

Winter is here, and while we try to keep the side-walks and steps free from snow/ice as best we can, Mother Nature doesn't always follow our schedule!

Please be careful when attending events by sticking to the main walk ways. If the weather changes quickly, there are shovels and salt bins at the front entrance.

Please help if possible. Thank you



Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
 With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

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The rosary should be said with faith—for our Blessed Lord said, “Believe that you shall receive; and they shall come unto you.” ~St. Louis De Monfort

Praying with faith is completely abandoning your fear and doubt; it is to pray with trust in God's love for us as well as to be certain of his all-powerfulness. God will answer your prayers when you pray with faith. The Rosary should be prayed without fear or doubt: it should be prayed with faith.

Help the youth group help the poor

Next weekend, youth group members will be taking up a collection after Mass to purchase supplies in order to make fleece scarves and to buy a pair of gloves to go with each scarf. These will be given to Sophia's kitchen in downtown Peoria and distributed to those in need. You can put an envelope in the collection marked Youth Group. Thank you!!

Tax letters will be going out by the end of January. If you have moved it the past year. Please log into <https://peoria.parishsoftfamilysuite.com> to update your address or contact the parish office to let me know. Thanks!

The Baptism of Our Lord Jan. 12th, 2025

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

St. Joseph		St. James
Sat. Jan 11th	3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mark & Geneva McCoy+	<u>Sunday Confessions</u> 8:00 — 8:25 am
Sun. Jan 12th	10:30am Celine Estes & Family	<u>Sun, Jan 12th 8:30am</u> People of the Parish
Mon. Jan 13th	8:00 am Communion Service	
Tues. Jan 14th	8:00am Communion Service	
Wed. Jan 15th	8:00 am Communion Service NO Adoration /Confession	
Thurs Jan 16th	8:00 am Communion Service	<u>Sun, Jan 19th 8:30am</u> Bert & Irene Welch Offered by Bonnie Strom
Fri. Jan 17th	8:00 am People of the Parish	
Sat. Jan 18th	3:30pm—4:45pm Confessions 5:00 pm Barbara Miller+	
Sun. Jan 19th	10:30am Paul Gilles+	



A New Year's Resolution Did you know that an hour is only 0.6% of your week? Make a resolution this year to spend just .6% of each week in God's presence. Adoration is available on Wednesday 5:00 PM – 6:45 PM.

Fr. Deo is gone and will be retuning on Thursday Night. Pray for his safe return

Financial Stewardship
 Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Jan 5th
 St Joseph \$ 1,822.00
 St James \$ 430.00
 Mission of the Month - West Virginia Passionists



<u>St Joseph</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Sat. Jan 11th	Burns
Sun. Jan 12th	Wilbur
Sat. Jan 18th	Kelch
Sun. Jan 19th	Harmon

Saint Quote

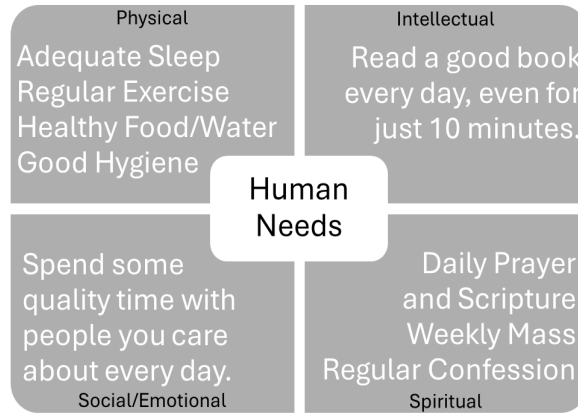
“Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.”
 – St. John Chrysostom (347-407)



Fully Alive in 2025

In the late 2nd century, the bishop Saint Irenaeus famously wrote, “God’s greatest glory is man fully alive!” During this winter weather of January and February, it is easy to fall into a slump that leaves us far from being “fully alive.” Long ago, I came upon a sort of diagnostic test for the soul – a tool to refer to when feeling less than my best. The value of this tool comes from the fact that it is based on our Catholic anthropology – that is, our understanding of the human person that includes the spiritual component of human nature. This tool is based on the idea that I only function at my highest potential when I am caring for *every aspect of my humanity*: physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual. If I am neglecting one part of my self, then my whole self suffers. I have been using this chart for almost 20 years, and I pass it on to you. With the help of God’s grace and our own personal choice to thrive, may we each be fully alive in 2025.

In the Peace of Christ, Father Corey

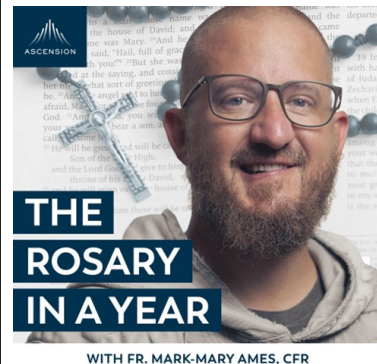


Its not to late to start. You can start anytime to do ROSARY IN A YEAR—from Ascension Press and Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR

“To help us fall in love again, to help us be renewed again in our praying of the Rosary, we—myself and the team here at Ascension—have put together the *Rosary in a Year* podcast. I look forward to this journey with our listeners.”

If you've ever struggled to build a habit of prayer, this podcast is for you. In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR, guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling more in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world.

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- How to build a daily habit of prayer
- How to form a relationship with Jesus and Mary
- The Biblical foundations of the Rosary
- How to meditate with sacred art (visio divina), saint writings, and scripture (lectio divina)
- The power of Mary's influence in your life
- ...and more.

Listen to *The Rosary in a Year* podcast using your favorite podcast app...



Parish Council meeting.

All our welcome to attend.

January 23rd at 7pm at Harrison Hall.

Please come

Youth Group Schedule for 7-12th graders

January 19th	February 2nd
February 16th	March 16th
March 30th	April 13th
April 27th (Starved Rock)	

If you want to join the Youth Group or have questions please call 309-231-8064

Looking for a New Year Resolution to help your prayer life - develop a new daily habit—

Try the free Hallow App. The app is easy to use and it can :

Transform Your Prayer Life.

Choose from 10,000+ sessions, 5-60 minute lengths, 100+ guides, and 1,000s of music options to lead you deeper into relationship with Christ.

Build a Daily Habit.

Make prayer a priority every day by building a routine, creating a prayer group, and drawing closer to Him.

And So Much More...



Thank you for the cards and gifts that we have received this Christmas. Also, we thank you for your continued prayers and support throughout the years.

We pray that your 2025 be filled with hope and love,

Deacon Ray and Henrietta

St Joseph Transitional Team Monthly Update

1. St Joseph is not closing. We are looking at ways to work with our other parishes to grow our Catholic Community in new ways in the new age.
2. We have toured all the parish churches, halls and rectories in our group to get to know each other.
3. We have each given presentations on our heritage and how each of our churches began. We found that we are very similar. We all came from immigrant farmers.
4. We have talked about how each of us have different events or programs to offer.

If you have any questions or reactions please contact the parish office. You may also talk to any of the transitional team members, Fr. Deo, Pauline Starling, Dick Heinz and Heather Sutton.

Mass Intention Request

Mass for _____

1st Choice of Date _____ 2nd _____

Place of Mass: St. Joseph St. James

Day of Week Preference: _____

From: _____ Phone: _____

Return to Parish office or place in collection basket. (suggested donation of \$10.00)
Please give phone number so that if the date is not available the office may contact you.
Mass intention envelopes are available in the back of the church.