



Masses on Saturday 4:30 p.m. & Parking Lot Audio FM100.7 or 106.5  
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Live Stream only on Sunday

# Financial Focus—2021-2022 Fiscal Year

## Collections:

|                     | This Year Actual | This Year Budget | Variance from Budget | Last Year Actual | Variance from Last Year |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Week #8             | 60,800           | 52,000           | 8,800                | 55,951           | 4,849                   |
| YTD through Week #8 | 439,280          | 416,000          | 23,280               | 419,595          | 19,686                  |

Week #8 Second Collection for Debt Reduction: \$1,184 (included above)



First day of school was Tuesday, August 31, 2021



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Contact **Alison Duffy** at [duffy778@gmail.com](mailto:duffy778@gmail.com) or 651-792-5393



## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER FATHER AND SON SEMINAR



**FOR 5TH thru 6TH GRADERS**

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sons with dads  
Youth Rooms  
Daughters with moms  
Meeting Room

\*If the parent is not available, a close, caring adult of the same gender may attend with the child.

\$30 includes Book and Lunch

Social distancing will occur

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**  
10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**\$30 Includes book and lunch**  
**Registration online or at the parish office.**

Contact **Suzanne Lewis** at  
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# Pastor's Page

## Cardinal Sarah: 'Contraceptive mentality' led to LGBT takeover of children's schools

MADRID, November 12, 2019 ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – Guinean Cardinal Robert Sarah strongly criticized LGBT ideology that he said is overrunning governments and education centers while tracing the ideology to the root of the widespread acceptance of contraception about seven decades ago. “The destructuring of sexual identity, which is often called ‘gender theory,’ against which Pope Francis has harsh words and an attitude of absolute intolerance, can be understood as the anthropological consequence of a practical mutation,” said Cardinal Sarah, the Vatican’s Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline, at a Nov. 7 conference at Madrid’s San Pablo University in advance of the 21st Congress of Catholics and Public Life of Spain. His talk was titled “[The importance of education in the Church’s mission today.](#)”

**Gender theory holds that male or female sexual organs do not determine an individual’s “sexual identity” but a person’s inner sense of being a man, a woman, or whatever it is that a person wants to identify as (dozens of ‘gender options’ have been invented to help people identify how they feel about themselves).** The theory holds, for instance, that a person born with a male organ of reproduction can choose to identify as “female” and that it’s discriminatory not to support the individual’s choice, including the male’s choice to use female pronouns. The theory also holds that a person’s “gender identity” is fluid and can change over time.

**“The first link in the process involved women,”** Cardinal Sarah continued: **“In fact, the contraceptive mentality that has extended strongly after 1950 has made possible a profound disconnection between the woman and her body, a disconnection that has radically changed the way of understanding human sexuality, marriage, filiation and of course education.”** The Catholic Church reaffirmed its condemnation of contraception in the [1968 Encyclical Humanae Vitae](#). Pope Paul VI prophetically warned that widespread acceptance of contraception would lead to the “general lowering of moral standards” among other things. The Cardinal credited French writer Simone de Beauvoir’s phrase “You are not born a woman, you become a woman” as summarizing the essence of gender theory.

**“Let’s add that for de Beauvoir, the family, Marriage and motherhood are the source of female ‘oppression’ and dependence. The pill would have ‘freed’ women by giving them ‘control of their body’ and the possibility of ‘freely disposing’ of it. Under the feminist motto ‘my body belongs to me’ a deep alienation of the incarnated subject is actually hidden.** In fact, behind this ‘freedom’ statement lies an instrumentalization of the body itself as a material available to the most indeterminate desires,” he said. The Cardinal then showed the link between contraception and the distancing of a person from his or her male or female body.

**“The contraceptive mentality** has engendered a dualism between individual freedom seen as unlimited and almighty, on the one hand, and the body as an instrument of enjoyment, on the other. In that perspective, the sexed body can no longer be lived as a sign and instrument of the gift of self, whose purpose is the communion of the spouses. **The intrinsic link between the two meanings of the conjugal act, the procreative dimension and the unitive dimension, is broken. This link becomes optional, and logically, sexuality ends up being considered only in its relational and pleasure-producing dimension.** The destabilizing effects of such a mentality have not been long in coming,” he added. The Cardinal noted that **one of the major destabilizing effects of the contraceptive mentality was the “social legitimization of homosexuality.”**

“In fact, if sexuality is no longer perceived in the light of the gift of life, how can homosexuality be considered a perversion, an objective and serious disorder?” he said. Cardinal Sarah said logically accompanying these changes regarding sexuality was a “redefinition of sexual identity, considering it as purely constructed.”

