

Cathedral of St. Peter

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 7, 2021



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Calling his disciples to himself,
he said to them, "Amen, I say
to you, this poor widow put in
more than all the other
contributors to the treasury."
- Mk 12:43

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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

Sharing Sustenance

Over the past weeks, we have examined the attributes of discipleship, emphasizing humility, wisdom, and service. We have pondered the notion of stewardship; taking responsibility for what we profess. Today we encounter another important quality: generosity. The kindness of God and how we share that same kindness in our world.

Jesus today praises the woman who “from her poverty, has contributed all she had.” Jesus does not just treat her as someone to be cared for but celebrates her generosity in caring for others. The idea of stewardship, that of tithing, is not about sharing the extras, but from our core. In terms of charity, we do not contribute the scraps but the substantial goods and treasures which we possess.

Generosity comes from an attitude of thanksgiving, which can lead us to be good stewards and eventually faithful disciples. Jesus takes his seat across from the treasury to teach us about generosity. So we pay attention to his words.



**SORRY...
WE'RE
CLOSED**

The parish
office will be
closed
Thurs, Nov 11

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Our parish support, along with other churches and individuals has provided 110 desperately poor families a new home. No longer will they suffer in a dilapidated home of mud and sticks with dirt floors and a leaky tin roof. When the rains come, they and their children will not need to stand all night to avoid the water that drips down in many places on their meager possessions and turns their floors to mud. Our support of Hope for Haitians made it possible for these families to now enjoy the safety and security of a solid floor and sturdy walls, a roof that keeps out the elements, improved water

sources, in home sanitation facilities and a small solar light. On behalf of the families living in new safe homes, thank you!



PART-TIME MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN NEEDED!!!

The Cathedral of St. Peter is seeking a part-time maintenance technician about 15-20 hours a week.

The maintenance technician will be responsible for minor repairs, building and grounds maintenance, and negotiating with outside vendors.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Mary Cox, Business Manager, at 815-965-2765.



Your Sacrificial Offering

Financial Blessings, October 31, 2021

Loose Collection	\$4,468.00
Offertory Envelopes	\$4,370.00
Electronic Contributions.....	\$2,448.00
Total Offertory.....	\$11,286.00

Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund	\$70.00
Mission Appeal.....	\$715.00

Thank you to all of those who have pledged to this appeal. Every pledge brings us closer to our goal. EVERY pledge helps.

COMING SOON!!
The Little Blue Book
Advent &
Christmas Seasons Reflections

COFFEE TALK WITH FR. KEN
JOIN FR. KEN AT 9 AM
IN PERSON OR
ZOOM (code 096289)
ON NOV 8- Fellowship Hall



He will answer your questions about anything and everything Catholic! He will also discuss upcoming events happening at the Cathedral. Grab a cup of coffee and join us for a good chat.

Please join us for
A Sunday Morning Talk
With Deacon Bob
Mitchison in the
Fellowship Hall on Nov 21st-10:05
10:35a.m.



Topic: What the Liturgical Seasons Represent

Coffee, juice and donuts will be available

Remembering the Faithful Departed

During November, we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest. The Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed near the Baptismal Font and the Paschal Candle during November, so that all may inscribe the names of their beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer during this month. Please join us as we remember and pray for our beloved brothers and sister in faith.

The table under the Bishops' pictures will be set up for you to bring framed pictures of your beloved dead to be displayed. Please include your name and phone number on the back of your framed picture so that the pictures can be returned to you at the end of the month.

The month of November, especially All Souls Day, is a traditional time for visiting the graves of the loved ones, as is the anniversary of death. An indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the departed.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even



