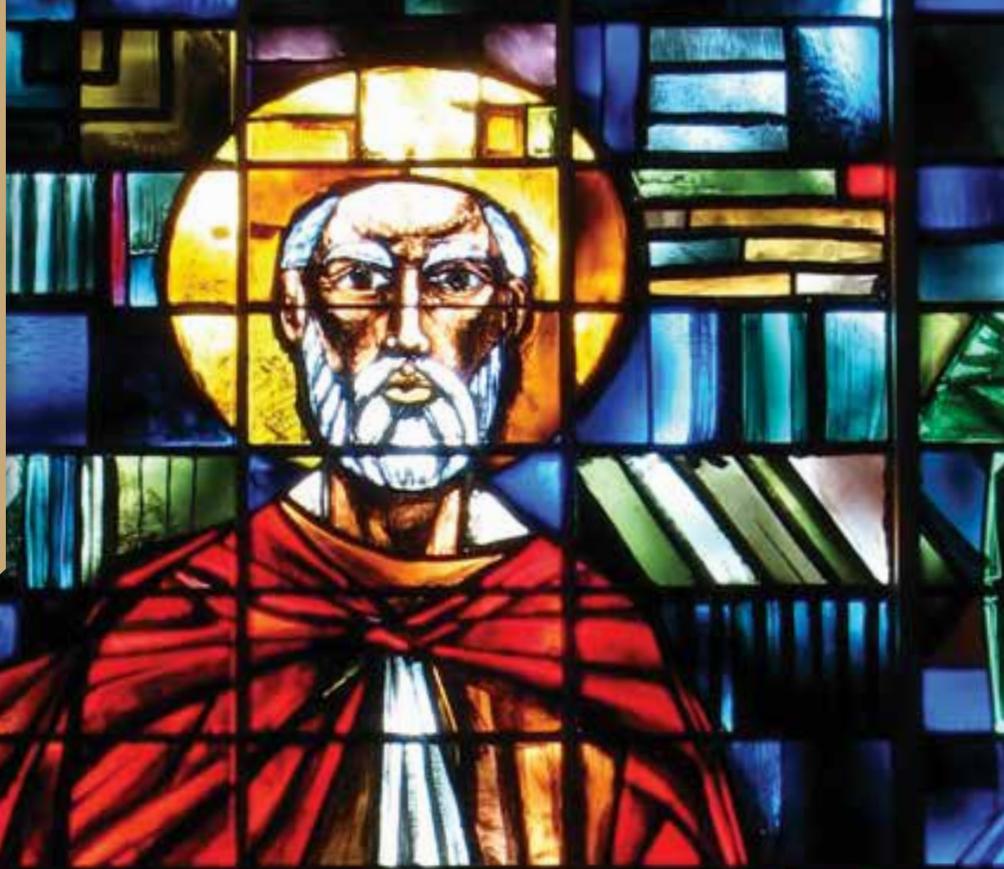


Church of St. Peter, Quincy III

MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER



MEET PARISHIONERS TOM AND JULIA MAAS

Savoring the Catholic Faith

For Tom Maas, love for the Catholic faith was planted in his heart when he was young, and this beautiful love has remained with him all throughout life.

“I carried on what my dad taught me, and my faith really came from him,” he says. “I was the second youngest out of 15 children and my dad and I really enjoyed going to Mass together. My mom died when I was 2 years old and I always thank the Blessed Mother for stepping in and being there for me. I got to serve Mass quite often when I was young and went to Catholic school for 13 years, which deepened my faith as well. There was something about the Eucharist that stuck with me when I was a child, and still sticks with me today. I go to daily Mass two to three times a week, and that is where I get my strength from to go on.”

And from this love flows a profound desire to serve God joyfully and wholeheartedly.

“My dad and I would often go to our parish and



help out,” he says. “We were doing ‘stewardship’ before the word was used frequently as it is now.”

Over the years, Tom has continued to carry on the legacy of stewardship, within the walls of his “domestic church” and far beyond. As a husband to Julia, a father of seven and grandfather of 28, Tom enjoys bringing all of those around him closer to Christ.

“Having a large family is such a blessing,” he says. “Over the years, we have shared our Catholic faith together, and prayed together a lot. We have always tried to work together in our home, and base our life on spiritual things. When our children were growing up, we made sure to attend Mass every Sunday with them, and encouraged them to be involved at our parish, such as with altar serving. Now they are getting their own children involved in their parishes as well.”

