations: Faith Formation Program, Donation to help offset the "Formed" Subscription costs, Helping Hands Food Pantry Community Donations, New Holstein Aquatic Center for Lifeguard Training, New Holstein Library Summer Reading Program, New Holstein Fire Department / First Responders, Salvatorian Center, New Beginnings Pregnancy Center, Wisconsin Pro-Life and Billboard.

#### **Helping Hands Food Pantry Needs**

Thank you for your continued support. We could use the following items in the pantry: Spaghetti O's, baked beans, kleenix, jams and jellies, hearty soups and hygiene items.

Your Stewa For Week Ending December 17			
Church Support Envelopes:	\$	6,450.00	at in T
Loose Offertory:	\$	351.75	A Cold
Student Envelopes	\$	.25	11
Building & Grounds	\$	251.00	
Christmas Flower Envelopes	\$	115.00	No.
Retired Religious	\$	295.00	
Adult Envelopes Needed Weekly	to Me	et Budget:	\$4,275.00
Received in Nov. \$18,870	6.00	Monthly Bu	ıdget: \$17,100.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Holy Rosary Liturgical Ministers				
	December 30	December 31	January 1	
	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Monday 10:00 AM	
LECTOR	Gary Winkler	Patty Jaeckels	Mary Growe	
ALTAR SERVERS	Samantha Schultz	Zarahya Villalobos	Josie Weir	
	Gunner Mueller	Josie Weir	Melanie Ehlenbeck	
PRECIOUS BODY	Patty Jaeckels	Allen Anhalt	Ana Ramaker	
- N	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Romy Krupp	
USHERS -M	Ron Schmitz	Bill Habermann	Perry Balazs	
-S	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Ann Koenigs	
-N	Barb Miller	Florence Knier	Romy Krupp	
<b>GREETERS</b> -M	Ron Schmitz	Barb Weber	Perry Balazs	
-S	Volunteer Needed	Betsy Daun	Ann Koenigs	
CANTOR	Wendy Wieser	Choir	???	
ORGANIST	Ann Arbuckle	Jim Fett	Ann Arbuckle	

Please put the items in the box located in the back of each wing.

#### Scrip

Looking to get those after the holidays deals or preparing for New Years Eve? Let our Scrip program help you. We have specialty stores like Bath & Body Works, Barnes & Noble, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Target, and Walgreens. We have grocery stores: Piggly Wiggly, WalMart, Pick 'n Save and Festival Foods. We have local stores: Hennings Cheese, New Holstein True Value, Chilton Furniture. We have gas stations, home improvement merchants, Amazon gift cards and so much more. We now carry Visa gift cards in \$25 & \$50 cards. Whether you are shopping for yourself or your loved ones, your use of Scrip also helps our parish. Cards can be used to make your purchase or to give as a gift. Our parish and faith formation are thankful for all those who use the program to help others. Keep it going!



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

~ Jesus, John 14:27 Merry Christmas from all of us at Saint Vincent de Paul Kiel!

# Sponsor of the Week



## Baptism

Congratulations on the birth of your child! Contact the office at least one month before desired date of Baptism to arrange for preparation.

#### Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! Contact the office at least six months before your intended date to meet with Father Amadi and to make arrangements for the marriage preparation process. Bequests

Please remember our parishes when making out your will. Thank you.

## Leadership

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