



# SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL

— ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS —

2021 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

*"With a Father's Heart"*  
CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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# SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners,

We are happy to present to you the 2021-2022 Guidebook. It is a useful tool for participation in the life of the cathedral parish community.

As in the past, you are encouraged to use this little booklet as a “prayer tool” by leaving it open in a prominent place. You may want to continue to do that. Keeping one another in prayer each day strengthens our parish and witnesses to what the Catholic Catechism calls our “communion of charity.”

Secondly, simply reading through the names of fellow parishioners is a great way to become familiar with one another. Each time you meet a parishioner for the first time, note that next to the person’s name in the Guide Book. You’ll be amazed how this helps you to learn the names of fellow parishioners.

This past year has been a challenging year due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and the racial tensions that have gripped our nation. For the safety of all people, extreme measures were taken. The Cathedral and the Cathedral Kitchen were closed as we ‘sheltered in place’ to minimize the spread of the virus. When we reopened in early summer, we implemented new procedures during our masses, to provide a safe place to worship as a community. We also began livestreaming our masses, offering a way for our parishioners to connect ‘virtually’ with others in the parish.

We are most grateful for all the support from our parishioners as we navigate these challenging times. Your patience and prayers and your willingness to help when called upon have helped us gather again as a faith community, always seeking to do the will of God. May God continue to bless all of you abundantly!

We hope you find this a useful tool in participating in the life of our cathedral parish.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Father Pat Beidelman  
Rector

Deacon Steve Hodges  
Pastoral Associate

# Staff with Phone Numbers

## Parish and Facilities Staff

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## Some History

In 1892, the Parish of SS. Peter and Paul was formally erected by Bishop Francis Silas Chatard. Construction of the cathedral rectory and chapel began July 15, 1891, and the dedication was held March 25, 1892. On April 18, 1892, the bishop moved into the rectory. In 1894 the bishop received formal permission from Rome to move the diocesan see from Vincennes to Indianapolis, and SS. Peter and Paul was on its way to becoming the Cathedral Parish.

Situated in a growing professional area of the city, the Cathedral Parish soon grew in prominence. The cornerstone for the Cathedral Church itself was laid in 1905, and construction of the church was completed in 1907. It was dedicated at 6:00 am on December 21, 1906.

The parish grew from modest beginnings to a population in excess of 5,000 in the early 1950's. It was a vibrant, bustling place and an active community, centrally located with its own grade school behind the church, and St. Agnes Academy and Cathedral High School (now the Catholic Center) right across the street.

Three pastors in the cathedral's history became bishops: Fathers Joseph Chartrand (Bishop of Indianapolis), Elmer Ritter (first Archbishop of Indianapolis, and later Cardinal Archbishop of St. Louis), and Gerald A. Gettelfinger (the former Bishop of Evansville). Many others - clergy, religious, and lay people - have distinguished themselves over the years in service to the people of God.

Similar to many center-city parishes throughout the country, SS. Peter and Paul decreased in population and local prominence through the 1970's. However, the efforts of diocesan, pastoral, and lay leadership began a period of revitalization for the cathedral in the early 1980's that has continued into the new millennium. This revitalization has included, among other things, the renovation of the church (completed in 1986) and renovation of chapel and rectory in 1992.

The grade school building was renovated to accommodate the Damien Center (1987-2006), and the Cathedral Kitchen and Food Pantry has continued to expand its service. In the summer of 1994, many members of the former St. Bridget Parish found welcome in a new spiritual home at SS. Peter and Paul. And most recently in 2008, the parish has committed human and financial resources to more effectively telling our story and promoting our presence through the world-wide-web and other media.

In 2016-17 our parish embarked on a Master Plan for the cathedral campus. The primary goal of the process was to accomplish what was stated in the decisions of the Cathedral Commission:

“The Cathedral will enter into a formal Master Planning Process...this process will focus on a plan for the future that focuses on the property and the facilities of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, and also upon a strategic plan that takes into account the three areas of mission.”  
(Giving all who visit a powerful experience of the sacred, outreach to the poor, enhancing missionary discipleship.)

In the spring of 2017, with the help of JNKA Architects, we completed our Master Plan for the SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral campus. The plan included a full facilities assessment and recommendations for improvements and enhancements to all of our facilities.

