

Monthly Newsletter

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From the desk of Fr. Peter Patrick:

Finding Purpose in Life

We all look for meaning in our lives. That's why we study, think about our vocations and careers, build relationships, and chase dreams that make life feel worthwhile. Deep down, everyone wants to know why we are here.

Jesus came into the world with a clear purpose: to redeem humanity. The prophet Isaiah spoke about this:

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations... He will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth." (Isaiah 42:1,4)

There's a saying often linked to Mark Twain: "The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why." That "why" is about discovering the purpose God gave us.

Last month, on June 24, we celebrated the birth of St. John the Baptist. We remembered not just his birth, but also the special mission he was given. After John was born, the Gospel says that neighbors and relatives were amazed and asked, "What, then, will this child be?" This is one of the most touching questions in Scripture. Every parent wonders about their child's future. Will they be kind? Will they be faithful? Will they make a difference?

But that question isn't just for children. God asks each of us today: What will you do with the life I've given you? Many people spend years searching for their purpose. Some

think it's found in wealth, success, recognition, or power. But sooner or later, they realize that these things alone don't satisfy the heart. We can have a lot and still feel empty, because we were made for something greater: we were made for God.

On July 25, we celebrate the Feast of St. James the Apostle, also called James the Great. His feast inspired the famous Christian pilgrimage, the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people from around the world walk the Camino. Some are looking for God, others for healing, guidance, gratitude, or a new beginning. No matter their reasons, many find something deeper: the meaning and purpose of life.

I recently finished the Camino with eleven friends, making twelve of us, which reminded us of Jesus' twelve apostles. Walking each day gave me time to think about life. Life is a journey, too. Along the way, we meet people with their own joys, struggles, hopes, and reasons for walking.

On the Camino, yellow arrows showed us the way. They made me think about how God also gives us signs to guide us, if we're willing to notice them. One of the best parts was hearing pilgrims greet each other with the simple words, "Buen Camino!"—"Have a good journey." People from every country, language, and culture understood these words. They encouraged each other, even as strangers.

It made me think: when we walk through our neighborhoods, walk our dogs, or pass someone on the street, do we notice them? Do we smile or say hello, or do we keep to

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ourselves? God made us to live together, not alone. Sometimes a simple greeting can be an act of kindness and a way to meet Christ.

According to Christian tradition, after Pentecost, St. James preached the Gospel in what is now Spain before returning to Jerusalem, where he became the first of the Twelve Apostles to be martyred (Acts 12:1-2). Tradition tells us that his disciples later brought his remains to northwestern Spain. In the ninth century, his tomb was rediscovered, and a great cathedral was built over the site. Since then, Santiago de Compostela has become one of Christianity's great pilgrimage destinations, together with Jerusalem and Rome.

The Camino isn't just one road. It's a network of paths that all lead to the Cathedral of Santiago. Along the way, pilgrims see churches, monasteries, beautiful scenery, and meet people from all over the world. One of its most famous symbols is the scallop shell, which reminds us that many paths can lead us to Christ.

For Christians, the Camino is more than just a hike. It's a spiritual journey filled with prayer, simplicity, perseverance, humility, and trust in God. With each step, pilgrims remember that the Christian life is a journey toward our true home in heaven.

Even if we never go to Spain, each of us is already on our own Camino. Every day, God invites us to follow him, let go of what holds us back, and encourage each other along the way.

The real purpose of life isn't just about success, having things, or being recognized. Our purpose is to know and love God, to serve each other, and to walk with Christ until we reach our eternal home.

May we, like St. John the Baptist, stay true to the mission God has given us. And may we, like St. James, keep going on our journey, encouraging each other with hope and love until we meet the Lord face to face. ¡Buen Camino!

