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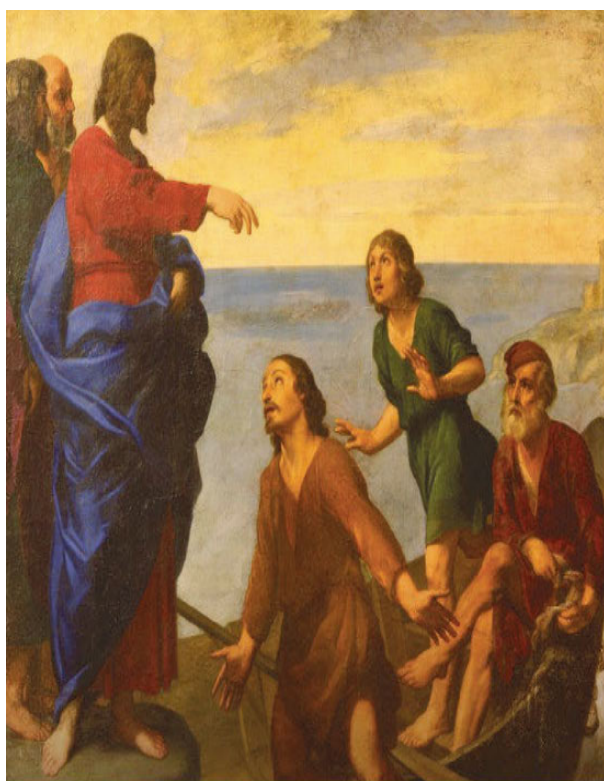
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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Melvin Dunphy

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Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School: 857-2600

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 6, 2022



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Witness the joy of the Gospel

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. Paul the Apostle says, "*But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing*" (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Do you witness to those around you the joy of the Gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love and truth?

Excerpt from: Daily Scripture Readings & Meditations

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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Learning, Living and Sharing the Good News

Meditation
Benefits of the Cross
(from "My Daily Bread")

Christ:

My Child, when you have come to know the full value of the cross, it will no longer be such a puzzle to you, nor will you ever again seek to avoid it. You will then see it as a valuable help for many spiritual gifts right here on earth. You will embrace your daily trials with joy.

In the cross you will find a deep interior peace and joy. You will understand why those who hate or fear the cross are to be pitied. The cross will bring you a clear mind which will see the heavenly value of what you are enduring. The cross will help you to think straight. You will look on the cross as a ladder raising you up toward Me. Your mental and spiritual health will be excellent because you will be free from fear, confusion and discontent. In the daily cross you will find a fuller life, a deep sense of My nearness to you and of your daily progress toward Heaven. Temptations cannot shake one who truly loves the cross.

If there were anything on earth better than the cross, would I not have chosen it? The cross, more than anything else, will enrich your soul with many virtues on earth and countless merits in Heaven. The cross will best prepare you for your last and most important examination. No person can be sure of his or her own true worth until they have learned to recognize and embrace the cross in their daily life. That is why I commanded: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me.

Never forget for a moment this truth: Through many trials will you enter into the eternal kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, take up your cross daily and follow Me.

Readings for the Week of February 6, 2021

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/
Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11b, 12-15/
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7b, 19-22/
Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2-4, 6/1 Cor 15:12,
16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Weekend Readings are at (727) 372-8600

Mass Intentions
(for the week ahead)

Monday	8:00 a.m. Patricia Zamborsky
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Antonia Tripodi
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Vocations
Thursday	8:00 a.m. Isabelle M. Doyle
Friday	8:00 p.m. Anne & Michael Alas
Saturday	4:00 p.m. Timothy Collins 6:00 p.m. Ann Poplees
Sunday	7:00 a.m. Jeanette Wiltse 8:30 a.m. Lois Schaller 10:30 a.m. Joseph L. Staltare 5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Mass and Devotions Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm and 6 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (*Contemporary*),
and 5:00 pm (*LifeTeen™*)

Daily Mass: 8:00 am Monday-Friday

Prayer Group: The 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month starting Sept. 13th and ending May 23rd.

Holy Rosary after 8:00 am Mass, Mon-Fri,
in Church

Marian Novena after 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays

Benediction & Adoration: Thursdays at 3:00 pm
until 6:45 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm or by appt.

Parish Calendar

Mon. 02/07	
Tues. 02/08	9AM Rosary Makers; 6:30PM Catholic Daughters Meeting; 6:45PM Boy Scouts
Wed. 02/09	9:15AM Legion of Mary; 4PM Traditional Choir; 5:15PM FF K-5; 5:15PM Edge 6-8; 7PM RCIA
Thurs. 02/10	3PM Benediction/Adoration; 6PM Girl Scouts; 6PM Life Teen Core Team Meeting; 7PM Contemporary Choir; 7PM Bible Study
Fri. 02/11	8:45AM Our Lady of Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage; 9AM Spiritual Motherhood of Priests Apostolate
Sat. 02/12	
Sun. 02/13	9AM Faith Formation; 6:15PM Life Nite

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Free tax preparation help will be available to low- and moderate-income wage earners and retirees from January 25, 2022 until April 18, 2022.