In June 2017, our parish celebrated the ordination of Deacon Nate Schallert and the 40-year anniversary of the Knights and Ladies of Saint Peter Claver at the our parish.

In July 2017, Bishop Thompson was installed as the newest Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, following Cardinal Tobin’s move to the Archdiocese of Newark.

In March 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic hit the United States and the whole world, closing churches, offices, businesses, and forcing people to self-quarantine. One year later over 500,000 citizens of the US have died from the virus. Many people are now getting vaccinated allowing more people to get out of isolation.

At the beginning of the pandemic daily Masses were recorded and posted on YouTube for people to watch. After a few months we were able to safely reopen the cathedral for public Masses with limited seating, social distancing and practicing good sanitation. At the same time, we were able to livestream our Masses for all our homebound parishioners and members of the archdiocese. In the fall of that year, we were able to resume Confirmations with the archbishop with limited seating.

During the months of July-October, our rector, Fr. Patrick Beidelman set off on a Sabbatical that took him to various parts of these United States. Upon his return in the Fall of 2020, he was assigned as Pastor of St. Mary’s parish as well as continuing as rector of the Cathedral. With Fr. Pat at the helm at both parishes we were able to synchronize our Mass times and collaborate on sacramental preparation and adult faith formation.

The diverse mission of the cathedral serves thousands of people annually. As a parish, we are proud to continue a tradition of service established over 125 years ago, and to be a part of an ongoing ministry to our neighborhood, our city, and our archdiocese.

## **Bishops and Archbishops of the Archdiocese**

Right Rev. Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Rémur 1834-1839

Right Rev. Célestin René Laurent Guynemer de la Hailandière 1839-1847

Right Rev. John Stephen Bazin 1847-1848

Right Rev. Jacques M. Maurice Landes d'Aussac de St. Palais 1848-1877

Right Rev. Francis Silas Marean Chatard 1878-1918

Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand 1918-1933

Most Rev. Joseph Elmer Ritter 1934-1946

Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte 1946-1970

Most Rev. George J. Biskup 1970-1979

Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara, STD 1979-1992

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB 1992-2011

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. 2012-2017

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson 2017-Present

## **Positioning**

As the cathedral of the archdiocese of central and southern Indiana, we embody a living tradition and promise hope as we celebrate within our sacred space the sacraments and provide beyond our doors services to all.

## **Mission Statement**

The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul is a center for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis which strives, in discipleship rooted in Jesus Christ, to proclaim and live the Good News in Word, Sacrament, and Service.

As the Parish of the Mother Church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the church of the cathedra of its archbishop, we embrace hospitality, compassion, and evangelization as our special calling. In response to this call, we strive to extend the love of Jesus and of the entire Church in central and southern Indiana to all who come to us: inquirers, the poor, the homeless, the oppressed and the ill, those who reside within the bounded area of the parish, visitors from other parishes, dioceses, other ecclesial communities and faith communities.

## Values

- Sanctity of human life in all its stages as an expression of justice
- Diversity as constitutive to welcome and outreach
- Liturgy that embodies the heart of our Roman Catholic tradition and serves as a model for other parishes in our archdiocese
- The arts, especially sacred music
- Stewardship as the disciple's way of life
- Evangelization

## Vision

As the Third Millennium of the Christian Era unfolds, we the Cathedral Parish of SS. Peter and Paul, a community of disciples of Jesus, will be racially and culturally diverse, united in the faith and tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **Our Parish will:**

- Continue to serve visitors, our neighborhood, those who come to us in need, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and each other
- Continue to provide quality liturgical celebration, based on Roman Catholic tradition and love of God
- Serve as a spiritual refuge for all who seek freedom from fear and oppression of all kinds
- Be a center for the sacred arts and a tangible presence in the center city of Indianapolis

Evangelization, Christian stewardship, hospitality, lifelong spiritual formation, quality liturgical celebrations, and service to others will be our distinguishing qualities. We will grow in membership and be a model parish of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

# Parish Structure and Organization

SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral's structure and organization connects pastor, pastoral associate, staff and lay leaders in a collaborative model of partnership and shared leadership. The following ministries provide planning, direction and evaluation for their areas of parish ministry.