See you at Mass,

Fr. Peter Patrick



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

We warmly welcome all those who joined our Saint Sebastian parish family in **June!**

Will and Molly Jurgensen with sons, Louie and Archer

Brian Geskermann with sons, Henry and Joseph

Irving and Kelly Ibarra with daughters, Lilian and Guadalupe, and son, Gabriel

Andrew and Katie Miller with sons, Beckett, Leo, and Sloane

Monika Suhm

Konrad and Alison Siczek with daughter, Natalia, and son, Nico

Jacob Matthews and Ariana Brooks

Thomas and Catherine Shield with daughters, Sophie and Nora, and son, Edward

Your presence enriches our community. May you find a warm, spiritual home here at Saint Sebastian. We invite all parishioners to extend a friendly greeting, introduce yourselves, and help our newest members feel at home as we continue to grow together in faith and fellowship.

WELCOME

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PHOTOS FROM FATHER'S PILGRIMAGE



BAPTISM FOR STUDENTS PLANNING 2026 - 2027 FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST



Is your First Grade student planning to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist next year? If they have not yet been baptized or they were baptized in another Christian denomination, now is the time to take action! In order to prepare and receive the sacraments with their classmates, we must be notified of your desire to have them baptized or convert to the Catholic faith before they begin Second Grade. Contact Jessica Quintanilla at jquintanilla@saintsebs.org for more information, or sign up for a baptismal preparation class at <https://tinyurl.com/AdultFormSignUp>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEAL PROGRAM



St. Sebastian will once again be helping with the SVDP Meal Program on **Friday, July 10**. Volunteers are needed to help cook or to serve the meal. Cooks meet in the church hall kitchen at 8 am and servers at 4 pm. Servers will load up the food to bring it down to All People's Church (2600 N. 2nd Street) to serve the meal.

Donations of **oranges***, cookies/desserts, and lettuce for salad (bags or heads cut up and ready to go) are also appreciated and can be dropped off in the church hall kitchen anytime on **Friday, July 10 before 4 pm**.

For more information or to donate food or to volunteer, contact Phil Bielefeld at 414-559-0996 or pjb0469@gmail.com. Monetary donations are accepted as well to help offset the rising cost of purchasing groceries.

Thank you to all of the cooks, servers, and donors who helped at the meal program on May 8 where we served **100 meals** that evening with plenty of leftovers to feed more the following days that they were open. All who were served were very appreciative and thankful for our efforts.

**In the past we have asked for apples or oranges. SVDP seems to have plenty of apples so we are going to focus on oranges this time (oranges, mandarin oranges, or Cuties). SVDP also made a specific request for donations of juice...large cans, powder, or juice boxes.*

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED!

Do you have volleyball and/or coaching skills?
Are you 21 years of age or older?
Are you safeguarded or willing to be?

Saint Sebastian Volleyball Program is in need of:

-2-3 Head Volleyball Coaches

-1-2 Assistant Volleyball Coaches

Please email volleyball@saintsebs.org if you are interested or need more information!



HISTORIC MILWAUKEE DOORS OPEN RETURNS!

In September of 2025 St. Sebastian participated in the Historic Milwaukee's Doors Open event. And what a turnout. Over 200 people came to see and learn more about the history, architecture and beauty that surrounds and lies within and behind our stunning stained glass windows.

Over 20 parishioner greeters and docents helped to give mini tours by absorbing elements of the St. Sebastian story to share with an engaging public of past parishioners, alumni, neighbors and lovers of architecture.

The 2026 popular and widely attended event is scheduled for Saturday, September 26. The Archive Team offers training, scripts for specific areas and time for docents to learn and ask questions; plus, the day is broken into two-hour segments.

If you participated last year and would like to return, or if you'd like to join our docent team this year, contact Mary Voell at sebsarchives@saintsebs.org.

Welcome to the 2026 Parish Raffle!

St. Catherine Church, Milwaukee, WI



<https://raffler-ticket.vercel.app/raffle/188>

twenty-three (23) prizes to be awarded, totaling \$68,000

1st PRIZE: \$30,000 American Express Gift Card

2nd PRIZE: \$10,000 American Express Gift Card

3rd PRIZE: \$8,000 American Express Gift Card

&

Prizes 4-23 are \$1000 AMEX Gift Cards

DRAWING: July 18th @ 8pm EST.
Streaming live at www.parishraffle.com

ST. SEBASTAIN AND ST. CATHERINE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join us as we discover exciting stories about Faith Warriors throughout the ages and learn how we, too, can stand up for our faith!

