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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

THE CHRISTIAN IN THE WORLD

From the Letter to Diognetus The Christian in the world

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labour under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonour, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.

Responsory

Let us pray.

Lord God,
you love innocence of heart, and when it is lost you alone can restore it.
Turn then our hearts to you, and kindle in them the fire of your Spirit,
so that we may be steadfast in faith and unwearied in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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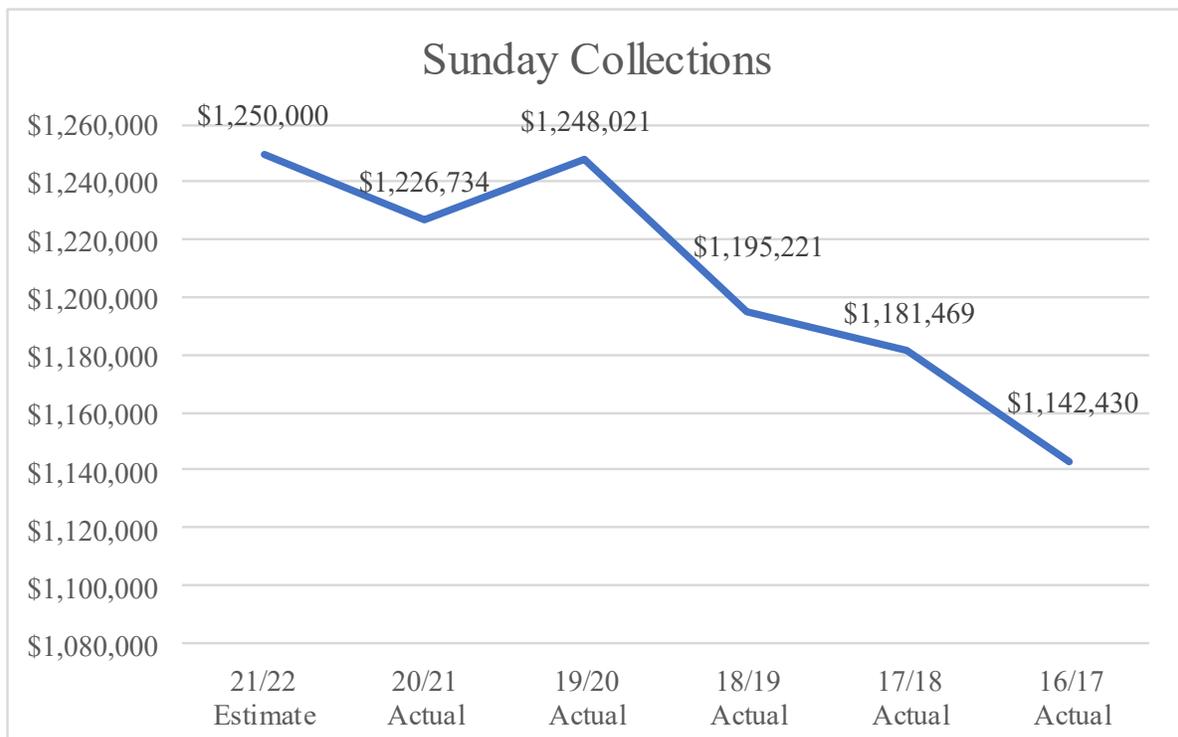
In continuation from the article from last week, I wanted to share some additional financial information with all of you. This information is a way for all of you to understand the trend in our Parish as it relates to Sunday Giving. While our donations are increasing year over year, the number of folks donating is shrinking. That means those that continue to donate are giving more each year. We need all of us to join in the weekly contribution to continue the ministries, operation of the parish and to support our Catholic School. Thank you to all those who contribute each week and to the several generous donations made by individuals. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jpeterston@stpetersnsp.org or 651-894-6154.

God Bless,
 Jeff Peterson
 Chief of Staff

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

	21/22	20/21	19/20	18/19	17/18	16/17
July	\$82,484	\$81,382	\$84,281	\$83,489	\$90,825	\$90,958
Aug	\$101,067	\$93,675	\$95,768	\$79,260	\$84,330	\$73,727
Sept	\$87,315	\$85,622	\$101,936	\$88,537	\$73,312	\$77,268
Oct	\$85,644	\$84,772	\$85,441	\$90,573	\$89,138	\$90,705
Nov	\$120,621	\$112,893	\$98,433	\$85,876	\$82,035	\$92,624
Dec	\$157,903	\$166,232	\$165,277	\$165,302	\$177,945	\$179,276
Jan	\$102,951	\$101,844	\$105,241	\$75,827	\$81,666	\$101,034
Feb	\$88,818	\$91,822	\$95,851	\$95,871	\$76,320	\$82,917
Mar	\$97,380	\$96,886	\$120,229	\$108,634	\$96,992	\$85,927
Apr	\$118,617	\$102,442	\$116,726	\$104,960	\$123,616	\$127,378
May	\$113,600*	\$114,794	\$97,573	\$87,193	\$78,194	\$83,856
Jun	\$93,600*	\$94,370	\$81,265	\$129,699	\$127,096	\$56,761
Total	\$1,250,000*	\$1,226,734	\$1,248,021	\$1,195,221	\$1,181,469	\$1,142,430

* Estimated Amount



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11-15, 2022 9:00am-NOON

HELP NEEDED!



