



# CATHEDRAL of SAINT PETER

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## *Father's Day and the Catholic Faith* **Deacon Doug Lugge Reflects on the Gifts of Fatherhood and the Diaconate**

This month, as we celebrate Father's Day, we look to all of our fathers, living and deceased, as well as our spiritual fathers — our priests and deacons. We celebrate all fathers for their role in providing physical and spiritual needs for their children.

Deacon Doug Lugge and his wife, Jill, have been married for nearly 40 years. They have four children — Olivia, Alicia, Robert, and Fr. Thomas.

"Having children made setting an example in the Church come to the forefront," Deacon Doug says.

Three of the four children have health challenges from a hereditary form of pancreatitis.

"We've dealt with this as a family," Deacon Doug says. "It's brought us together as we've helped each other work through this."

The health challenges have taught the Lugge family that life is a gift.



*Celebrating the ordination of Deacon Doug Lugge*

While the challenges present a cross to bear, they work through it. Jill and Deacon Doug feel so blessed.

"God has given us the opportunity to be parents and to be an example for extended family and the parish," Deacon Doug says. "It's a blessing."

Deacon Doug and Jill have been very involved over the years in parish life — from teaching Parish School of Religion to the pro-life movement. Ordained to the diaconate about a year ago, Deacon Doug calls himself a "baby deacon."

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# *Summer Stewardship:*

## *Sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure Away from Home*

**A**s summer approaches, many of us look forward to well-deserved vacations and time away from our daily routines. It's a time for rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. However, we are called to live out our faith not only in our familiar surroundings but also when we're away from home. The concept of stewardship, which emphasizes sharing our time, talent, and treasure, remains a guiding principle that we can practice and uphold during the summer months.

Stewardship is not bound by location or time. It is a way of life that extends to all aspects of our existence, including our vacations and summer adventures. This concept encourages us to be mindful of our blessings and to share them in gratitude to God. Here's how we can continue to practice stewardship during the summer:

### **Sharing Time**

Even while on vacation, we can dedicate time to our faith. Attend Mass at local churches or parishes in the places you visit (go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find a church and Mass times anywhere). Participating in the Eucharist is a beautiful way to maintain your spiritual connection and to be part of different faith communities.

### **Sharing Talent**

Our unique talents can be shared, even while on vacation. If you have musical skills, offer to sing, or play an instrument during Mass. If you have teaching abilities, volunteer to lead a Bible study or faith formation session in the local parish you're visiting. Your talents can enrich the faith experiences of others.

### **Sharing Treasure**

Your financial contributions to the Church should not be limited to your home parish. Consider sharing your treasure through the offertory at the parishes you

visit during your travels. But don't forget to uphold your stewardship of treasure commitment to your home parish, even while you are away (you can register for electronic giving or mail your envelopes in during your travels). Your financial support helps maintain the churches and supports their ministries.

### **Engaging in Acts of Charity**

While on vacation, look for opportunities to engage in acts of charity. This might involve volunteering at local food banks, shelters, or other charitable organizations. Your efforts to help those in need reflect the Catholic principles of stewardship.

### **Fostering Family and Community Prayer**

Summer vacations often provide quality family time. Use this opportunity to foster family prayer and reflection. Gather for daily prayers, Bible readings, or discussions about your faith. Encourage and support one another in living out your Catholic values.

### **Promoting Evangelization**

Use your summer travels to spread the Good News. Share your faith and engage in conversations with fellow travelers. You may have the opportunity to answer questions, share your experiences, and offer a positive witness to the Catholic faith.

Summer can be a time of spiritual growth, service, and witness. By practicing stewardship during our summer vacations, we remain committed to our faith, contribute to the Church's mission, and fulfill our call to be good stewards of God's gifts. Whether near or far, home or away, stewardship is a timeless and universal principle that enriches our lives and the lives of others.



*A Letter from Our Cathedral Rector*

# Surrounded by *Saints and Good Stewards*

Dear Parishioners,

It is June — not quite into the heart of the summer, but certainly a time when everything seems to be wrapping up. From school and religious education to many of our ministries, much is winding down and going on hiatus.

Last month, we celebrated the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. This month, let's turn our attention to the idea of stewardship, although that concept is important every month and every day throughout the year.

We do not have to look far to find good stewards. They are all around us. They may be sitting near us at Mass. They may be part of our own families and households. Pay attention at our liturgies as they are always there, serving in a variety of ways. I suppose the big question is, "Do people look at us and see a good steward?" We are talking about more than our parish and the Church here. There are people in our communities and neighborhoods who show us what it means to be a good steward, and they do not have to be Catholic.

