

Cathedral of St. Peter

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022



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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- Jn 2:1-3

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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.

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FROM THE PEN OF FATHER KEN Water and Wine

These past weeks, we have been celebrating liturgically various liturgical stages of the relationship God has with us. From the annunciation, all of the way to the Word made flesh, to the Baptism of the Lord. Our meditation on these events helps us enter more deeply into the Mystery of Faith which we celebrate.

Today we take this mystery one step further. The image of marriage as God's relationship with the people of God is deep in the Hebrew Bible. For us, St Paul will describe Jesus as the Bridegroom, coming to take possession of his bride, which is the Church. To be sure the relationship of a husband and wife is connected to selflessness, sacrifice, and even mystery, as is Jesus' relationship to us.

The transformation of water into wine, as told in the Gospel today, points to the conversion and discipleship of which we are summoned. In marriage, the husband and wife become that outward sign of Christ to each other, and to the whole faith community. In a mystical way, Jesus marries us, and we are then to be faithful and fruitful.

Jesus creates a lot of wine. The new covenant with God, through Jesus the Christ, offers transformation and joy. Jesus is the new wine in new chalices. In water and wine we celebrate this new relationship with God, and in faith make known everything Jesus has done for us.



ONE IN CHRIST
NATIONAL APPEAL

January 15-16, 2022

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 15 and 16 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.

Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

Thank you for your generous gift.



**YOU'RE CORDIALLY
INVITED TO JOIN FR. KEN
FOR WINE &
CONVERSATION
JAN 26, 2022 AT
6:30 P.M. IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**RSVP at 815-965-2765 by
Jan 19, 2022**

**IT'S BACK
COFFEE WITH FATHER
JOIN FR. KEN AT 9:00 A.M.
ON JAN 24 & JAN 31
IN THE 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.

Your Sacrificial Offering

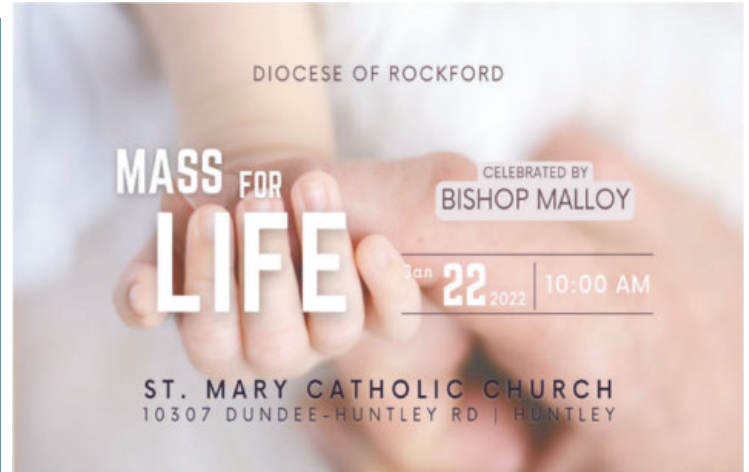
Financial Blessings, January 2, 2022

Loose Collection	\$948.00
Offertory Envelopes	\$5,457.00
Electronic Contributions	\$2,408.00
Total Offertory	\$8,813.00

Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund	\$105.00
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Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish



Join Bishop David Malloy as he celebrates a Mass for Life at 10:00am on Saturday, January 22, 2022 - the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children - at St. Mary Parish, 10307 Dundee Road, in Huntley, IL. If unable to attend in person, the Mass for Life will be live streamed on the St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley YouTube channel. It can be viewed live or at a later time.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Welcome new members

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

- 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.

MINISTRY OF HIS SACRED HEART

Dear Heavenly Father, We are profoundly grateful for Deacon Robert Joseph Mitchison's continued steadfast and deeply disciplined devotion to the Church through the Cathedral of St. Peter for more than a decade. We pray that he is granted, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, very many happy, healthy and joyful years filled with grace and mercy. Amen. Happy January 2022 Birthday, Deacon Bob.

LAUGH OUT LOUD

Divine Delivery

A businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got to the event, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription "Rest in Peace." He was so outraged that he stopped at the florist to complain.

"It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'".



Fr. Ken invites you to join him on Sunday, Jan 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a discussion on Discipleship.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of



ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and

accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

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It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and

groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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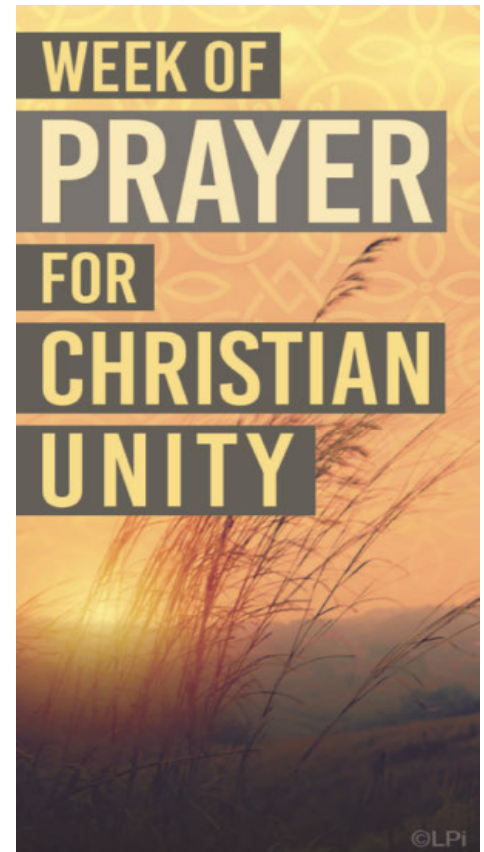
How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It’s the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we’re getting in the house, but we’re not quite ready to go all

the way in. There’s rain to shake off our coats and dirt that’s clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It’s also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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Saturday, Jan 15, Weekday

8:00 am +Helen Marie Stone

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +Joan Zanin

Intention for the Carson Family

Sunday, Jan 16, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am +Philip L. Satterlee

+Patricia Jamison

9:00 am +Michael J. Muzzarelli

 Deceased Members of the
James Brophy Family

11:00 am +Leslie Sergeys

+Patricia Oakland

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, Jan 17, St. Anthony

8:00 am +James Heim

Tuesday, Jan 18, Weekday

8:00 am +Edward Schraiber

Wednesday, Jan 19, Weekday

8:00 am +Fred Jess

Thursday, Jan 20, SS. Fabian & Sebastian

8:00 am +Dr. David M. Barton

Friday, Jan 21, St. Agnes

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, Jan 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children**

8:00 am +Art Baylis

Vigil Mass:

4:15 pm +John & Lori Timm

Sunday, Jan 23, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am +Fred Jess

+Salvador Moreno

11:00 am +Kathleen Appino

+Daryl Harmon

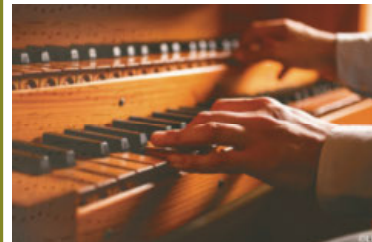
5:00 pm +Diane Judy

**Sanctuary
Cleaner**

Jan 21 J. McGee

LINENS

February Connie Mangiardi



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

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

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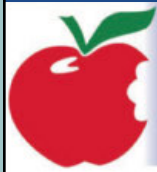
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