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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

Testimony of Faith

Stewardship of Treasure

August 31, 2021

Envelopes/Plate\$4,544.97

Online Giving/ACH.....\$3,358.41

Weekly Goal.....\$9,712.00

Received to Date.....\$251,735.50

Annual Goal 21-22...\$505,000.00

United Catholic Appeal 2021

Envelopes/Plate.....\$165.00

Goal.....\$72,352.00

Total Received.....\$40,948.00

Balance Due.....\$31,404.00

**Marquette Catholic School
Endowment
Fund Balance:**
\$142,159.33

**Holy Spirit Endowment Fund
Balance**
\$50,633.06

Marriage Contact parish office as soon as possible and at least **6 months prior** to desired wedding date.

Baptism Infant baptism during Mass or privately. Call parish to arrange pre-baptism parent session or request information. Forms available on the parish website.

Anointing of the Sick Call the Parish office to schedule Sacrament or Communion calls for the home-bound.

Prayer Warrior Team Please call Donna Strumbell at 218-290-3767.



Greetings Holy Spirit Parish and Marquette School...

This week I have been reflection more on the "generosity." It seems to me, in some ways, generosity has been watered down. Not the act of being generous as in "no one ever gives anymore" but, rather, the actual meaning of "Generosity" itself. When someone hears the word "Generous" I would guess they immediately think of someone making a donation of some sort. "So-and-so is very generous. "They donated money to help the poor". Yet, generosity is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, so there has to be something more to it. Something deeper and more meaningful to our human existence than simply donating money.

The following Scripture passages come to mind... "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on (your) right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:38-45)

These words of Jesus Christ speak life into the true meaning of generosity. How so? To be authentically generous is to go above and beyond what our fallen nature feels comfortable with.

Generosity is to be used in humility for the service of others. Knowing that our lives are not our own but given freely to the service of God. We, as faithful Christians, out of pure love of God, offer all things in imitation of our Lord who was first generous to us. Hence, to turn the other cheek when someone strikes you goes against our human inclination to return the favor. In the same way, how can we love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us when it goes against what we feel we ought to do: return evil with evil? Likewise, if someone steals from you give to them your cloak as well or someone who asks you to go one mile go with them two.

To be generous means being selfless. As followers of Jesus Christ we are all called to unite ourselves and our will completely to the will of God. To want what God wants, to think how God thinks, to be living examples of how Christ Himself was when He walked the earth some 2000 years ago. Our focus is not on the here-and-now but on eternity with Him in heaven. Everything relating to the things of this world we are to look at as St. Ignatius of Loyola beautifully describes in his Spiritual Exercises... "that they may help him in prosecuting the end for which he is created. From this it follows that man is to use them as much as they help him on to his end, and ought to rid himself of them so far as they hinder him as to it."

Now, by doing this (acting according to what Christ taught in the above mentioned Gospel passage) we are able to endure the hardships in which they might produce because of the fact that they go against the human grain. Why? Because we no longer have any disordered connection to things created. We use them only as a means to our ultimate end....getting to heaven! So...What is generosity in light of all of this?

Generosity isn't just donating money or simply giving in general. No, being truly generous is being selfless in the service of others in terms of things created or actions performed. It's a complete giving of one's self for the sake of love of God and neighbor in every sphere of our lives; knowing that God, indeed, takes care of us and desires to give to us what we truly long for. I love it!

It may seem far-fetched or downright unrealistic to attain to such sanctity but it is possible! Anyone who is an avid reader of the Lives of the Saints can testify that it is possible to be authentically generous in our lives. God desires to give all of us the grace in order to procure this end. He's ready and always willing with arms outstretched! The old saying holds true, "We truly receive when giving" only this time the giving goes far beyond the norm! Imagine the joy!

Be generous this week!

Fr. B

Parish News



February Mercy Tour:
Registration for the February Mercy Tour is now open. Go to www.holyspiritvirginia.com for more information and to register.

Welcome to our parish - Are you Registered?

Join our parish community by registering online at <https://engage.suran.comholyspiritvirginiamn>. Here you can enter your information online (or update it for current parishioners!) and receive communications from our parish and sign up for online giving to Holy Spirit Church and Marquette Catholic School. We love to stay in touch with our parish community members, so please register as soon as you can! Need assistance? Contact Jessica or Stefanie in the Holy Spirit parish office. Thank you for being part of the Holy Spirit and Marquette family!

Weekly Rosaries

The Knights of Columbus will lead a Rosary Monday evenings following the 5:30pm Mass.

