

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

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Share What You Have

When someone tells us to give what we have, we become hesitant. We ask ourselves, what am I going to be left with? It's a genuine question to ask. We are all afraid of sharing what little we have. In the book of Kings, we hear about Elijah and the widow of Zarephath who had little left for her son and herself. When Elijah asked her to share, she frankly expressed her desperation. But she trusted Elijah's words, "For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land'" (1 Kgs. 17:14).

We are all afraid to share what little we have because we are focused on an uncertain future day. When someone comes to you seeking help, you don't know if you are the only person who will make him or her see another day. When we hold on to what little we have and not share, we aren't trusting God. Rather, we trust ourselves and what we have. If the widow of Zarephath had trusted herself and not listened to Elijah, then the meal she was preparing would have been her last, and she and her son would have died.

Today's first reading and the Gospel tell of a man and a young boy who had little but fed many. "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.' And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said" (2Kgs. 4:43-44). "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" (Jn. 6:9).

In today's Gospel, Jesus is saying to us, I need your talent; I need your generosity; I need you -- your feet, hands and tongue. Sometimes we feel we have limited resources, time, treasure and talent. God has given each one of us what we need for the sake of all. If you don't share what we consider to be little, then it will be taken away.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians says, "I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call" (Eph. 4:2-3).

Fr. Peter Patrick

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with Saint Sebastian**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 25, 2021

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 25 9:00 am Mass (Church)
 Tuesday, July 27 8:30 am Mass (Church)
 9:00 am Adult Faith Formation (FKCC)
 10:15 am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (R)
 Friday, July 30 8:30 am Mass (Church)
 Saturday, July 31 9:00 am Trail Experience Garden Club
 Sunday, August 1 9:00 am Mass (Church)

New Child Formation Minister, Morgan Frank

I am the new Child Formation Minister for St. Catherine's and St. Sebastian's. I graduated this spring from Marquette U, with bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education and Sociology and a minor in Theology. I will be teaching 4th grade at St. Vincent Pallotti this fall. I am originally from Plymouth, Minnesota, have three brothers and played countless sports. I enjoy the outdoors, volunteering, meeting new people, travel and meeting new people. Hope to meet you soon!

Alpha Program Leaders and Helpers

This fall, Adult Formation will begin a series called Alpha. This is a weekly faith-sharing small group process that will begin in late September and end in late November. The program consists of a simple meal, presented session and a small group table discussion. . The program will run Tuesday mornings at St. Catherine and Tuesday evenings at St. Sebastian. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as small group facilitators and help with hospitality for the meals If you would be willing to take on either of these roles, please contact Jon Metz at jmetz@saintsebs.org

Regular Contributions thru 7/18.21 Week 3	\$7,130
Prior YTD Amount	<u>6,601</u>
Surplus/Deficit vs. Prior Year	\$ 529

Mass Intentions & Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am † Joey Babera & Maria Buhler (Julie Ristow)
 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne,
 8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20-23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 27
 8:30 am God's Grace And Strength For Parents
 Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 28
 8:30 am Mass at St. Sebastian
 Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 29 St. Martha
 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Jn 11:19-27

Friday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus
 8:30 am Expand Our Knowledge to Continue to Grow
 Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37/Ps 81:4-6,10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Sunday, August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 am † Kathy Multhauf (**Dolores Thunander**)
 Ex 16:2-4,12-15/Ps78:3-4, 23-25,54/Eph 4:17 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, July 25 - Fr. Peter Patrick
 Lectors Eliana Melendes, Gael Cullen

Sunday, August 1 - Fr. Larry
 Lectors Harold Beal, Charlie Scheer

Reflections on this Sunday's Readings

I can still remember the taste of the loaves and the fishes. I know that is a weird statement because I was not actually present when Jesus performed his miracle of multiplication. However, when I was very young, my mom gave me a book that depicted this story with full color pictures. I used to read the book all the time. I read it so much that, in a way, it became tangible to me. I imagined being a young boy in the crowd and taking a piece of bread and ripping it and passing it to the next person. I imagined tasting the loaves and fishes. It is difficult to explain, but in my little brain, I could taste the fish and bread. It was incredible! In this way, the story became real to me. I understood it in an intimate way. I carry this passage with me in my spiritual memory.

Jesus' miracles can sometimes feel so miraculous and intangible to us today because we are so far removed from that time. This disconnect can be minimized if we connect to a passage tangibly through imagining a smell or a taste, experiencing it vicariously. The Jesuits call this Ignatian Imagination. You put yourself into the story to make it more intimate. You imagine the setting, feel the wind, smell the air, take note of the time of day, etc. This is yet another beautiful tool to help make our faith come alive. I didn't know it then, but I was putting this strategy into practice as a little boy, and it continues to be a powerful passage for me to this day.

- What was the most impactful Bible story to you when you were little?
- Have you ever practiced Ignatian Imagination?
- How might you incorporate this practice into your prayer life?

