



**St. Peter Damian
Catholic Church**
2013- Pontifical Year of Faith



Merry Christmas 2013

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel**

Dear Parishioner,

Wishing you every happiness this Christmas Season and prosperity in the New Year 2014.

May all the blessings of the Christ Child
touch your very soul and may His Divine
Presence awaken your spiritual life
throughout the New Year.

You and your family will be remembered
in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
on the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

Fr Walter, Parish Staff, Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Dec. 16	7:00 pm	- Reconciliation
Dec. 22	4:00 pm	- Simbang Gabi (Filipino Mass)
Dec. 24	4:00 pm	- Family Mass with Children Choir
Dec. 24	4:15 pm	- Family Mass in Hardy Hall
Dec. 24	6:00 pm	- Solemn Mass with One Voice Ensemble
Dec. 24	10:00 pm	- Solemn Mass with Joe, Kelly, Michele Trio Church

Dec. 24	Midnight	- Solemn Mass (Pasterka) in Polish Language with Pro Fusion and ABC Music Academy
Dec. 25	9:30 am	- Solemn Mass with Cantor and Musicians
Dec. 25	11:00 am	- Solemn Mass with Adult Choir
Jan. 7	7:00 pm	- "The Nativity Story" - Movie Presentation

Simbang Gabi

The Archdiocese of Chicago, through the Office for Asian Catholics and participating host-parishes, coordinates the yearly inter-parish celebrations of Simbang Gabi.

This unique Filipino tradition of a nine-day novena of Marian masses before Christmas has become a source of joy and anticipation for more than 70 parishes in Lake and Cook Counties. The nine masses follow the liturgy of votive masses in honor of the expectant Mother of God. Except on Sundays and anticipated masses on Saturdays, masses are celebrated as festive masses - the Gloria is sung and the color of vestments is white, not purple of Advent.

The text of the masses are those of the votive masses for Mary "Temporare Adventus" (In Advent). This multicultural parish community celebration shares a rich Filipino tradition with the whole Church and also becomes a catalyst for evangelization and continued call to mission.

This year marks the 28th anniversary of Simbang Gabi in the Archdiocese. In solidarity with the whole Church and the larger faith community, the overall theme of the novena of masses focuses on The Year of Strong Catholic Parents - this year's priority for the strategic pastoral plan, Reflect Christ's Light. The Simbang Gabi will include a Prayer Blessing of Parents before the end of the mass. .Bring your family and friends!

Sunday, December 22, 2013, 4:00 pm in the Church
Reception will follow in the Chapel Halls after the celebration

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Faith Formation Schedule

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on December 22nd and 29th.
We will return once again starting January 5th, 2014.

Faith Formation Schedule for January 2014

As we begin 2014 please make note of the Faith Formation schedule for the 2nd and 3rd weeks of January.

Tuesday, January 7th (4:00pm-5:30pm)	Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th Grade
Tuesday, January 7th (7:00pm-8:30pm)	5th and 6th grade
Wednesday, January 8th (7:00pm-8:30pm)	7th and 8th Grade
Saturday, January 11th (9:00am-11:00am)	3rd and 4th Grade

Tuesday, January 14th (4:00pm-5:30pm)	Kindergarten, 1st grade 1st Communion
Tuesday, January 14th (7:00pm-8:30pm)	5th and 6th grade
Wednesday, January 15th (7:00pm-8:30pm)	Confirmation
Saturday, January 18th (9:00am-11:00am)	1st grade and 1st Communion

Please note:

2nd grade Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, January 14th and Saturday, January 18th.

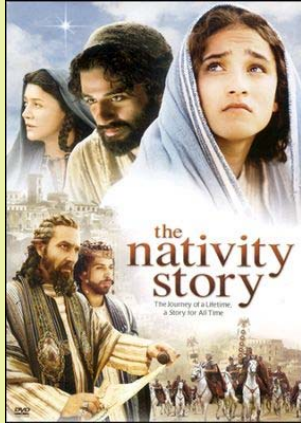
Grade Level Liturgies for January 2014

The 1st Communion students will participate in the 9:30am Sunday mass on January 5th.
The Seventh grade students will participate in the 9:30am Sunday mass on January 12th.



The Confirmation students will participate in the 11:00am Sunday mass on January 19th.
The Eighth grade students will participate in the 9:30am Sunday mass on January 26th

Movie Presentation - The Nativity Story



Powerful, timeless and visually magnificent, The Nativity Story, is "a beautiful telling of one of the world's most familiar stories" (Dean Richards, WGN-TV, Chicago). It was the cruelest of times. Under Herod's torturous reign, families struggled to survive and yet, in the midst of utter turmoil, a young woman's faith was put to the test. Join Mary and Joseph on an incredible journey of hope and discovery. The Nativity Story will be presented on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014** in the lower level of the Chapel-Resurrection Hall at 7:00 pm. Pass cards are available in the Religious Goods Room or the Parish Office for two dollars, which includes a free bag of popcorn.

Catholic News



Pics cast Francis as a new kind of pope

Joy of the Gospel, The: Evangelii Gaudium - [New Book by Pope Francis](#)

The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) is the long-awaited teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church and the world with encouragement to begin a new chapter in evangelization. This dynamic document is written in the plain, everyday language for which the pope has become famous.

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Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure.
We are truly blessed with your presence, Gospel witness and commitment.

See you in Church.

God's Blessings from
Fr. Walter, together with the Pastoral Staff

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