Service will be provided for homebound individuals upon request, subject to availability of volunteers.

Parish Information

Office hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.
Call for information.

Phone: (727) 372-8600

Website: www.stanpr.org

Prayer Line: (727) 372-8600

Emergency Number for Anointing of the Sick:

Nights and Weekends (727) 836-3211

Administration

Business Office Fax: (727) 376-7204

Asst. to Pastor/Staff Coordinator:

Cheralyn Quevedo - Ext. 111

Parish Bookkeeper: Cherise Amundson - Ext. 115

Bulletin Editor: Kate - Ext. 113

Parish Ministry

Faith Formation K-5: Jessica McIlveen - Ext. 132
Middle School (Edge) and High School (Life Teen):

Beth DeBella and Cliff Stodden – Ext. 131

Adult Formation: Michaela Meyers - Ext. 133

Admin. Asst: Meghan Snyder - Ext. 112

Music: Dan O'Hara - Ext. 128

Parish Nurse, Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:

Betty West - Ext. 116

Sacristan: Elizabeth Sheridan - Ext. 129

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ext. 142

Ambassador: Mary Ellen Taylor

Coordinator of Ushers: Ada DeFina

STA Early Childhood Center

Alicia Mumma, Director – (727) 376-2330

www.staecc.org

Food Pantry: Monday *and* Thursday
9:30am until 11:00am *and* 1:30pm until 3:00pm

Gift Store: *Open before and after Sat. 4pm and Sun. 10:30am Masses*

Parish Library: Open during office hours.

Offertory: January 29/30, 2022

Offertory: \$10,660

Online Giving: \$ 3,724

Total: \$14,384

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SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 6, 2022
1:00-3:00
PRINCIPAL'S PRESENTATION
AT 1:00 PM

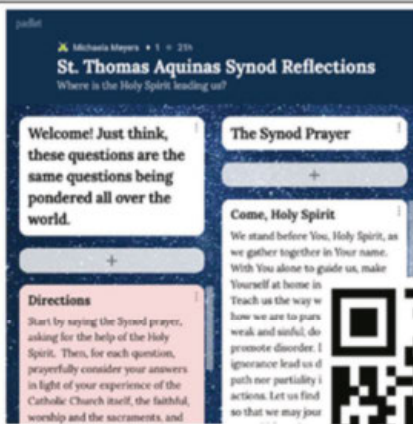


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For more info, contact Michaela Meyers, Adult Faith Formation ~ x133



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever, Amen.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Ct. St. Vincent de Paul #2172 will meet on Feb. 8th, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel area of St. Thomas Aquinas. All women ages 18 and older are invited. We ask that you come to the office door by 6:15 PM so that we can start on time.

If you need a ride or more information, please call Linda Bergeron at 727-203-3498.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GIFT SHOP AT SUNDAY 10:30am MASS

If you are interested in volunteering, please leave your name and telephone number with Cheralyn at 372-8600, ext. 111.

Thank you!



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Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday, February 11th
9:00 AM (Following Mass)

**Lourdes Water*

**The Grotto Rock*

**Eucharistic Blessing*

**Candlelight Rosary*

**For more information
Contact:**

Cheralyn Quevedo
727-372-8611, ext. 111
Admission is free.

Donations are welcome.



Assembly 2882 is having a **Sweeties Dinner/Dance**

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Monsignor Aiden Foynes Hall located at **Our Lady Queen Of Peace Church**. Doors open @ 5:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:00 PM. Chicken Marsala dinner catered by St. Lorenzo's Kitchen. Music by "DJ Lewis". 50/50 raffle. Donation of \$20/person. All proceeds go to helping veterans. For tickets contact, Jim Marcotte at 207-229-1032

