

# Saints Peter & Paul CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

902 East 9th Street • Hopkinsville, KY 42240



Established 1872

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic Community of Christians called to be a priestly people, a household of faith, a temple of the Holy Spirit, a beacon of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church shining for Jesus Christ in the heart of Christian County.

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**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.stspchurch.org](http://www.stspchurch.org)

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**VATICAN WEBSITE:** [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

8:00AM-12 NOON • 1:00 PM-4:00 PM MONDAY – FRIDAY

**SCHOOL TELEPHONE:** (270) 886-0172

**SCHOOL FAX:** (270) 887-9924

**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** [www.stspschool.org](http://www.stspschool.org)

**Truth Radio** WSPP 93.5 FM (Local Catholic Radio)

**Saints Peter and Paul Assistance:** 270-886-6027

**Saints Peter and Paul Thrift Store:** 270-632-1037

Store Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday-  
10:00 am-2:00 pm.

## MEMBERSHIP IN THE PARISH

We give a sincere welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register with the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are asked to let us know.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

Excerpta from the Lectionary for Mass 62001, 1996, 1975 CCD

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** evening ..... 5:00 PM  
**Sunday** ..... 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM  
 Misa en Español..... 2:00 PM, 10:30 PM  
**Monday - Saturday** ..... 8:00 AM  
**Wednesday** ..... 5:30 PM  
**Thursday** (en Español) ..... 5:30 PM

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**MINISTRY TO THE SICK**

Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home. Any parishioner who is ill or infirm may request anointing in an emergency by calling the Parish Office, 270-885-8522.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

This is a devotion whereby members of the parish unite in adopting certain hours of Adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament during the day and throughout the night, seven days a week. (Code required.) There is a regular schedule of adorers but all are welcome to stop in for a visit. Parishioners are encouraged to sign up for a scheduled weekly Adoration time. Please contact **Bill & Jenny Rush at 270-885-2888**, if you are interested in adopting an hour or if you can be a substitute or prayer partner **Available hours: Sunday 12am, Monday 2 pm and 3pm, Tuesday 10 pm and Wednesday 2am. Please help!! A Prayer Partner is needed for Tuesday 9am**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

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The Catholic Church teaches that the sexual abuse of any person is a grave moral evil. To report any instance of sexual abuse by anyone acting in the name of the Catholic Church, (priests, deacon, employee or volunteer), please call the Diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator, using the dedicated confidential phone-line (270-852-8380) as well as the Diocesan web site ([www.owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://www.owensborodiocese.org/safe)).

† SACRAMENTS †

- † **Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard Saturday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Wednesday at 4:30 PM. Confessions will be heard by appointment as well.
- † **Baptism:** Baptismal Preparation Class - Our next class will be announced. Please call the Parish Office to register.
- † **Marriage:** Contact the Office six months prior to the desired date.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

We are so thrilled to welcome our students back to in person school! Lots of smiling faces and happy kids in our building!

Kindergarten is learning all about 3D shapes!



3rd grade created anemometers and tested them outside. They also checked out the new weather station on campus!



**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:** This Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In a real way, this feast continues last Sunday's Feast of the Epiphany. The Baptism of the Lord is yet another powerful revelation of the manifestation of Christ's identity as God's beloved Son, on whom His favor rests. Like the visit of the Magi and the wedding feast of Cana, the Baptism of Christ by John in the Jordan River is an experience of God's presence revealed in Christ.

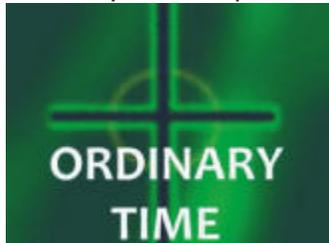


The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season; Ordinary Time begins Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. **Christmas decorations at Saints Peter and Paul will come down following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.** The Christmas poinsettias that adorn the sanctuary will be given away following the Mass. Poinsettias are sensitive to cold temperatures - **remember to bring a large plastic bag to protect the plant against the elements of weather.**

In Our Christian Tradition, Baptism is not only for repentance but also an entry into the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and anointed as "priest, prophet, and king" to bear the Light and Life of God to the lost and the brokenhearted. Today, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, may the grace of our own Baptism be stirred up anew within us, so we might continue to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, prompting us to do what is good, bring forth justice, and seek the lost. This Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season within our liturgical year. During the Christmas season, especially because of the coronavirus pandemic, people have said there was less "hustle bustle" and chaos and more quiet, solitude, and prayer. May that be true for you!