Kids age 3 (must be potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School. Participants will be grouped by age to ensure the experience best meets their needs.

Older student and adult volunteers are needed*!

**Children of volunteers can attend free. Contact Morgan for details.*

To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/VBSFaithWarrior2026> or scan the QR code. For any questions or concerns, please contact Morgan Frank at mfrank@saintsebs.org.



POPE LEO VILLAGE INITIATIVE AT MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity invites parishioners to join the Pope Leo Village initiative, a multi-city project sponsored and inspired by an anonymous donor committed to Pope Leo's vision and lifelong call to serve others. Milwaukee Habitat is one of sixteen Habitat affiliates nationwide participating in the initiative, which seeks to inspire and activate young people to volunteer and support the mission of Habitat for Humanity.

Milwaukee's Pope Leo Village initiative will help sponsor the construction of seven affordable homes in the Bronzeville and Harambee neighborhoods in 2026 and 2027, with construction on the first two homes beginning this month. These homes will help local families invest in the stability of homeownership.

"At a time when too many families are priced out of homeownership, this initiative is a powerful reminder that affordable housing is built through community, service, and shared responsibility," said Brian Sonderman, CEO of Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity. "Pope Leo Village invites churches and schools to put love into action by building alongside future homeowners and investing in the future of our city."

The goal of Pope Leo Village is to engage schools, students, and faith communities in hands-on service that supports affordable homeownership. Through volunteering, fundraising, and learning opportunities, young people will play a meaningful role in helping families become first-time homebuyers.

Like all Habitat homes, the Pope Leo Village homes in Milwaukee will be built in partnership with future homeowners, who contribute sweat equity hours and purchase their homes with an affordable mortgage. This work aligns with Milwaukee Habitat's broader commitment to expand affordable homeownership opportunities and increase the number of families they partner with each year.

All those inspired by Pope Leo's call to serve others are encouraged to get involved through volunteering and supporting affordable homeownership in Milwaukee.

Volunteer times are ALWAYS 8:15am - 3pm (no half days or split shifts).

To be a part of the Catholic Coalition/Pope Leo Village dates below, please register at <https://vhub.at/Catholic> - registration is confirmed on a first come first serve basis:

Saturday, July 18 - Framing (9 spots available, registration closes on Thursday, July 9)

Saturday, July 25 - Framing (5 spots available, registration closes on Thursday, July 16)

For more information, contact Kristi Sebald, Volunteer Services and Events Manager, ksebald@milwaukeehabitat.org or Caroline Martini, Construction Volunteer Coordinator, cmartini@milwaukeehabitat.org at Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity.

See flyer on next page.



"In that service to others we may find that coming together in friendship, building up community, we too can find true meaning in our lives" - Pope Leo XIV



Pope Leo Village

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity is proud to announce the launch of the Pope Leo Village, a multi-year, multi-city initiative rooted in volunteerism, youth engagement, and community building. It is inspired by an anonymous donor in support of Pope Leo's vision and commitment to social justice, unity, and service to others.



Why the Pope Leo Village?

The goal of the Pope Leo Village is to inspire and activate young people - and the greater Catholic community of Milwaukee - to volunteer and financially support the work of Habitat for Humanity in building a city where everyone has a decent place to live.



Who is the Pope Leo Village?

The "Village" refers to you. It's every volunteer, every hammer lifted, every shared laugh over lunch, every home constructed. Together, we are a community of builders and neighbors, crafting not just homes, but a more connected and welcoming community.



Where is the Pope Leo Village?

The Pope Leo Village is taking place in cities across the country. In Milwaukee, the project will focus on the construction of seven new homes in the Harambee neighborhood.



When is the Pope Leo Village?

Volunteer days will take place summer 2026 - winter 2027, culminating in a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor all who contributed.