**“If the intrinsic link between the two meanings of the conjugal act is denied, the difference between the sexes loses the first foundation of their intelligibility.”** From then on, he said, the **“sexed body” can more and more be considered as a “material that individual consciousness can model to its liking.”** The Cardinal then explained the mechanism at work as “sexual minorities” publicly demand equality and freedom to live according to their perceived identities. “In the name of the fight against the ‘discrimination’ of

which the ‘sexual minorities’ would be victims, the agents of the anthropological subversion take the public authorities and the legislator hostage in their revindications. In the name of ‘equality’ and ‘freedom’, they demand that all social discourse, especially in schools and the media, be ‘respectful’ with the sexual indeterminacy of individuals and the free choice of their identity,” he said. “Then, each one can affirm that it is by self-designation and proclaim: ‘I make my own choice. I am proud of it and I affirm myself in that choice. I do not admit that another or society tell me what I am. I do not receive my being and my existence from anyone but myself. I decide for myself who I am. Society must assume my choice and adapt to my orientation changes.’”

**For the LGBT movement, the Cardinal pointed out, the battle is no longer about “claiming tolerance” but about “imposing a new conception of the human being” and creating a “new” human being. “Under the guise of freedom, this deconstruction at the service of a radical constructivism can be compared with the totalitarian attempts to produce a ‘new man,’”** he said. “Its innocent victims are mainly children, whose parents, permeable to libertarian slogans and bewitched by contemporary sirens, do not support [authentic] human growth and the formation of their [genuine] sexual affectivity. **All this presupposes an erroneous conception of freedom, understood as the fact of not being prevented from following your immediate desires. How far we are from true freedom, which is the realization of the person when he uses his free will to seek the truth and choose his true good,”** he continued. **“The anthropological revolution violently disrupts intellectual and moral education, because it creates mental and social dispositions that separate people from themselves,”** he added.

The Cardinal said that Catholics should be aware of the gravity of the crisis, “given the atheist atmosphere or of indifference to religious or moral issues which permeate education and school structures.” What should be understood is that the goal of education is for students to “acquire the virtues that permit them to unfold and structure their humanity and personality in accord with the truth that is intrinsic to them.”

He called for the Church to become more active in defending the truth about man in sectors of civil society where that truth has been abandoned, especially in education. “As has been the case several times in history, the Church has a duty to assume a substitute role to compensate for the collapse of entire sectors of civil society and public authorities,” he said.

“The Church assumes this function of substitution through all its children who are present in this magnificent educational task,” he added.

**“Dirty and unhealthy” environment destroys children** Following his presentation, Cardinal Sarah answered questions from participants who are concerned about secular influences upon their children.

Likening schools to aquariums where fish are regularly fed fresh food, he said, “But the water in the aquarium is dirty and unhealthy.” Despite the good food, he said, the fish are slowly poisoned and eventually perish. In the learning environment, “even while there are well-disposed students and dedicated teachers, there are substances in the environment that are toxic to the students mental health,” said the Cardinal. When he was asked how the water in the aquarium could be made clean, he said, “What poisons the environment are dangerous ideologies,” citing “marxism” and “transhumanism.” He continued, “If we cannot explain who is man, who it is that God wants him to be, logically the aquarium is contaminated.” The water can be cleansed by rediscovering, he said, “the identity of human beings created in the image and likeness of God.”

**“Identity is not something we give,”** he said, **“God gives it to us.”** **The West, he said, arrogantly “refuses to accept” that identity.”** **“The great issue are the economic and media leaders who contaminate the environment concerning the identity of the human person.”** This is, he said, **“the rejection of God.”**

Asked what the Church should do in an environment where God is excluded, the Cardinal said, “The Church should be the first to combat toxic ideologies.” The Church, he said, should focus on “the unprecedented anthropological and moral crisis of our time which demands that the Church should assume a greater responsibility and commitment to propose its doctrinal and moral teachings in a clear, precise and firm manner.”

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!  
 What joy this blest assurance gives!  
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead;  
 He lives, my ever-living Head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
 He lives eternally to save!  
 He lives exalted, throned above;  
 He lives, to rule His church in love.

## Greeting

*Celebrant:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*R:* Amen.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*R:* And with your spirit.

## Penitential Rite

*Celebrant:* Brethren, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*R:* I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers an sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*  
 through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

*Then they continue:*  
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*Celebrant:* May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. +

## Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
 and on earth peace to people of good will.  
 We praise you,  
 we bless you,  
 we adore you,  
 we glorify you,  
 we give you thanks for your great glory,  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy on us;  
 you take away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer;  
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 have mercy on us.  
 For you alone are the Holy One,  
 you alone are the Lord,  
 you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God the Father.  
 Amen.

## First Reading

Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*R:* Thanks Be To God

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:6-9, 9-10

*R:* Praise the Lord, my soul!

## Second Reading

Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord

*R:* Thanks Be To God

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## Gospel

Mk 7:31-37

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*R:* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*R:* Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*R:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

## Prayer of the Faithful

*R:* Lord, hear our prayer.

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## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory Hymn

**We Gather Together**  
—CR516

### Invitation to Prayer

*Celebrant:* Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

*R:* **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant:* The mystery of faith.  
*R:* **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

*Celebrant:* Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

*R:* **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

#### Holy Communion

##### Prayer for making a Spiritual Communion (if you are at home)

At Thy feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer Thee the repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Thy holy presence. I adore Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive Thee into the poor dwelling that my heart offers Thee. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental Communion, I wish to possess Thee in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to Thee! May Thy love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee. Amen.