In June, we celebrate Father's Day. St. Joseph, the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may seem to be overlooked, but we do need to look at him always and especially on Father's Day. He humbly accepted his role much in the same way that St. Mary did. He does not have much to say in the Bible, indicative of his humility and understanding. Yet he, like Mary, was obedient. He was selfless. He was a worker, and in his own quiet way, he was a leader — an example to all of us.

St. Joseph is, as you know, the patron saint of fathers, workers, and the universal Church. If we could all emulate Joseph in some small part each day, we would be closer to being the disciples Christ has called us to be.

Stewardship calls us each day to something more — to take another step forward on the path of conversion, on the path of being a faithful disciple. Learning to embrace the mystery of God's merciful love for us and



His call to each of us to love as He loves. That's what St. Joseph did, that's what our Blessed Mother did, that's what all the saints did, and that's what we, as disciples, are to do — just as holy people have done throughout the centuries.

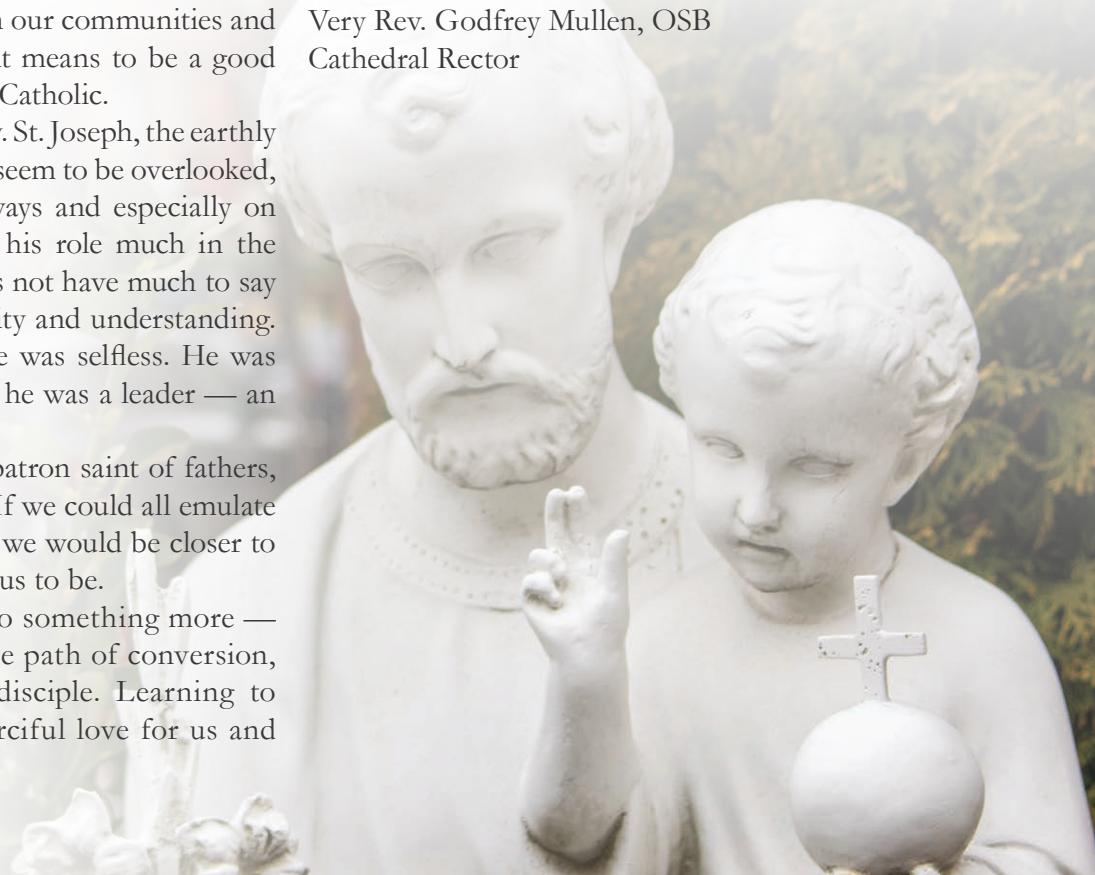
Let us be proud of our Catholic heritage and let us not be afraid to honor and respect our saints and the saints in our midst, the good stewards all around us. In fact, we must each try to be more like them.

God bless you in all you do.

Peace,

*Fr Godfrey OSB*

Very Rev. Godfrey Mullen, OSB  
Cathedral Rector



# *Faith on*

## *How We Can Make Our Faith a Priority W*

*“We love seeing the different churches and experiencing their unique traditions. Going to Mass, regardless of our schedule, is always worth it.”*  
— *Liz Horn*

The excitement of summer break is a part of life that we can all appreciate. Even as parents who now have to manage a new routine and balance different activities for kids, the time when the children take a break from their studies to spend more time at play is a great feeling that we all recall with fondness.