**Ordinary Time of Winter:** Ordinary Time appears each year in two periods of unequal length. It fills the short space between the Advent/Christmas cycle and the Lent/Triduum/Easter cycle, and the long space that follows the Easter season and runs to the end of the year. The precise dates and length of this time are based almost entirely on the date of Easter. The earlier Easter falls, the shorter the first part of Ordinary Time. This time is "Ordinary" not in the sense that it is "Plain" or "unusual," but because it is "counted;" it keeps pace with the order of time. Perhaps a better name would be "ordinal time" from the Latin translation meaning counted time. Therefore, Ordinary Time begins this Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and continues through Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the day before Ash Wednesday and



the beginning of the Lenten Season. As we enter Ordinary Time (in the liturgical year), we are invited to integrate what we have experienced throughout the holy season of Advent/Christmas. What have we encountered in the Gospels of Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord that has touched our life in a new and different way? In the waters of our own Baptism we were anointed priest (to celebrate), prophet (to preach), and king (to serve) and assured of our own "beloved-ness" (to be treasured or cherished) as a daughter or son of the living God. How is God calling you to live out this belovedness in your own public ministry?

**Sympathy:** As a parish we offer our prayers to our parishioner, Imelda Gorman, and her entire family at the passing of her son. James Timothy Gorman, 64 years old, from Lutherville, Maryland, passed away on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at his home from causes related to Multiple System Atrophy. Jim was born March 4, 1956 in Midland Park, New Jersey. He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Beverly Kemp Gorman, his loving children Sara Straw (Paul), Brian Gorman (Danielle), Jeff Gorman (Sarah) and Gregory "Eggy" Gorman, grandchildren Camden, Benjamin, and Reece Gorman; Samuel and Caleb Straw; devoted mother Imelda Gorman and mother-in-law Betty Covington. He is also survived by siblings Bob Gorman (Bunny), Susan Tyson (Paul Tyson), Tom Gorman (Debbie) Anne Gorman, Dave Gorman (Julie), Doug Gorman (Michelle), Steve Gorman (Rose Mary) and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was predeceased by his father Donald Gorman, grandson Lucas Straw and niece Brittney Gorman. He was raised in Muskegon, Michigan and Severna Park, Maryland. He graduated from Severna Park High School in 1974. In 1979 he graduated from Morgan State University where he was a basketball player for the Morgan State Bears. In his long career in pharmaceutical and biomedical sales, he primarily served as Vice President of Sales at Lifecell Corporation. He served many years as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Metro Maryland Youth for Christ. Memorial service to be announced at a later date. Donations can be made to MSA Coalition-<https://support.multiplesystematrophy.org> As a parish we offer our prayers for the Gorman family as we pray to God "May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."



**College Students:** Many of our college students will be returning to class this week. We want to make sure they know of the prayers that go with them from Saints Peter and Paul Parish. May our prayers for you give you courage and hope to live the life that God calls you to with excitement and joy.

**Convocation:** The annual Convocation of all priests with Bishop Medley in the Owensboro Diocese will be a little different this year. The Convocation will be held virtually and just one day this year – Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Typically, the annual Convocation is a time that all priests are gathered together for education on a particular topic or to look at “on-going” Pastoral needs as a whole and make appropriate plans for the future. The Convocation is also a time to renew friendships, share meals and games, prayer, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and on one evening, the traditional meal in recognition of the honorees among the priests of our diocese. Because of this, our priests will be here in the parish and there will be no need this year to change our Mass schedule. However, it is a time to pray for our priests, for their health – physical and spiritual and well being. Consider remembering them in prayer on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> or praying a rosary for their intention.