Julia also finds much fulfillment by sharing the gifts God has given to her with the world around

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ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

PRO LIFE MINISTRY CONTINUING GOOD WORK

Prayer is a fundamental part of a faith-filled life. For our Pro Life Ministry, the group was founded on praying the Rosary each day, as well as other forms of continued, fervent prayer.

Each day, a Rosary offered up for pro-life intentions is prayed by a parishioner and sometimes by their family. This facet of the ministry has been active for the past 14 years, says Pro Life Ministry Coordinator Susan Asher.

“This ministry has been able to continue and thrive because of our commitment to prayer,” Susan says.

The Pro Life Ministry works to promote four key initiatives — public information on legislation and education, praying for the unborn, support for pro-life organizations that help women in crisis pregnancies, and public witness for life.

“If we don’t recognize that all life is important, then nothing else matters,” Susan says. “I want to be a voice for the unborn. To be a voice for those who don’t have a voice.”

Among the recent Pro Life Ministry activities include participation this past April in the Life Advocacy Day held in Springfield. What’s more, many parishioners attended a viewing of the film, *Unplanned*, which was offered by several area parishes. *Unplanned* is a film based on the memoir of Abby Johnson, who rose up in the ranks at Planned Parenthood. In 2009, she became a world-renowned pro-life advocate.

“This movie helped with our goal to inform people about pro-life issues,” says Susan.

For Pro Life Month in October, the group has a

number of special activities planned. The events include a Parish Baby Shower drive benefiting women and babies in need, and a prayer chain sign-up, which will be held during the first weekend of October. The annual Right to Life Dinner, sponsored by Right to Life of Adams County, will also be held. Check the church bulletin for more information.

As for Susan, she has been busy advocating for pro-life causes. She recently completed a pilgrimage walk in Spain known as the El Camino de Santiago — or the Way of St. James. The walk leads to the shrine of St. James the Great, located at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain.

“When my friend told me she wanted to do this walk, I thought she was crazy,” says Susan. “But I prayed about it.”

Susan had just told the Birthright Director that she wanted to do more for the organization. Suddenly, all the pieces came together, and she decided to use the pilgrimage to pray and raise pledge money to be given to Birthright. Individual parishioners and the parish Social Concerns Committee pledged toward the walk.

“At Birthright, they save babies and follow through with clothes and help after the baby comes,” says Susan. “The staff at Birthright is not judgmental. It’s a great group that works there.”

Overall, Susan is thankful for all the work she has been able to accomplish in advancing and praying for pro-life issues.

“We have been blessed with great priests who have a respect for life,” she says.



Please contact Pro Life Ministry Coordinator Susan Asher at 217-885-3049 or asherte@yahoo.com to become part of the Pro Life Ministry, or to sign up for pro-life Rosaries in 2020 and commit to pray for pro-life issues each day for one week. If you would like to support Susan’s walk, you can mail a check to Birthright directly at 418 N. 6th St., Quincy Ill., 62301.

A Letter from Our Pastor

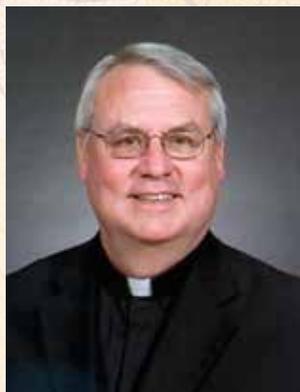
BEING GOOD STEWARDS
of Our Personal Harvest

Dear Parishioners,

In the United States, October is the month that brings the completion of the harvest. Although many Americans live in urban areas and seldom ever see a farm, the foods we all eat — fruits and vegetables, meats, milk, and the grain for our bread — come from farms and ranches across America and around the world.

Some of us may feel completely detached from farm life and think that the harvest has little to do with us, but we are all connected with agriculture more closely than we realize. The success of the harvest affects the prices we pay — and if the harvest were to fail completely, there would soon be nothing available to put on our grocery shelves.

In the Old Testament world, most people were farmers, and the Israelites were to bring offerings to God from the harvest of their fields and flocks. The success of the harvest directly affected their wellbeing during the next year. At their agricultural festivals, “the measure of your own voluntary offering which you will give shall be in proportion to the blessing



the Lord, your God, has given you” (Dt 16:10) they were told.

The same holds true for us. We may not have a harvest of fruits or grains, but we do receive a return for our own labor, whether it is in a factory, an office or a classroom. We are also invited by God to return a por-

tion to Him for His glory and our own spiritual welfare, in proportion to the blessings we have received.