## Finance Committee Members 2020-2021

Fr. Pat Beidelman-Staff  
Deacon Steve Hodges-Staff  
Diana Hay-Staff  
Katie Rushing-Chairperson  
Kyle Bender  
Mary Bush  
Linda Butler  
Rhonda Cantrell  
Kevin Hodel  
Mary Oss Tim Spreitzer

## Community Life & Outreach Ministries

The Community Life and Outreach Ministries includes the ministries of evangelization, pastoral care, social justice, Christian service and community groups. Its scope includes outreach to both the parish membership and the larger community, either in the neighborhood or beyond.

### **Cathedral Parish Kitchen and Food Pantry (Winner of the 2010 Spirit Award)**

The Soup Kitchen serves eight meals per week (Monday through Friday 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM; Monday night dinner at 6:30 to 7:30 PM; lunch on Saturday from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM; and Sunday dinner around noon). We feed 3,200 meals to the needy, homeless and poor people per month (or 41,600 meals per year). We provide food via the pantry to 1,080 households per month each Tuesday and Thursday (or 12,960 households per year).

We serve the poor, needy, homeless and marginalized people of the area, provide opportunities for volunteers, work with parishes, businesses, universities, colleges, high schools, and elementary schools. We raise money, provide food, some clothing, and work with other agencies that do the same.

Please consider volunteering your time, talents (cooking, serving), treasures (raising money, food contributions, blankets, socks, etc.). Please contact the kitchen and we will gladly put you to work in serving those less fortunate that are right in our own backyard. (Linda Eichholtz)

### **Knights/Ladies of St. Peter Claver**

A fraternal organization of Roman Catholic men, women and children whose intent and purposes are to render service to God and His Church; to be faithful to its doctrines; to be sensitive to the needs of the church, the family, our fellow persons and community; to portray by example and deed the higher principles of Christian life. You are invited to join them as they walk in the steps of their patron, St. Peter Claver. (Frank Loyd Jr. or Debra Cooper)

### **Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus are men who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of Columbianism: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Membership is open to practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, no less than 18 years of age on their last birthday and who live up to the commands of God and precepts of the Church. The Knights of Columbus spread the Good News of the Lord, visit the sick, bury the dead, and lend a hand to widows and orphans. (Robert Newport)

### **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Pastoral Care Ministers of Extraordinary Holy Communion, usually Eucharistic Ministers, bring communion and spiritual support to sick members of our parish in nursing homes, private homes and hospitals. Special training is provided. (Deacon Nate Schallert)

### **Social Justice Committee**

The goal of the Social Justice ministry is to promote awareness of peace and justice issues in the spirit and reality of our Catholic faith following the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The members communicate as needed. (Prayer, advocacy, volunteer)  
(Randy Kriebel, Lynn Reese, Linda Parker)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference**

St. Vincent de Paul's mission is to provide for needy families and the Cathedral SVdP Conference does this with a particular focus on the poor within our parish boundaries. Although our mission to advocate on behalf of the poor and marginalized remains the same, because of the COVID-19 pandemic we have had to make changes to ensure the safety of our members and those we assist. We hope this is temporary, but at the moment we are not visiting the homes of individuals in need of help. We are still responding to calls to our Help Line, but assessments will now be done over the phone, and submitted to the Distribution Center where arrangements will be made for individuals to pick up furniture, appliances and clothing. At this time, St. Vincent de Paul has an urgent need for volunteers to help us carry out our mission. Under the protective guidelines of COVID-19 volunteers are needed at the distribution center, food pantry, and home visits. (Contact Mary Dando or Mary Oss)

## **Welcoming Committee**

Welcome all new parishioners to our community on a one-to-one basis. A packet of information about our parish is provided, which includes a description of our ministries and also of our various commissions (Community Life and Outreach, Faith Formation, Spiritual Life, and Stewardship and Administration) for new parishioners to review to see where their talents may lie and if it will lead them to volunteer. (Deacon Steve Hodges)

## **Faith Formation Ministries**

The Faith Formation Ministries include all levels of faith formation programming in the parish. The ministry roles are to foster cooperation, coordination and communication as well as to promote the spiritual growth of all parishioners.

