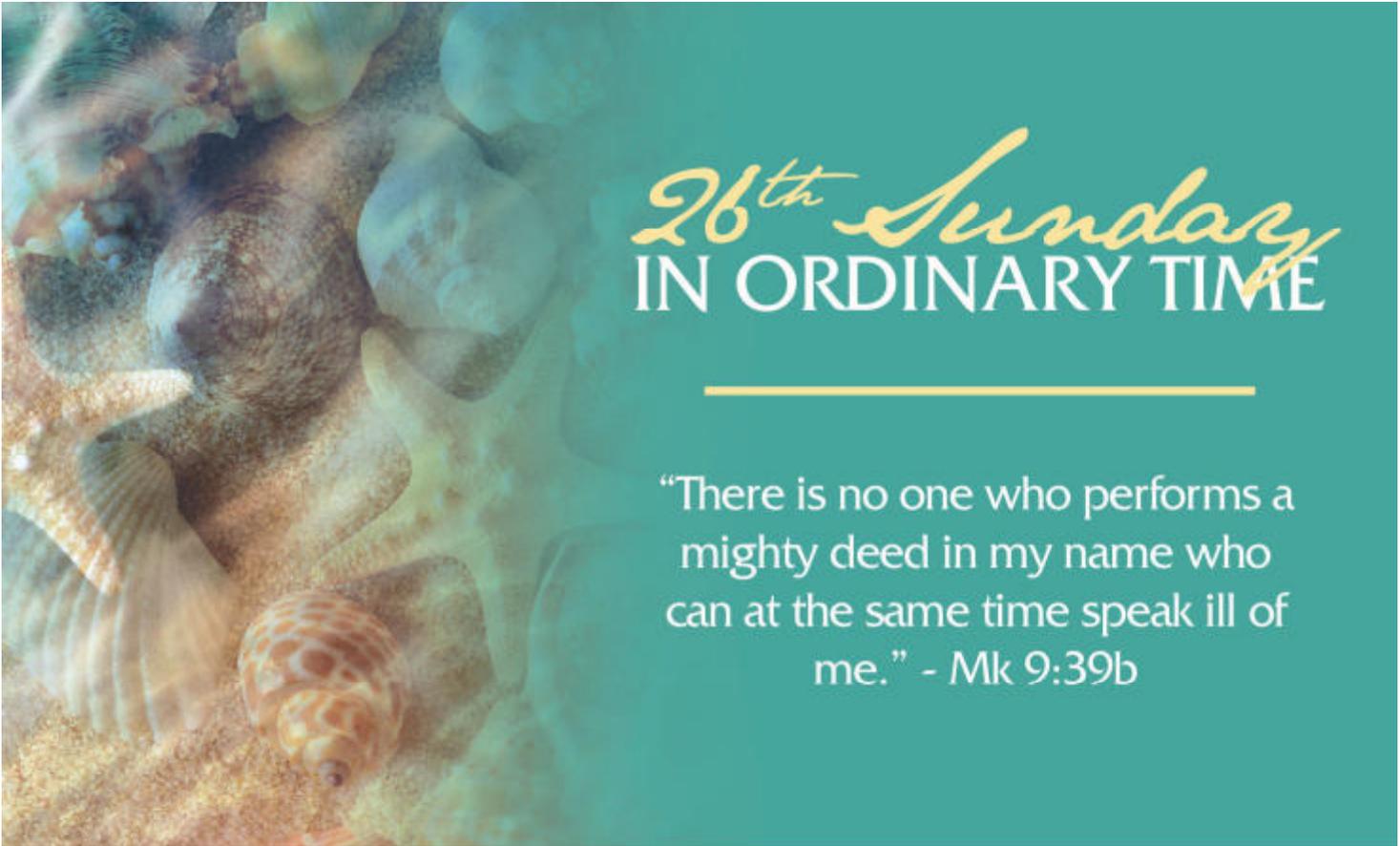


Cathedral of St. Peter

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



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“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

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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.



FROM THE PEN OF FATHER KEN

Preaching Good News

In every parish I have been in there has always been some sort of time and talent event. From weekend talks to time and talent fairs, the parish and various groups seek to increase volunteers and parishioner participation. Some offer to assist because they want to “help Father.” The real reason should be that we taking responsibility for the Parish.