It’s ultimately a choice we make. Are we going to hoard everything we get, or are we going to give back to God a portion of what He gives us? When we give back to God, will we return just what’s left over after everything else is paid, or will our gifts have a higher priority? Are we, as stewards, going to return the first fruits, rather than the leftovers, to God? What choice will you make?

In Christ,

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

ST. PETER SCHOOL THANKFUL FOR DEDICATED TEACHERS MEET DENISE HUFENDICK

Without a doubt, teachers are some of the most essential figures in the lives of our children. Day after day, year after year, they devote themselves to instilling a love of learning in the young minds of their pupils. And at our parish school, the teachers are given another important task: forming our students in the faith. St. Peter School is blessed to have many talented teachers on faculty, and we are particularly grateful for the decades of dedication and hard work demonstrated by two of our teachers, Denise Hufendick and Sandy Gallaher.

Denise Hufendick has been teaching at St. Peter School for 37 years now. When she first began teaching in 1982, it was a homecoming of sorts: she had attended St. Peter herself, from third grade through eighth grade. Her experience as a student at the school helped to shape her into the educator she is today.

“I remember there was a great love of learning in my classrooms,” says Mrs. Hufendick. “And I had a teacher who wrote in my eighth grade autograph book that she hoped I would someday realize a vocation in teaching. That was a big part of my choosing to teach at St. Peter — it was home base for me.”

Mrs. Hufendick taught second graders at the school for over ten years before moving to the third grade. In 1995, she was grateful and humbled to receive the prestigious WGEM Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching.

After more than a decade teaching third grade, Mrs. Hufendick moved into her current position as a fourth grade teacher.

“I really enjoy teaching fourth graders because they are able to do a lot on their own, but they are

still cementing those reading and writing skills,” she says. “We can have a lot of good discussions in class and they ask a lot of questions.”

Mrs. Hufendick has always had a gift with children. As an adolescent, she would make up stories for her younger sister — six years her junior — and her sister’s friends. From the beginning, teaching



Denise Hufendick has taught at St. Peter Catholic School since January 1982.

has been a natural fit for her. At St. Peter School, she is best known for leading religious songs with her guitar and for inviting her class to stop what they are doing every time they hear an emergency siren and pray the Hail Mary together.

During the summer breaks from school, Mrs. Hufendick loves to read, travel, and spend time with her grandchildren. In the fall, she is always happy to return to our school. She feels blessed to teach in such a loving and faith-filled environment.

“We just have a parish family,” she says. “I enjoy the other teachers and feel like I’m working with an excellent group of people who really inspire me. The pastor and our administration do

everything they can to support our teaching, and the parents of our students are just amazing and very supportive.”

Given the wonderful work environment at the school, Mrs. Hufendick has no plans to retire any time soon. And it appears that Sandy Gallaher, another longtime teacher at St. Peter, feels exactly the same way!

Mrs. Gallaher is in her 30th year of teaching at our parish school. She started out in sixth grade before teaching second grade for 10 years. Currently, she is a kindergarten teacher and thoroughly enjoys the excitement and openness to learning in these young students.

Reflecting on the combined 67 years of dedication to our school, Mrs. Venvertloh is filled with gratitude. “I’m just really grateful for the opportunity to teach at St. Peter School.”

DEDICATION OF TWO LONGTIME TEACHERS DENISE HUFENDICK AND SANDY GALLAHER

Like Mrs. Hufendick, Mrs. Gallaher also felt an early calling to a career in teaching.

“From the time I was a little kid, I wanted to be a teacher,” says Mrs. Gallaher. “I just wanted to work with children. It’s definitely all about the kids.”

Mrs. Gallaher taught for one year at another school before making the move to St. Peter. After 30 years now in a Catholic school, she is thankful for the opportunity to teach the faith in the classroom setting.

“I hope that the early faith formation will just make the kids open to the knowledge and that the seed of faith will be planted and continue to grow in their life,” she says. “I like being able to bring my faith into things and share personal experiences. I want them to know that God is always there for them.”

Working with children and teaching them the faith are such a joy for Mrs. Gallaher that she also lends her talents in our PSR (Parish School of Religion) program. After a full day of teaching kindergartners in our parish school, you can find her on Wednesday evenings preparing our PSR third graders for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

Mrs. Gallaher finds the PSR classes to be extremely rewarding.

“I enjoy getting to have that personal connection since there are only about five students in the class,” she says of the program. “I like preparing them for the sacraments and seeing their excitement about it. There are nights that I’m tired when I get there, but when I leave, I’m energized again.”