**Year of Saint Joseph:** On December 8th, Pope Francis recalled the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" to conclude on December 8, 2021. Pope Francis made this declaration in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. He states that this pandemic has helped us to see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble St. Joseph "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence, who nonetheless played an incomparable role in the history of salvation." In the months ahead we will look to St. Joseph and ask his intercession for us as we strive to be faithful to our call as missionary disciples of Jesus. May through his intercession, the Church would grow and be vibrant, active and faith-filled as we transition away from these challenging times. Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, pray for us!



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> through Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,



"Abide in my love...you shall bear much fruit," is from John, chapter 15. What fruit can you plant, nurture and grow for God's glory? Let's join hands and hearts

together in praying for a greater understanding and respect for Christians of different denominations. The divisions in Christianity continue to be a scandal; let's pray for unity among us.

**Anniversary of Supreme Court's Decision** to legalize abortion is Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> (47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary). Our belief is that life begins at conception and can only be ended by natural death. We live in a "disposable" society

which has influenced a culture of death, which enshrines abortion-on-demand in laws, celebrates it as a right, and resorts to it with an alarming frequency. However, this is being changed by education, legislation, political action, and prayer. Be kind, Be persistent, Be praying, Be compassionate. Be forgiving. You are encouraged along with all the Dioceses of the United States to make Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> a DAY of



FASTING and PRAYER for the unborn, for women with unplanned and unwanted pregnancies, for men who have facilitated abortions, and for the sanctity of human life, especially in the womb. Remember our church is open to allow the faithful to pray for an end to abortion. **At 12:00 - Noon we will gather for a Community Prayer Service as we recall the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade.** All are strongly encouraged to attend. We must do our part to protect the dignity of the human person and ensure the inalienable right to life for all – especially the unborn. "On this anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), we are reminded that God recognized each of us before we were born, and called us by name, so too may we recognize the value of each human life and pledge ourselves to continue to defend and nurture God's greatest gift to us."

**9 Days for Life 2020 will take place Tuesday, January 21 - Wednesday, January 29:** 9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) They Showed Us Unusual Kindness (cf. Acts 28:2)



**Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration – Hazardous Weather Policy:** If hazardous weather occurs, a decision will be made to continue with Adoration or to suspend adoration.



Once a decision has been made, adorers who would be affected will be called in addition to the hourly captains. If you are uncertain about whether adoration is being held, please call your hourly captain.

Dads are always giving examples. Here Russell Malone is being assisted by his daughter Avery, as they light candles for our Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Calendar January 10-17

**Sun** PSR-PRE-School thru 5th Grade Class 9am  
Parish Holy Hour, 4pm

**Wed** Rosary Makers- 8:45 am, HFR  
MS/HS Religious Ed Classes-6:30 pm  
Choir Practices-Spanish 5:30 pm, English 6:30 pm

**Thu** Knights-6:30 pm, OA  
RCIA Session-6:30pm, HFR

**Sun** PSR-PRE-School thru 5th Grade Class 9am  
Ultreya-Noon, OA  
Parish Holy Hour-4 pm

**Readings for the week of January 10, 2021** LPI©

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is  
12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/  
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/  
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/  
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/  
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,  
10/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Contribution Statements:** Contribution statements for 2020 will be emailed on or about January 23<sup>rd</sup> to the email address we have on file. If you would like a printed statement, please let us know by emailing [bchaudojn@stspchurch.org](mailto:bchaudojn@stspchurch.org) or calling the parish office at 270-885-8522. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex as well. Those requesting print copies can pick them up in the narthex the weekend of January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> or later.

**2020 contributions must be dated December 31, 2020 and received in our office by January 18th, 2021 to be included in your 2020 annual contribution statement.**

**Parent's Reminder**

As first teachers of faith for your children, please continue helping your child understand what the Sacrament of Confession/ Sacrament of Reconciliation is about. Help them to understand what is sin, being sorry for our sins and choosing another path. Use the materials provided to you at our Parent meeting back in October. Help them be ready to celebrate this Sacrament on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in our Church**

Mass Intentions

**Mon, Jan 11**  
8:00 am LEO PROUSE

**Tue, Jan 12**  
8:00 am FRED & WENDY ANDERSON

**Wed, Jan 13**  
**ST. HILARY, BISHOP**  
† JOHN J CHEWNING & JOHN J CHEWNING II  
8:00 am LEO PROUSE  
5:30 pm LEO PROUSE

