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Cathedral Office Hours  
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am — Noon  
**We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10 pm — 12:40 pm**

## **MASS TIMES**

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

### **Daily Mass**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm  
Tuesday at 7:30 am

## **CELEBRATION OF PENANCE**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon  
Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:15 pm  
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

**January 15, 2023**  
**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Several parishioners have asked me to draw attention to the fact that the **Catechism in a Year** podcast with Fr. Michael Schmitz just began on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and it's not too late to catch up! If you are not familiar with the Catechism in a Year podcast, let me explain.

Last year, Fr. Michael Schmitz (a well-known speaker and online Catholic personality from Minnesota) put together a podcast designed as a way to encourage Catholics and non-Catholics alike to read through the entirety of the Scriptures in one calendar year, accompanied by daily audio reflections (about 20-30 minutes in length) which discuss the theological/biblical themes of that day's passage. The podcast was a tremendous success. Literally millions of people took up the challenge. Even secular news outlets took notice of the overwhelming interest, especially when in early January of last year, it took the spot as the Most Popular podcast on the Apple podcast platform! And when I say "most popular," I don't mean "most popular in the 'religion/faith' category"—I mean, the Most Popular IN ALL CATEGORIES.

With such enthusiasm for last year's podcast, Fr. Schmitz decided to continue right into a new endeavor with the same basic format, this time focusing on reading through entirety of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** in one year.

I suspect that there are a handful of parishioners already committed to the program who have just completed their first two weeks of readings and lessons. But with only two weeks of episodes currently published, it wouldn't be difficult to begin now and keep pace with the millions of others around the world who are doing so.

I highly recommend this podcast! Fr. Schmitz is a solid priest and a gifted speaker and teacher. I can basically guarantee that it is worth the effort, and for some people, it might even be life-changing. Keep in mind—this is something that stretches across the entire calendar year, so the amount of time required each day is totally manageable for most schedules.

To access the daily lessons, just search for "Catechism in a Year podcast" and start following along with the corresponding readings. I suggest that you purchase a physical copy of the Catechism for your daily reading, but the text of the Catechism is also available online for free.

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I would also like to use this column to announce another Adult Ed. opportunity for you to consider.

At the end of the month, I'm excited to launch a Four-Week Study that I'm calling

### **"Defending Theism: Arguments for God's Existence that you can Memorize."**

A few years ago I realized that even good confirmation programs (from the standpoint of catechesis) are in some ways woefully insufficient for many of our youth today, because our youth grow up in a culture in which the very existence of God is denied or at least strongly doubted by many of their peers. Agnosticism/atheism is the cultural air that they breathe.

But this prevailing attitude is almost never grounded in even a veneer of intellectual argument—it is more of an unquestioned sentiment of a culture that is suffering from total *moral* decay, and therefore doesn't even ponder some of the key fundamental philosophical questions that should be of concern to every human being.

To remedy this, I started dedicating several weeks of instruction every year in my confirmation classes to laying out some very basic arguments for God's existence that are extremely useful for beginners. Even if the students don't end up mastering the full depths of each argument, I want them to be aware that the foundations of our Catholic faith are grounded on solid and defensible rational grounds—and on the other side, that is often modern skepticism which lacks sufficient intellectual self-reflection.

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## Fr. Van Lieshout's article continued

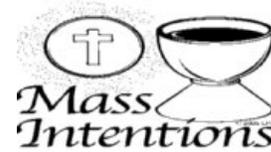
After teaching this material to our youth, I want to offer a slightly more robust version to our adults as well! There will be more information in next weeks bulletin, but save the following dates:

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, and February 19<sup>th</sup> --- all at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.**

See the link on our Cathedral website to register!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

**Saturday, January 14, 2023**

*Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17*

2:30—3:30 pm Confessions  
3:00 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Eleanore Hunt—Sr. Joan Hilbert

**Sunday, January 15, 2023—Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Is 49:3, 5-6, 1Cor 1:1-13; Jn 1:29-34*

7:00 am Joseph Grassi — Margaret Whalen  
9:15 am Sharon Swart—KoC 15118  
William Brown—Family  
11:15 am Marko Amidzic—Margita & Family  
8:00 pm Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

**Monday, January 16, 2023—Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
OFFICE CLOSED**

*Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22*

11:30—Noon Confessions  
12:10 pm Dominick J. Colocillo—Family

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023—Saint Anthony, Abbot**

*Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28*

7:30 am Theresa Gordinier—Bequest

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

*Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6*

11:30—Noon Confessions  
12:10 pm Aloma Kemp—All Star Scholars

**Thursday, January 19, 2023**

*Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12*

11:30—Noon Confessions  
12:10 pm Janet Zimmerman—Family  
7:00 pm Holy Hour for life with Bishop Matano

**Friday, January 20, 2023**

*Heb 8:6-13; Mt 3:13-19*

11:30 am Confessions  
12:10 pm Catherine H. Hinckley—Vanessa Mangan

**Saturday, January 21, 2023—Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

*Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21*

2:30—3:30 pm Confessions  
3:00 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Timothy Holler—Patty Fredericks

**Sunday, January 22, 2023—Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

*Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12:23 or 4:12-17*

7:00 am Mary Jo Whalen—Margaret Whalen  
9:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community  
11:15 am Sharon Swartz—All Star Scholars  
8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

*Holy Hour for Life  
with Bishop Matano*

*On Thursday, January 19, 2023, in solidarity with bishops around the country, Bishop Matano will preside at a Holy Hour for Life at Sacred Heart Cathedral, as a part of the nationwide observance of the Vigil for Life during January 19 – 20. Please join us at 7 pm!*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Nicholas Boyle & Theresa Piersall*

*Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.*

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

Phillip Batchelor Jr, Bishop Matthew Clark,  
Tony Coccia, Dcn. John Giugno,  
Jackie Goldfarb, Dan Gentile, Lucille Ilii,  
Jerry Mastodanato, Lucas Marone,  
Soe (So) Meh, Marcia Mendola, Bill Moroz,  
Patti Stets, Karen Stevens, Bentley Vega,  
Helen Walters, Candice Zerdon

The Cathedral office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There will be confessions from 11:30 —Noon and a 12:10 pm mass.



**January Food Frenzy**

Thank you for your generous donations and support of Joseph's Place. Our next food frenzy will be January 21 & 22. We would

greatly appreciate donations of: **beans canned or dry (garbanzo, kidney and baked beans are most needed), spaghetti sauce, pasta (white), cereal, jelly or jam and toilet paper.**

Please remember we **CANNOT** accept opened packages of any food. Donated food can be placed in the bins that will be located in the narthex.

**This Week's Sanctuary Candle**

*In Memory Of — Jim Walsh  
Requested by — Capone Family*

*In Memory Of — Flora Miele  
Requested by — Steven & Bud*



**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

In your charity, please pray for Angelina Muscianese and all of our deceased.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*



**Parish Offertory January 7 & 8, 2023**

<b>Actual</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>\$11,018</b>	<b>\$6,640</b>	<b>\$+4,378</b>

*Thank you for your contribution.*

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester  
Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester  
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