

Cathedral of St. Peter

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 6, 2021



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

- Mk 14:23-25

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Mission Statement

Cathedral of St. Peter is a Roman Catholic Church whose mission is that of Jesus Christ: the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. This is accomplished by preaching the Gospel, celebrating the Sacraments and evangelizing the world around us.

Dear Friends,

The word is out that I will be leaving the Cathedral to take up another pastorate at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Sugar Grove. As I think back over the last seven years I am grateful for all the many good people and the good community here. I have found you to be very generous toward the Church and ready to serve our community. This has been a period of change, and we have faced challenges and disappointments. The past year of pandemic strictures has made for a pastorate the likes of which I've never known before. One good thing has come of it, though. I've been forced to improve in my technological skills; although I still have a lot to master.



I greatly thank the staff who have been so supportive. Mary, Renee, Nancy, Connie, Adam, and our deacons, Bob Mitchison and Jim Easton, have been so good and supportive of me and worked hard with a love for this parish. I would have been lost without their patience and readiness to step in and do whatever needs to be done.

In moving to Sugar Grove, I will be within minutes of my mother. At 96, she is of a strong constitution, but the isolation of this past year has affected memory quite a bit. I am glad she keeps a good disposition. Before St. Katharine Drexel Parish was founded twelve years ago, that whole area was part of the parish where I grew up, Holy Angels in Aurora. I see many familiar names as I look through their membership.

I am happy that Fr. Ken Anderson will be coming as the new rector. He too is coming back to the area where he was raised. I am confident he will serve you well.

I've had a home here, and I will miss you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayer and hope you will pray for me as well.

Gratefully,

Fr. Steve St. Jules

JOIN THE CHURCH CHOIR



If you are interested in bringing your musical talents to our weekend Masses, please contact our Music Director Adam Singleton at 815-965-2765 or asingleton@cathedralofstpeter.org

The Cathedral of St. Peter will also be having a children's choir during Mass (ages 8 and up). If interested, please contact Adam.

Choir rehearsal is scheduled to start Thursday, June 17 from 6-8 pm in the Choir Room.

Upcoming EVENTS

As many of you are aware, Fr. Steve has been reassigned and will assume his new assignment on June 16th. There will be a "farewell" reception on June 12th & 13th after the 4:15 p.m., 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses. Location to be announced.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Lundin at 815-877-9417.

MARY GARDEN HELPERS

We are looking for volunteers to help maintain the gardens at the Mary Garden Plaza. We are looking for help pulling weeds and picking up garbage. If interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ST. ANNE SOCIETY

It is with a great deal of pride that St. Anne's is helping to sponsor a major project in our parish, similar to the fund raising effort for the missals. As many of you know the carpet in Fellowship Hall has seen "better days." The Hall was dedicated in 1984 and this is the original carpet, thus 37 years old. It has served us well through many events but needs replacing. The cost of new carpet in the Hall and hallway is \$18,981. The front office will also be replaced for a cost of \$2,485, for a total cost of \$21,466. The carpet will have a warranty and be in 20 X 20 squares, if a stain does not come out, we can replace the square. This is a commercial grade carpet and we are excited to finally freshen up something that is long overdue. The office of Mary Cox, our business manager and the head priest, will be done at a later date, depending on fund raising. The approximate cost for those two offices will be about the same the front office, \$2,485. New ceiling tiles will also be replaced as our roofs have been completely repaired. St. Anne's is proud to give a donation to this project in the amount of \$5,000. All donations/checks should be made out to Cathedral of St. Peter – Carpet fund. Installation will begin in mid June. It has been a most difficult year for all of us, but let us help "re-open" Fellowship Hall with a fresh new look.

Thank you ALL for helping support this worthy project and allowing St. Anne's to make this donation with your help.

Any questions, please contact the office at church or Barb Lundin at 815-877-9417. Blessings to all for your help.



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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

GOSPEL MEDITATION

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young

people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the



grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This

actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body.

Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

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This Week at the Cathedral

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 5, St. Boniface

8:00 am NO MASS

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Anne Solar
+ Sr. Marilyn Brown

Sunday, June 6, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

7:30 am Deceased Members of the Clausen & Weightman Families
9:00 am +Helen Whalen
11:00 am +Kathy Marinelli
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, June 7, Weekday

8:00 am +Daniel Mroz
+Gloria & Guy Fiorenza

Tuesday, June 8, Weekday

8:00 am +Samuel Opsahl

Wednesday, June 9, St. Ephrem

8:00 am +James W. Heim

Thursday, June 10, Weekday

8:00 am +Joanne Nevins

Friday, June 11, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 am +Joanne Nevins

Saturday, June 12, The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Gloria Fiorenza
Intentions of the Thomas H. Wood, II Family

Sunday, June 13, 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Mary Vogrinc
9:00 am +Helen Whalen
11:00 am +Jennie & Eugene Piotrowski
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish



Kacey Ray Miller

MINISTRY OF HIS SACRED HEART

Dear Heavenly Father,

We praise you and thank-you for the blessing of Father Steve's very faithful new parish, St. Katharine of Drexel, in Sugar Grove, IL. Ensure that Father Steve will be duly nourished and quite focused in bringing your will on earth as it is in heaven. Thank-you for rewarding him thusly and ensuring the continuity of his Ministry. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.



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Parish Office Hours

Hours(M-Thurs) 8:00 am—1:00 pm
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Mass Schedule
Saturday.....4:15 pm
Sunday7:30 am, 9:00 am
.....11:00 am, 5:00 pm
Daily8:00 a.m.

Holy Days6:30 am, 8:00 am,
.....12:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday6:30-8:00 pm

Sacraments

Baptism

Most Sundays of the month after the
11:00 am Mass. Telephone Parish Office
for program registration.

Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30-7:15 pm; Sat. 8:30-9:00 am,
3:30 pm-4:10 pm or by appointment.

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