### Communion Hymn:

**O Lord, I Am Not Worthy**  
—CR359

*Second collection will be for Epiphany's Debt Reduction.*

**Sending Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**  
—CR485

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might:  
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

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**7:30 a.m. Mass to return Sunday, September 12**



### Children's Mass Bags

Families we have put out The Mass Bags for toddlers. You will also find Children's Bulletins for 3-7 year olds and 7+. They are located in the foyer, to the left of the information desk, in the plastic wall pockets.

Please return the bags back to the bag tree after Mass. Feel free to keep the bulletins. Thank you.

### Ushers Needed

We are in need of ushers to help out with all Masses. You can volunteer each week, or as your schedule allows.  
Contact **Liz Grefsheim** [lgrefsheim@epiphanymn.org](mailto:lgrefsheim@epiphanymn.org)

*Heart to Heart*  
Women's Group

Heart to Heart is scheduled to meet **Tuesday, September 7**. We will gather in the meeting rooms from 9 -10:30 a.m. We are excited and grateful to Alice and her granddaughter, Olivia Rose Aho, who will be presenting St. Rose of Lima.

All women are welcome. We are not providing childcare and no evening meetings at this time. We will keep you informed of any possible changes or updates.

**For more information contact**

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|-------------|------------------------------------|
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| FRIDAYS:    | 2am, 6am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm           |
| SATS:       | 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm*, 6pm, 7pm, 9pm |
| SUNDAYS:    | 4am, 12pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm           |

Please consider the times in red, where you may only find one or no adorer. Can't find a sub for your hour? Contact Judy Schleicher call/text 763-276-5086

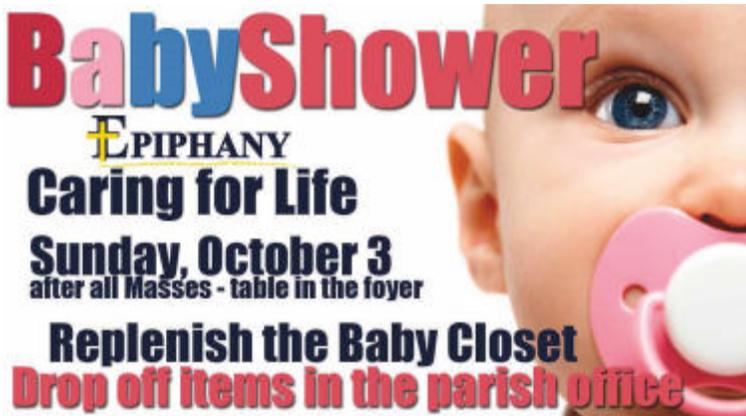
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# CemeteryInformation

For more information contact **Bob Mathewson**, Epiphany Cemetery Operations [bmathewson@epiphanymn.org](mailto:bmathewson@epiphanymn.org) or 763.862.4308

# CaringforLife



## Baby Shower

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**Sunday, October 3**  
after all Masses - table in the foyer

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Drop off items in the parish office

Items most needed are newborn clothing both boy & girl, diapers size 3, 5 & 6, baby wash & shampoo, and infant toys. Please join us for donuts and coffee. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office anytime. For mor information please call 612-803-2225.

# MassIntentions

**Sunday, September 5** Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

9:00 Dan Fink, †

11:00 Leslie Ashland, †

**Monday, September 6** Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11

9:00 Sr. Aline Baumgartner, † **Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 7** Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

8:00 John † and Shirley Maniak

6:00 David Jones, †

**Wednesday, September 8** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 *Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 Susan Miller, †

**Thursday, September 9** Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

8:00 Michael Rekow, †

**Friday, September 10** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

8:00 Bob Chilson

**Saturday, September 11** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

8:00 Duane Olson, †

4:30 Epiphany Parishioners

# RespectLife

2021 Upcoming Event, National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, **Saturday, September 18, at 10 - 11 a.m., Resurrection Cemetery, 2101 Lexington Ave. S., Mendota Heights.** On this ninth National Day of Remembrance, prayer vigils will be held at grave and memorial sites dedicated to aborted babies across the U.S. In MN, 13 aborted babies were buried at Resurrection Cemetery (they were found in the Robbinsdale abortion facility dumpster in 1987). They will be remembered in the prayer vigil on September 18, led by Pro-Life Action Ministries. **Local contact Pat Bock 612.710.2317 or Parish Office 763.755.1020**

# Funerals

Phyllis Kieffer

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Amen*



**FREE GRAB & GO MEALS**

Monday's / 9 to 11 a.m.  
All students from ANY school 18 years old or younger

**No pick up on Monday, September 6 but stop by on Tuesday, September 7 for normal pick up.**

*Thank the Lord for all of our rain! If you have borrowed an umbrella from the church foyer, look in your car because I bet it's still there. These umbrellas have been graciously donated by a parishioner to be used by all of us. Please return so others can stay dry!*

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