



A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

# SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CONGREGATION - FALL 2021

**From the Desk of Fr. Rick**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**The First Word in “Sunday School” is SUNDAY** – As we are about to begin another year of religious formation in our child/youth ministries, I cannot help but reflect on what makes for success in forming children as disciples in our families. Too often, sadly, I see children dropped off for classes on Sunday mornings and then picked up afterward without making the short hike over to Church to meet with their children’s first teacher, Jesus, for His wisdom in Word and Sacrament. I see our Day School kids more frequently during the week but, at times, they and their families, too, can be sadly absent from Sunday Mass. My heart breaks as I see our children and youth miss the point of their classes, unable to put into practice what they’ve learned in their groups. For example, we teach that God desires our presence at His altar on the Lord’s Day and yet we whisk them off to ‘other things’ (sports, shopping, etc.) of passing value despite learning that Sunday is to be a day of rest and for worship. Do we recognize the cross-purposes of what we say and do? I have noted in my now +42 years of priesthood that children have problems growing in cheerful obedience when parental example is less than complete. When someone tells them to do or not to do something it means nothing to some of them when something God says is ignored by those they so look up to and love. I cry when I watch some children come to church the few times parents may feel compelled to bring them because they’re about to receive another sacrament or be part of a seasonal sacred program; those kids can be like deer in the headlights – awkward, hesitant, unsure of where to sit, how to act, or even what that priest’s name is! If our children are to grow comfortable with Jesus and learn to love Him and others as we do, then church has to be like a second home, and that means a familiarity, not occasional or infrequently periodic visits. Children who come with their parents regularly for Mass exude an air of confidence and joy because they know they belong in God’s house as God’s own dear children; those who aren’t accorded this same opportunity are noticeably more hesitant, even embarrassed, and that’s a shame because it doesn’t have to be that way. The very first word in Sunday School is SUNDAY; bring your kids, your family to Jesus’ house; help them to learn and to be familiar not only with what He taught but where He’s most fully found and who He is, God with us at Sunday Mass. See you!

**Coming: The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima** – Will visit St. Peter’s on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Details for this special visitation opportunity are being developed by St. Peter Legion of Mary and will be forthcoming; this will be a very special time for us to recommit ourselves to the care of the Mother of God.

**The Annual Mission Appeal** – Will be presented and a second collection taken up at all Masses in our cluster parishes for the good works of the Missions sponsored by the Salvatorian Fathers on October 23-24, 2021 as part of WORLD MISSION SUNDAY in the Catholic Church. Come prepared to be generous and learn so much more about the spread of the Gospel and our faith.

**When I Offer Mass** – I routinely include a short litany of saint’s names and some have asked why. They are, in order, Ss. Peter & Paul (present Slinger, former Nenno churches), Matthias (present Nabob Chapel), Anthony (a former Allenton church), Lawrence (present Hartford church), and Margaret Mary (present Allenton church with recall of its’ previous identity as Sacred Heart). I include ALL our present and past parishes as I pray for each & all of us to continue to grow in love as cluster parishes! Each of our saints represents the solidvision of the faith in our communities. Learning about each of our patron’s might be a useful way to learn also about one another. Since St. Lawrence just had their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, let’s start with him. In 257AD Emperor Valerian issued a decree against Christianity mainly because it was rumored the church had considerable wealth in the form of gold/silver sacred vessels, candlesticks, etc. He wanted to secure this to pay his soldiers. He said: “I am told you were taught to render to Caesar what is his. I do not think your God caused money to be coined; he brought none into the world with him; he brought only words. Give me, therefore, your money, and be rich in words.” The church was given three days to produce! Pope St. Sixtus II, not wanting church funds to support wanton military aggression, ordered Rome’s 7 deacons (St. Lawrence was one) to convert church assets into easily distributable money to be given to the blind, lame, maimed, lepers, orphans, widows and maidens. He also entrusted a good number of memorable relics from Our Lord’s earthly ministry to them, among these the “most distinguished cup in which Christ, our God and Master, consecrated His Precious Blood on the night of the Last Supper, for safety. St. Lawrence sent this agate