During summer break, families often take advantage of the freedom from school schedules in order to take trips, vacations, and spend

time away from home. These exciting adventures create memories and help families bond together over shared experiences. Parishioner Liz Horn shares about traveling with her husband, Trevor, and two children, Liam and Sam.

“Vacations are always an exciting time for my kids,” Liz says. “They look forward to seeing new places, spending time with family members, and just enjoying our time together. We try and travel to visit family members a couple times a year!”

With so many new places to explore and things to see, it can be challenging to fit it all in — including the most important part of the week, fulfilling our Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

“While traveling can be stressful, Mass is always a priority for us,” Liz says. “We understand that it can be even seen as inconvenient at times when you want to sleep in or just enjoy your weekend away, but we have never left Mass wishing we hadn’t gone.”

Going to Mass is an opportunity to teach our children that even when we are having fun or doing things that aren’t related to the faith, it is important to always make time for God. It can also be an opportunity to evangelize to those who are with you on your trip.

“Since we tend to travel to familiar locations often, we have our favorite churches,” Liz says. “Our favorite destination is Naples, Fla., where my grandfather lives. There is a fabulous Catholic church right down the road from his home that is also within walking distance to the beach. The church is very large and active with so many kind parishioners always welcoming us to Mass.

“We love bringing non-Catholic family members with us and many are happy to come!” she adds. “My kids know that Sundays are for Mass and regardless of what is going



*Liz Horn and family — husband, Trevor, and sons, Liam and Sam — make sure to attend Mass and make their faith a priority during family vacations.*



# the Road

## While Traveling During the Summer Months

on, they know we will always find time to go."

Masstimes.org is a great resource to use while you are away from home. With the ability to search by city or use the convenient map feature, it allows you to easily see what Mass locations and times are available. You can also sort the search results by day of the week.

Each Catholic church has a history and there are often very interesting sites to visit that incorporate the Catholic faith while traveling. Taking time to see beautiful churches

or special Catholic sites is an excellent way to incorporate the faith while traveling as well. A quick internet search can show many different Catholic Heritage sites all over the U.S. and abroad.

"We love seeing the different churches and experiencing their unique traditions," Liz says. "Going to Mass, regardless of our schedule, is always worth it. It is an important way to instill, at a young age, the importance of our faith in their daily lives."

*If you are traveling out of the area this summer, be sure to visit [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to learn where you can attend Mass while on the road!*

## Father's Day and the Catholic Faith continued from front cover

"Those activities led me to think, 'What more can I do?'" he says.

Before studying for the priesthood, Fr. Thomas came to Deacon Doug and Jill about becoming a priest. They were thrilled.

"Since he was ordained a year ahead of me, he got to vest me for ordination," Deacon Doug says. "That was really neat."

Fr. Thomas serves at St. Boniface in Germantown and St. Cecilia's in Bartelso.

Deacon Doug and Jill also do wedding preparations together with couples, and they enjoy serving in this ministry together. In addition, the couple volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, serving meals for those in need on Saturday mornings. The family has all been involved in the pro-life movement at various times.

"It gets hectic, so it's nice we can do those ministries together," Deacon Doug says.

While Deacon Doug was growing up, his parents both taught religious education classes. This was an example he carries with him to this day.

As for the diaconate, Deacon Doug gets the most

fulfillment from serving at funerals. He loves that he can be there for the family and friends who are going through a significant loss. He also feels blessed to visit those who are sick and be with them.

Teaching is also a passion for Deacon Doug. He's loved teaching as a father and through his involvement in various ministries.

"I also take homilies very seriously," he says. "I want to have the best message for the Mass."

Modeling stewardship has always been critical for Deacon Doug and Jill.

"We've tried to show how we use the gifts we've been given," Deacon Doug says. "When we see injustice, how do we tackle it?"

It's not always easy, but the Lugges have worked to instill in their children the lesson of how we can use what we have to serve God.

Deacon Doug and his family love to hike and travel to national and state parks. He is also a sports fan and enjoyed watching the kids' involvement with various sports when they were younger.

# THE SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

## *The Church, a Universal Family*



On June 29, Catholics celebrate the feast of two of our Lord's principal Apostles, foundational human cornerstones of the Church of Rome.

The first mass reading of this feast day tells us of the miraculous deliverance of Peter from prison. This illustrates the concrete fact that despite persecutions, Christ and His chosen followers will be triumphant in this world, and in the world to come.

