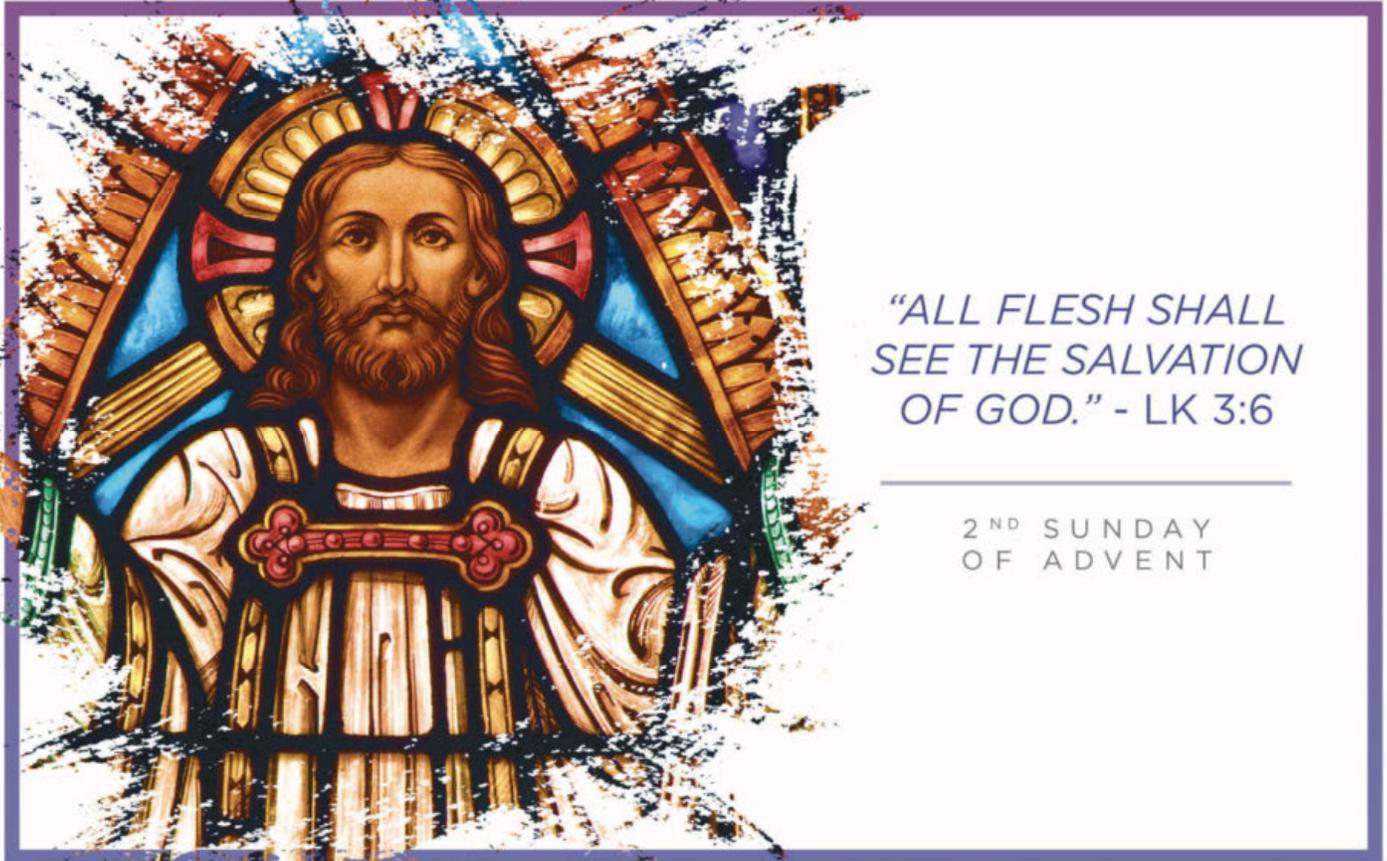


# Cathedral of St. Peter

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021



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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 PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

St. Paul speaks of joyful anticipation, of waiting for “the day of Christ Jesus.” He encourages the Philippians to grow in “love, understanding, a wealth of experience, a clear conscience, and blameless conduct,” In a word, to be ‘Holy,’ as our Father in heaven is holy. Over the last twenty months or so many of us have grown weary of mask mandates and people talking at us. We need to look for the Lord with joyful hope.