## From the Desk of Fr. Rick-Continued

cup by way of a trusted friend to Spain (Lawrence was born there) where it still is in the Cathedral of Valencia for veneration – so much for the Da Vinci Code and Indiana Jones search for the Holy Grail! When commanded to produce the Church's treasures, St. Lawrence brought with him all those whose misery the church's generosity had relieved; when questioned as to where the "expected treasure" might be, he said, "These are the treasure of the church!" Feeling insulted and infuriated, the Emperor said "You will die by inches!" Stripped and bound, he was placed on a gridiron over a slow fire. Despite the pain, he remained quite serene and cheerful, enough to tell his executioner to turn him over when he had suffered enough on one side! Several Roman senators and many soldiers who witnessed his death became Christians on the spot, bravely risking imperial ire by helping to give his body decent burial. His death began the death of idolatry in Rome. His example reminds us to live our faith unsparingly because we know our lives are in the hands of God. Our faith calls us, like St. Lawrence, to live and breathe Jesus Christ, without compulsion and not as a dreary obligation, willing to do what is godly and right without concern for the consequences. After all, we gain nothing by loving this life so much that we forget our reward shall be great in heaven! Live your faith boldly, like the saints, and watch God who can change things!

*Affectionately, Very Rev. Richard J. Stoffel*



### **HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

In this time of sheltered life, please remember our **homebound**. If you know anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would enjoy a visit, share in prayer & receive holy communion contact Lisa Schmitt at:

[lisa.schmitt@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:lisa.schmitt@stpeterslinger.org) or  
262-644-8818

We can also call or send cards if getting together is a concern.

## From the Desk of Fr. Jonathon

If you're an avid bulletin reader, you know that for several months I have been writing about the **virtues**. In this seasonal newsletter, I would like to expand on some of those ideas – and bring them to a different audience. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about virtues: "A virtue is an habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself." (CCC 1802) Taking time to think, study and pray about the virtues is immensely important because they help us to live a good life. The virtues are *habits* that help us to make good decisions and to make them promptly. These good habits help us to overcome difficulties and crosses in our lives. They help us to love God and our neighbor in all circumstance – but especially when it is hard.

The Church speaks about the virtues in two categories: [1]: the human virtues (sometimes called the cardinal or moral virtues) and [2] the theological virtues. **Human virtues** are naturally accessible to all human people; all people can develop them on their own through practice and good decisions. They include: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance. On the other hand, the **theological virtues** are pure gifts from God. While we have to cooperate with God and his grace – these virtues are a gift from Him. These include: faith, hope and love. They "relate directly to God." (CCC 1812)

Let's look at each of these virtues individually, but also briefly as this space permits.

The first of the human virtues is prudence. Prudence can be understood as seeing the world *as it actually is* and acting and responding in accord with that reality. Justice is the virtue or habit of giving to God and neighbor what is appropriately owed to them. God is the giver of all good things; therefore, everything that we have and do ought to be given back to God. The virtue of justice helps us to know this and live accordingly. Fortitude is the virtue that enables perseverance and good decisions in the midst of difficulties or persecutions. It is the habit to endure the Cross and to love in the midst of it all. It is the virtue of noble soldiers, martyrs, and the saints (and, I daresay, of parents and families!). The last of the cardinal virtues is temperance. Temperance is the virtue that helps us to use things of the created world in a responsible and balance way. The easiest example of temperance involves our food consumption. To eat too much is not good for us; to eat too little is also not good for us; to eat the right amount and types of food to give us energy to do our duties is temperance.

The second category is the theological virtues. Saint Paul writes, "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor 13:13) Faith is the virtue that helps us to believe in God and trust everything that He & his Church teach us. Hope is the virtue that directs all of our ultimate desires to heaven and eternal life. Love, or charity, is the virtue by which "we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God." (CCC 1822) Real love is desiring the good and well-being of another. These virtues are gifts from God, but we have to cooperate with them in order for them to be effective in our daily lives.

Learning, knowing and living the virtues are a certain way to live a good life. Without them, we quickly turn and focus only on ourselves. Without the virtues, we turn away from God. With them, we can love God and others as He loves us.

# ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**WITH JESUS**

**WE LEARN, LOVE,  
AND SERVE GOD  
AND OTHERS.**

## St. Peter Catholic School Accepting Registration for 3K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Call or email for a tour or information folder today!

262-644-8083 x 3105 or email  
[cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org)

### Exciting Things Happening At St. Peter Catholic School

The school received two grants to update our bathroom facilities: Catholic Community Foundation from Milwaukee (\$10,000) and G.I.F.T.S. Grant from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (\$5,000). We are so thankful that both grants were awarded to our school.

Horsch and Miller put in all new touchless faucets, toilets and urinals in the bathrooms on both floors as well as a new touchless faucet and sink in the health room. We also replaced the old water bubblers with new water filler bubblers on both floors.

In all classrooms, Tennes Electric replaced all the old lights with new LED lights. The LED lights will last longer and are so much brighter than the older ones. Our classrooms look beautiful!

