

# Cathedral of St. Peter

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 23, 2022



*3rd Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”  
- Lk 4:18a*

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**Most Reverend David J. Malloy, D.D., J.C.L., S.T.D.**  
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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.

# Cathedral of St. Peter



## FROM THE PEN OF FATHER KEN Life, Liberty, and Happiness

I noticed it on social media many years ago. It's not new. An observation would be made, information is shared, a comment is given; with the effect being, insults, vicious and hostile responses, and even vulgarity. So many commentators in the last several months have decried the loss of civil discussion and debate. This hurts our ability to hear and listen to each one another.

The people today will initially receive Jesus with amazement and astonishment. But their admiration turns to fury and anger when they consider his earthly origins. St. Ignatius of Loyola, in his Spiritual Exercises, challenges his hearers to empty themselves of self-serving attitudes, anger, pettiness, fear, hatred, pride, and jealousy. Be open to God and God-like virtues so that we can hear the word of God and respond appropriately.

We can talk about respect and human dignity, but if we do so through the lens of Sin and confusion it remains talk. There must be a conversion of heart. We human beings are created to praise, reverence, and serve God, and one another. It begins with a radical and new understanding of ourselves as an image of God, in the middle of the human family.

The unity and peace we pray for at the beginning of Mass will only come if Jesus' followers accept his program as their own.

### 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.

### IT'S BACK!!!!

# FISH FRY

The Parish Fish Fry is scheduled for the 2022 Lenten Season and we are in need of several volunteers. **Boylan Service Hours approved.**

If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 815-965-2765 or [office@cathedralofstpeter.org](mailto:office@cathedralofstpeter.org).

### 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 16, 2022

Loose Collection .....	\$882.00
Offertory Envelopes .....	\$6,446.00
Electronic Contributions .....	\$3,198.00
Total Offertory .....	\$10,526.00

### Other Contributions

Improvement (Building) Fund .....	\$110.00
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Thank you for your continued generosity to your parish

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](mailto: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.



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.

**BELLARMINÉ**  
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February 14, 2022  
4:00PM - 8:00PM

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**YEAR END STATEMENTS**

2021 Contribution Tax statements will be mailed out by January 31, 2022

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 815-965-2765.



All Saints Catholic Academy is holding an **Open House** for all potential future students and families on **Sunday, January 30th, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Teachers will be available to answer questions and give tours.

If this date doesn't work for you, call the school office at 815-962-8515 and schedule your own private tour. We look forward to meeting you!

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred



in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep

within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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### Upcoming courses:

#### JANUARY 16, 23 & 30

##### Rare Treasures - Catholic Social Teachings

This Catholic Social Teaching Class will walk through the Social Teachings, examining the basic principles, the Sacred Scriptures, and Magisterium foundations. Instructed by Father Kenneth Anderson

Location: Cathedral of Saint Peter in Rockford IL  
12:10 pm - 3:10 pm

#### FEBRUARY 5 & 19

##### Vatican II: What Really Happened

Since 1968 Catholics have debated the "spirit of the Council" vs. "the letter of the Council". Vatican II was the most historic event in Catholic history in the last 500 years. But what was it? What did it really say? Join Father Jonathan Bakkelund as he discusses Vatican II: What Really Happened. Location: St. Peter in Geneva IL

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

#### MARCH 19, 26 & APRIL 2

##### Pathway to Union with God: The Spiritual Life according to Scripture and the Saints

Explore the life of the saints and dive into scripture for a better understanding of the spiritual life as well as practical advice for growing in holiness.

This course will be instructed by Father Ryan Browning

Location: St. Thomas More in Elgin IL

9:00 am - 12:30 pm



Father Anderson



Father Bakkelund



Father Browning

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**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

**Monday, Jan 24, St. Frances de Sales**

8:00 am +Irv Kaminski

**Tuesday, Jan 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle**

8:00 am +Vincent & Frances Czerniewski

**Wednesday, Jan 26, SS. Timothy & Titus**

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, Jan 27, St. Angela Merici**

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, Jan 28, St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:00 am For All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, Jan 29, Weekday**

8:00 am +Timothy Gilmore

**Vigil Mass:**

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

**Sunday, Jan 30, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am +Donna Keany

9:00 am +Michael J. Muzzarelli

11:00 am +Laurie Osborne

+Rudolf Vedo

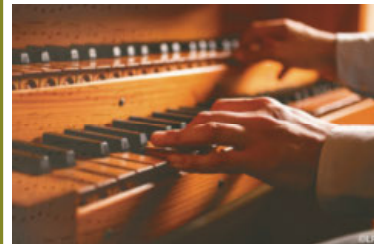
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**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**

## Cathedral Staff

### Parish Secretary,

Mrs. Rene Flores  
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### Business Manager/Bookkeeper

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### Receptionist

Mrs. Connie Murphy  
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### Director of Music

Mr. Adam G. Singleton  
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### Coordinator of Religious Education

Mrs. Nancy Spahr  
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## 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  
Phone ..... 815-965-2765  
Fax ..... 815-965-0743

## Cathedral of St. Peter

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www.cathedralofstpeter.org

## NFP Contact

Mrs. Mary O'Grady, RN  
815-332-3015  
mary.e.o'grady@osfhealthcare.org  
osfhealthcare.org/services/fertility/

## All Saints Catholic Academy

409 N. First Street  
Rockford, IL 61107  
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  
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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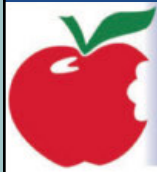
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