**Thu, Jan 14**  
8:00 am † ALBERT SISK  
5:30 pm Spanish PAUL AND WINTER RUSH

**Fri, Jan. 15**  
8:00 am † CAROL MORGAN

**Sat, Jan 16**  
8:00 am TAYLOR WALLACE  
5:00 pm † DAVE CLEMMENS

**Sun, Jan. 17**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 am † COLETTE KEACH  
10:30 am † SANDY MUELLER  
2:00 pm Spanish FOR ALL PEOPLE  
10:30 pm Spanish LAURA MOORE  
† Indicates Requiem Mass

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
IN MEMORY OF RICHARD & LACY KRANZ  
**ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLES**  
IN HONOR OF SUZANNE KNAPP

Budget News	January 3, 2021	
	Contributing Households	
Envelopes	58	\$7,640
Online Donations/EFT	41	\$12,005
Loose collection Cash		\$569
Loose collection Checks	21	\$3,800
Weekly Total	120	<b>\$24,014</b>
Weekly Parish Budget Needs		\$18,614
Solemnity of Mary	30	\$6,008
2019/20 Diocesan Assessment Past Due		\$30,230
2020/21 Diocesan Assessment due 6/2021		\$67,352

**Used Postage Stamps:** Remember to save your used stamps from your Christmas cards for Sister Miriam, better known as the "Stamp Sister" at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse at Nazareth. If you want to help by saving and sending her your used stamps, you can just put them in an envelope and place them in the collection basket or bring to the office. Then we send them to Sister Mariam with the Sisters of Charity. These in turn are used for their missions in Belize.



**In Need of Prayers...** *Carriage Way Assisted Living*- Albert Weakly.. *Western State Nursing Facility*- Debbie Dickerson, Ellen Jones.. *Christian Health Center*- Lillian Cotthoff, Norma Downs *Morningside of Hopkinsville*- Thelma Budias.. **Others..** Helen Allard, Bob Arnold, Dick & Jackie Arnold, Dennis & Sabrina Baker, Sherry Beck, Sue Boguskie, Ruth Britt, Helen Brown, Judy Brummett, Bart Brunson, Sherry Calhoun, Sam Chesnut, Ken Cunningham, Jackie Custer, Lynn Delaney, Norma Folz, Martha Fowler, Nancy Freeman, Denise Garcia, Barbara Gardner, Ron & Janice Godot, Bill Hancock, William Hancock, Jan Hinkle, Joy Moseley Housley, Judy Jackson, Heather Jeffries, Carol Johnson, Rod Johnson, Greg Jones, Olivia Jones, Tony Jones, Charlie Keel, Joe Kukral, Matthew Lin, Jane Lucas, June Mahoney, John & Cheryl Mezzoni, Joe Mezzoni Sr., Jim Milazzo, Andy & Carol Moran, Jason Oldham, Pam Oliver, Cecelia Omundson, Teresa Pazin, Maddox Pepper, Beth Pictor, Rachel Pictor, Brenda & Dennis Poteet, Evelyn Raney, Martha Reed, Tara & Dylan Rush, Jerry Russell, Al Rutland, Janet Rutland, Carol Schowe, Mary Jean Schowe, Ryan Semrau, Mary Catherine Smith, Rocky Spader, Mike & Marilyn Stocker, Georgiann Svestka, Mary Swicki, Jerry Thomas, Ron Todd, Charles Watzek, Nancy Webb, Dan Weinzapfel, Carolyn Wilson, Helen Winstead, Pamela Mezzoni Wofford, Sandy Wood, Rose Yurkovic, Arthur Zaragozo & Family.

**Please Pray for our Deployed Military & Families**  
Ryan Harrison



**Saints Peter and Paul Parish Religious Education**

PSR – Pre-School thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: DUE TO DIRECTIVES FROM OUR DIOCESE, Classes will resume on **Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Office Building** and in the Office Annex Building.