Lee Schacht Landscapes and Tree Care removed our old wooden playground set, two swings set, and octagon spider web/fireman pole/monkey bars. They also dug out the area for the new playground, filled it with certified playground mulch from Enercon, reseeded new grass and trimmed trees.

We received a new addition of playground equipment that was installed by Lee Recreation.

Eileen Belongea and the summer mission retreat students worked in front of school and by the school sign pulling weeds and adding new mulch, while Rita and Scott Bills trimmed all the bushes. Thank you! It looks fantastic!

We would like to give a **special thank you** to our parishioners for supporting our school and all the updates in our facilities. Another special thank you to our maintenance crew: Anton Wiesner, Pam Cain and Greg Holmes! They did a wonderful job keeping our school clean and getting the classrooms ready before school starts.

Lastly, a special thank you to Ken Leeson and Paul Rogers for working on the school facility projects. It is greatly appreciated!

### WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 1 – First Day of School  
October 22 – Fish Fry  
November 12 – Fish Fry



## SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS & CAMPS

We had **sixty-seven youth** participate in our Summer Youth Experiences this year. **Thank you for supporting our youth program**; through your prayer and financial support, our teens are growing in knowledge of God and of themselves. Learning about God through the Traditions of the Catholic Church during Formation Class is a great beginning for our youth, but what will transform them into future Catholic Leaders in the Church and in the world is the personal encounter with Jesus Christ that they experience during these youth events.

We encountered Jesus through Mary and the Gospels during **Totus Tuus**. Both elementary children during the day and teens in the evening learned about the Virtues, Beatitudes and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary while growing in their relationship with the Lord.

**Middle School Mission Camp** gave us an opportunity to serve and make a difference in our own community. We discovered that we do have much to contribute and how rewarding it is to share our talents and hard work for the benefit of those in need. The Lord smiles and blesses us when we step outside of ourselves to care for others. Mission Camp taught us how to grow as Disciples of the Lord, integrating that “mission spirit” in our daily lives.



On the **Spiritual Adventure**, our High School Youth Group spent time away to be still and quiet; discovering the wonderful Creative Action of God in Nature and learning to respond to His Will in their lives through Liturgy and Prayer.

### College Care Packages from St Peter Youth Ministry



Help us stay connected with our St. Peter Young Adults as they are away at College. Send us their name and college address; we will send them an encouraging letter along with some delicious goodies to help them in their studies and encourage them to stay focused on

God as they wade through our secular world. Please email college student names & addresses to Kim, [resecretary@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:resecretary@stpeterslinger.org) by Oct. 5, we will mail packages that week.

Donations are also appreciated.



### MounTeens Adoration:

**Spiritual Reflection,  
Praise and Worship  
Music, Adoration**

**When:** 6 -7:30PM

**Where:** Oct 10 at St. Lawrence;  
Nov 14 at St. Peter Church

**Who:** All who desire God

**Why:** Jesus desires your heart! He is calling to you, come, spend time with Him, allow Him to enrich your life.



**Rita's Table is back to In-person meals at St. Peter Catholic Church Sept. 30th-October 28th**

**What it is:** A dinner (1 meal for each family member) at no cost to you. Meals are made and served at St. Peter Catholic Church.

**When it is:** Once a month, usually on the last Thursday of the month. Meal being served promptly at 4:45PM.

**For more information contact:** Jennifer at 262-353-1227 or Lisa at 262-644-8818 if you plan on attending.

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY**

The grief journey is a life experience that no one escapes. Each person's loss is unique to that person. People seek emotional support for various reasons during their lives. An individual may be grieving the loss of a loved one, having difficult marital or family problems, grieving the loss of a relationship, separation or divorce. At times, grief support resources are scarce. St. Peter's is able to provide individuals in our parish community with a person experienced in Grief Support. Cheryl Touchett is a retired marriage and family therapist with 17 years experience working with people who are going through difficult times. To learn more, please contact Cheryl Touchett, Grief Support Minister at 262-377-7282, [cheryltouchett@gmail.com](mailto:cheryltouchett@gmail.com).

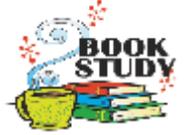


**2021-22 Faith Formation Classes are Starting Soon!**

If you have yet to register for Faith Formation this fall, it's not too late. Registration forms are on the parish website or contact Kim at [resecretary@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:resecretary@stpeterslinger.org) or 262-644-8083 x2211.