### **Adult Confirmation Preparation**

Six weekly sessions are held usually in April/May preparing adults to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Schedule is on an as needed basis. (Deacon Steve Hodges)

### **Prayer/Bible/Faith Sharing**

Meet, explore, plan and make information available about adult religious education experiences; e.g., Advent/Lent programming, Bible Study, small group spiritual studies and renewal programs. (Deacon Nate Schallert)

### **RCIA Mentor for Candidates**

Welcome and support participants in the RCIA process; e.g., accompanying them at some Wednesday night sessions and/or weekend liturgies, phone contact, listening, praying and affirming their spiritual growth in faith, introducing them to other parishioners. (Deacon Steve Hodges)

### **RCIA Team Leaders**

Presenter to instruct candidates/catechumens at 1, 2 or more weekly sessions on Wednesday night, August through November on topics related to the Catholic faith. Some background/experience in Church teaching or theology is needed. (Deacon Steve Hodges)

### **Sponsor Couple for Marriage Prep**

Couples who have been married a minimum of 10 years, and are willing to spend time with engaged couples on their journey towards marriage. (Fr. Pat Beidelman)

### **Youth Sacramental Preparation**

Assist parents to prepare their children for the sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation. Sessions scheduled are designed on an as needed basis. Depending upon numbers, the role may include classes or working with an individual parent or adult family member. (Deacon Steve Hodges)

## Spiritual Life Ministries

The Spiritual Life Ministries give direction to the liturgical life of the parish, as well as fostering and promoting the spiritual growth of all parishioners.

### **Altar Server**

Male or female adult and youth (at least fifth grade) parishioners who assist as servers at Eucharistic celebrations each Sunday, holy days, and some archdiocesan liturgies. (Frank Loyd Jr.)

### **Archdiocesan Liturgies for Hospitality**

Members of the cathedral parish attend major archdiocesan liturgies (such as Priesthood Ordination, Chrism Mass, Golden Wedding Jubilee, etc.) and extend hospitality and direction for all who attend. Duties could include handing out programs/worship aids, offering directions, assisting with seating, and cleaning the facility following the event. (Diana Hay and Christina Tuley from Office of Worship)

### **Art & Environment**

This ministry is charged with planning and executing decorative décor of all worship spaces of the cathedral throughout the liturgical year. Minor environment changes are seasonal. Major changes include Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. The group is also responsible for the general care of plants, and the planning and creation of altar cloths, banners and other adornments. (Mary Sashegyi)

### **Cantor**

The cantor leads the assembly in sung prayer at parish liturgies. Each has been trained by the cathedral director of music. (Andrew Motyka)

### **Concerts Hospitality**

Hosts and hostesses provide hospitality and direction for all those who visit the cathedral church for special concert events. They may be asked to hand out programs, offer direction, assist with seating and clean the facility following the event. (Diana Hay)

### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**

Person in good standing with the Church is approved by the pastor and commissioned by the archbishop. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion assists in the distribution of Holy Eucharist at Sunday liturgies and other special times of the church year. (Terri Spacke)

### **Hospitality**

#### **Collector/Usher**

The cathedral collector serves the parish community by gathering the offering of the parish at each parish liturgy and by assisting members of the assembly who present the offering to the presider. (to be assigned)

### **Greeter**

The Greeter is a person who exercises the liturgical ministry of hospitality on Sundays, holy days, and other special liturgies of the church year. Their duties are to welcome the faithful as they enter the church, to assist with seating if needed, to give directions, to hand out worship aids as they enter and weekly bulletins as they leave. Greeters may also function as offering collectors and Ushers of Holy Communion. They are also responsible for picking up any worship aids left in the pews and entrance areas after each liturgy. (to be assigned)

### **Laudis Cantores (Praise Singers)**

This choir is archdiocesan in nature in that its members come from many different parishes in the Indianapolis area. Laudis Cantores sing twice a month, from September through June, at the 10:00 AM Sunday liturgy. The choir sings liturgical music of many styles and of varying degrees of difficulty. Rehearsals are on each Monday evening, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the cathedral. Adults with some experience in choral singing are encouraged to contact the director. (Andrew Motyka)

### **Lector**

Proclaim the Word at Sunday liturgies, holy days and special observances of the church year. Lector information, handbook, and training are available. (Ginny Maher)

### **Mass Coordinator**

The Mass Coordinator serves the parish community by ensuring that each parish liturgy has the necessary liturgical ministers, i.e. lectors, servers, greeters, collectors, and Communion ministers using the Liturgical Ministers List provided by the parish. This person will invite other available ministers who are present to fill-in for those who have not appeared as scheduled. (Ed Greene)

