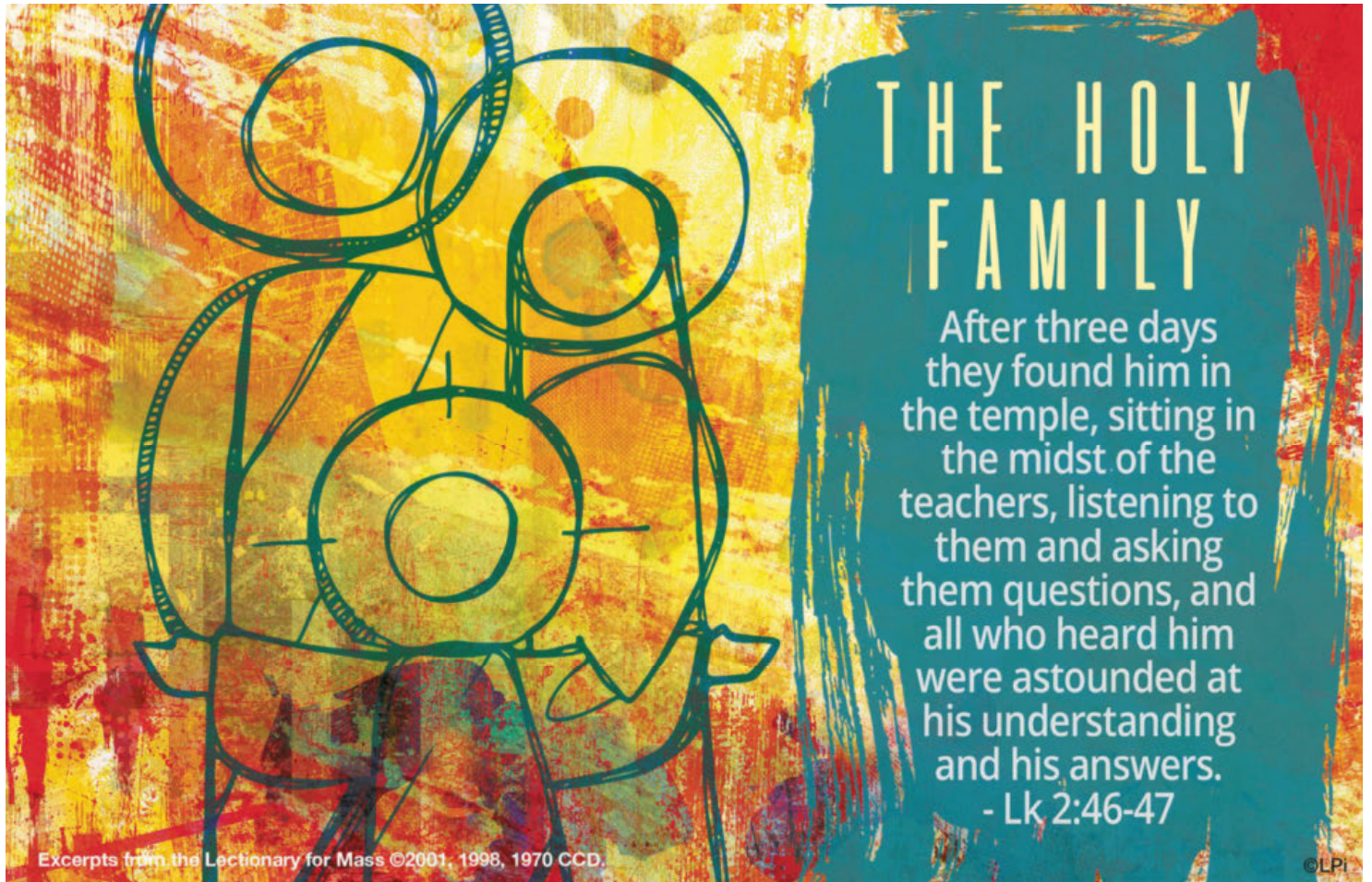


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THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2021



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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

Our Holy Family

The child Jesus queries Mary and Joseph, “Why were you looking for me?” Those “Why” questions are the frustration of every parent. But, here there is a deeper theological question. Just as Jesus asks John and Andrew, what they are looking for, or the blind man, what he needs, Jesus invites us to ponder our deepest inmost desire.

The ‘why’ question gives us pause to recognize that not all of our families, or communities, are marked by bliss. There is sometimes, brokenness, loneliness, heartbreak, and despair. With Mary and Joseph, our search is for a connection to God the Father, as sons and daughters. Our commitment to God the Father, and to others, in selfless love, equips us with the grace necessary to confront Sin and Evil.

Parents are sometimes astonished to see the growth and maturity of their children. In the quiet of their hearts, they praise and thank God for the gift of their children. Such astonishment encounters faith and belief that underlies the love and compassion in a family communion.

Jesus gives the Apostles authority to heal, forgive, share the good news, and drive out Sin and Evil. That same authority is made manifest in family life. By asking and reflecting on the important questions of our faith, we will bring Jesus home, who will then preside over our families.

