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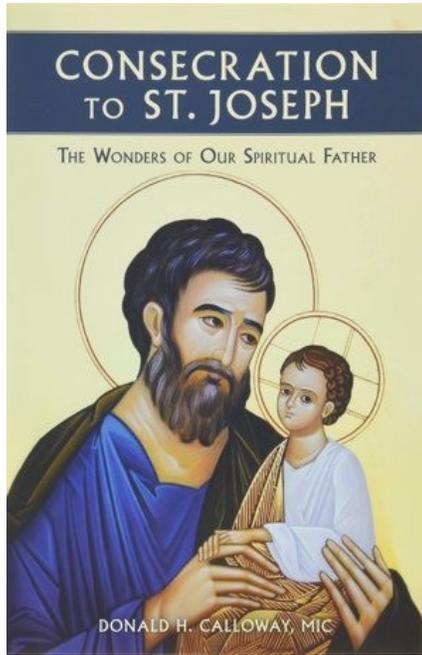
## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH & THE SYNOD

[...]Last month, Archbishop Hebda announced that the archdiocese will celebrate its own Year of St. Joseph beginning Dec. 8, 2020. It aims to place the archdiocese and its next phase of the pre-synod process under St. Joseph's patronage and guidance. Because Joseph was so willing to follow God's direction, he's a model for the whole Church, Archbishop Hebda said.



Archbishop Hebda hopes that the saint can unite the archdiocesan family in the Synod process.

"It gives us that opportunity for the whole archdiocese to reflect on St. Joseph's role," he said. "We look to him as protector and guide of the Church, as he cared for the Holy Family. We are looking for that same kind of guidance (because) this is a significant year in the pre-synod process."

Archbishop Hebda will formally inaugurate the Year of St. Joseph and consecrate the archdiocese to St. Joseph Dec. 8, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. The consecration will take place 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. It will be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page.

The day is also the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, when the Church celebrates that Mary was conceived without original sin. Archbishop Hebda noted that a consecration to St. Joseph doesn't detract from a consecration to Mary — a devotion especially promoted by St. Louis de Montfort, who died in 1716, and whose 33-day model Father Calloway followed with his guide to a St. Joseph consecration. Archbishop Hebda and Auxiliary Bishop Andrew Cozzens have invited the faithful to anticipate the archdiocesan consecration with a 33-day preparation period for an individual consecration to St. Joseph using Father Calloway's "Consecration to St. Joseph" guide.

The archdiocese's Year of St. Joseph is tied to the pre-synod process, which it began in June 2019. Following the first year, which included 30 Prayer and Listening Events held around the archdiocese to pray and gather feedback from local Catholics, the second year has included two virtual series, "Praying with Scripture" and "Healing and Hope." Also planned are a five-part, catechetical "Faith and Culture Series" in January and February, and a "Synod at Home" program in Lent. The synod itself is scheduled for June 2022 and will help Archbishop Bernard Hebda develop a pastoral plan for the archdiocese.

In August, Archbishop Hebda identified three focus areas for the synod, developed from information gained at the Prayer and Listening Events. They are:

- Forming parishes that are at the service of evangelization.
- Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.

Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

[...] "Joseph was Jesus' protector during his 30 years of preparation," he said. "He was Mary and Jesus' protector during the nine months of pregnancy. He was their guide and protector on the way to Bethlehem, and then to Egypt and back to Nazareth. ... It's fitting as we're looking to go out and to bring people to Jesus, that Joseph who was the protector during all of that time would be the patron."

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For more information, visit [archspm.org/synod/stjoseph](https://archspm.org/synod/stjoseph).

# STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

## DID YOU

At the Church of St. Peter, 22% of registered households give 84% of the total

## WHERE ARE YOU IN TERMS OF GIV-

### Households Not Giv-

Number of households not giving	752
% of our registered households	48%
% of our annual offertory	0%

### Households Giving \$1 to \$99 per

Number of households giving \$1-\$99	108
% of our registered households	7%
% of our annual offertory	0.4%

### Households Giving \$100 to \$299 per

Number of households giving \$100-\$299	138
% of our registered households	9%
% of our annual offertory	2%

### Households Giving \$300 to \$499 per

Number of households giving \$300-\$499	84
% of our registered households	5%
% of our annual offertory	3%

### Households Giving \$500 to \$999 per

Number of households giving \$500-\$999	156
% of our registered households	10%
% of our annual offertory	10%

### Households Giving \$1,000 to \$1,999 per

Number of households giving \$1,000-\$1,999	182
% of our registered households	12%
% of our annual offertory	23%

### Households Giving \$2,000+ per

Number of households giving \$2,000+	161
% of our registered households	10%
% of our annual offertory	61%

This year, we challenge you to consider increasing your tithe in order to move up to the next giving bracket.