### **Prayer Network-Intercessory Prayer**

As a Church, we believe in the power of prayer. The intercessory prayer minister intercedes before the Lord on a daily basis, carrying those petitions which are written each weekend in our parish Intercessory Prayer Book. This is a spiritual ministry for anyone. (Deacon Steve Hodges)

### **Sacristan**

Cathedral sacristan supports cathedral liturgies by providing the necessary vessels, vestments, paraments, etc. for each cathedral and archdiocesan liturgy. The sacristan keeps an inventory of necessary liturgical supplies, e.g. candles, incense, etc., and facilitates the ordering of those supplies. (Joe Shierling Sacristan Trainer/Coordinator)

**Weddings: Coordinator (Host/Hostess)**

Work with the bride and groom in planning details for their wedding. Attend the rehearsal and assist the priest during that time. On the day of the wedding, set up everything prior to the wedding, assist the presider and wedding party, offer help to other wedding vendors and clean the church following the wedding. (Diana Hay)

**Lay Liturgical Ministry Coordinators**

**Art & Environment**

Mary Sashegyi .....317-997-6508 cell

**Cantors**

Andy Motyka ..... 317-634-4519 work

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Terri Spacke.....317-709-8217 cell

**Hospitality**

To be assigned

**Lectors**

Ginny Maher.....317-797-0326 cell

**Mass Coordinators**

Ed Greene.....317-702-8220 cell

**Sacristans**

Joe Shierling..... 317-636-4986 home, 317-908-9874 cell

**Servers**

Frank Loyd Jr. .... 317-297-1345 home, 317-297-1345 cell

## Stewardship and Development Ministries

The Stewardship and Development Ministries are responsible for the planning and promotion of the development of the parish community, and in particular fostering the goals of stewardship and parish communications. Working together with the Finance Committee, this Commission oversees the time, talent and treasure of the parish community.

### **Finance Committee (appointed by the pastor)**

The Finance Committee is responsible for being a consultative body to the pastor of the parish on matters pertaining to the finances, financial holdings, and all goods held by the parish. Members assist with preparation of the annual budget, assist the Executive Assistant in the accounting methods used to track all monies and goods, review and comment on the monthly balance sheets, revenues and expenses, savings, capital campaigns, endowments, and fund-raising efforts, and assist in the preparation and explanation of semi-annual written reports for the parish on the financial condition of the parish. (Father Pat Beidelman)

### **Fund Raisers**

Volunteers who are willing to help organize and promote various fundraising activities of the parish. Following each activity, a report is submitted to the finance committee and the Stewardship and Development Commission. (Mary Oss)

### **Stewardship Committee and United Catholic Appeal (UCA)**

This is a year round effort that includes catechesis on the nature of stewardship, and the oversight of the annual United Catholic Appeal for both the parish and the archdiocese. (Ron Hagan)

## Other Areas of Ministry

### **List of Frequently Called Numbers**

Cathedral Kitchen & Food Pantry .....	317-632-4360
1350 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
Catholic Charities Indianapolis .....	317-236-1500
1400 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
Crisis Office.....	317-236-1512
1435 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
St. Mary's Child Center .....	317-543-0782
901 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
St. Vincent de Paul Society Helpline .....	317-687-0169
Donations .....	317-687-1006
Pantry .....	317-924-5769, Ext 2
SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Office/Rectory.....	317-634-4519
1347 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center.....	317-236-1400
1400 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202	

Community Hospital East.....	317-355-1411
1500 N. Ritter Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219	
Community Hospital North .....	317-621-6262
7150 Clearvista Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46256	
Community Hospital South.....	317-887-7000
1402 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227	
IU Health Methodist.....	317-962-2000
1701 N. Senate Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
IU Health Riley Hospital for Children .....	317-944-5000
705 Riley Hospital Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
IU Health University Hospital .....	317-944-5000
550 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202	
IU Health West Hospital.....	317-217-3000
1111 N. Ronald Reagan Parkway, Avon, IN 46123	
IU Health North Hospital .....	317-688-2000
11700 N. Meridian Street, Carmel, IN 46032	
Franciscan St. Francis Health.....	317-787-3311
Indianapolis Campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46237	
Asecension St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital.....	317-338-2345
2001 W 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260	
Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital .....	317-880-0000
720 Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202	

## Other Services

Child Care Answers Resource & Referral.....	317-631-4643
615 N. Alabama Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204	
Information and Referral Services.....	211
Help/Crisis Line	