

HOLY FAMILY PARISH



November 7, 2021

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
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Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord give you peace! As I mentioned in my Homily at the opening of the Synod **For a synodal Church**, I would be sharing with you the results compiled by our Parish Council which was tasked to answer four questions on our behalf that were given to all parishes throughout the Diocese of Peoria, and to then share their answers with Bishop Louis Tylka at a meeting which was held in our Vicariate on September 14, 2021. Over the next four weeks I will be sharing the answers our parish provided to each of the questions so that you can read them, reflect upon them, and provide any additional information or feedback you have with the Parish Council or me. God bless you and your family.

See you at Mass!

1. What do you see as the greatest opportunity for the Church today?

The greatest opportunity for both the Church as a whole and for our individual parishes is to focus on evangelization and proper catechetical formation.

Our parish believes that an essential part of evangelization is developing personal relationships with others so that they know we are speaking to them from a place of love and are available to provide a support system for them, especially if they are immersed in a culture that devalues faith. Therefore, we are interested in drawing people to the Church through programs that support fellowship and give opportunities for people to learn more about the Catholic faith in a personal and meaningful way.

As a supplement, we can also utilize relevant, easily accessible media that may draw people who are more technologically oriented and expand our reach. As an example, The Bible In A Year podcast and Word On Fire videos are resources we can safely say are rich and beneficial, and we should be promoting them. However, these should be in addition to, not in place of, opportunities for true fellowship and interaction between real people.

We also need to take a good look at the type of catechetical instruction we are providing the students who attend our schools. In the past, religious education in Catholic schools has sometimes been watered down and lacking in substance. The result is that many adults who had attended Catholic grade schools and high schools are still not knowledgeable about the fundamental aspects of our faith. Right now, our diocese is doing a good job of focusing on authentic Catholic education. That being said, each of our schools should be continually evaluating the religious instruction that we are providing and ensuring that it gives our students a strong foundation for their faith. We also need to foster faith formation within the family as a whole so that parents are armed with the same knowledge that we are providing their children, and can reinforce the lessons at home within the context of family life.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 8-Weekday

5:30pm Deceased remembered in All Souls Day Novena

TUESDAY, November 9-The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00am Deceased remembered in All Souls Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, November 10-St. Leo the Great

7:00am Deceased remembered in All Souls Day Novena

5:30pm Deceased remembered in All Souls Day Novena

THURSDAY, November 11-St. Martin of Tours

7:00am In Thanksgiving by Pat Pamatmat

9:00am School Mass: †Geraldine Ralph by Joyce

Trompeter

FRIDAY, November 12-St. Josaphat

7:00am †Juliana Szentes by Family

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, November 13

5:00pm †Mary Frances McShane by Annette & Louis

John Richt, Sr.

SUNDAY, November 14

8:00am †Sr. Jean Francis Stenger by Cecilia Guth

10:30am Living and Deceased of Our Parish Community

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week of
November 6-12, 2021:
We remember in our daily prayers
†Mary Frances McShane
by Bob & Karen Metzinger.



PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Joe Jochman will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.

Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.

Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Next Sunday, November 14th, there will be Blood Pressure Screening fifteen minutes before and after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses.



Readings:
Week of November 8-14

- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12/1Cor 3:9c-11,16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14,18/Mk 13:24-32

FINANCE CORNER

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201.

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriaholymfamily>

Thank you and God Bless you.

	Oct-21
First Sunday	\$16,386.00
Second Sunday	\$7,825.85
Third Sunday	\$6,475.50
Fourth Sunday	\$3,627.55
Fifth Sunday	\$11,715.51