The giving data is based upon donations made with contribution envelopes, checks or online giving from July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020. The data does not include loose cash donations in the collection baskets.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



### ***He created them; male and female he created them...***

Join us for the second Adult Faith Formation talk on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 in O'Reilley Hall or at home virtually. RSVP to Connie Roering at the parish office if you plan to attend in person. There are 45 spots and it will be first come, first serve. If you would like to join virtually, email Alison Dahlman at [adahman@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:adahman@stpetersnsp.org) for the link.

As Catholics, we believe God created each person body and soul “in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (Gen. 1:27). We believe that a person’s embrace of his or her God-given sexual identity as male or female is an essential part of living a fulfilled relationship with God, with oneself, and with each other.

These foundational Christian beliefs have been largely replaced in popular American culture by non-Christian beliefs about gender identity. In this evening talk, Dr. Emily Dahdah will offer a reflection on these now-popular beliefs about gender and explain how they undermine an authentic understanding of human freedom and happiness. She will also offer strategies for Catholics to navigate the current challenges to seeing God, themselves, and the world as they truly are. This talk is especially helpful for parents who are seeking a deeper understanding of the potential impact of these cultural influences on their children.

## PARAGUAY CORNER

Since the pandemic continues, many families are in dire need of food to feed their families. With our support for the Comedor [Food Program], Father Miguel was able to purchase meat and other basic food supplies to provide bags of food for over 100 families. The cost per bag was approximately \$30 per sack.

Your prayers and contributions are greatly appreciated during these trying times. -Fr. Miguel

We also want remind everyone that our Annual Sponsorship drive has begun. Won't you please help us reach our goal of sponsoring 100 children or supporting the Comedor [Food Program].

God Bless, The Paraguay Committee



## ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Peter Catholic School has been practicing the virtue of generosity in the month of November. One of the hallmarks of a generous student is one who is also grateful. In being able to share ourselves without expecting anything in return we also become increasingly capable of seeing that in others and experiencing gratitude. We asked our students some of the things that they are grateful for this year and while many are the typical response, there are some markedly new ones particular to 2020:

- Learning in person and on campus, 7th Grader
  - Being a student at St. Peter, 3rd Grader
  - A warm place to be in the winter, 1st Grader
  - The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2nd Grader
  - My puppy and my teacher, 4th Grader
- Corn on the cob and chocolate ice cream, Kindergartner
- My family, and the ability to come to school each day, 8th Grader



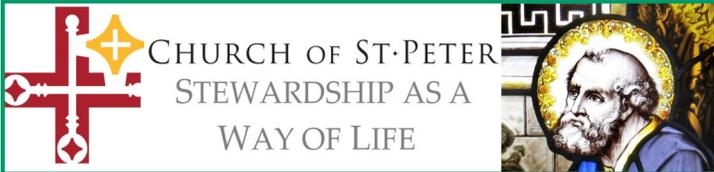
## CEMETERY UPDATE

If you recall, St. Mary Cemetery purchased a home adjacent to the cemetery back in 2012 with the idea we would use that to expand the cemetery.

Last November we actually decided to demolish the home and begin the process of creating additional space in our old cemetery.

As of two weeks ago, we have completed the work including marking out plots and mapping. Now that the work is complete we can now begin to sell graves.

