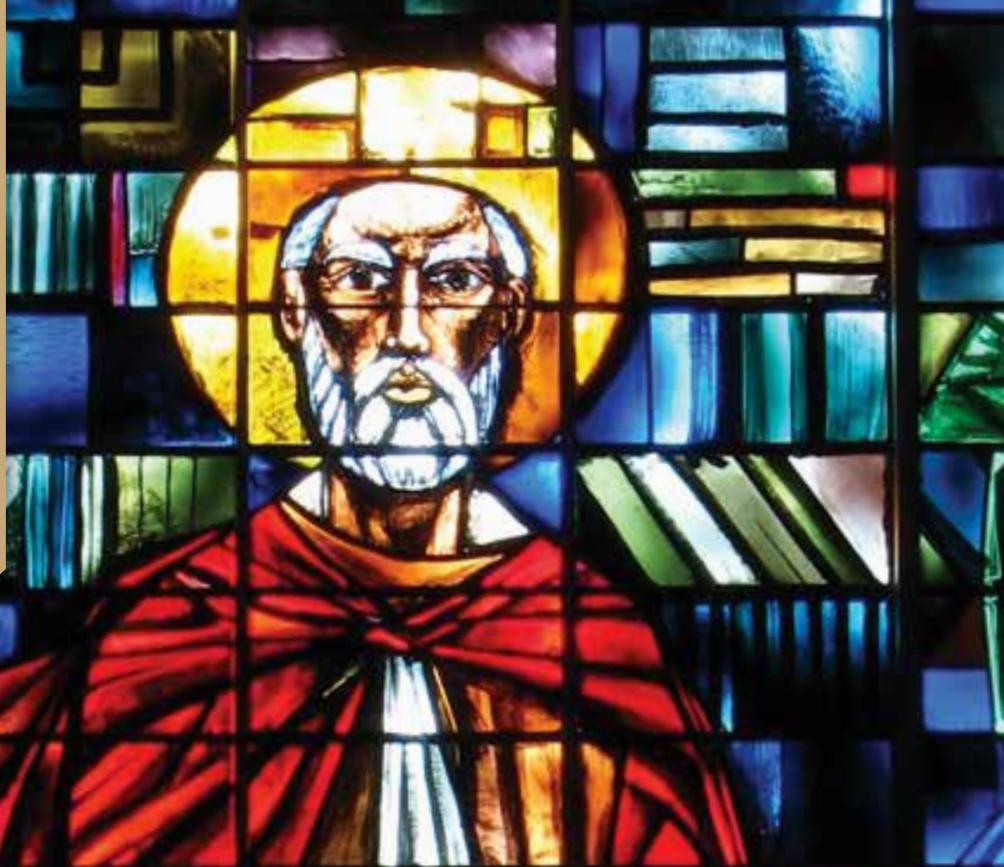


Church of St. Peter, Quincy III

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



A TRIBUTE TO FR. ROY BAUER

Looking Back on the Life of Our Former Pastor

From time to time, we encounter someone who makes the beauty of Christ's love come alive before our eyes. For Msgr. Enlow and many others, that's just what former Pastor Fr. Roy Bauer did, and continues to do through the torch of faith he has left behind.

"He was a dear friend to me, a man that touched my life and my heart," Msgr. Enlow says. "Fr. Roy was the Assistant Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Springfield, which was my home parish, when I was in fifth grade to eighth grade. I was around him a lot, and he taught me how to be an altar server. I was very impressed with him. He was interested in young people, and he challenged them to consider a vocation to the religious life or priesthood. I attribute my vocation to him in many ways."

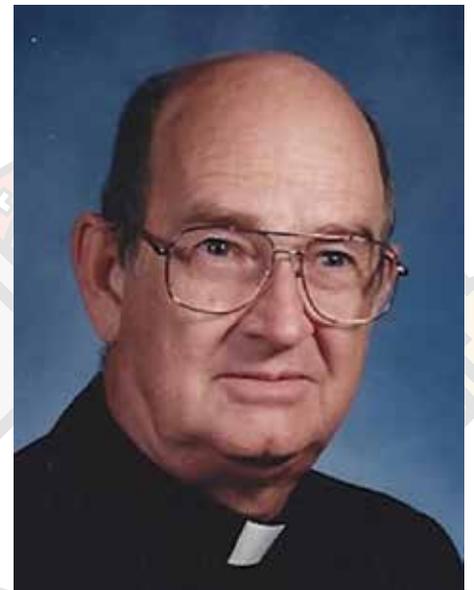
Amazingly, Msgr. Enlow would follow directly in the footsteps of Fr. Roy, both by becoming a priest, and also by serving at our parish (Fr. Roy served as our pastor from 1985-2004).

