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St. Patrick's / St. Anne's News & Notes January 15, 2021

This week, we finally got around to publishing the St. Pat's Financial Report for 2019-2020 (St. Anne's was published a few weeks ago). What really humbles me about all of you is that, despite the COVID mess that really has wreaked havoc in so many different ways, both parishes **MADE BUDGET** for the fiscal year!!!

What we have done is not as much about money than it is about faith – if we put our faith in God and each other and if we show how much we care for the community of faith we are called to support, we are well on our way to allowing God to carry us to the other side of this life.

In my homily for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (which I just filmed and produced), I mentioned how our society puts more faith in the human leader than the divine one. We see how devastating our lives become when we do the former over the latter. Our lives are short – our life after the

one on earth is forever. I feel blessed that the communities we have may not be the most visible in the diocese but they certainly are among the most caring, for the sake of each other and for the sake of those in need.

This last year, your charitable donations to Sacred Heart Church, our local food pantries, the Manteno Veterans Home and the *Centro Vilaseca* in Joliet illustrates how much you care in God's name. What you have done locally at the parishes is show your local parishioners that you *want* these parishes to thrive into the next generations and you have done your part to keep the ships afloat.

So many folks (both in the parish, outside of it and certainly online) have done so much to help our communities out. We are so blessed to have you all as part of our flock. Please keep doing what you are doing – our faith and our relationship with God and each other depends on how we support those most in need of God's mercy.

St. Anne's Church will be helping out the local community these next few months in hosting the local **FOOD PANTRY** while the main site undergoes a renovation. I have spoken to the mayor of St. Anne's – we want to use that facility as a “base of operations” for social and spiritual events for the city. As the hall serves as the largest facility in the city, we certainly want to do our part in being a good neighbor to the citizenry of a city that bears the parish name.

We also wish to do the same at St. Patrick's. In past years, the parish hall has been used for religious and civic events,

as it also is the largest non-school hall in the city. We are hoping that someone will come forward to help us renovate the gym floor and the bathrooms (which folks have to climb in order to use) so that the building can be accessible to kids and seniors alike. If you can help us with any of these projects, please contact the parish office.

In the meantime, we currently are looking forward to those activities we might be able to do for the Lenten Season. We are looking for your input concerning what you would like.

While we are at it, I very much wish to thank Cheryl King, Brookelyn Skrezyna and Kavin Sampson for all their wonderful music skills at our liturgies. So many folks have commented on how wonderful a job our musicians have done in elevating the prayer time at the border towns!

In the back of your minds... please think about whether you wish to celebrate Spring and Summer Masses inside the church or outside. With COVID still looming, many folks are hesitant to celebrate Masses indoors. We just want to do what is right by all of you.

We continue to offer **ONLINE MASSES** for those who wish to stay at home (as our president contracted COVID-19 this week, we need to remind ourselves to stay safe and do what is necessary to stay healthy!). If you wish to remain at home and still receive the sacraments, we can come to you – just contact the parish offices for more information.



Mass for the
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time with
Fr. Pete Jankowski

January 17, 2020

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE MASS FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME](#)

*Note: All Online Masses from the Third Sunday of
Lent through this weekend's Mass can be found at*

www.stpatrickmotence.org or
www.stannestanne.org

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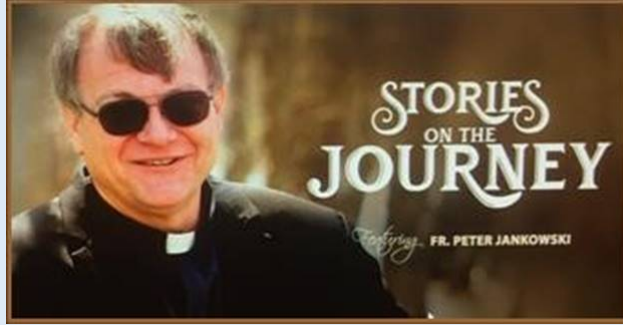
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

My father, Fr. Dan & Fr. Ray Lescher, as well as those in our
community who are suffering from COVID-related illnesses.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Fr. Pete's Videos that Walk through

the Liturgy, produced for the University of Dayton.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Fr. Pete's Twelve Part Series "Stories on the Journey," Broadcast on Shalom World TV!



Help support our parishes by purchasing copies of Fr. Pete's Homiletic Books! You can purchase them at the parishes or online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)!

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At St. Patrick's, we still have to address a debt at St.

Patrick's just over \$300,000; we wish to keep up with the bills at St. Anne's as well. We need to keep up with our renovations as well. If you can help with a pew donation (\$2,500), help with renovating our gym floor at St. Pat's (\$15,000), or helping us pave the parking lot at Pat's (\$70,000), that would be great! For \$1,000,000, you can have one of our gyms named for a loved one – this one time gift would take care of all problems at our parishes and would go a long way in preserving what we have for generations to come!!!



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