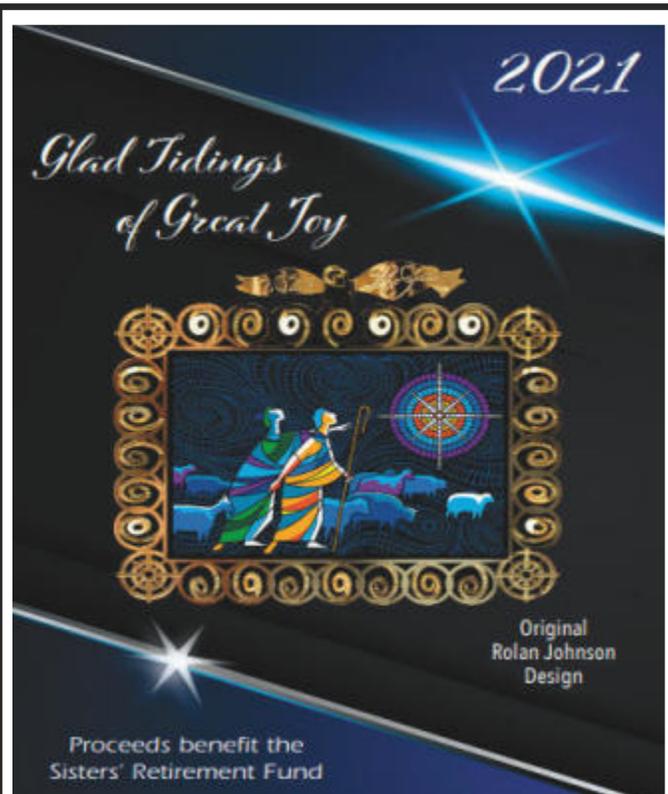
Monthly Total	\$46,030.41
Monthly Budget	\$59,700.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(13,669.59)

Fiscal Year Total	\$178,695.29
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$218,800.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(40,104.71)

Mary and Martha Society

The next Mary and Martha Society meeting will be on Thursday, November 11th at 9:30 AM at Trailside (above Trefzger's Bakery). Meeting will begin at 10 AM with our "Sophie's Scarves" project following the meeting. Members will be helping to complete fleece scarves and wrapping them for Christmas gifts for Sophie's Kitchen. No sewing experience is needed! Bring sewing scissors if you have them (for cutting fringe). Or smaller scissors for cutting curling ribbon for gift wrapping.

**All women of the parish are invited.
The more the merrier!**



**HEADING AVENUE FRANCISCANS
ORNAMENT SALE**

Next weekend the Heading Avenue Franciscans will be here with their 2021 Rolan Johnson ornament titled "Glad Tidings of Great Joy". The cost of this year's ornament is \$35. The Sisters will also have ornaments from past years to help you complete your collection.

**REQUEST FROM
OSF ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL**

OSF St. Francis Medical Center is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Volunteers for this powerful ministry need to be over 18 years of age, have received all the sacraments through confirmation, and need to be in good standing with the Church. The Pastoral Department here at St. Francis will work with the Extraordinary Minister to determine what commitment they can offer. There will be training sessions on November 9th and 11th 2021 at 6pm to go over how to be EME here at OSF St. Francis Medical Center.

Extraordinary Ministers (in aid to the Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist) at OSF St. Francis Medical Center here in Peoria distribute the Holy Eucharist on a daily basis to Catholic patients. It is our mission to bring spiritual strength, healing grace and peace to our patients through the power of the Eucharist. Through visitation and prayer we help our patients to experience spirituality and faith by discovering the power of our Lord.

Please contact our Pastoral Department Secretary, Patty Parrish, by email Patricia.A.Parrish@osfhealthcare.org or call 309- 655-2084.

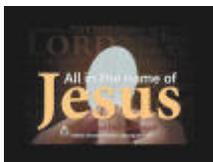


ADA UPDATE

We are well on the way with the 2021 ADA. Thus far, 192 parishioners have returned their pledge cards, and pledged a total of \$78,470 toward parish goal of \$81,855. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so. Most years we have over 250 families donate to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Thank you!

Mike Simmons



HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree will be up next week and ready for you to pick your tags. You'll notice that the tree is up earlier than usual due to the anticipated shortage of items due to the pandemic. This will allow you to shop early before items are sold out.

This tree provides gifts and necessities for your brothers and sisters in need. This is a great opportunity for children to get involved and learn the joy of giving. It is easy to participate:

- Take a tag from the tree in back of church
- Put an ornament on the tree in place of that tag
- Place the gift you purchased under the tree

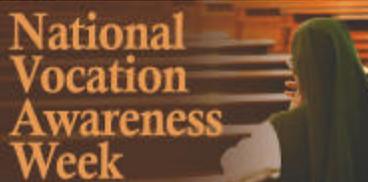
(Gifts need to be unwrapped and returned to Holy Family no later than Sunday, December 12 the 10:30am Mass)

If you have any questions call Ana Lippert at 309-922-0813.