Pray for Our Sick

Maryl Barrett, Michael Barton, Carol & Joe Brien, Tom Cavanaugh, Annie Coleman, Chuck Cooney, Maureen Crowley, Ellie Cunningham, Barb Haig, Ernest Herre, James Krutina, Evelyn Martinez, Bev Narus, Diane Neicheril, Steve O'Connell, Andréa Olds, Tom Plakut, David Pleskatchek, Ron & Trudy Ranallo, Don Richards, Margaret Schmidt, Sr. Mary Ann Schmidt, Doug Scott, Carmel Stage, Bill Steger, David Teufel, Larry Teufel, Nancy & Eduardo V, Kathy Zambo

School News

Recently, Principal Jade Cottrell and members of St. Catherine's staff set up a Enrollment Fair in the parking lot just west of the church to promote enrollment for next year. Please do your part in encouraging friends and neighbors to enroll.

Senior Ministry

"In today's world, we always seem to be living life at high speed. Occasionally, we need to slow down and find time for contemplation and reflection. Summer invites us to live in the moment. It helps us to create space and time away from everyday distractions so that we can focus on some deeper aspects of life. When we unclutter our minds, we are able to gain perspective. We make room for new thoughts and ideas. If we approach summer with joyful curiosity, it can lead to a profound sense of clarity." *Robert Best*

Sustainability Tip

Air conditioning isn't the only way to cool your home; try using awnings, plant a tree within 40 feet of the south side or within 60 feet of the west side of the house, plant vines, open certain windows based on airflow direction, get a ceiling fan, paint your roof white, install external blinds, or get an attic fan. Don't cook hot food inside when it's already hot out. For more information visit treehugger.com/overlooked-low-tech-ways-of-keeping-your-home-cool-4858516

Facing Racism

"O God, who created all people in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world." *Dan Vogel*

Community Call to Action on Reckless Driving. . .

at Parklawn Assembly of God. 3725 N. Sherman Blvd., **Monday, July 26**, 6-8 pm. Learn about efforts to insure safe driving.

Make a Difference - Be a Reading Tutor

Help struggling readers. Work one-on-one two hours a week, paired with the same student all year at St. Catherine School or St. Raphael. Training and learning modules give support. Contact Kathleen Mantz at: kathleen.mantz@gmail.com

Book Club . . .

is reading "The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany" by Lori Nelson Spielman & will meet in the rectory, Thurs., Aug. 12, at 6:30pm

Recovery Groups-All groups meet in the Community Ctr.

AA: Sunday 11:00 am AAA: Thursday 7:00 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Friday 6:30 pm



We welcome into our faith community

Ines Elizabeth Zavala

and

Colin David Artymuik

May we, as a loving community, support these children and their parents in their faith journey.

14th Annual Block Party - August 17!

Welcome neighbors and fellow parishioners for food, games, drumming and fun, **Tuesday, August 17**, 5:30-7pm, on the playground. We need your help to make this event a success. Sign up in the Gathering Area to distribute flyers about the party, set up, serve food, help with games and clean up. This annual outreach to our community is an honored St. Catherine tradition, and we need your help - and more importantly, your presence to proclaim, "We are Here to Stay, Here to Serve!"

We Need Your Ideas!

The St. Catherine Common Ground Leadership Team will be hosting listening sessions in the next few weeks. The first one will be **after Mass on Sunday, July 25**, in the rectory living room. This is your chance to create change and let us know the issues that are most important to you. Remember, Common Ground Campaigns come from *your* ideas and passions. Other sessions will be held on **Tuesday, August 17**, at the block party, and **Sunday, August 22**.

Congratulations . . .

to St. Catherine's parishioner **Vicki Thorn**, who recently received the 2021 Notre Dame Evangelium Vitae Medal in recognition of her lifelong dedication to healing women, men and families affected by abortion through Project Rachel and the National Office of Post-abortion Reconciliation and Healing. Watch the medal presentation video at: ethicscenter.nd.edu/ev2021

Call for School Supplies

The stores are putting up school supply displays, so it must be time to display our own "school spirit" by gathering supplies to be given as prizes for the block party and at SVDP visits. Bring crayons, washable markers, markers for white boards, colored pencils, scissors, roll-on glue, spiral note books (both wide and college lined), 2 pocket folders and white out. (No loose-leaf paper, and for now, no pencils or pens). Please put them in the "School Supplies" box in back of church.

Eucharistic Liturgies are celebrated on Sundays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is at 8:30 am in church, T & F; at St. Sebastian, 8:30 am, M-W.

For an **Infant's Baptism**, contact the parish office during the prenatal time to begin preparation.

Those discerning a call to **Marriage** should contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date.

For **Non-Infant Baptisms, First Communion, First Reconciliation, Confirmation** and **Information about the Catholic Church**, call the parish office.

Confessions/Reconciliation -Schedule with Fr. Peter Patrick at 445-5115 for an appointment.

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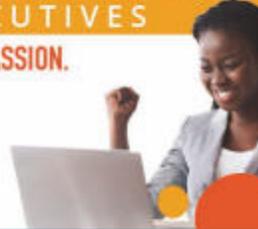
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