The season of Advent encourages us not to be dragged down by the Sin and confusion which surrounds us but to make a commitment to a new way of living. We need to challenge the wisdom of the world in the way it was challenged by that prophet in the desert. This time of waiting should help us develop our ‘John the Baptist voice.’

The message of John the Baptist is to prepare the way for the coming of Christ, to make straight the windings, and to make smooth the rough ways. So, prayer, reconciliation, and works of charity are all good means by which to proclaim the light of the world and to be a source of brightness in the doom and gloom. We become that desert voice.

Our Advent journey calls us to take the path closer to God as well as opening up for others the way to God. Then “all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

The Cathedral of St Peter is beginning the process of renovating the organ. This is an outstanding instrument that adds to the dignity and



reverence of the liturgies. Unfortunately, because of the lack of maintenance over the years, it is not up to its full potential. An anonymous donor, who lives in the diocese has offered \$150,000 for the repair. Our Parish needs to support an additional 150,000. We have already contacted a group of parishioners who have been most generous. At this time, we ask for your financial support for this endeavor. As stewards of our church, we want to ensure that many generations will be able to praise and worship God through song and music. The project is extensive, hence the cost, because the organ is more complex than from what we can see.

Please contact us for more detailed information on this project.



# ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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The Cathedral has once again adopted local grade schools including All Saints Catholic Academy to provide gifts of clothing for their students in need. The tree will be set up outside of Fellowship Hall beginning **Saturday, November 20**. Please stop by and select a tag from the tree which shows what is needed by the child. Please record your name in the book next to the tag/tags you take. Your wrapped gifts need to be **returned no later than 12:30 pm on Sunday, December 12** so they can be delivered to the schools.

**Your generosity is always greatly appreciated!!**

## Your Sacrificial Offering

Financial Blessings, November 21, 2021

Loose Collection .....	\$3,485.00
Offertory Envelopes .....	\$4,617.00
Electronic Contributions.....	\$
Total Offertory .....	\$8,102.00

### Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund .....	\$35.00
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Thank you to all of those who have pledged to this appeal. Every pledge brings us closer to our goal.  
EVERY pledge helps.

## Your Sacrificial Offering

Financial Blessings, November 28, 2021

Loose Collection .....	\$1,380.00
Offertory Envelopes .....	\$4,200.00
Electronic Contributions.....	\$2,478.00
Total Offertory.....	\$8,058.00

### Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund .....	\$10.00
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### HOLY HOUR FOR DECEMBER 7

The Illinois State Assembly and the State Senate to approve legislation that repealed the parental notification to remove the obligation of abortion facilities to inform parents 48 hours in advance of an abortion, involving their daughter when she is a minor.

The Holy Hour will be for the protection of all human life, and in reparation for the taking of the life of the unborn and the passage of this legislation.

Please join us during the Holy Hour adoration on December 7, at 6:30 p.m.



**SORRY... WE'RE CLOSED** THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WED, DEC 8



## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, December 19, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Come one, Come all to the Annual Hanging of the Greens immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 19



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Wednesday, Dec 8  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass times are:  
6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,  
Noon, and 6:30 p.m.

# Cathedral of St. Peter

## ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES RETURNS!

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 are held on the first three Sundays of Advent: November 28th, and December 5th and 12th. All sessions run from 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. in our Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 for all three sessions or \$5 for an individual session. There is no advance registration; registration will be at the door only. Doors will open at 12:30 P.M. Please use the doors by the parish office.

Mr. McGrath began his career teaching theology at Boylan High School. He then moved to the Education Department at the Diocese of Rockford and for many years prior to his retirement, he headed the Ministry Formation Program. Mr. McGrath is well versed not only in scripture study but also in the art of adult education.



This will be the nineteenth year for the Advent Scripture series in this format at the Cathedral, all led by John McGrath. Participants come from many parishes in the Rockford area. Please join us and bring a friend!