The theme this year is: *Monumental – Celebrating God's Greatness*. Ages 3.5 through current grade 4 participate in a weeklong Catholic faith-centered program that includes skits, music, games, crafts, Bible stories, snack, and time to encounter God in prayer and service. Many volunteers are needed. Free childcare is offered to all volunteers, as well as 50% off the registration fee for their children or grandchildren. Normal fees are \$50 per child/\$100 family max which includes 1 CD of our VBS songs per family and a t-shirt for each child. Registration is now open on-line! Students in current grade 5-12 are needed as volunteers, too!

STATION DIRECTORS - We need a few more adults to lead Bible Station (2), Games (1), and Decorations (2). The plans are already prepared, we just need adults to add a personal twist and carry them out. Decorating is done Wednesday-Friday the week before VBS begins.

ADULT SMALL GROUP LEADER – We can accommodate 130 participants but need at least 50 adults/high school youth to make it possible. We try to treat our volunteers extra special with fresh hot Caribou Coffee in the mornings and special snacks before and after VBS each day. We pray that you personally grow in your knowledge and love of Christ through VBS as much as the children! **Please volunteer even if you can only help 1-2 days!** As an ADULT, you would lead a small group of about 6 children (either age 3.5-6 with a 5th grade Jr. Assistant helper, or children grade 1-4 with one High School Assistant) from station to station, helping them focus, learn, pray, have fun, and be loved!

MORE WAYS TO VOLUNTEER - Are you reading through this and thinking, “I would love to help, but I can’t volunteer in any way for the week of VBS?” We still need you! Please look over the ways to help listed below and call or email if you can help!!

Lunch for the VBS Directors and their children. There is an amazing team of adult volunteers who plan VBS for months beforehand and run each of the stations. We need people to volunteer for one of the five days of VBS to provide lunch for them and their children in order to make their lives easier as they stay to clean up and meet each day after VBS. A simple lunch for 30 people. Ideas could be: pizza, a sandwich bar, a couple large pots of soup or chili, tacos with fixings, a hot dish or lasagna.

Pay for a family to attend VBS. Donate \$50 for one child or \$100 for a family to attend who cannot afford to on their own.

Help decorate! You can either make props at home and drop them off, or help us **decorate O'Reilly Hall and other spaces on the following days:**

Wednesday, July 6: 9am-noon

Thursday, July 7: 9am- noon

Friday, July 8: 9am-noon

Donate gift cards to help keep our costs down. Grocery store (like Cub or Aldi), crafts stores (like Michaels or Hobby Lobby) or home improvement stores (like Menards or Home Depot) are greatly appreciated.

For more information to volunteer or help, please contact Barb Waldorf in the parish office at 651-777-8304 or bwaldorf@stpetersnsp.org

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

Save the Date: Join Archbishop Hebda
Learn About Next Steps for Synod Implementation

Friday, June 24 - Guardian Angels, Oakdale

At this event, which will follow the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly, Archbishop Hebda and other Archdiocesan leaders will meet with parish staff to discuss the next steps for Synod implementation. This hybrid event is free of charge and lunch will be provided for all attending in person. Watch the Archdiocesan Update for more information and registration links in the weeks to come!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to help at the **front desk!** Volunteers typically help from 12:30 - 4:30pm. Simply greet visitors and answer the phone. If you are interested, please contact Connie at [651-894-6141](tel:651-894-6141) or croering@stpetersnsp.org. We'll give you a brief walk through so you feel comfortable!

We are also looking for more **ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and lectors** for weekend Masses. Please contact Patti Teachout at [651-894-6142](tel:651-894-6142) or pteachout@stpetersnsp.org.

HELPING THE PRIESTS WHO HAVE HELPED US

Did you know there's a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese?

There is, and you have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who've ministered to you and your family for many decades.

The Leo C. Byrne resident offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively support parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese.

The GRADITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest.

We are asking for your support of this much needed renovation.

To give, there are envelopes available in the gathering space or visit ccf-mn.org/byrneresidence to find out how to give through stock, a donor advised fund or other ways.

You can make out a check CCF/Byrne Residence, enclose it in the envelopes available in the Gathering space.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Ronald Cylkowski, Nick Germscheid, Sophie Kuehn, Patricia Smith, Joe Zappa, and Sandra Michlitsch whose funerals were celebrated this past week.

UPCOMING SHORT TALK

Meet us in the **Main Church** for a talk on our **St. Peter windows!**

Sunday, May 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

"The Vision of Peter"

The talk will conclude at 10:15am.

We hope to see you there!