what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their

inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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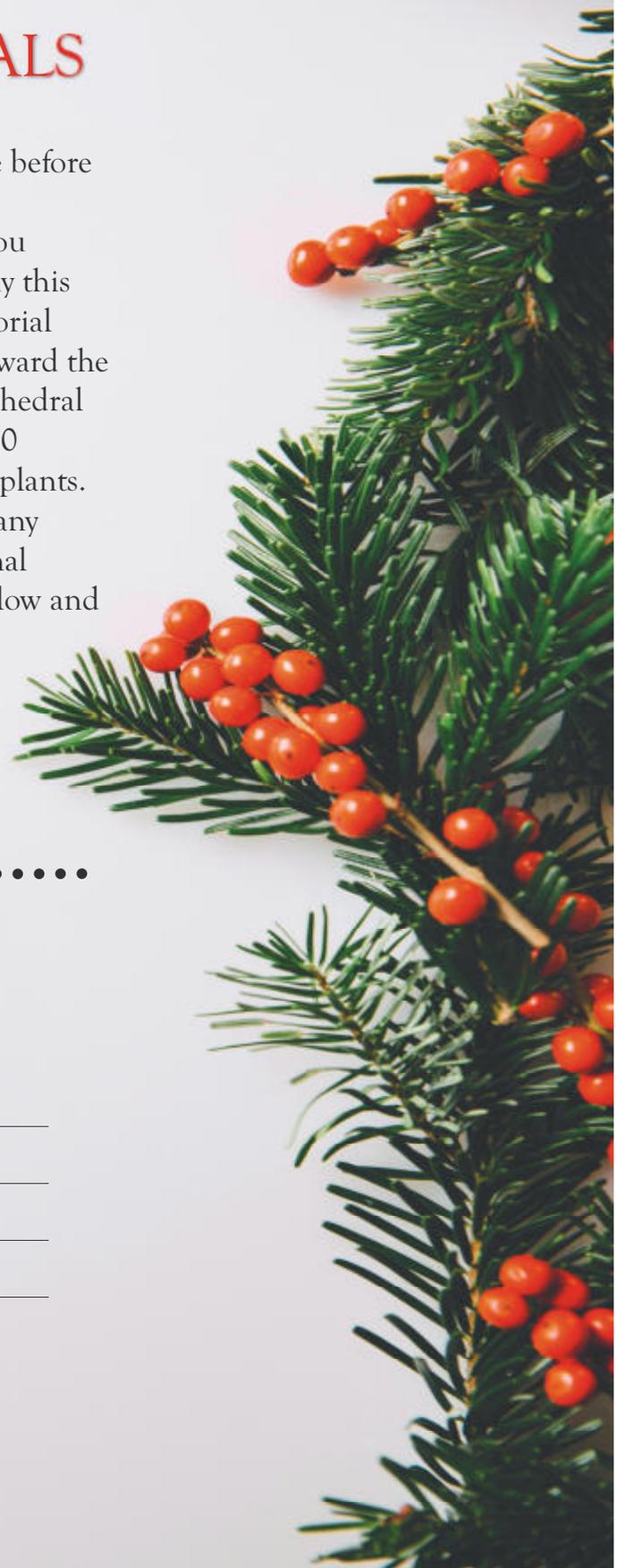
ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES

The Advent scripture series with John McGrath is returning! The theme of this year's presentation is "The Living Voice of the Gospels." All sessions will be held on the first Sundays of Advent: November 28th, December 5th and 12th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 for all three sessions or \$5 for an individual session. There is no pre-registration, but please come a little early so that the program can start on time.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

As we remember and pray for those who have gone before us in faith during this month of November, we are reminded of those who are no longer with us. If you would like to remember a loved one in a special way this Christmas Season, please consider offering a memorial donation in their honor. Your donation will go toward the cost of our Seasonal Church Decór here at the Cathedral of St. Peter. Suggested donations of \$10 (small), \$20 (medium), and \$35 (large) based on the size of the plants. You are, however, welcome to make a donation of any amount that you would like, to support our Seasonal Church Decór Fund. Please complete the form below and return it to the Cathedral Office, along with your donation, by **November 8, 2021**

Thank you!



Yes, I wish to make a Christmas Memorial Donation in memory of:

(please print:)



Saturday, November 6, Weekday

8:00 am +Norbert Valentino
+Fr. Joseph Hyde

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Rose E. Timm
+Joan Zanin

Sunday, November 7, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +John & Margaret Clausen
9:00 am +Josephine Mroz
+John Owens
11:00 am +Philip Foti
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, Nov8, Weekday

8:00 am +Rogene M. Moore
+Marie E. Reynolds

Tuesday, Nov 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am +James Heim
+Roger Benjamin

Wednesday, Nov 10, St. Leo the Great

8:00 am Intentions of Deacon Marty &
Jean Czerniewski

Thursday, Nov 11, St. Martin of Tours

8:00 am For Members of the
Cathedral of St. Peter Memorial Fund

Friday, Nov 12, St. Josaphat

8:00 am +Fred Saunders

Saturday, Nov 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 am +Karen Carlson

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +John P. Didier, Jr
+Charles Didier

Sunday, Nov 14, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Brad Lashock
+Joseph Michael Gile
9:00 am +Dennis Redmond
+Helen Whalen
11:00 am For the People of the Parish
5:00 pm +Michael Padron

Sanctuary Cleaner



Nov 12 J. Condon &
J. Bacino

SAVE THE DATE - MEN'S CONFERENCE

The annual Great Lakes Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at the Holmes Student Center on the campus of N.I.U. in DeKalb. For further information concerning this year's speakers, tickets, etc. go to www.thetalk.org



St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the 2nd 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 two meeting are scheduled for
November 9 & December 14**



Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week
for

Special Intentions

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:15 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am
..... 11:00 am, 5:00 pm
Daily 8:00 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.



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