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Our mission statement: LOVE GOD - LOVE OTHERS - TRAIN DISCIPLES

Eucharistic Celebrations: St. Claude – [Haywood](#) - [Pavilion](#)

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sat. Dec. 30th 5:00 pm + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ Gilbert Dion – Yvette Dion

Sun. Dec. 31st 9:00 am H + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ Lucien & Rose Vaillant – Eugene & Yvonne Bazin

Sun. Dec. 31st 11:00 am + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ Madeleine Bazin – Elaine Le Floch

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mon. Jan. 1st 9:00 am H + Odile Marin – Helen Poirier
11:00 am + Deceased family members – Lucien & Lorraine Collet

Tue. Jan. 2nd 9:00 am + George Le Floch – Richmond La Flèche

Wed. Jan. 3rd 2:30 pm P + Deceased Bellec nieces – Irène & Patrick Bellec

Thu. Jan. 4th private + All souls – Father Peter

Fri. Jan. 5th 9:00 am H + Eucharistic adoration and confessions
Mass 10:00 am + Michel Picton – Helen Poirier

Sat. Jan. 6th 5:00 pm + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ Marielle Bruneau – Norbert Bruneau & family

Sun. Jan. 7th 9:00 am H + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ Victor & Marie-Ange Massinon – Raymond & Rachel & family

Sun. Jan. 7th 11:00 am + Parishioners – Father Peter
+ Madeleine Bazin – Élise & Arthur Gautron

<u>Ministries:</u>	<u>December 31st</u>	<u>January 1st</u>	<u>January 7th</u>
Readers:	Annette Bernard	Simone Lambert	Judith Robidoux
Collection:	Annette & Denise	Michel & René	Eugene & Albert
Counters:	Denise & prtnr.	Michelle & prtnr.	Raymond & prtnr.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – December 31st, 2023 ***Mary, the Holy Mother of God – January 1st, 2024***

Prayer intention for January - For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Let us pray: For the conversion of Christians, especially those of our parishes.
For peace among all nations.

Parish life:

+ Stewardship reflection – December 31, 2023

“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.” - Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

*** Marriage Tips – For December 31 and New Year's Day**

Make a “spiritual New Year's resolution” together. Choose one thing to stick to through this year as a family: monthly Confession, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, First Friday Adoration, etc. You can “adopt” a patron saint for the coming year to intercede for you and your family. Throughout the year, read a biography about him or her, attend Mass together on the saint's feast day, and find litanies, novenas, and other prayers to pray together.

God's Share: Dec. 24th - \$300.00 (15) + \$45.00 (loose) + \$230.00 (4-DD) = **\$575.00**

Cemetery: Dec. 24th - **\$300.00** (21)

God's Share: Dec. 25th - \$1180.00 (17) + \$183.00 (loose) = **\$1363.00**

Insurance: Dec. 25th - \$100.00 (1) – YTD - **\$5535.00** (26)

Sanctuary lamp – The sheets are available on the back table for those who would like to have the lamp burn for your intention. Free will offering but not necessary.

Week of December 31st – For peace everywhere and always.

+ Many Thanks - to all the volunteers who cleaned the church, installed the manger and trees, inside and out. Thanks to our altar servers, our readers, Cécile for your beautiful voice that inspires us and most importantly, Father Peter for your dedication and persistence in trying to enliven our faith.

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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen.



New Year Message

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
As we bid farewell to 2023, let us take a moment to “taste and see that the LORD is good” (Psalm 34:8), to give Him thanks for His steadfast love throughout the days of our life. Indeed, “from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace” (John 1.16). We are invited to “rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances, (1Thessalonians 5. 16-18) for all the blessings that the Lord has poured upon each of us, upon our family

and community: the gift of life, faith, family, our loved ones, friends near and far, and many others... “I try to count them—they are more than the sand” (Psalm 139.18). “I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations” (Psalm 89.1).

As 2023 ends, we are at the threshold of a new year. We continue a new journey with hope and faith. Dear God, we are placing 2024 in your hands, “teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart” (Psalm 90:12). Brothers and sisters, one of the most precious gifts we receive from God is time. **Time needs to be cherished in every moment because every moment we live is precious. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today to live and to love.** Let us live the present moment and fill it with love...In the same vein, **we are invited to use our time wisely and to glorify God in everything we do.**

Take time to think; it is the source of power.

Take time to read; it is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to play; it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet; it is the opportunity to see God.

Take time to be aware; it is the opportunity to help others.

Take time to love and be loved; it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh; it is the music of the soul.

Take time to be friendly; it is the road to happiness.

Take time to dream; it is what the future is made of.

Take time to pray; it is the greatest power on earth. (Unknown author)

St. James reminds us: “You do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” (James 4:14). If we are aware that we are just a mist for a moment and then disappear, then choosing to live the present moment to the fullest with love and hope is the best and most meaningful thing in our lives. “My past, O Lord, to your Mercy; my present, to your Love; my future, to your Providence” (St. Padre Pio).

As a threshold of a New Year opens, we all face an unknown future, but do not be afraid because we trust a known God, who is Emmanuel, God-with-us. Therefore, “cast all our anxiety on him, because He cares for us (1 Peter 5.7), and remember, God is with us always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28. 20).

May God help us to live the present moment with love and hope and may our hearts be filled with inner peace.
Happy New Year!

Fr. Peter Le