Latin for "totally yours" **Totus Tuus** is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The goal of **Totus Tuus** is to help young people grow in the understanding of, and strengthen their faith in, Jesus Christ.

JUNE 26-JULY 1, 2022

Theme: Prayer & the Our Father
Rosary: The Luminous Mysteries

Students going into grades 1-6:

are helped to be clear and consistent in their faith and are shown that the humble yet courageous seeking of all believers is to be based on the Word of God

9am-2:30pm Monday-Friday
\$60 for the week

Students going into 7th-12th grades:

includes instruction, large & small group discussion, quiet meditation, skits, subject related activities, prayer, and fellowship.

6:30-9:30pm Sunday-Thursday
\$20 for the week, includes supper

Register online or by scanning QR code: 

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SUMMER VACATION



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Jesus gives us something in every moment
If we can't see it, we pray about it
If we do see it, we share it

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- GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER, GREEN LAKE, WI
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- REGISTER ONLINE ON PARISH WEBSITE OR BY SCANNING BELOW



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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER VACATION

Seek beauty and goodness with friends in the Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota

August 7-12, 2022
Terra Sancta Retreat Center

Registration form on parish website or scan QR code below



Summer HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS 6-9PM MEET IN THE GYM

JUNE 1, 22; JULY 6, 13, 20; AUGUST 17

PLUS:
TOTUS TUUS: 6:30-9:30 JUNE 26-30
VACATION: AUGUST 7-12

Join us to share the beauty and warmth of the summer months as we pursue the happiness that comes from following Jesus!

Questions: contact Jennifer jgreger@stpetersnsp.org

This weekend's second collection is to support the year-round faith formation of our youth. We have wonderful activities and events planned that we couldn't offer without your financial support. Stop by our tables in the gathering space or in the gym to learn more! Also, our high school youth will be selling some delicious homemade treats to raise money following Masses today. Be sure to pick up some goodness!

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of May 22- May 29, 2022

Sunday: 8:00 AM †Joyce Elizabeth Arthaud
 10:30 AM †Rita Zwak
 6:00 PM Parishioners
 Monday: 8:00 AM †Richard Moody
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM †Lawrence Weiss
 Wed: 8:00 AM †Diane & Rich Dalton
 Thursday: 8:00 AM †Scott Bever
 Friday: 8:00 AM †Shawn Randall
 Saturday: 8:00 AM †Mick Stroeing
 4:00 PM †Bonnie & Larry Roth
 Sunday: 8:00 AM †Frances & Adam Rybak
 10:30 AM †Elmer Birkeland
 6:00 PM Parishioners

BOOKSTORE NOW OPEN

The parish bookstore is now open! Stop in after Saturday 4pm Mass or any of the Sunday Masses.

Enjoy browsing in the book store and be inspired!



HSYG PILGRIMAGE

High School Youth Group Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. John Paul II

Please pray for our high school youth and adult companions who will be making a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St JPII in Washington DC next weekend. As they set out on the journey, help them to walk with Christ, who leads all pilgrims towards the Kingdom of God. Christ Himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let their lifelong pilgrimage of faith follow His path always.

The parish office will be **closed for Memorial Day: Monday, May 30th**. It will reopen Tuesday at 8:30am.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of May 8th - May 15th

Amount Collected for Week of April 17th - April 24th	\$18,595.
Amount Budgeted for Week of April 17th - April 24th	\$22,595.
Collected Year To Date (starting July 1, 2021)through April 24th	\$1,110,249.
Budgeted Year To Date (starting July 1, 2021)through April 24th	\$1,109,905.
Amount Above (or Below) Annual Budget	\$344.
% Above (or Below) Budget	0.03%

As of May 15th, the Capital Improvement Fund balance is 31,484.62 after fully funding the church lighting project.

ADORATION CHAPEL

"O King of glory, though you hide your beauty, yet the eye of my soul rends the veil. I see the angelic choirs giving you honor without cease."

- St. Mary Faustina Kowalska



Please reach out to coordinators Beth Minogue (beth.minogue@q.com) or Krysten Fulcher (krysten.k.fulcher@gmail.com) to be added to our email list, substitute list, or to commit to cover an hour of most need.

Hours of Most Need:

Mondays: 9 PM

Tuesdays: 12 AM (Midnight), 1 AM, 2 AM, 9 AM, 9 PM, 11 PM

Wednesdays: 12 AM, 2 AM

Thursdays: 12 AM, 1 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM

Fridays: 12 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM

*No adoration on Memorial Day.
 The chapel will reopen Tuesday at 9am.

MEMORIAL DAY



Please join us for Mass here at the church at 8:00 am, then head over to the cemetery .

Sponsored by the VFW and American Legion Posts of North St. Paul

9:00 am on Monday, May 30th (8am Mass at the church)

St. Mary's Cemetery (new addition)

Guest speaker will be Mr. Tom Trost, military veteran and Post Commander of American Legion Post 39.

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