"When I was ordained a deacon, I chose to serve with Fr. Roy and have him as my mentor," Msgr. Enlow says. "I have learned so much from his example."

As a true shepherd of Christ's sheep, Fr. Roy put his heart into sharing the wealth of Catholic education with our young people.

"He was deeply committed to Catholic education, which he thought of as a great tool of evangelization," Msgr. Enlow says. "For years, he never charged tuition at the parish school, and then when he really had to, the first year he only charged \$500!"

Wherever Fr. Roy was called to serve, he was an outstanding steward of the knowledge that God had bestowed on him, and made sharing it with others a real priority.



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ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE EUCHARIST

and Stewardship as a Way of Life

More than 20 years ago, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a pastoral letter titled *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. This document was an invitation to follow Christ Who gave of Himself for us. Each of us is called to serve our neighbors and to be stewards of God's creation and of all that has been entrusted to us. However, to truly understand stewardship, we must look to the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the total gift of our loving Savior to us. Stewardship is our response to that gift.

Even the word "Eucharist" implies stewardship. The word "Eucharist" finds its roots in the Latin word *eucharistia*, which in turn came from the Greek word *eukaristos*, which meant, quite simply, "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." How fitting that we, who are called to be a stewardship people, celebrate at the focal point of every Mass an act of thanksgiving and gratitude — namely, the reception of Jesus' gift to us — the Eucharist.

In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the bishops speak of the Eucharist in this way: "The Eucharist is the great sign and agent of this expansive communion of charity... we enjoy a unique union with Christ and, in Him, with one another.



Here His love — indeed, His very Self — flows into us as disciples and, through us and our practice of stewardship to the entire human race."

When we receive Christ's Body in the Holy Eucharist, we hear the minister say, "The Body of Christ." To this, we respond, "Amen" — which means in Hebrew, "Yes; it is so." This is the essence of stewardship. We should enter the Church for Mass out of "gratitude." We recognize the presence of the Lord in Holy Communion, and then we truly receive the Lord. What is left for us to do is the fulfillment of stewardship — that is, sharing what we have received in love of God and neighbor. Our entire experience speaks to stewardship — we are grateful; we recognize the real pres-

ence of the Lord; we receive the Lord; and then we share what we have received.

Christ's gift to us through the Eucharist is an invitation to us. We are called to give beyond what is convenient or what may be comfortable. We are called to forgive even when forgiveness may not be deserved; we are called to love even when that love is not returned. We are called to love as God loves us.

The Eucharist is stewardship celebrated. The Mass is more than a ritual. It is an actual encounter with God, with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need to respond to the Eucharist with our complete selves. What we experience in the Eucharist should, in turn, translate into our daily lives. We are committed to the Church, which is Christ's body. We show our love for His body by acts of charity and generosity. We spend time in prayer, expressing our gratitude and our love.

God's greatest gift to us is Christ's great love for us — this was shown when He was crucified on the Cross to pay the penalty for our sins and to give us eternal life. God's love for us is without limit, and He offers Himself to us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Stewardship is how we respond to that gift.

A Letter from Our Pastor

WE ARE BLESSED AS A CHURCH AND A NATION

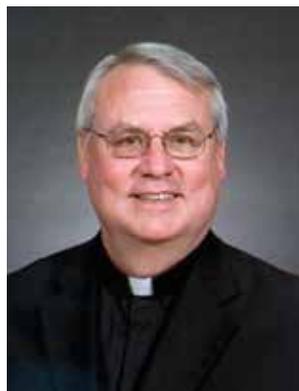
Dear Parishioners,

The month of July may seem like a bit of an “in-between” month. Of course, it sits in the middle of summer. During this last month of June, we shared in a number of solemnities and celebrations – these served to remind us of the incredible gifts we have received as Catholics, from the Holy Trinity to the Body and Blood of Christ.

Now, a look at the calendar shows us that all of the Sundays this month are in Ordinary Time. We know that Ordinary Time is anything but “ordinary,” even though it might seem that way – especially after a month of celebrations.

However, one thing happens this month that is certainly unique to us as Americans – Independence Day. We are Catholics, but we also are Americans, and we should be proud to be both – grateful for the gift of faith, and equally grateful for the gift of liberty we receive as American citizens.

Yet, to be Catholic and American should not mean choosing one over the other. These allegiances should be complementary. Our Catholic faith states that we need to work together as fellow citizens for the common good of everyone in this great country. Through the Constitution, our Founding Fathers guaranteed us of religious



rights to contribute to our common life together.

