



CATHEDRAL
of
SAINT PETER

Welcoming CHRIST

2023 STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL



Welcoming CHRIST

Hospitality — being friendly and welcoming — is one of the hallmarks of a stewardship parish. One of the simplest ways that we can show others the love of God is by helping them feel wanted, valuable and welcome. At the Cathedral of Saint Peter, we want our members to feel like they belong to a friendly community, so that they can become engaged in the life of the Church. In keeping with this goal, our theme for this year's Stewardship Renewal is "Welcoming Christ."

As Scripture tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, when we help or serve others who are less fortunate than us, we are loving Christ Himself. When we take an extra moment to smile at someone, or bring them dinner during a rough time, we are telling that person that they are "good," and that we love and appreciate them as fellow children of God.

This year, during our Stewardship Renewal, take a minute to reexamine yourself. Do you spend time in daily prayer? Can you make a concrete effort to help another person — be it a longtime friend or a new parishioner — feel wanted and appreciated? Will you give of your finances, one of your most valuable commodities, so that God can bless you and others?

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

— MATTHEW 25:40

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Spending Time with God in Prayer

We, as a community of faith, must remember that we cannot give what we do not have. In order for us to welcome others into the life of the Church, we first need to make sure that our spiritual lives are properly in order. To become a more prayerful person, take inventory of how you spend the 168 hours in the week. Are you taking time to talk to God in prayer, to speak with Him as you would a friend? Are you seeking His truth through reading the Scriptures? Will you make Him first on your priority list so that you are able to give to others from the graces He has given you?



COMMUNITY PRAYER

The Mass is the highest prayer of the Church, and should also be the high point of our week. Consider making it your top priority to never miss a Sunday liturgy.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Each person needs to spend time with God one-on-one. A daily heart-to-heart conversation with Christ is the key to personal spiritual growth. Pope Francis encourages Catholics to spend 10 minutes each day in prayerful reflection. In addition, resources for prayer can be found at uscbb.org/bible/readings or on Catholic phone and tablet apps, such as iBreviary, Magnificat or Divine Office.

FAMILY PRAYER

“The family that prays together stays together.” Choose times each day to pray with your spouse and children: bedtime prayers, a Scripture verse at mealtimes, or a decade of the Rosary on the way to school or work.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our children learn about God and prepare for the sacraments, thanks to the hard work of our Religious Education catechists. Will you use your gifts to help our young people grow in their relationship with Christ?

PARISH LIFE

Our parish has a lot of ministries and means by which you can serve others, from ushering to cooking to community outreach. What means of service inspire you the most? Where is your conscience stirring, inviting you to get involved in our parish ministries to serve God and His people?



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Serving God in Ministry

Following the example Christ set for us, we strive to offer ourselves in service to others. Every day, we have the choice to serve or to sit back; to get involved or be self-involved. This year, is God calling you to do more for others through service? As the pages of this book attest, there are dozens of opportunities throughout the year to serve others, educate our children, reach out to the needy, and much more. Your participation is welcome. Let's work together to build a welcoming community as we serve God and one another.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Generous Financial Support

Christian discipleship requires that we put Christ first in every aspect of our lives, including our finances. Are you grateful to God that you are employed? Do you recognize the blessings the Lord has bestowed on you financially? How will you commit to giving back to the Lord a portion of your income? As you discern the amount of your gift, remember that God calls us to give from our “first fruits,” not from our leftovers. Ask for the grace to put God first in your finances.

At the Cathedral of Saint Peter, we give to God according to the scriptural “tithe”, which literally means 10% of one’s harvest or income. Each family is encouraged to break up the tithe as follows:

5% to God through the parish offertory

1% to the diocese

4% to other charitable causes

If you’re unable to give the full biblical tithe right now, assess what percentage you can give, and then move up by 1% or 2% increments each year until you can reach the full 10%.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

If you know you should increase your level of giving, but find it difficult to do so, challenge yourself: “How much do I spend every month on entertainment and eating out? Does my spending reflect the priority of God in my life?”

GIVING A PERCENTAGE

Why should we determine the amount of our gift based on a percentage of income?

We give the tithe (which means 10% of one’s harvest or income) because it is a Scriptural benchmark that has been honored since the early Church (see Malachi 3:10).





2023 Parish Ministries

LEADERSHIP COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council investigates pastoral matters, considers them thoroughly, and proposes practical conclusions about them to the pastor and his staff.

Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council oversees the parish financial activities, formulates and oversees the annual budget, and collaborates with the Pastoral Council, to ensure that the financial stewardship reflects the values and direction of the parish.

*Chair: Patricia Jenks,
bpkenj@att.net, 618-973-7397*

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Buildings and Grounds Committee assesses conditions of the parish grounds and properties, and makes recommendations for repair and replacements as necessary.

Contact: Parish Office, 618-234-1166

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adult Altar Servers

Men and women, as well as parent/child teams, serve at Sunday Masses, funerals, and other liturgical services.

*Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB,
frgodfrey@cathedralbelle.org, 618-234-1166*

Adult Sacristans

This ministry assists with the set-up and clean-up of Sunday Masses. (This ministry will not replace the youth sacristans, but work in tandem.) Unlocking the church, turning on lights and sound system, setting up all the necessary items for Mass, placing liturgical books in their proper place, and serving at the altar as needed make

up this ministry. Training is provided. Adult sacristans might also substitute for the weekday sacristan during absences.

*Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB,
frgodfrey@cathedralbelle.org, 618-234-1166*

Altar Servers

Altar servers are students in third grade through high school — both male and female — who are willing to assist at the altar at Sunday and Holyday Masses, as well as other liturgical celebrations.

*Contact: Doug Luge,
jdlugge@gmail.com, 618-779-1819*

Cantors

The primary role of the cantor is to lead the responsorial psalm and Gospel acclamation at the Sunday liturgy. A cantor must be able to read music and must have some ability to prepare the music on his or her own.

*Contact: Richard Thompson,
rtbompjd@gmail.com, 618-558-7465*

Choir

Women and men of all ages (grade school and up) are invited to sing in the

men's and women's choirs. Normally, the choirs sing every week at the Sunday liturgy, as well as for special liturgies.

*Contact: Richard Thompson,
rthompjd@gmail.com, 618-558-7465*

Church Decorating

Volunteers assist in decorating the church for the major feasts of Easter and Christmas at a designated time in order to make the space more conducive to worshipping God at these important times. Some volunteers may also be asked to assist with decorations for feast days and other important liturgical events through the year.

*Contact: Sister Theresa Markus,
tmarkus@ssndcp.org, 618-234-1166*

Contemporary Choir

The Contemporary Choir leads the music at 5 p.m. Mass on Sundays. It consists of musicians and singers from high school age through adult who wish to dedicate their time and talents to liturgical music. Practice in church at 4 p.m. before 5 p.m. Sunday Mass.

*Contact: Paul Lindauer,
plindauer@gmail.com, 618-910-3504*

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist (Adoration)

Volunteers commit to spending one hour a week praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in our chapel, or at another place, including the intentions of our parishioners.

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frgodfrey@cathedralbelle.org, 618-234-1166*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Sunday, Holyday and daily Masses.

*Contact: Sarah Cerny,
searnhart1@gmail.com, 618-616-6165*

Gift Bearers for Sunday Mass

Parishioners bring forward the gifts at the Offertory during Mass.

*Contact: Sister Theresa Markus,
tmarkus@ssndcp.org, 618-234-1166*

Greeters

Parishioners welcome and greet people at the entrances to the Cathedral. This

ministry is open to all people in the parish including families, couples, and individuals.

*Contact: Sister Theresa Markus,
tmarkus@ssndcp.org, 618-234-1166*

Lectors

The lectors proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday, Holyday and daily Masses. As the Church teaches, when the Scriptures are proclaimed, Christ Himself is speaking to His people.

*Contact: Nita Weissert,
jmweissert@gmail.com, 618-233-1982*

Ushers

Ushers gather the Sunday collection, distribute bulletins, and assist with emergent needs during the Liturgy. This ministry is open to all women and men of the parish.

*Contact: Tim Richards,
trichard@mckendree.edu, 618-235-3006*



FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Planning Committee

Christian disciples are called to meet the Lord and grow in love for and knowledge of Him every day. Learning for the Catholic is meant to be lifelong. Volunteers work with the Pastor and Pastoral Associate to plan meaningful, timely, and accessible opportunities for people over the age of 16 to grow in their faith.

*Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB,
frgodfrey@cathedralbelle.org, 618-234-1166*

Bishop's Library

The Bishop's Library is a small lending library in the northeast corner of church. There are books that may be borrowed for the spiritual well-being and development of parishioners. Volunteers keep the library in order.