When she is not teaching at the school or in PSR,

Mrs. Gallaher likes to spend time with her grandchildren, cross stitch, and cook. And while life is certainly full, she has no plans to retire any time soon! Mrs. Gallaher truly loves teaching at St. Peter School.

“The whole staff gets along so well and we’re very supportive of each other,” she says. “And the families are so supportive. I’ve had students who are the children of my former students, and that’s kind of exciting. The kids get excited, and sometimes they will even pull out an old photo of their parent in my classroom. It’s just a family atmosphere at the school.”

St. Peter School principal Cindy Venvertloh feels blessed to have such wonderful long-time teachers serving our parish school.

“Denise is amazing and very patient with the kids,” she says. “She has a wonderful sense of humor and just comes alive when she smiles. She’s so faith-

filled and takes every moment as a teaching moment.

“Sandy is very passionate about teaching,” Mrs. Venvertloh continues. “When you go into her classroom, if she is reading a story aloud, it is so fun to watch her bring it to life. She’s also someone who steps in whenever needed.”

Reflecting on the combined 67 years of dedication to our school demonstrated by Mrs. Hufendick and Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Venvertloh is filled with gratitude.

“I’m just really grateful for their dedication to the children and to the faith,” she says.



Sandy Gallaher (seated, fourth from left) with her family. Sandy is in her 30th year of teaching at St. Peter Catholic School.

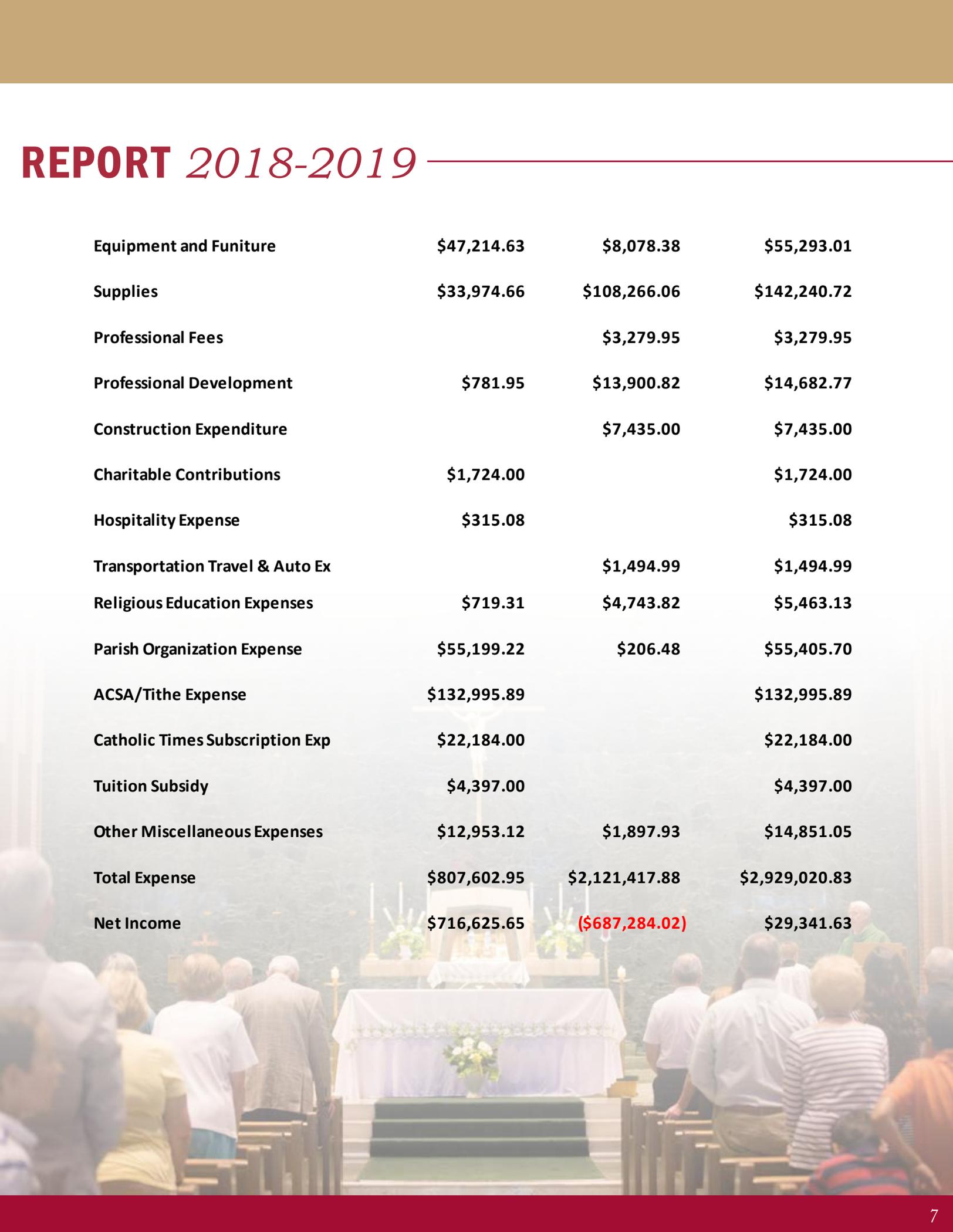
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ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. PETER FINANCIAL