Deacon Rick and Diana Moravitz will be leading a rosary for Vocations each Thursday evening at 8pm, followed by the Benediction.



Bible Study

Bible study continues to meet following 8:30 Mass on Tuesday mornings. Join us in the social hall for great discussions, coffee, and treats.

Holiday Sacrament Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:30pm
Sunday @ 8am & 10am

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday @ 8:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:30am

Confessions:

Monday @ 4:45pm
Saturday @ 3pm

Adoration:

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-9pm

The Parish office will be closed Tuesday, January 25 for a staff in-service off site.

Many Thanks to all the generous givers in the diaper/wipes collection and monetary collections to help babies and young children in need during January's Pro-life Month.

St. Gianna Life Ministry will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 in the "Crying Room" near the Gathering Space. All are welcome to join in our efforts to work towards a culture of life and serve those in need.

Women's Bible Study During Lent

Diana Moravitz invites all women age 16 and up to join in on Saturday mornings from 10am-11:30am and we will enter into "**The Seven Last Words of Christ.**" We will gather in the Fireside room at the Holy Spirit office starting on February 26th. And going through until April 9. Please RSVP to Diana at popmamoravitz@gmail.com, so books can be ordered.

Exodus 90:

And we are off to the races! Exodus 90 is in full gear as we have another fantastic group of men from our church climbing the three-month mountain towards greater freedom. Please pray for these men as the demands of the program are large, but the grace of God larger. Exodus brothers pray daily, and make significant sacrifices with the goal of becoming better men, better sons, better husbands and better fathers. God continues to call and equip in amazing ways!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The **Star of the North Maternity Home Iron Range** will open in February and is in need of 3 new full-size bed mattresses/box springs/frames by Feb. 1. If you desire to donate a bed please call the coordinator, Cathy at 218-969-2496, or drop off a monetary donation at the church office and we will see that it gets there. A gift registry at Target has been established for their other needs. Use "Star of the North" (first name) "Maternity Home" (second name) to access. Also, if you are interested in a paid position or to volunteer at the maternity home, please call Cathy, again, at 218-969-2496.

Star of the North Maternity Home Iron Range: If you were unable to attend the Trunk Show and Festival Fundraiser but would like to support the Star of the North Maternity Home, monetary donations may be made out to "Star of the North" and sent to Cathy Timmerman, PO Box 725 Hibbing, MN 55746. No gift is too small and all are confidential.

FORMED.org Feature: "Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth" (Movie) This is the true story of a brave and holy priest whose battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, now a worldwide religious order. Having suffered much in his own youth and growing up without a father gave him compassion for many orphans, and his profound charity shines through in this film. St. John Bosco's feast day is Jan. 31.

Augustine Institute Kiosk Feature: "From Love, By Love, For Love" Father Michael Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today. With compassion, clarity, and humor, he shows that the Church's teachings on contraception and same-sex attraction are rooted in the yearnings for authentic love that is shared by all, who are made in the image and likeness of God.

Men's Basketball League

Every Tuesday night at 8pm in the MCS gym.
Contact Ty Pollak for more information 218-421-7602 or Ross Haverkamp 218-537-0397.



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Monday	January 24
8:30 AM †	Casey Miller
5:30 PM †	Gust & Sharon Swenson
Tuesday	January 25
8:30 AM †	Fr. Jon Wild
Wednesday	January 26
8:30 AM †	Ralph Harvey
5:30 PM †	Our Parish Family
Thursday	January 27
8:30 AM †	Beverly Leikas
Friday	January 28-No Mass
Saturday	January 29
4:30 PM †	Marc Westerbur
Sunday	January 30
8:00 AM †	Our Parish Family
10:00 AM †	Diane Dickson

**Altar Server Schedule Weekend of
January 29-30**

Sat. 4:30pm	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 10:00am
R. Cope	E. Pond	J. Seeber
N. Cope	P. Gramm	L. Flatley
I. Villebrun	M. Miskovich	J. Rosandich
		K. Roark
		J. Kenyon

**Sacristan Schedule
Weekend of January 29-30**

Sat. 4:30pm 1/29	L. Cope
Sun. 8:00am 1/30	C. Pond
Sun. 10:00am 1/30	M. Nanti

**Lector Schedule
Weekend of January 29-30**

Sat. 4:30pm 1/29	C. Bainter
Sun. 8:00am 1/30	B. Maturi
Sun. 10:00am 1/30	J. Eddy

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