Parents Remember:

- ◆ Drop off is between 8:45 a.m. and 8:55 a.m.
- ◆ Enter the parish parking lot off 9<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed forward between the parish office building and the Annex building (former Thrift Store) as we will take your children’s temperature and complete forms before leaving the vehicle and then parents are to exit the parking lot onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- ◆ Pick up is at 10:15 again using directions as Drop off.

**UPDATED SCHEDULE – 9:00-10:15 a.m.:**

January 10: Class                      January 17: Class  
January 24: Class                      January 31: Class

**Middle and High School Youth Ministry – DUE TO DIRECTIVES FROM OUR DIOCESE, CLASSES** will resume on Wednesday, January 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m.



**Parents/Youth Driving Remember:**

- ◆ Drop off is between 6:10 p.m. and 6:25 p.m.
- ◆ Enter the parish parking lot off 9<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to the portico behind the Church (between the Church and Office Building) as we will take your youth’s tem-

**LAY MINISTERS**

**JANUARY 16TH/17TH —2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Saturday, 5:00 pm**

**Altar Servers**..... Sherry Viall  
**Cross Bearer**.....  
**Commentator** ..... Robin Bilan  
**Lectors** ..... Robin Bilan, Patty Goode  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:** ..... Tony Esposito  
**Choir Loft**.....  
**Ushers**.....Ken Tiell, Sandi Velez  
.....Pat Puckett, Bobbi Goulet

**Sunday, 8:00 am**

**Altar Servers**..... Lucy Wilkins, Eva Blankenberger  
**Cross Bearer**.....  
**Commentator** .....Jim Creighton  
**Lectors** .....Jim Creighton, Ann Williams  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:** .....Carolyn Spurr  
**Choir Loft** ..... Kylee Spurr  
**Ushers**..... Chuck Spurr, Dirk Downs  
..... Gary Harden, Bill Rush

**Sunday, 10:30 am**

**Altar Servers**..... Ryan Luckey, Franco Fiscella  
**Cross Bearer**.....  
**Commentator** .....David Allard  
**Lectors** ..... David Allard, Dee Dailey  
**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:** ..... Michael Anderson  
**Choir Loft** .....  
**Ushers**..... Pat Covington, Chris Thomas  
..... Steve Greenwell, Noah Thomas

**Domingo 2:00 pm**

**Comentarista:**..... Pedro Rodríguez  
**1-2 Lectura:** .....Pedro Rodríguez, Yolanda Perry  
**Ministro E:**.....Lupita Rosas  
**Hospitalidad:**.....Chano Vieyra, Victor Hernández  
**Monaguillos:**.....

perature and complete forms before leaving the vehicle and then parents are to exit the parking lot between Meredith Hall and the Maintenance Building onto 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

- ◆ Pick up is at 8:00 p.m. again using directions as Drop off.

**January Class Schedule:**

January 13: Class; January 20: Class; January 27:Class

**ARE YOU:**

- \* Searching for a Church to call your own?
- \* Generally curious about the Catholic Church?
- \* Unbaptized, or baptized in another faith, but seek communion with the Catholic Church?
- \* Attending Mass with your Catholic spouse/family members but are not Catholic yourself ?
- \* A baptized Catholic who regular attends Mass & other services but needs Sacramental prep for Eucharist or Confirmation?



**RCIA SESSIONS CONTINUE JANUARY 14, 21 AND 28**  
**Beginning at 6:30 P.M. IN THE Holy Family Room**



**Pastor's Greetings,**  
**JOHN THE BAPTIST, FRIEND OF THE BRIDE-GROOM**

When asked who he was that he should be preaching and baptizing, John, the son of Zechariah, said of himself, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" [John 1:23] He volunteers something much more personal to his own disciples when they express concern that Jesus is gaining so many disciples. John replies to their concern this way: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but have been sent before him.' The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease." [John 3:27-30]

