

Please continue to pray for the sick of our Parish. To add someone to the prayer list, call Fr. Jim or email Bonnie Toth at: [bonnie3871@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie3871@gmail.com).

Jodi Aerts  
 Dylan Anderson  
 Robert Berry  
 Patricia Bonnewitz  
 Sandra Burke  
 Julie Byron  
 Toni Capute  
 Riordan Cavoris  
 Justin Curtis  
 Tony Donehoo  
 Carol Donato  
 Islea Duncan  
 Alan Ekberg  
 John Evans  
 Kathy Evans  
 Earl Fishback  
 Linda Gardner  
 Elizabeth Gillam  
 Lorraine Brennen Gilliam  
 Lynn Goss

Kathleen Hamilton  
 Jeanne Harper  
 Jeannine Iannaco  
 Pablo Ignacio  
 Patrick Ignacio  
 Meja Irvin  
 Leslie Jarrett  
 Margaret MacDiarmid  
 Carolyn Martin  
 Jamie Martin  
 Greg Moore  
 Kathleen Moore  
 Beverly Moyer  
 Chris Moyer  
 Ray Moyer  
 Don Notestein  
 Patsy Notestein  
 Angel Ortiz  
 George Perry  
 Wendy Pessaro

Gary Peters  
 Laurie Peters  
 Frank Powell  
 Nelson Sanchez  
 Princess Sanchez  
 John Seaquist  
 Ray Servis  
 Jane Sliwinski  
 Margaret Smith  
 Chere Tew  
 Fred Toth  
 Amy Tracy  
 Charles Watson  
 Danielle Weedon  
 Laura Williams  
 Louise Williams  
 Michael Williams  
 Travis Williams  
 Betty Jo Wolfrum

# Our Lady Of Peace Catholic Church



**December 10, 2023**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

## December Birthdays

1 Mackenzie Lecco  
 2 Kathleen Hamilton  
 5 Mia Garcia  
 5 Carolyn Conner  
 8 Will McCabe  
 14 Glen Moore  
 15 Bety Joe Wolfrum  
 16 Christine Hamilton  
 16 Chere Tew  
 17 Dory Garcia  
 18 Emely Sofia Alvarado Garcia  
 22 Don Smith  
 29 Mary Metzinger  
 31 Jackie Johnson

## December Anniversaries

29 Tom & Mary Metzinger

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday 8:30 AM; Tuesday 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**  
**Thursday 12:15 PM**

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**A PASTORAL MOMENT WITH FR. JIM**  
**“The Wonderful Prophet Isaiah”**

I thought I would share something about my favorite prophet because he shows up all during Advent and the Christmas Season as well as other places.

Actually, there are three different Isaiah's, because it is really three different books. People use the name of other authors back in ancient times to give their writings authority. For instance, Paul did not write all of his letters. Also, there were three different Johns. One wrote a Gospel, another wrote Revelation and another wrote letters.

Yogi Berra, as a matter of fact, has a book title: “All the Things They Say I Said, I never Said.” If the truth be known, his friend Joe Gargiolo said some of those and gave Yogi credit.

One of the Isaiah's was a temple prophet in Jerusalem in the Kingdom of Judah. It is a tough calling to be part of the “system” that is far from perfect. Isaiah challenged. Mother Theresa was part of the system. Dorothy Day was not, so she could challenge the magisterium.

The book of the prophet Isaiah is the longest book of the Hebrew Scriptures. It covers 220 years (740 BCE-520 BCE). There are three parts. Each has some wonderful and exciting facts:

Part 1: Chapters 1-39: Problems with the Assyrians. The Assyrians who conquered the ten northern tribes put Jerusalem under siege but could not take the city. The Angel of Death, dysentery, wiped out a lot of the enemy troops. The more troops the enemy sent, the more they died from disease. Jerusalem was spared.

Part 2: Chapters 40-55: Problems with the Babylonians and Exile. The conquered Jewish people felt the Lord God had abandoned them. But, in these chapters we read: “I will never forget you my people. I have carved you in the palm of my hand.” It is at the end of this part that we hear that King Darius of the Persians would defeat the Babylonians and free the Jewish people. Darius is called “God's anointed” even though he is a pagan and a gentile. Thousands of years before Gandhi, it shows the goodness even in those who are not Christians or Jews. I might add, it was thousands of years before Vatican II.

Part 3: Chapters 56-66 - Freedom, Disappointment, Restoration and Purification. They return home and are at first elated. Building the temple, they feel like it will never measure up to the “good old days” and Solomon's temple. But, they begin to see that the restoration and rebuilding is in each one's soul.

So, as you hear from Isaiah this Yuletide, be conscious of what time and situation the prophet is writing. I will try to tip you off before the lector speaks.

**PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**First Holy Communion Today:**

This morning we welcome Edwin Yahir Alvarado Garcia to the Table of the Lord for his First Holy Communion. Congratulations and blessings to Edwin and his family!



**Today is Breakfast Sunday:** All are welcome. If you are visiting with us, please stay after mass and join us after mass for lots of delicious treats.

**Craft Club Update:** Beginning January 2024, the Craft Club will meet the 2nd Wednesday and the 4th Friday of each month.

**Justice & Peace Update:** “Thank You” to all who supported the Pregnancy Support Center Christmas Party last Sunday by adopting the angels, baking cookies and donating money to help with the last minute gifts. Every family was served. The children (and moms of the expected children) all had a wonderful time and each and every family came up to one of us and personally offered their thanks. Thanks to Fr. Jim for donating the use of the Santa suit.

**Pregnancy Support Center Open House: Monday, December 11 (3-7 PM)**  
The PSC was formed 40 years ago and has served more than 5,000 clients in eight counties. As a thank you to the community members, local churches and small businesses, they are hosting an open house at the facility in Farmville at 1101 E Third Street. There will be giveaways to local restaurants, a chili bar, deserts and tours of the facility.

**Christmas Eve Celebration: Sunday, December 24th at 6:30 pm** Please join us at 6:30 pm for finger foods. Carols will begin at 7:15 and our annual Children's Christmas play will be presented at 7:30. (see insert)

Note from Bonnie: I have already been approached by some who wish to be a part of the musical presentations before the play and mass on Christmas Eve. If you would like to participate, please see me as soon as possible. We will have approximately 15 minutes (or thereabouts) and I want to give everyone a chance to share their talents.