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The generosity of the parishioners of the Cathedral of St. Peter never cease to amaze me. St. Anne's needed 180 pr. of socks for Forest City Nursing Home. We surpassed over 300 pair. This nursing home is always in need of everyday items we take for granted, such as deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and hand lotion. God bless all of you for your sincere donation and sharing of kindness. I, especially appreciate this, as I know the needs in our community are great.

May God continue to bless each and everyone of you and may our country spread joy and kindness to all.

Blessings, Barb Lundin

The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MINISTRY OF HIS SACRED HEART

Heavenly Father, we are honored and very thankful for your servant, our Bishop, David J. Malloy for his steadfast faithfulness and very many years of experience within the Church. We pray for every blessing for Bishop Malloy during this Advent and Christmas season and for all those seasons to come through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.



St. Peter Widows /Widowers Support Group

The **Widows/Widowers Support Group** is here for anyone looking for support in dealing with being a **Widow/Widower** and losing a partner.

Join the **Widows/Widowers Support Group** on **Tuesday, January 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.**



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 January 11

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Fri, Dec 24-Mon, Dec 27 Office Closed
Tues, Dec 28-Thurs, Dec 30 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Fri, Dec 31-Jan 3, 2022 Office Closed

Normal Business Hours beginning Jan 4, 2022



Exodus 90 is a men's spiritual life program app based on three pillars: prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. The program begins on January 4 and goes through Easter Sunday. It is a

strict program of prayer, meditation, exercise, a healthy lifestyle, and abstaining from alcohol and other excesses. Men would meet weekly for support (times/dates to be determined) .

Visit www.exodus90.com on how it works. The first seven days of Exodus 90 are free. On Day 8, you will be invited to join Exodus Membership for \$90.00/ year or \$10/ month.

Please contact the parish office and join us for a spiritual journey towards Easter.

A Call for Lectors

The importance of the Lector Ministry should not be underestimated in producing a vibrant and meaningful liturgy. The Liturgy of the Word enhance the Gospel message and the sacredness of the Mass. The

Cathedral of Saint Peter is seeking persons who love the Word of God, and would be willing to share in this most valuable ministry. Please call the parish office for more information or to volunteer. Parish Office number: 815-965-2765



Ushers/Hospitality

In addition to taking up the collection and handing out the bulletins, ushers provide the assistance that allow the Mass to run smoothly and attend to the myriad details that are part and parcel of large gatherings. They are the first persons you meet when you come into the church, and will help provide direction or help; whatever the situation may be. If you feel drawn to this ministry of hospitality and welcome, call us at the parish office: 815-965-2765.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which



we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really

means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON CELEBRATIONS 2021/2022

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.

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 8:00 a.m. or 4:15 p.m. Mass)

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.

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



Saturday, Dec 25, The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight: For the People of the Parish
 9:00 am +John McNamara
 +Fred & Vera Jess
 11:00 am +Anne Solar
 +Sr. Marilyn Brown

5:00 pm **NO MASS**

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am +Robert Lynch
 +Jim Day
 9:00 am +Martin & Sophie McCoy
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish
 5:00 pm +Doris & Charles Gough

Monday, Dec 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 am +James Burns
 +Daniel Kelly

Tuesday, Dec 28, The Holy Innocents

8:00 am +Genevieve Marinelli
 +Sr. Thomas Marie

Wednesday, Dec 29, St. Thomas Becket

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Dec 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 am +Mary Finan
 +Hayat Adamany

Friday, Dec 31, St. Sylvester I

8:00 am **NO MASS**

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Mary Lib Skerkoske
 +Robert Schwartz

Saturday, Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

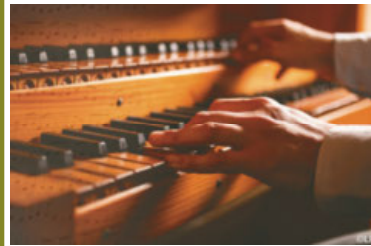
9:00 am For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am +Brad Lashock
 +Mary Lib Skerkoske
 5:00 pm **NO MASS**

Sunday, Jan 2, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am +Rosario A. Gaziano
 +Eunice McGuire
 9:00 am +Helen Whalen
 +John Hamaker
 11:00 am For the People of the Parish
 5:00 pm +Gerald Magnuson

Sanctuary Cleaner

Dec 31 **NO CLEANING**



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.

Sanctuary Lamp

Our Sanctuary Lamp is burning this week for the intentions of

All Families

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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
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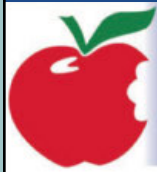
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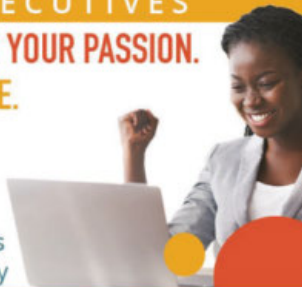
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