	Parish	School	TOTAL
Income			
Regular Church Support			
Offertory - Envelopes	\$1,465,462.41		\$1,465,462.41
School Fund Collection		\$625,348.56	\$625,348.56
Total Regular Church Support	\$1,465,462.41	\$625,348.56	\$2,090,810.97
Other Sources of Revenue			
(includes tower rental)	\$13,776.24	\$22,834.22	\$36,610.46
Bequests	\$8,880.00	\$3,355.00	\$12,235.00
Fundraisers (picnic)		\$49,052.60	\$49,052.60
Investment Income	\$36,109.95		\$36,109.95
Tuition Income		\$691,037.13	\$691,037.13
Grant Income		\$42,506.35	\$42,506.35
Total Income	\$1,524,228.60	\$1,434,133.86	\$2,958,362.46
Expense			
Payroll Expenses			
Total Salaries	\$282,663.48	\$1,380,350.00	\$1,663,013.48
Total Fringe Benefits	\$103,955.46	\$464,543.88	\$568,499.34
Total Payroll Expenses	\$386,618.94	\$1,844,893.88	\$2,231,512.82
Contractual Services	\$50,902.31	\$56,038.73	\$106,941.04
Total Utilities	\$29,280.62	\$52,135.25	\$81,415.87
Insurance -Property & Liability	\$11,883.18	\$11,883.17	\$23,766.35
Repairs and Maintenance	\$16,459.04	\$7,163.42	\$23,622.46

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Equipment and Furniture	\$47,214.63	\$8,078.38	\$55,293.01
Supplies	\$33,974.66	\$108,266.06	\$142,240.72
Professional Fees		\$3,279.95	\$3,279.95
Professional Development	\$781.95	\$13,900.82	\$14,682.77
Construction Expenditure		\$7,435.00	\$7,435.00
Charitable Contributions	\$1,724.00		\$1,724.00
Hospitality Expense	\$315.08		\$315.08
Transportation Travel & Auto Ex		\$1,494.99	\$1,494.99
Religious Education Expenses	\$719.31	\$4,743.82	\$5,463.13
Parish Organization Expense	\$55,199.22	\$206.48	\$55,405.70
ACSA/Tithe Expense	\$132,995.89		\$132,995.89
Catholic Times Subscription Exp	\$22,184.00		\$22,184.00
Tuition Subsidy	\$4,397.00		\$4,397.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$12,953.12	\$1,897.93	\$14,851.05
Total Expense	\$807,602.95	\$2,121,417.88	\$2,929,020.83
Net Income	\$716,625.65	(\$687,284.02)	\$29,341.63

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Return Service Requested

MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.,

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 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

Meet Parishioners Tom and Julia Maas continued from front cover

her. She has been an organist in various Catholic churches for many years, and she makes blankets and quilts for various charities..

Now that they are older, Tom and Julia appreciate leading a more contemplative lifestyle, where they practice stewardship by embracing the pillar of prayer and founding their lives of service upon it. They continue to help out however they can at our parish and in their families. Tom serves as an usher, and helps with maintaining our parish building.

“We pray the Rosary once or twice every day, and two years ago we made a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes,” Tom says. “We like to spend time with Jesus in adoration regularly as well. I am a very active person, and going to adoration

and praying the Rosary helps me sit down, relax and pray for others. In adoration, I always try to think about my fellow parishioners and offer them up in prayer, interceding for their salvation. I have also noticed that going to adoration helps me be more understanding of others.”

By savoring the rich spiritual treasures that Catholicism has to offer, Tom finds himself blessed with divine graces and help from above.

“During Lent, I try to make it to Mass every day, and I go to Confession each month,” he says. “My favorite devotions are the Novena to Perpetual Help and the First Saturday Devotion. I love the Catholic faith! My faith has gotten me through so many struggles in life. We Catholics have so many wonderful traditions.”