or by email at: jrmmarcotte@gmail.com

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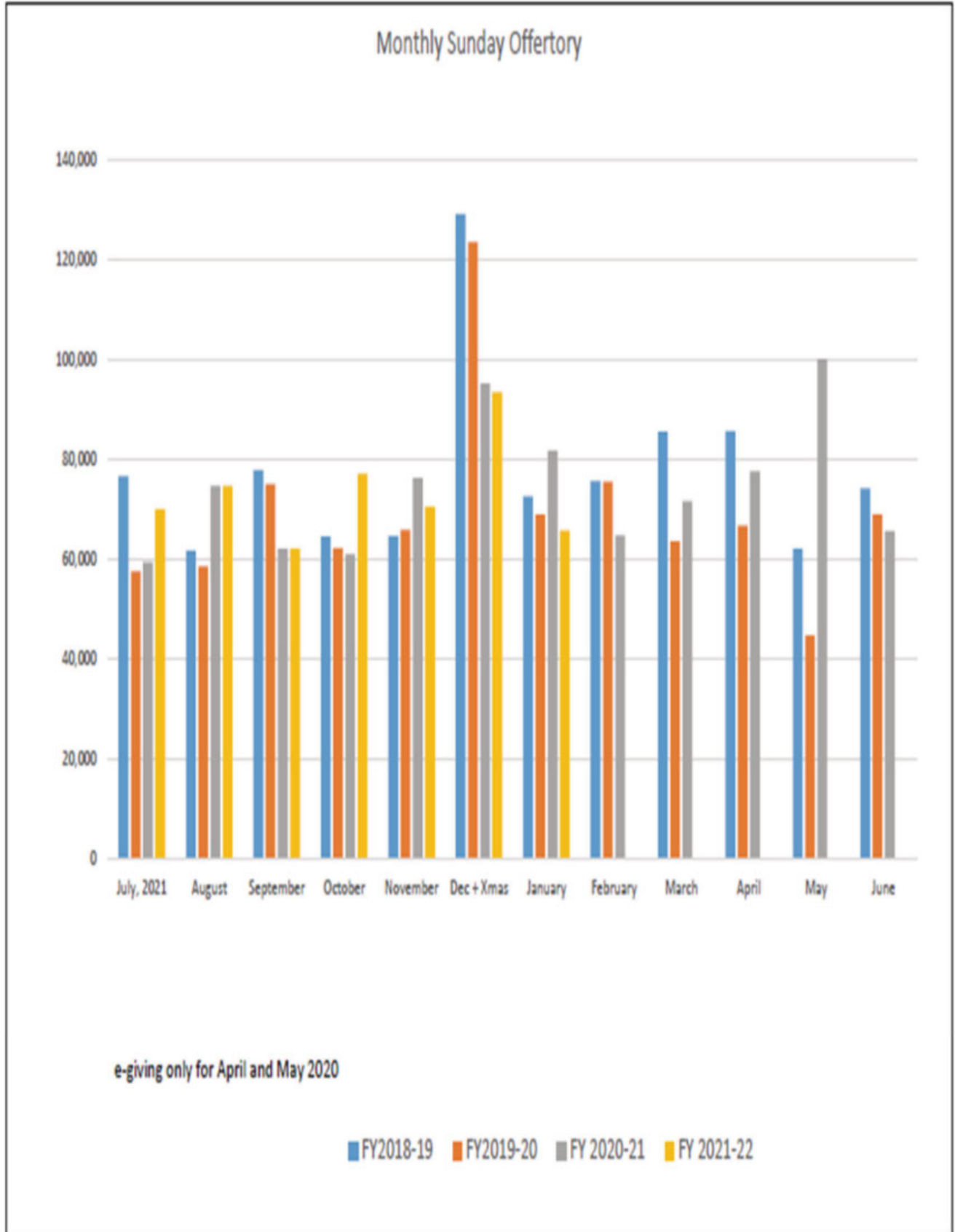
Statement of Financial Position
as of 12/31/21

Assets	\$ 000's
Cash	\$ 125
Savings Unrestricted	274
Building Funds	18
National Collections	17
Land and Improvements	120
Buildings	4,249
Furniture/Fixtures & Equipment	210
Total Assets	\$ 5,013
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable - Past APA due DOSP	\$ 434
Health Insurance Plan Premiums	121
Other Employee Benefit Plan Withholdings	14
Equity	
Parish Equity	4,349
Net Revenue/Expenses	\$ 95
Total Liabilities/Equity	\$ 5,013

Revenue /Expense Statement
For Six months Ending 12/31/21

Income	\$000's
Offertory - Weekend	\$ 439
Offertory - Christmas	19
Donations	5
Stole Fees	16
Religious Programs	18
Miscellaneous	20
PPP Loan Forgiveness	126
Total Income	\$ 643
Expenses	
Salaries - Clergy	\$ 53
Clegy Pension & Benefits	29
Table/Auto Allowance	19
Lay Wages Exempt	161
Lay Wages Non Exempt	25
Lay Benefits/Pension	46
Liturgical Supplies	13
Programs - Youth Ministry, RICA etc	9
Utilities - Electric, Telephone etc.	35
Insurance	26
Offertory Envelopes	4
Property Taxes	4
School Assessment	17
Gen. Adm and Building Maintenance	107
Total Expenses	\$ 548
Net Revenue/Expenses	\$ 95

St Thomas Aquinas is in a good cash position as a result of the recent estate and bequest donations. These funds have been used to upgrade the kitchen and to purchase new AC units in the church. The remaining unrestricted savings will be prudently used to replace other capital improvements or replacements, i.e. AC units and roofs for school, the church hall and maintenance buildings. Our revenue/expense statement is a positive \$95,000 due to the forgiveness of our PPP loan during this covid era. Without that forgiveness revenue, we would have been \$31,000 behind revenue collections (or a loss). As the covid era continues, attendance is less. We are controlling our expenses as much as possible, yet inflation makes that harder. Thank you for your continued prayers, weekly contributions and electronic donations, all of which are so very much needed and appreciated. In His love, Fr. Eric



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