**ST. JOSEPH'S MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

Come join us for breakfast and sharing on an educational topic next Saturday, November 13th from 7:30-8:30am.



NOVEMBER 7-13, 2021

Do you know someone who should be encouraged to become a Priest/a Sister?
Will you encourage them?

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“... she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” (Mk. 12:44)

Jesus had very unorthodox, even radical, ideas about economics!

Open the Gospels, and there we find just a few of Jesus’ revolutionary pronouncements. For example:

He challenged people to share their food and clothing with those in need.

He advised people to lend without expecting to get anything back.

He encouraged each of us to forgive debts.

He urged us to:

Give to those in need.

Donate to the poor and expect nothing in return.

Give, not out of a sense of obligation, but motivated by the love of God.

Feed people who are hungry.

Stop storing up *“treasures on earth”*.

Be considerate and provide for a neighbor who is without the means to care for themselves.

And, perhaps the most radical of all Jesus’ economic statements was the story of the rich man who claimed to have kept all the commandments since he was a boy, only to have Jesus say to him:

“Sell everything you have and give it to the poor.”

The list could go on and on.

In all four Gospels, Jesus challenged the wealthy to cancel the debts that so burdened the people and left them impoverished.

The Gospel of Luke goes a step further and presents Jesus preaching a very stark message:

“Blessed are the poor.

Woe to the rich.

Blessed are you who hunger now.

Woe to you who are well fed now.” (Lk. 4:20-25)

As you can see, Jesus uses very strong words to deal with the enormous division that exists between the rich and the poor of this world.

Like so many people to this day, the poor are destined to become the victims of what will bring them relief – which too often is immersion in the temporary painkillers of drugs and theft and hideous forms of trauma.

To be sure, we are not living in the times of Jesus when the power of the Roman Empire determined the quality of life for all those who would not bend to their near infinite control.

We live, as we love to say, “in the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

And yet, researchers from the University of Chicago and Notre Dame report that “poverty has grown by six million people in the United States in the past three months.” Underscoring these concerns, “about 886,000 people filed new claims for unemployment benefits last week, an increase of nearly 77,000 from the previous week.”

The impoverished widow featured in today’s Gospel was reckless in giving all that she had to live on. Her willingness to do this expresses her deep desire to place her full trust in God.

That is what each of us is called to live out – that same willingness to trust, that same desire to reach out to the *“least of these,”* that same eagerness to follow the example of this impoverished woman.

As followers of Jesus, we are continually called to work for the Church’s all-out conversion to the gospel.

In the words of Fr. Jose Pagola’s renowned work, Jesus: An Historical Approximation, we are called to imitate the widow in today’s gospel reading by “becoming a friend of sinners ... becoming a Church that seeks the lost ... becoming a Church where women play the role that Jesus gave them in the gospels ... becoming a Church that welcomes, listens to, and walks with those who suffer ... becoming a Church that is converted to Jesus ... becoming a Church that cries out with a loud voice of indignation and protest against the injustice, torture, and abuse of the poor and the neglected ... becoming a Church that suffers with those who suffer, and dies with those who die unjustly.”

Becoming a church, in other words, that uses as its model the near destitute woman featured in today’s Gospel reading – the woman who Jesus proudly pointed to and described as the

“poor widow ... who, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

OUR MOTHER OF AFRICA NOVENA

Novena Dates: November 8-16, 2021



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Mary, Our Mother of Africa, hear the drumbeat of our prayers. May your Son, Jesus, continue to bring us joy, relieve our tensions, and forgive us our sins. Help us to walk in His Light.

(Mention your intentions here.)

Help us to help others do the same, and bring us to life everlasting with the Holy Saints and Angels. Amen.

*Our Father...

*Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Our Mother of Africa pray for us!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

Repeat for 9 Days



Peoria Notre Dame's 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CASH AND CAR RAFFLE

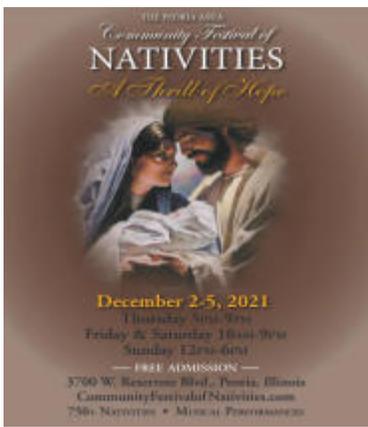


Peoria Notre Dame is teaming up with O'Brien Toyota of Peoria for the 4th annual 12 Days of Christmas Cash and Car Raffle! An Early Bird winner of \$500 will be drawn on November 18. Cash prizes will be drawn daily, beginning Monday, December 6 through Thursday, December 16. The grand prize of a 2022 Toyota RAV4 (MSRP \$27,759) will be drawn at 12:10 pm on Friday, December 17, 2021. Tickets may be purchased online at PeoriaNotreDame.com/12days, or from a staff member or student of PND.

Tickets: \$75 each, 3 for \$200, 5 for \$300, 10 for \$550, 12 for \$600

Raffle Schedule

Early Bird Raffle, Thursday, November 18, 2021	\$500 Cash	7th day of Raffle, Sunday, December 12, 2021	\$900 Cash
1st day of Raffle, Monday, December 6, 2021	\$300 Cash	8th day of Raffle, Monday, December 13, 2021	\$1,000 Cash
2nd day of Raffle, Tuesday, December 7, 2021	\$400 Cash	9th day of Raffle, Tuesday, December 14, 2021	\$1,250 Cash
3rd day of Raffle, Wednesday, December 8, 2021	\$500 Cash	10th day of Raffle, Wednesday, December 15, 2021	\$1,500 Cash
4th day of Raffle, Thursday, December 9, 2021	\$600 Cash	11th day of Raffle, Thursday, December 16, 2021	\$2,000 Cash
5th day of Raffle, Friday, December 10, 2021	\$700 Cash	12th day of Raffle, Friday, December 17, 2021	GRAND PRIZE CAR*
6th day of Raffle, Saturday, December 11, 2021	\$800 Cash	*\$15,000 cash option in lieu of car prize	



The Community Festival of Nativities is a non-profit interfaith collaboration of churches in Peoria with a mission to share the message and joy of Christ's birth each holiday season through the beauty and artistry of nativities from all over the world. Holy Family has been a community sponsor of this event

since 2019 and our parishioners have provided great support as volunteers setting up displays, greeting visitors to the exhibits, and sponsoring the purchase of poinsettias which add to the overall beauty of the festival. Since the time of Saint Francis of Assisi who was inspired to use living people and animals to stage Jesus Christ's humble beginnings, the nativity (also called a creche) has gained tremendous popularity and has spread across cultural and political boundaries to become a traditional Christian symbol of Christ's birth.

THANK YOU, HOLY FAMILY, for over 70 poinsettia orders, and the many people who have offered to volunteer their time to help with the Community Festival of Nativities to be held on Dec. 2-5 at

3700 W. Reservoir Blvd., Peoria, IL.

What a generous parish! There is still time to volunteer to help with set-up, take-down or hosting. Just go to the website

communityfestivalofnativities.com

and click on "Get Involved" to sign up.

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Light of the World winners **Sophia's Kitchen** (whose director is our parishioner, Claire Crone!), and **Doctors Jeff and Suzanne White Ruskusky** for their work in bringing to Peoria Almost Home Kids (a transitional facility for vulnerable children after a hospitalization to prepare them and their families for returning home). A special Award Presentation will be held on the opening night of the festival, Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Join us in congratulation them for all their good work!

NATIVITY REGISTRATION is still available on the website. Please consider loaning your favorite Nativity or several to be beautifully displayed at the event.

OTHER ITEMS NEEDED: Please consider loaning any of the following...garland, other greenery, and wagons (for moving boxed Nativities safely to display areas)-can be dropped off on Monday morning, Nov. 29th.

Help us get the word out! Mark your calendars! Invite family and friends! Please "like" and "share" on Facebook (the page name is "The Peoria Area Community Festival of Nativities")!



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