

**Dear Parishioners,**

**At the advice of our parish bulletin supplier, LPI, we've decided to discontinue having a quarterly mailed parish newsletter for a variety of reasons; mainly, we've found that most parishioners enjoy access to parish news and programming via our webpage, online, and by personal email; because there are some who need/prefer information delivery on paper, we'll maintain our weekly Sunday bulletin and periodically send parish news/information in this format by US Postal Services or email. We hope to always keep you up to date and welcome the opportunity to share good news about the great things happening at St. Peter's! So, here goes ...**

- 1.) Please find with this letter the annual parish financial report/statement. Despite volatility in the economy, your generosity has again kept our revenue able to meet expenses with some coverage for emergency, rainy-day needs or to invest for planned future programming growth – we are tremendously grateful as you are a most generous parish. We treat every gift as a responsibility and know that cheerful givers emulate God's graciousness! We trust that God cannot be outgiven; even our cares and worries don't weigh us down because everything we have and all that we are is a gift that has been shared with us and that we can, in turn, give glory to God by sharing. Please look the report over; it's been simplified to make for easier understanding, and you will find us well in the black! If everyone would consider increasing their offering by \$2-3 weekly, that tradition will be able to continue without us having to say much, if anything, about this topic from the pulpit, a pleasure for all concerned, indeed!**
- 2.) Love One Another Capital Campaign – Our parish recently reached & exceeded our goal of \$1,263,575 and received our first installment of \$180,126.07 back from the Archdiocese; the fruit of your pledges, as you fulfill them, will be sent our way quarterly over the next five years, placed in special investment accounts, and applied in accord with donor intent to the reduction of our debt to our own Endowment Fund for an interest-free loan it provided for our church expansion, parish cemeteries improvements, replacement of school and parish office roofs when it's time, and establishment of special accounts to provide scholarships for youth pursuing secondary education & help our parish seminarians as they prepare for priesthood. Several restricted gifts for projects specifically chosen by generous donors are a part of our reaching goal and will receive the careful attention such kindness deserves.**
- 3.) Cluster Parish Cooperation – Going into our 4th official year as clustered parishes, we have been experiencing some tremendous successes due to great cooperation; the parishes of St. Peter/Slinger, St. Lawrence/Hartford, and Resurrection/Allenton offer our child/youth/adult Christian Formation experiences together, providing a variety of options – traditional in-class Sunday school or weeknight classes for pre-school/elementary children, middle/high school youth, as well the popular summer program that helps youth and families avoid conflict with calendared athletic and other extracurriculars. There is a great variety of small faith-sharing groups for adults, Bible studies, groups especially devoted to Eucharistic Revival experience as it sweeps through our nation and Archdiocese, and many new fun events which invite us to enjoy living the faith while continuing to learn it; everyone is welcome whenever the time works for you and the activity sounds interesting. Check our website and bulletin and come!**
- 4.) St. Peter Catholic School – Is now officially a participant in Wisconsin School Choice, making it easier for parents to consider the benefit of a private, parochial, and faith-based school as they choose where their tax dollars, allocated for education, can be directed. It is our intent and hope that this increased affordability will both entice and maintain the solid enrollment of children and families in our 3K through Grade 5 Catholic Day School; our curriculum as an accredited Catholic School within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee remains completely under our control and direction. For more info, contact the school offices at 644-8083, ext. 3105.**
- 5.) Recent Facility Upgrades – Old air conditioning units that service the choir loft were replaced as they were discovered nonfunctional/irreparable; parish offices & meeting rooms received new window blinds that are not only more attractive but will also help energy conservation; a team of Confirmation students re-did the landscape around Tony Kern's Memorial tree in our Old Cemetery, maintaining its beautiful appearance; our kitchen coordination group gave the church hall kitchen a thorough cleaning/reorganization and working on eventual installation of a dishwasher to make clean-up after meal events lots easier; overall, still more to do!**
- 6.) KINDLY ALWAYS UPDATE MAILING ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS and PERSONAL EMAILS SO WE CAN STAY CONSISTENTLY CONNECTED: call Donna @ 262-644-8083 or email us.**

**Affectionately, Very Rev. Richard J. Staffel**