In the corridors of the Stewardship ilk, taking responsibility is exactly what we are called to do. Like the prophets of old, the saints, and holy men and women, throughout countless generations, we are responsible for the faith, and work of faith, that has been entrusted to us. As Baptized believers, we share our faith with each other and the larger community.

Some of these ministries involve bringing Communion to the homebound, Lectoring, or being an adult leader on a high school retreat. But these also include those moments when we stop by the church to pray, teach our children the Sign of the Cross, or stop by our parents with a bag of bagels.

We are with Christ and continue on his mission and ministry when what we do is done in his name. Sometimes it looks very much like the Church, or sometimes being a good neighbor. St Thomas Aquinas mused that God is found in goodness, truth, and beauty. When these pieces are part of the equation then the Good News of the kingdom is made known.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

There is still time to join our RCIA group. We especially welcome non-Catholics who want to learn more about our Faith as well as Catholics who have never been Confirmed. We meet on Mondays at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. No pre-registration is required. If you have questions, please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and Deacon Bob will contact you.

United for Christ & Life

Friday Oct. 8th, 6:00pm-7:00pm at our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy, 3445 Elmwood Rd, Rockford, IL 61101.

Please join us for an inspiring evening to learn the tremendous opportunities and challenges we pro-life Christians face as we unite for Christ & Life. We have two encouraging and uplifting speakers followed by prayer, fellowship, and desserts.

Savannah Dudziks passion and enthusiasm for defending the unborn led her to leadership roles in the pro-life youth movement at an early age. Currently, Savannah is a Communications Assistant at Illinois Right to Life and a crisis pregnancy counselor at Let them Live.

Father Carl E. Beekman, Pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Sycamore. Fr. Carl Beekman is a passionate speaker who will offer words of encouragement and direction as we unite together for love of Jesus Christ and His children in the womb. Together we can make a difference and share the Gospel of life.

Please join us as we create a vision and pray together on how we can truly unite for Christ & Life.

Your Sacrificial Offering

Financial Blessings, September 19, 2021

Loose Collection	\$1,152.00
Offertory Envelopes	\$5,105.00
Electronic Contributions.....	\$3,098.00
Total Offertory.....	\$9,355.00

Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund	\$10.00
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Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Our 2021 Stewardship Goal:.....	\$62,260.00
Amount Pledge.....	\$59,034.07
Amount Paid.....	\$44,076.35

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Life Chain picture

ROCKFORD LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 3, 2021

2PM to 3PM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

Alpine Rd. and Highcrest Rd.

Posters will be available after 1:45

COAST TO COAST ROSARY

Sun, October 10, 2019 3PM

Mary, Mother of Mercy Rosary Walk

Weather permitting or in the Church

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Enjoy a "date night".
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speaker to inspire us all about
Christ-filled marriages.

Holy Family - St Gabriel Hall

6:00pm

Dinner included

\$25 per couple

Saturday, October 2nd

**Catholic Families:
The Model for a Culture of
Love & Life**



Speaker: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

In this presentation, inspirational Catholic evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will discuss the relationship between the sacredness of family life and the brokenness of the culture, and how the grace received in the sacraments deepens and strengthens both parents and children on their journey toward heaven.

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not



objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil.

Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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**Save the Date – Women of the Year Banquet
Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women**

We are pleased to announce that our banquet honoring the 2020 Rockford Deanery Women of Inspiration with Bishop David J. Malloy is Sunday, November 7, 2021, at Franchesco's Ristorante.

Due to very limited seating at the event, it is suggested if parishes have not already honored their 2020 Woman of the Year, they hold a parish recognition so more can attend.