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HELP US BUILD THE ST. SEBASTIAN ARCHIVES AND YOUR FAMILY STORY

In 2019, a dedicated group of volunteers developed the St. Sebastian Archive Team a.k.a. the A-Team, a ministry that gives attention to the who, what, and when of parishioners and alumni alike. The A-Team has categorized and systemized thousands of documents and images into a manageable and accessible format.

It is evident that the stories of parish involvement give one a window into the life of family members. Times when young'uns were busy attending school, passionate parents invested in their child's school community, while others whose children had grown or joined because of the vitality of the parish, dedicated themselves to a lifetime of service to their home parish.

Parish and school resources are rich in filling in the family story gaps, but few parishes are able to develop a system that is secure, yet story filled managed by volunteers. Privacy protections are in place to confirm a researcher's identity, and the archive team, much like librarians, conduct the actual research.

How can you help us build our story?

What parish documentation or pictures can you pass on from your family archives? By dropping off your files, binders, or boxes of related materials, you will help us build our resources.

Be a parish archivist. We welcome folks who love history to lend a hand. Onsite and 'home' projects available.

How can we help you build your story?

By submitting your family name(s), years of membership or alumni years, and what information you are researching to [**sebsarchives@saintsebs.org**](mailto:sebsarchives@saintsebs.org) we will do our best to provide you with family history information we may have in our files.

The Archive Team of St. Sebastian

SATURDAY MORNING MASS!



Starting in Lent, Fr. Peter Patrick has added a Saturday morning **Mass beginning at 8:30 am**, followed by **Adoration** and **Reconciliation from 9 am - 10 am**. The location for Mass will alternate between St. Sebastian and St. Catherine on the following schedule:

1st/3rd/5th Saturday: St. Sebastian

2nd/4th Saturday: St. Catherine

This new Mass will stay on the schedule in perpetuity. As it is in the morning, it is *not* a Mass of Anticipation.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR CLUSTER MASSES

After careful consideration and in continued efforts to draw our faith communities together, the Cluster Mass schedule going forward will be as follows:

When the Cluster Mass is held on a Sunday at **ST. CATHERINE**, it will be at **10 am**.

When the Cluster Mass is held on a Sunday at **ST. SEBASTIAN**, it will be at **10:30 am** and there will be **NO 8 am Mass**.



2026 CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's 2026 Catholic Stewardship Appeal. Your generosity demonstrates your faith and commitment to our Church's mission.

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal enables our Archbishop to lead the Archdiocese and provide ministries, programs, and services that strengthen parishes, form future priests, educate children, care for those in need, and share the Gospel throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Together, we achieve more than any single parish could alone.

Our parish's 2026 goal is **\$63,100**. So far, we have received **\$9,882, or 15.66% of our goal, from 45 of our 1,217 registered households**.

If you have already given and are able, please consider increasing your contribution. Every additional gift brings us closer to our goal.

If you have not yet participated, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gift. Every contribution, regardless of size, is a meaningful expression of gratitude to God for our blessings.