Such pithy wisdom: "The one who has the bride is the bridegroom." But that exactly gives me how I am to see myself and the Church's ministry of priesthood which I serve. I am a groomsman for Jesus Christ, a "friend of the Bridegroom." He is the Bridegroom, not I. I serve the groom and his bride. Unlike Saint John the Baptist, however, who served before the inauguration of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb of God, I am called to serve the nuptials already begun but not yet "fulfilled in the Kingdom." As great as John is, this is why the "least born into the Kingdom of God is greater than he." This ministry of mine requires that I serve two "one flesh" Christian covenants—The Sacrament of Matrimony, the "one flesh" union of man and woman, husband and wife, among the Faithful; and, The Sacrament of Eucharist, the "one flesh" communion of Christ and each member of his Body, which is the Church. Jesus Christ figures as author of each. He is the ultimate and heavenly Bridegroom of each. Both Sacraments anchored in the present time point beyond themselves into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven and the marriage feast of the Lamb of God. Heaven is the most intimate of nuptial unions, eternal communion with God in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, not, however, a sexual union for it is not reproductive. The cause of procreative self-donation ends with the completion of time.

As the Lord's groomsman and friend I preside at the liturgies of Eucharist and of Matrimony in the church. Christian spouses have the priestly service of the lived worship of their self-donation to each other and to their children in their homes. The self-donation of spouse to spouse and children is a domestic liturgy which serves Christ and worships the Father in Spirit and in truth. My life serves as groomsman to all of this. It is from this perspective that I offer the following insights to my brothers in Christ who are husbands and fathers, and to my sisters in Christ who are wives and mothers.

\* Ask our Father in Heaven to father you. The work is not finished in this life. The goal is your full stature in Christ. All fathers need the Father in Heaven as all sons need their Father. All mothers need the Father who is the

source of all parenting and the artistic author of woman and motherhood.

- \* Find your deepest desire. My apprenticeship in Chastity was not complete for living until I did this. Only the most powerful and deepest desire can order our other disordered desires, particularly sexual desires. By embracing the deepest desire, the power of self-pursuing pleasures is conquered and compulsions broken so that one is free and finds peace, even satisfaction.
- \* Never use another human person, not even yourself. We are not our own. Spouses and children all belong to God. Using oneself or another for one's pleasure or selfish ends never satisfies and is never just. To use one whom one loves for personal pleasure or profit profoundly hurts the one used.
- \* Receive each Day and Give each Day rather than seize the day. *Accipe not carpe diem.*
- \* Walk with God yourself and with your spouse and with your children. This is our original design.
- \* Spar with God, with spouse, with children—and win together. Our God is a wrestler who spars with us to teach and strengthen us not to defeat us. The goal is to conquer self-doubts, self-focus, self-deception and sin. God opposes us so that we might succeed in truth. So with fathers, mothers, and their children; so with spouses in their partnership—for any to win each must win.
- \* Aim to hand your Marriage and your Spouse and your Children each to God the Father to complete what God has begun in you. In this each of you are groomsmen or bridesmaids and friends of Christ. You serve the ultimate and eternal union of Christ with your spouse and with your children. Your relationship to them points away from you to Jesus Christ. Always keep this in mind. Groomsmen and Bridesmaids keep their lamps lit and provided for so that they may walk together and guide their children through the darkness into the festal hall with Christ the Bridegroom when he shall come.

Blessings, Fr. Richard, Baptism of the Lord, 2021

**Be a light to Somebody:** Mother Teresa once visited a poor man in Melbourne, Australia. He was living in a basement room which was in a terrible state of neglect. There was no light in the room. He did not seem to have a friend in the world. She started to clean and tidy the room. At first, he protested, "Leave it alone. It is alright as it is." But she went ahead anyway. As she cleaned, she chatted with him. Under a pile of rubbish, she found an oil lamp covered with dust. She cleaned it and discovered that it was beautiful. And she said to him, "You have got a beautiful lamp here. How come you never lighted it?" "Why should I light it?" "No one ever comes to see me." Will you promise to light it, if one of my sisters comes to see you?" "Yes, If I hear a human voice, I will light the lamp," he replied. Two of Mother Teresa's sisters began to visit him regularly. Things gradually improved for him. Every time the sisters came to visit him, he had the lamp lighted. Then one day he said to them: "Sisters, I will be able to manage myself from now on. Do me a favor. Tell the first sister who came to see me, that the light she lit in my life, is still burning."

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