Freedom is a special inheritance we have received, fought for by many at a great price, and it is a heritage that must be guarded – we are truly stewards of the gifts of freedom.

In 1886, just over 140 years ago, Bishop James Gibbons of Baltimore was made the second American Cardinal. He attributed the progress of the Church in America to the “civil liberty we enjoy in our enlightened republic.” He continued to say that “in the genial atmosphere of liberty, the Church blossoms like a rose.”

July is not just a time for us to celebrate – it is also a time for us to blossom. It is not a time to cease praying or working to build the Kingdom of Christ. Rather, it is a time to work even more diligently to express our appreciation for our many gifts, and to share them with others. We are blessed – by the gifts of our faith and the gifts of freedom – and we must always remember to thank God for that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Enlow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Enlow
Pastor

OUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED F



Volunteers sort new packages of socks and underwear for the Back to School Help Fair in August.



We are collecting gently used clothing and shoes, and will be also collecting new socks and underwear.

Karen Hugenberg remembers just how excited she was as a child to lay out her new first-day-of-school outfit.

“The first day of school is exciting for a kid,” Karen says.

That’s why she is hopeful that we parishioners will help make the first day of school exciting for area needy youngsters by donating gently used clothing and shoes, and new socks and underwear for the Back to School Help Fair. The fair is slated for Aug. 12 at the First Baptist Church, with a number of local churches taking part. Between 900 and 950 children, from preschool through high school, are expected to attend.

“When I see the kids come through the fair, trying to find something nice for their first day of school, if I can help, it makes me happy, and I think Jesus wants kids to look nice and feel confident on their first day of school,” Karen says.

Karen is helping Kathy Harman, Parish Nurse, with the clothing collections here at St. Peter. Knowing how generous the donations have been in the past, Karen is hoping for our generous spirit to continue. She recalls that last year, the clothing for grade school children ran out, so there were a number of disappointed families.

Kathy already has put out boxes to collect our donations of gently used children’s clothing. Items accepted are used shoes and clothing that are in good condition, as well as new socks and underwear.

“That [the socks and underwear] may be the only new article of clothing they get that year,” Karen says.

The socks and underwear collection will begin two weeks before the fair, Kathy says.

The Help Fair is a citywide project that has been held for about 20 years. Any child in the Quincy area is eligible to take part.

“Because of our stewardship, we take care of people here. It does us good to see how we help others. It’s good for the kids to know we give and help in the community, to know how it helps others. I’d like to see it keep going in their hearts, continuing stewardship and helping others.” – Kathy Hugenberg

OR BACK TO SCHOOL HELP FAIR

The children receive free book bags with school supplies, and the Health Department makes dental checks and gives any needed immunizations. Clinical social workers conduct screenings to check for any growth or developmental problem that should have follow-up. The children also receive haircuts, shoes, and clothing.

The clothing and shoes are sorted and tagged by sizes so the children and parents coming through the distribution room can easily find what they need.

Whether we parishioners help with donations or assist with sorting the clothing before the fair, our work means we are living in stewardship with our community.

“We are very blessed here,” Kathy says. “Many want to help and volunteer in areas of our community. This is a very good way to do that. This is one of the main projects that pulls many, many people in from the community. Our interest is community, which is important – that’s part of our stewardship, to help others. We need to help and do for others.”

Importantly, as Kathy notes, our parish youth can be part of the stewardship activities, as well.

“I hope it instills the idea that no matter how big a project, they can always help someone else – just to be there to help,” she says.

Our eighth-grade Confirmation students help with the sorting the donations before the fair, while some help during the Fair, although Kathy prefers that they have a parent with them that day.

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The Help Fair is expected to serve more than 900 area children.

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The volunteers working at the fair begin the day with a prayer service at the chapel at the First Baptist Church.

“I think without prayer and Christ in the center, it wouldn’t go over,” Kathy says. “It’s all about how we can help or know how Christ would help those not as fortunate as others. We make sure each kid has a fair shake when he or she starts school, with brand new things and medical care. The whole thing is Christ-centered.”

There will be calls soon for volunteers to help with sorting the shoes, clothing, and preparing the tags for the new socks and underwear. Volunteers also will be needed the day of the fair.

“Our parishioners are wonderful!” Kathy says of the volunteers who step forward. “This exemplifies what stewardship is. We’re doing for those in our local community to make life better for them.”