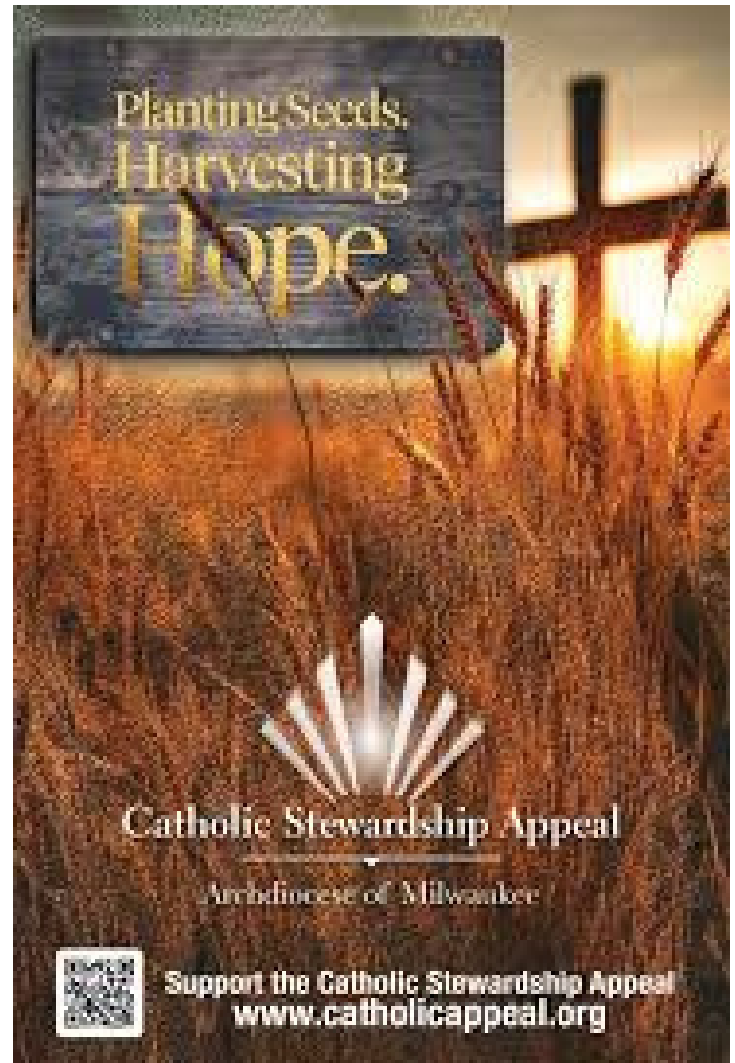
So if you're able, please consider making a donation to this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal fund. You can do that by texting APPEAL 2026 to 414.348.8380,

As St. Paul reminds us, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Let us continue to support Christ's mission and the work of our Archdiocese through our prayers and generous stewardship.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration, generosity, and faithful support of our parish and the Archdiocese.

May God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Peter Patrick



**SCAM
ALERT!**

Scam Warning Reminder

If you get an email or text that looks like it's from Fr Peter Patrick BEWARE. He will **never** send you an email or text asking for money or gift cards or making the request URGENT. Scammers are praying on your good intentions. **Do not hesitate to contact the parish house for verification, 414-453-1061 or email jperleberg@saintsebs.org** first before taking any action. Protect yourself from these unscrupulous people.

ST. ANNE | WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER TROUBLED TIMES

When we think about Jesus, we usually focus on His ministry, but He had a childhood and an extended family. Most of us are familiar with the accounts of Jesus' birth, His flight into Egypt, and His finding in the Temple. These accounts are in the New Testament and depicted in the stain glass windows on the West side of St Catherine's Church.

According to the Protoevangelium of James, "Anne was the wife of Joachim. For years, the couple was childless". In ancient Jewish culture, childlessness was often looked down upon, but Anne and Joachim remained faithful. They prayed and made a promise to God that if they were blessed with a child, they would dedicate that child to Him. God answered their prayers and blessed them with a daughter, Mary. Joachim died shortly after Mary was born, leaving Anne to raise Mary. Anne taught Mary the Scriptures, and even before Mary said "yes" to the Angel Gabriel, she learned how to love God from her mother. Anne probably played a role in Jesus' life, praying for Him and connecting Him to past generations.

St Anne is a powerful intercessor that grandparents can turn to whenever we have worries. St. Anne understands that we want to see our children and grandchildren grow up close to God. Grandparents are often the ones in a family who model their faith.

The Rosebud Ministry Program, located by the Mary and St Theresa statue on the west side of the church, offers to pray for anyone who has troubled times or parent, grandparent concerns. Our ministries like "Friends for Life" supports Women's Care Center and Women's Support Center which supports single parents like St Anne. St Anne's feast day is celebrated on July 26.

A Simple Prayer to Saint Anne

Saint Anne, you raised Mary to be holy, and you loved Jesus with a grandmother's heart. Pray for our families. Watch over grandparents and give them the strength to pass on the beautiful gift of faith to the next generation. Amen.