These graves will be \$1600.00 to parishioners and \$1700.00 to non-parishioners. If you were looking for a plot in the old cemetery, or if you have family members or friends, have them contact Jeff Peterson at 651-894-6154 or [jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org)



CHURCH OF ST. PETER  
STEWARDSHIP AS A  
WAY OF LIFE



## LIVING WITH CHRIST

November 22, 2020

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me” – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

**What can you offer this week that's NOT convenient for you?**



As we strive to make Stewardship as a Way here at the Church of St. Peter, we would like to **come together as a community in prayer each week.** Prayer is essential to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Starting this week, we ask all parishioners to pray for the **weekly parish prayer intention.**

### **This week's prayer intention is: Family**

We bless your name, O Lord,  
for sending your own incarnate Son,  
to become part of a family,  
so that, as he lived its life,  
he would experience its worries and its joys.  
We ask you, Lord,  
to protect and watch over this family,  
so that in the strength of your grace  
its members may enjoy prosperity,  
possess the priceless gift of your peace,  
and, as the Church alive in the home,  
bear witness in this world to your glory.  
We ask this thought Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

- Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

## UPDATE - THE BACKPACK PROGRAM



The Back Pack Program has started up again this school year! Due to the school having a hybrid schedule for students the distribution of the backpacks has been modified. But most importantly is the fact that we are still supporting students in need.

Volunteering during the day to pack the bags is the current situation, but we are looking forward to when we can operate the program with many volunteers and donations. The box marked “Backpack Program” is still checked regularly for donations!

If you have any questions please contact, Sue Williams  
763-257-3117 or [jsdswilliams@comcast.net](mailto:jsdswilliams@comcast.net) or  
<http://www.churchofstpetersp.org>

**THANK YOU to all of you who support the Back Pack Program!**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 22 - November 30, 2020

Sunday:	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:30 AM	†Leona Coenen
	6:00 PM	†Glenn O’Kane
Monday:	8:00 AM	†Rita Lemke
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†Kay Reber
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Willard Parentaeu
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Phyllis Morelli
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Caroll Story
	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>(School children only)</b>
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Ilene Akre
	4:00 PM	†Kay Reber
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Donald Ethier
	10:30 AM	†Donald Ronayne
	6:00 PM	Parishioners

## DONATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Consider donating to the Church with a stock donation or IRA transfer. There may be tax benefits for you in making a donation in these ways. If you would like to make a contribution through these ways, please inform Tricia Hengemuhle in the parish office at 651-894-6146 or [thengemuhle@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:thengemuhle@stpetersnsp.org).



## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AT 9:00AM

We will be collecting food donations for the North St. Paul Food Shelf and placing them by the statue of St. Peter. **Please note: the Parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the holiday.**

## EMAIL OR TEXT SCAM AFFECTING PARISHES

With the coronavirus there are new attempts!

**The Archdiocese has been notified that several local parishes have been affected by an email and text scam.**

Using Priest, Principal or a staff member’s name the scammer will create a new email address or text, contact the staff members, parishioners, or volunteers via email or text and then ask for a favor, money or gift cards.

**PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE EMAILS.**

If you receive such a fraudulent email or text from the parish or any staff member, please contact Jeff Peterson, [jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org) and notify the North St. Paul Police. **DO NOT RESPOND TO THE EMAIL OR TEXT.** In the case of any email or text asking for funds or appearing to be suspicious, **IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO CONTACT THE PERSON DIRECTLY BY PHONE OR IN PERSON TO MAKE SURE IT IS AUTHENTIC.**

## ADVENT CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16 & 23**

Confession 5:30-6:00pm, Mass 6pm.

December 23 added Confession from 6:30-8:30pm. (visiting Priest)

### ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

December 5, 8:30-noon

### CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS\*\*

Thursday, December 24: Vigil Masses \*4:00pm and 6:00pm

11:00pm Lessons in Carol

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS \*\*

Friday, December 25: Midnight, 7:00am, 9:00am, \*11:00am

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS

Thursday, December 31: Vigil Mass 6:00pm

Friday, January 1: 9:00am and 7:00pm

*No Confession before Christmas Masses*

*\* Mass will be live streamed*

**\*\* You must sign up online for Christmas Masses**

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The *Christmas Giving Tree* is a program for parish families who would like help with Christmas gifts for their children. If you would like your child’s name placed on the Giving Tree please call the parish office at 651-894-6141 and speak with Connie Roering before Friday, November 20. The information we need is your name, address, telephone number and your children’s ages, clothing size and toy/interest. The Giving Tree will be in the gathering space the weekend of **November 28 and 29.**

## THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The book will continue to be displayed in the Gathering Space for the month of November however parishioners will not be able to write in it. **If you would like to add names of deceased family members or friends, you will need to contact Claire at the parish office either via email or phone call.** If a name has been entered before, there is no need to re-enter, as prayers will be continued for them.