The second is of Paul summarizing his own "pouring out" of his life as a libation. The way in which he poured it out is overwhelmingly significant — he gave his life as a missionary to gather all nations into God's unified Kingdom.

The Holy Gospel recounts Peter's confession that

Jesus is the Messiah. After this confession, the "keys to the Kingdom" were conferred upon him. These "keys" became the fundamental building block supporting the ordained priesthood and episcopal government of the Church.

In a 2023 Angelus address, the late Pope Francis said to the crowd in St. Peter's Square, "It is with this true humanity that the Spirit forms the Church. Peter and Paul were real people. And today, more than ever, we need real people."

The Holy Father added, "Peter is a rock: There are many times when he is strong and steady, genuine and generous... He leaves everything to follow Jesus; he recognizes Christ, the Son of the living God; he dives into the sea to go quickly toward the Risen One."

The celebration of our catholicity is a celebration of our unity in Christ. This unity endures unto the end, as our strength and fortress in the face of evil and the trials of earthly life.

Sts. Peter and Paul remind us that our faith is founded on something much higher than ourselves, on an entity that raises horizons beyond our human frailties and imaginings. Our holy faith is founded upon the rock, Jesus Christ.

God is the one who strengthens Peter, Paul, and all the saints with His grace and mercy, Pope Francis said:

"From the rock: Is there ardor, zeal, passion for the Lord and for the Gospel in us? Or is there something that easily crumbles? And then, are we stones, not stumbling blocks, but the kind with which the Church can be constructed?"

Let us embrace all the graces which these beloved saints have won for us. Let us imitate their example, and so follow Christ with unwavering resolution. As did the Blessed Virgin, let us persevere in serving the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church in all that we say and do.





## *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

### **Ministry Returns to Serve Our Youngest Parishioners During the Mass**

**P**arents of young children will often admit that sitting through Mass with wiggly little ones can be challenging. Fortunately, there are age-appropriate ministries that can help instill a sense of reverence and love for the Catholic faith. At the Cathedral of St. Peter, the Children's Liturgy of the Word provides an opportunity for children to hear the readings and learn a relevant, age-appropriate lesson in their own space.

Children's Liturgy of the Word used to be a vibrant ministry, but dissipated as numbers dwindled. However, with several young families joining the parish, the cathedral decided to start up the ministry again this past Lent. It is available to children from kindergarten through third grade during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Sister Tess Markus, SSND, coordinates the volunteers and trains them to lead the group of children every Sunday.

"We've been seeing more children at church, so we would like to offer it," Sr. Tess says. "Sometimes we have 10 children, and sometimes only two. But we still like to announce it to spread the word."

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is not meant to eliminate or replace the readings that occur in the main

sanctuary of the church, but to present them in a way that is relatable to children.

"We use the lectionary so we can do the readings in a simpler form and ask them questions," Sr. Tess says. "It seems to be easier for smaller children. We're trying to duplicate what is happening in the church, so by fourth grade they are familiar with the Mass. It is the same readings, responsorial psalm, and message as what the adults hear. When the children get older, they will know how the Mass follows."

Sr. Tess encourages the volunteers to use visual aids to help the children understand the readings and usually sends the children home with a printout so they can share what they have learned with their families.

"We take them to a room behind the sacristy and they can sit on a carpet," Sr. Tess says. "I like to use pictures to help teach the readings. I ask the children who or what do they see, and that helps them recall the story."

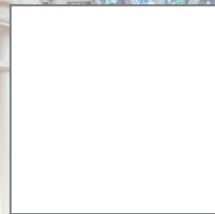
The children usually return to their families during the offertory, which Sr. Tess says avoids a big interruption since there is a good amount of movement happening during the Mass at that time. When the adults are engaging in the Prayers of the Faithful, the volunteers

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end the children's session by allowing the children to offer their own prayer intentions with the group.

"We lead our own prayers with them," Sr. Tess says. "We simply ask them if they want to pray for anybody. It's nice, because they may have a grandparent who is sick or another intention that is important to them."

Currently, Sr. Tess has four volunteers who rotate to teach the children each week, so the commitment is about once a month. Sr. Tess says that most of the volunteers attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass anyway, so it's a convenient way to serve.

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— Sr. Tess Markus

*If you are interested in being added to the volunteer rotation, contact Sr. Tess Markus at 618-234-1166 or tmarkus@ssndcp.org.*

### MASS TIMES

*Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. | Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.*

*Weekdays: Monday-Friday 6:45 a.m.*

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

*Monday-Friday: 7:15-7:30 a.m. | Thursday: 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.*