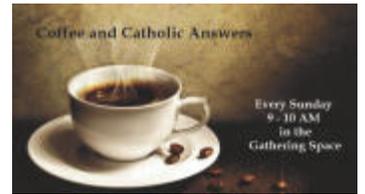
**Book Study**

Every Monday in Church Conference Room 133 from Noon to 1PM. Want to join us? Contact Eileen at 262-644-8083 x2207 or [eileen.belongea@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:eileen.belongea@stpeterslinger.org).



**Coffee and Catholic**

**Answers** will be starting back up Sunday, Sept 12. Please contact Kim at 262-644-8083 x2211 or [resecretary@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:resecretary@stpeterslinger.org) or with topic ideas or if you would like to lead a discussion.



**NEW!!!** Watch for the *Be A Saint* newsletter, published at the end of every month. It can be found in the bulletin and on our website. It will detail the formation opportunities for the upcoming month for parishioners of all ages. Including youth formation dates, activities, adult opportunities and more. This will be a great resource to keep on your fridge to help you on the journey we are all called to.... becoming a Saint.



**HUMAN CONCERNS**

Our Human Concerns Committee meets on the First Tuesday of the Month starting in September. We would like new members to join us. We are involved with Operation Baby Bottle in October, Capuchin Food Drive (Summer), Hygiene Bags during Christmas, and Operation Rice Bowls for Lent. We are always open to help where & if we can with other needs.

*Come and get involved with our church organization.*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

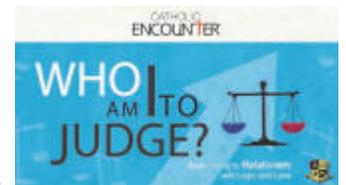
St. Peter has one of the most active Knights of Columbus Councils in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The Knights live the principles of our order in their everyday lives: **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM**. Our council is involved with many activities in our church and community. Our men's organization is always looking for new members, **"BE Not Afraid"** to join.



Keep watching for more information in our weekly bulletins for the Knights November **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"** poster contest.

**Adult Bible Study— Who am I to Judge?**

In this small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life. What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right & wrong for everyone, all the time?



Thursdays, September 30 – November 18  
6:30PM Social and Hospitality  
7-8:30PM Study begins in Church Hall  
Contact Kim Slizewski at [resecretary@stpeterslinger.org](mailto:resecretary@stpeterslinger.org) or 262-644-8083 x2211 to register.

**ST. PETER CONGREGATION FINANCIAL REPORT—JULY 2020-JUNE 2021**

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>PROJECTED INCOME 2020-2021</b>	<b>ACTUAL INCOME 2020-2021</b>	<b>APPROVED BUDGET- INCOME 2021-2022</b>
ENVELOPES/WE SHARE	890,943	961,320.80	970,100
OFFERTORY	49,889	40,883.13	39,000
FLOWERS	3,000	2,449.00	3,000
VIGIL LIGHTS	7,000	7,730.00	7,000
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPES	3,944	10,528.00	7,800
DONATIONS / MEMORIALS	119,637	484,543.94	173,300
TUITION			
SCHOOL	236,000	232,643.41	250,900
DAYCARE	36,000	43,180.21	36,000
RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM	27,000	30,304.57	28,000
REGISTRATION / INSTRUCTIONAL FEES	22,800	16,220.00	15,305
SACRAMENTS / BIBLES / CD 's	3,200	3,970.00	3,120
MISC. FEES: PLAYGROUND FIELD TRIPS - JOHN BOSCOE STEUBENVILLE - VBS - YOUTH DAY	45,415	26,837.82	43,900
PROGRAM CONCESSIONS / H. LUNCH	28,400	2,072.05	20,900
BULLETIN INCOME	1,000	1,912.28	1,000
FUND RAISING EVENTS	75,634	79,751.49	68,434
INTEREST INCOME: CHECKING	258	184.38	175
RENTAL & MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	7,530	9,106.87	7,000
INTEREST INCOME: INVESTMENTS	15	18,118.88	1,515
SPECIAL INVESTMENT INCOME			43,000
SCRIP FUNDS TRAFER	21,000	11,969.00	15,000
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,578,665</b>	<b>1,983,725.83</b>	<b>1,734,449</b>
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: NEEDY FAMILIES	10,000	15,831.00	11,200
SEMINARIAN FUND	2,300	6,620.00	2,300
COLLECTIONS: OTHERS		11,696.45	
DIVIDEND INCOME: INVESTMENTS		32,446.89	3,500
INVESTMENTS:	BALANCE JUNE 30, 2021		BALANCE JUNE 30, 2021
CHECKING ACCOUNT	142,633.59	ENDOWMENT FUND	
RENOVATION FUNDS	11,413.91	PARISHIONER DONATIONS	79,242.68
PARISH / ORGANIZATION FUNDS	899,854.47	INTEREST: ENDOWMENT FUND	5.59
ZWALD FUNDS FOR FUTURE BUILDING	641,333.53	DIVIDEND INCOME: ENDOWMENT	9,926.35
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	112,537.54	ENDOWMENT FUND	975,793.43
TOTAL PARISH INVESTMENTS	1,807,773.04	ENDOWMENT FUND LOAN BALANCE	578,448.27
CEMETERY			
GENERAL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS	31,046.79		
RESTRICTED CARE ACCOUNT	98,877.19		
TOTAL CEMETERY ACCOUNTS	129,923.98		