More information on the Banquet will be forthcoming.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Welcome new members

A Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at the Cathedral of Saint Peter for over six years. The purpose is to create hand-knitted and crocheted shawls to provide comfort for those facing a serious illness. A small, but dedicated, group has been meeting in the Fellowship Hall and working on the shawls at home. About 110 prayer shawls have already been distributed to those in need.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Wednesday of every other month in the Fellowship hall. Here are the upcoming dates:

October 13, 2021 Wednesday
December 8, 2021 Wednesday
February 9, 2022 Wednesday
April 13, 2022 Wednesday
June 8, 2022 Wednesday

All gatherings will be at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to have you join us. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to knit or crochet to support this ministry contact amhammes@sbcglobal.net for more information. If you know of a family member or dear friend who is suffering from a serious illness and would like a prayer shawl, please contact the Cathedral of St. Peter Office, 815-965-2765.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

SEMINAR ON
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PRESENTED BY
VERY REV. KENNETH J. ANDERSON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 6:30 P.M.
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MORE INFORMATION ON THIS
SEMINAR FORTHCOMING



HELP NEEDED!!!

We are currently in need of Wedding Coordinators/Liaisons.

Wedding Coordinators/
Liaisons: Wedding

liaisons are an essential element of our wedding preparation here at the Cathedral. Liaisons are responsible for working directly with the priest and the Director of Music, getting the church ready for the wedding rehearsals, walking the couples and families through the wedding liturgy, locking up after the rehearsal, being present the day of the wedding, helping with the needs of the couple and attendants, and helping with the wedding procession. This ministry requires an understanding of Catholic Liturgy, the ability to give direction, and a true heart for hospitality and ministry.

If interested please contact the parish office at 815-965-2765 or office@cathedralofstpeter.org

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to bring our parish up to date on the installation of the new carpet in Fellowship Hall and main office. If you have not had a chance to see it, please take a few moments to stop in and see it. Letters will be going out soon to those who contributed to this fund raiser, for tax purposes. To date, we have raised \$15,095.00 of the nearly \$21,500.00 of installation. We still have two offices left to carpet, but will only do so as funds become available. Anyone wishing to contribute to the carpet fund, may do so by sending a check made out to Cathedral of St Peter – Carpet Fund. Our goal is to be able to complete this full project by the end of the year, should you wish to contribute. Thanks to those very kind parishioners and your generosity. Each contribution, large or small, allows us to put additional funds to the next church project, which will be all new commercial gutters on the outside of the church.

Blessings,
Barb Lundin, President, St. Anne Society



Saturday, September 25, Weekday
8:00 am +Peter & Genevieve Marinelli

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Patricia Jamison
+Anne Solar & Sr. Marilyn Brown

Sunday, September 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Josephine Mroz
Intention of Donna Carroll
9:00 am +Sr. Ellen Thomas Reynolds
+John Owens
11:00 am For the People of the Parish
5:00 pm +John Hamaker
+Patricia Long

Monday, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 am Intention of Lucilla Kennedy

Tuesday, September 28, SS. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

8:00 am +Richard Giesen

Wednesday, September 29, SS. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 am +Patrick Wixom
+Bev Capone

Thursday, September 30, St. Jerome

8:00 am +John F. McNamara

Friday, October 1, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 am +Wesley & Irene Guffey

Saturday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angles

8:00 am +Rosario A. Gaziano

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Anne Fair
+Doris Gough

Sunday, October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Gerald & Elizabeth Weightman
9:00 am +Helen Whalen
+Richard Giesen
11:00 am +Gloria Fiorenza
Intention of Rev. Fr. Steve St. Jules
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sanctuary
Cleaner



Oct 1 J. Honkamp
S. O'Connor



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the 4th Tuesdays of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend! Check out our Face Book page: SVdP St.

Peter Rockford

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2021



Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
for

Special Intentions

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osfhealthcare.org/services/fertility/

All Saints Catholic Academy

409 N. First Street
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www.allsaintsrockford.org
Phone..... 815-962-8515

Principal,

Mr. Michael Kagan

School Secretary,

Mrs. Julie Nelson

Mass Schedule

Saturday..... 4:15 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am
.....11:00 am, 5:00 pm
Daily8:00 a.m.

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday..... 6:30-8:00 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-4:00 pm or by appointment.

Matrimony

Please contact the Cathedral Office at 815-965-2765 or office@cathedralofstpeter.org at least 6 months in advance to begin preparation.

Parish Office Hours

Hours (M-Thurs) 8:00 am—1:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am-11:00 am
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