*Contact: Laura Veach,
laura.sings.4@gmail.com, 618-972-3062*

Catholic Belleville Area Youth Ministry (Chay)

Opportunity for faith formation and social gatherings of high school youth. The group

meets at St. Augustine every other week.
Contact: Laurie Lindauer, 618-234-6595

Cursillo in Christianity

An instrument for renewal, the Cursillo's lay and religious members commit themselves to the Christian transformation of their environments. The Belleville Diocesan Cursillo in Christianity holds yearly men's and yearly women's three-day weekends for new candidates to accept the invitation from the Lord Jesus to "Feed My Lambs, Feed My Sheep."
*Contact: Bob and Sue McCormack,
618-531-7537*

Notre Dame Academy Parents' Club

The Parents' Club fosters a closer union between home and school. Thus, parents and teachers promote the best interests of the pupils of the Parish School. Any parent who has a child enrolled in Notre Dame Academy is qualified for membership. The Parents' Club holds several fundraising projects each year, such as the Auction and the Book Fair. Meetings are held at one of the Notre Dame Academy Campuses.

*Contact: Melissa Thompson,
pandabellville@gmail.com*

Sacrament of Baptism and Becoming Catholic

When parents wish to have a child baptized who has not yet reached the age of 7, the parish rejoices at our opportunity to support them in raising the child in the faith. To begin the process of preparing for Baptism, please check the parish website:
www.cathedralbelle.org/baptism.

For anyone over the age of 7, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the norm for formation and preparation for the sacraments. To begin the process, please check the parish website:
www.cathedralbelle.org/becoming-catholic.

Secular Franciscan Order St. Peter Fraternity

The Secular Franciscan Order is part of the "Third Order of St. Francis," a worldwide, church-recognized, canonically established secular order. Lay men and women — married and single — and diocesan priests strive to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to the spirit and manner of St. Francis.
*Contact: Peggy Overmann, SFO Minister,
618-424-7792 or 618-314-0833*

Serra Club

The Serra Club is a group of devoted Catholics from around the area whose goal is to support vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Regular meetings and prayer are part of their work, along with social gatherings with priests, deacons, and religious.

*Contact: Jim Wachtel,
wachteljim@sbcglobal.net, 618-444-9289*

Sponsor Couple

Sponsor couples work with couples preparing for marriage to engage in meaningful conversation surrounding a workbook provided by the parish. Couples meet with the bride and groom two or three times (per couple), not because they have all the answers, but because they've found grace in their own experience of the Sacrament of Marriage.

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frgodfrey@cathedralbelle.org, 618-234-1166*

Young Adult Initiative

The Young Adult Initiative is a grant-sponsored effort to integrate young adults into the ministries and efforts of the parish. Some events for young

adults are planned and carried out.

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frgodfrey@cathedralbelle.org, 618-234-1166*

SERVICE

Adopt-A-Spot

Volunteers commit to yearlong caring for a particular spot on the campus, around the church, the school, or the rectory. Ministry leaders provide oversight and coordination for the sake of cohesion. Sometimes, funds are available for the parish to help pay for this work.

Contact: Parish Office, 618-234-1166

Boy Scouts of America (Troop 11)

A world brotherhood of boys and girls, ages 11-18 years, and their adult leaders, this organization's purpose is to build leadership, fellowship and loyalty to God and country, as well as physical fitness. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

*Contact: Terry Grime,
troop11bellevillescoutmaster@gmail.com,
618-791-1227*

Caring Contact

Volunteers commit to writing a monthly card or note to two or three parishioners who

are homebound or in care centers to keep in touch on behalf of the parish. Stationery and postage are provided by the volunteer.

*Contact: Kathy Kohlmeier,
katkohl@sbcglobal.net, 618-973-3945*

Cemetery Care Crew

Volunteers spend time regularly beautifying our Green Mount Catholic Cemetery. Landscaping, minor construction, and general clean-up happen throughout the year, on targeted weekends, but also in an ongoing manner. Volunteers also assist with placing the "Avenue of Flags" on Memorial Day.

Contact: Parish Office, 618-234-1166

Cub Scouts (Pack 11)

A younger group of the Boy Scouts of America, ages 8-10 years, and their adult leaders, Cub Scouts learn the ideals of Boy Scouting, i.e., leadership, physical fitness, and citizenship, along with handicrafts. There are weekly den meetings (smaller groups of boys) to teach handicrafts and skills. The Webelos (older Cub Scouts) engage in campouts and outings. Cub Scouts teaches boys physical, mental, and spiritual development. Meetings are held weekly as determined by the group leader.