**EXPENSES 2020-2021**

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>BUDGET 2020-2021</b>	<b>EXPENSES 2020-2021</b>	<b>APPROVED BUDGET 2021-2022</b>
<b>SALARIES:</b>			
ALL EMPLOYEES	936,264	896,579.34	993,665
SALARY REIMBURSEMENT / STIPEND RESURRECTION / ST. LAWRENCE	(104,000)	(85,249.62)	(93,000)
EXTRA CLERGY	4,170	270.00	
PAYROLL TAXES FICA / MEDICARE / UNEMPLOYMENT	61,980	60,432.57	63,166
<b>INSURANCE:</b>			
HEALTH	71,009	70,782.50	82,230
DENTAL	4,750	4,696.02	5,104
DISABILITY	2,355	1,976.52	2,050
VISION	160	159.36	160
LIFE	1,726	1,110.12	1,330
WORKMEN'S COMP.	11,000	9,617.00	11,000
PENSION PLAN	49,175	45,825.05	49,039
CONTINUING ED / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	5,682	5,794.75	6,500
TUITION ASSISTANCE	11,000	11,430.80	25,000
FOOD / FUNERALS / HOT LUNCH	32,700	5,675.82	29,375
SUPPLIES OFFICE / LITURGY	60,920	56,886.41	77,190
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	17,270	10,071.77	19,075
BOOKS & PAMPHLETS	26,825	25,611.58	26,475
RETREATS / CONTINUING ED: CATECHISTS / DEACON / MEETING EXPENSE	26,980	16,117.31	31,020
FIELD TRIPS / MILEAGE TRANSPORTATION	10,838	831.36	10,570
MISC. PROGRAMS / SACRAMENTS	7,900	6,882.85	6,200
UTILITIES	52,540	48,842.66	52,990
REPAIRS / MAINTENANCE	43,940	48,707.60	52,740
PROPERTY INSURANCE	17,000	18,430.00	19,000
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	80,000	87,793.85	91,400
FUND RAISING EXPENSES	36,475	38,823.47	32,285
CAPITAL EXPENSES	38,150	119,063.03	71,525
DEBT REPAYMENT	24,000	24,000.00	36,000
MISCELLANEOUS	26,200	16,056.40	29,770
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>1,557,009</b>	<b>1,547,218.52</b>	<b>1,731,859</b>
COLLECTIONS OTHERS		12,821.45	
SEMINARIAN TUITION	2,000	7,000.00	2,000
BAIRD INVESTMENT FEES	3,600	8,722.81	11,600
DIRECT ASSISTANCE	10,000	10,030.79	8,350

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# FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER



**Cinnamon Roll Sales  
Are Back in the Parish Hall!  
After Weekend Masses**

**Sept. 25th & 26th  
October 16th & 17th  
November 13th & 14th**



**WE'RE BACK AND  
BETTER THEN EVER!**

Who doesn't want to play cards? Enjoy a light snack and have a great time with others in our community? We meet at Clare Hall, 208 E. Washington St in Slinger on the first, third and when applicable the fifth Wednesday of the month 12:30-3PM. It's always a great time. Come and check out our group.

**2021 BLOOD DRIVE  
ST. PETER CHURCH HALL  
OCTOBER 19 & DECEMBER 28  
1PM-6PM**



Donate today! It's easy and you could be the one to save a life! Schedule an appointment at: **1-877-232-4376** or [www.bcw.edu/slinger](http://www.bcw.edu/slinger). Walk-ins welcome.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

### **Friends & Frappes**

Join our high school youth group that meets every Thursday Morning in the Gathering Space before school, from 6:30-7:10AM. We discuss faith and life as it relates to the high school experience. Eileen makes our favorite coffeehouse drinks and Fr. Jonathon leads us in Morning Prayer. We begin again on September 9th.