If you have questions about donating or volunteering, please call Kathy Harman in the parish office at 217-222-3155.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 2016 - MARCH 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

41000 · Regular Church Support	1,039,871.99
42000 · Other Sources of Revenue	60,176.28
43000 · Investment Income	7,636.19
44020 · Tuition/fees/daycare	683,172.30
44100 · Annual School Fund	590,584.18

Total Income 2,381,440.94

Expense

60000 · Payroll Expenses	1,393,439.83
63000 · Contractual Services	79,002.41
63100 · Utilities	57,883.06
63300 · Insurance -Property & Liability	22,943.00
63500 · Repairs and Maintenance	3,725.72
63600 · Equipment and Furniture	60,545.43
63700 · Supplies(tech., textbooks, maint	144,142.50
64100 · Professional Fees	13,285.30
64500 · Construction Expenditure	357,343.10
65100 · Transportation Expense	2,238.17
65250 · Religious Education Expenses	10,920.79
65300 · Parish Organization Expense	35,000.46
65600 · Library Expense	681.44
69000 · Other Expenses	97,330.99

Total Expense 2,278,482.20

Net Income 102,958.74

THE FUNERAL DINNERS MINISTRY

Living Out the Gospel Through Service

Mealtime remains a central part of communal life. Whether at a large gathering or simply around the family dinner table, it's a time for coming together – a time of sharing as relationships blossom in its atmosphere of warmth and love. Even during times of sorrow, a shared meal can provide comfort as grieving members celebrate the life of their deceased loved one. This is why, explains coordinator Elizabeth “Betty” Ley, the Funeral Dinners Ministry is so important here at St. Peter.

“I think it gives support to the family from the parish,” Betty says. “It’s something that they don’t have to worry about on top of all the other stresses of their loss. Many homes, too, are not equipped to be able to provide a service for the family. So we help take care of it, giving them a chance to socialize, get together with people they haven’t seen in a long time, and to celebrate the life of the deceased.”

Following the burial of any parishioner or parishioner’s family member, the Funeral Dinners Ministry provides a complimentary meal as an offering of love. The parish supplies meat, potatoes, bread, and servingware, while generous parishioners donate additional sides and desserts. Beyond the meal itself, ministry volunteers also set up, serve and clean up the funeral meal as a way of further supporting bereaved family members.

“Each and every family that we have served has been nothing but grateful,” Betty says. “They just thank us repeatedly. I think this ministry is just a tangible way that our parish showers them with love.”

Betty first got involved in this ministry roughly 25 years ago. And while she went into the ministry expecting only to give, she has been amazed over the years at the many bless-



Members of the Funeral Dinners Ministry serving some of the food they donated for the funeral reception.

ings she has received in return.

“I personally feel like I’ve gotten so much more out of it than I’ve ever put in,” Betty says. “I think it’s made me feel more like I belong to the parish than I ever did before. And I’ve gotten to know so many people in the process – parishioners, as well as other people that have come in. It’s so encouraging to see all of these people come to help.”

Now leading the ministry along with coordinator Rosemary “Rosie” Tangy, Betty continues to be encouraged by the nearly 200 volunteers who make up this ministry of care. Their generosity provides her with a wonderful example of what it means to serve, and together they truly become the hands and feet of Christ for those in mourning.

“I think our ministry often becomes a good witness and reminds the recipients that the Church is there for them, particularly during times of sorrow and need,” Betty says. “It makes you feel like you’ve really helped spread the faith.”

If you are interested in joining this team of volunteers or would like more information about the Funeral Dinners Ministry, please contact Betty Ley at either jablley@comcast.net or 217-224-1810.

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5 p.m.,

Sunday: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon-Sat: 8:00 a.m., except for

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday: 7:30-7:50 a.m.,

3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Fr. Roy Bauer continued from front cover

“When he was serving in Calhoun County, which is an area of the country limited in its ability to access a cultural education, he would take the kids there on trips to Chicago or Washington, D.C.,” Msgr. Enlow says. “It broadened their horizons. When he came to St. Peter’s he continued this tradition and brought the eighth-graders from our parish community on trips, as well. He was also a master of trivia. On the way out to D.C., he would talk to the students about the history of various things, such as the interstate system. To this day, they still remember that.”

Even as a retired priest, Fr. Roy taught

religion classes, and continued to research and write about local Catholic history. He was quite involved in finding facts to promote the canonization of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first black priest in the United States, ordained in 1886, who served at St. Peter’s and is buried in Quincy. Fr. Roy wrote a beautiful book about the story of Fr. Tolton’s life titled *They Called Him Father Gus*.

“He was quite an impressive historian,” Msgr. Enlow says. “If you wanted to know something about Quincy, just ask Fr. Roy Bauer. Thanks to him, St. Peter’s School probably has the only statue of Fr. Tolton in the world!”

For more on the life of Fr. Roy Bauer, his obituary can be found online at www.dukerandhaugh.com/services/april-2017/father-roy-bauer.