*Contact: Kim Schwarzkopf,
schaefer0380@hotmail.com, 541-324-0584*

Dessert Disciples

Volunteers in this ministry commit to making dessert for approximately two dozen people for parish-hosted events five or six times a year. Bakers are typically notified at least two weeks in advance and provide ingredients themselves. Desserts should be homemade, delicious, and easily served.

*Contact: Kim Iberg,
dkerniberg@gmail.com, 618-401-5687*

Fun-Raising Committee

The Fun-Raising Committee exists to build community in our parish. Generally, monthly or ongoing events are planned, scheduled, and offered to bring parishioners together and enjoy one another's company: pickleball, bowling, Food Truck Festival, Movie Night, cooking class, etc. Members of the committee would typically plan and carry out one or two events per year.

*Contact: Rob and Greta Stock,
rngstock@yahoo.com, 618-444-4572*

Funeral Luncheon Committee

As friends to families in their time of

sorrow, the Funeral Luncheon Committee can prepare a luncheon after a Cathedral funeral. Please make prior arrangements.

*Contact: Janet Koch,
kochja@att.net, 618-233-7709*

Girl Scouts

Assistance is offered to place young women in a Girl Scout troop.

*Contact: Sophie Schaefer,
sophieschaefer50@yahoo.com*

Heavenly Helpers

Volunteers offer their cleaning services for a particular area in the church on a weekly or every-other-week basis. Cleaning supplies are provided by the parish.

*Contact: Sophie Schaefer,
sophieschaefer50@yahoo.com*

Knights of Columbus Cathedral of Saint Peter Council #15746

A Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization dedicated to making a difference in the areas of faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship. Through its principles of charity, unity,

fraternity and patriotism, the Knights of Columbus accomplish many good works in the name of the Church.

Meet second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Undercroft.
*Contact: Grand Knight Larry Koesterer,
lkoesterer@swbell.net, 314-520-7895*

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound

A group of men and women who visit sick and elderly parishioners in their homes or nursing/care centers, for prayer and personal contact.

*Contact: Sue Wiegars,
swwi@sbcglobal.net, 618-304-2355*

Music Library

The Music Library is the collection of choral music used by our parish choir. Volunteers file and organize music.

*Contact: Laura Veach,
laura.sings.4@gmail.com, 618-972-3062*

Photography Ministry

This ministry provides historical record and valuable material for social media and print publications by photographing parish events.



Photographers would commit to two or three events per year and then store photos in an online folder, giving free permission for the parish to use the photos as needed, with proper credit.
Contact: Parish Office, 618-234-1166

Pro-Life Activities

From its beginning, the Church acknowledges, supports, and defends the sanctity of human life. Activities support that Church teaching.
Contact: Doug Luggé, dluggé@gmail.com, 618-779-1819

Rosary Makers Guild

The Guild makes rosaries for the Missions, for the homebound, for those in the hospital and nursing homes, as well as more elaborate rosaries for special occasions. The Rosary Makers Guild meets on Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m.-noon in the Undercroft.
Contact: Marilyn Neumeier, mlnumeier@att.net, 618-606-6351

Sacred Heart Prayer Chain

The Sacred Heart Prayer Chain prays for those with a special prayer request.
Contact: Jennifer Schaefer, jls4acclaim@aol.com, 618-791-1726

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Cathedral parishioners meet to address the needs of our own parishioners and our neighbors, by reaching out to the poor and lonely. Working with various support agencies and faith communities, they seek ways to involve parish members in works of mercy. The SVdP Cathedral Food Pantry provides food, spiritual and financial aid to people who live in our area. The SVdP Breakfast for the Needy

and Lonely provides a hot breakfast every Saturday in the Cathedral Campus Café.
Contact: Ron Lassman, rlassman90@yahoo.com, 618-550-3883

Tour Guides

Tour guides volunteer to give tours of our Cathedral to visitors at various times of the year. Training is provided.
Contact: Rectory, 618-234-1166

Wednesday Work Crew

This group volunteers its services to maintain the physical needs of the parish: carpentry, plumbing, electric, parish grounds and many other skills, every Wednesday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Contact: Parish Office, 618-234-1166

Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee contacts all new parishioners to the Cathedral and helps them to feel welcome in our parish. They inform new parishioners of the various organizations and activities within the parish and invite them to become active parishioners.
Contact: Margie Schwartz, schwartzpm@charter.net, 618-578-8781



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