St. Anne's has partnered with the Rosary group at Forest City for a sock drive-by Christmas. Forest City Nursing Home is located on Arnold Ave. and serves Medicaid residents as well as those with mental and physical health issues. We are very blessed to have a group from the Cathedral who pray the rosary with them and give them communion. Because they are Medicaid residents, they have 180 residents in need of adult new socks.



HELP US FILL THE BINS WITH ADULT CREW SOCKS, ANY COLOR WILL DO. THE LAST DAY FOR COLLECTION IS DECEMBER 17TH. IF YOU HAVE A SAM'S CLUB OR COSTCO MEMBERSHIP, THEY HAVE 6 PR. FOR UNDER ELEVEN DOLLARS. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO SHOP, CASH DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN THE OFFICE AND WE WILL SHOP FOR YOU. REMEMBER HELP FILL THE BINS FOR THESE UNFORTUNATE RESIDENTS.

Any questions, please contact Barb Lundin at [bjlundin34@comcast.net](mailto:bjlundin34@comcast.net)



## Let's Keep in Touch!!!

We are in the process of switching our database software to Flocknote. Please contact the parish office to update your email address and cell phone number to receive event notifications, updates, prayer request and more.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON CELEBRATIONS 2021/2022

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(CHRISTMAS EVE – FRIDAY, DECEMBER. 24)

Mass at 4:15 p.m. (no 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Midnight Mass with Bishop David J. Malloy

(CHRISTMAS DAY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25)

Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (no 4:15 p.m. Mass)

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### The Feast of the Holy Family — December 26

Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

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### The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God-December 31/January 1, 2022

Friday (Dec 31, 2021) Mass at 4:15 p.m. (no 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Saturday (Jan 1, 2022) Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (no 4:15 p.m. Mass)

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### The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord — January 2

Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

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### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord — January 8/9

Saturday Mass at 4:15 p.m.

Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Ordinary Time resumes on Monday, January 10.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 2



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**Saturday, Dec 4, St. John Damascene**

8:00 am +William A. Johnson

**Vigil Mass:**

4:15 pm +John Owens  
+Larry Murrin, Sr.

**Sunday, December 5, 2nd Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am +Helen Whalen

Deceased Members of the  
James Brophy Family

11:00 am +Patricia Long  
+John Owens

5:00 pm +Leticia Floreza  
+Leslie Sergeys

**Monday, December 6, St. Nicholas**

8:00 am +Val J. Castegnaro

**Tuesday, December 7, St. Ambrose**

8:00 am +Mary Lib Skerkoske

**Wednesday, Dec 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 am All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 am +Helen Whalen

12:00 p.m. +Msgr. Thomas Brady

6:30 p.m. +Patricia Long

**Thursday, Dec 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

8:00 am +James Heim

**Friday, Dec 10, Advent Weekday**

8:00 am +Sr. Leo Marie Reynolds

+Luis Medellin

**Saturday, Dec 11, St. Damascene**

8:00 am +Robert Gille

+Marv Wythe

**Vigil Mass:**

4:15 pm +Joan Zanin  
+John Owens

**Sunday, December 12, 3rd Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am +Martin & Sophie McCoy

9:00 am +Anton & Helen Piercy

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

5:00 pm +Alan Read & Cerise Read Heitz

Sanctuary  
Cleaner

Dec 10 N. Stephenson  
K. Wythe



December Altar Linens- Donna Kelsey

**IMPORTANT ST. ANNE**

St. Anne Society has tried to re-imagine our yearly Cookie Walk fund raiser in these times of COVID, and it has not been an easy decision. For the safety of all involved, we feel that due to the ongoing pandemic and uncertain times, we are going to cancel Cookie Walk for one more year. This was not an easy decision to arrive at, due to the fact it is our major fund raiser, but the health and well being of all those involved is our primary concern. We look forward to a successful Cookie Walk in 2022, and anticipate a future fund raiser in the spring.

With our blessings,  
Barb Lundin,  
President, St Anne Society.



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 meeting is scheduled for December 14**

*Sanctuary Lamp*

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week  
for

**Special Intentions**

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## Parish Office Hours

Hours ..... (M-Thurs) 8:00 am—1:00 pm  
Friday ..... 8:00 am-12:00 pm  
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### All Saints Catholic Academy

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### 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  
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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