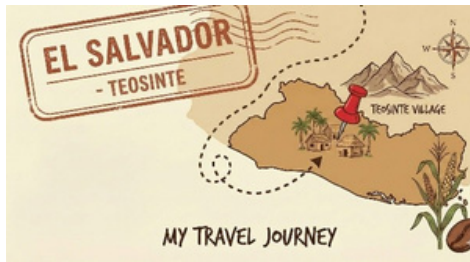


WELCOME GROUP: FAITH ON CAMPUS



On **Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the St. Sebastian **Multipurpose Room**, join us for an honest and reflective conversation with college students as they share their experiences of living out their Catholic faith on campus. This panel will explore both the moments of connection and support, as well as the challenges and tensions students encounter - particularly in relation to LGBTQ+ identity. Through personal stories and open dialogue, participants will offer insight into how faith, community and belonging intersect in today's campus environment, and how St. Sebastian Parish can continue to grow as a place of welcome for all. Please contact welcomegroup@saintsebs.org if you have questions or would like to participate on the panel.

SISTER PARISH OBSERVATIONS: A REFLECTION SERIES



This past January, eight parish members journeyed to our sister city, Teosinte in El Salvador. It was a meaningful trip for each delegate. Though they traveled the same hills, met the same faces and experienced the same enduring spirit, each returned home with distinct views, new perspectives and changed hearts. Over the coming months, we'll share their reflections here. We invite you to read, imagine, and travel alongside them, one story at a time.

My reflection on a trek to the land of hope and resilience

by Jackie Costa

The hills of Teosinte have a way of leaving a lasting impression.

Fortunate to have been chosen as a member of St. Sebastian's eight-person delegation, my recent journey to El Salvador was more than a mission trip; it was a shift in perspective. I returned home feeling grateful for all I'm blessed to have, humbled by all the friendship and inspired by the warm and welcoming people whom, I believe, love their lives deeply, despite—or perhaps because of—its simplicity.

The Contrast of Power and People

The trip was eye-opening in its raw honesty.

I came back to the U.S. with an understanding of what a democracy in a state of exception looks and feels like and of the real, noticeable ways governmental decisions impact everyday life. That reality became most vivid not through headlines or political speeches, but in moments of connection: sharing meals, sipping coffee and sitting in circles hearing stories from locals including Serafin, 77; Damian, 33; Sofi, 20; Oscar, 11 and Jimena, 8.

They've come so far (some from refugee camps in Honduras) and work diligently for all they have. While the students expressed immense gratitude for their scholarships, it was moving to see how their environment had, in some ways, limited their view of what the world has to offer and their value in it. It reminded me that opportunity, and a little luck, is often the bridge between talent and realization.

Holiness in the Hard Places

In San Salvador, standing in the chapel where St. Oscar Romero was martyred, visiting the University of Central America where several Jesuits were murdered along with a stop to see a monument in Cuscatlán Park carved with the names of 30,000+ people who died or went missing because of their differences with the government were mentally heavy and sobering. It was a sacred, somber reminder of the cost of standing up for human rights. Yet, in the shadow of these historical social injustices, I found a community defined not by bitterness, but by:

- **Unwavering Faith:** A mindful, spiritual grounding that dictates daily life.
- **Radical Hospitality:** I stayed with a warmhearted family that took care of one another, and me, with a level of sincerity I'll never forget.
- **Resilience:** A hopeful hustle that persists despite economic hardship.

Impact and Connection

Back in Teosinte, I was proud to see the community water project coming to life. Knowing our contribution to the project ensures a future with purified water for everyone provides a tangible legacy and satisfaction that we've helped make life there a little better.

Road work is next. The escuela could use a fresh coat of paint as well.

Final Thoughts

We had some fun, for sure. We laughed while partaking in the joy of Teosinte's traditions and participating in the rhythm of daily life.

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I left El Salvador with a certain clarity, respect and appreciation. It was a meaningful, beautiful experience that will ramble in my heart and head for a long time to come. As a delegation, we went to share and give back in whatever ways we could, but in the end, we received far more than we ever expected. Certainly, we provide financial support and prayers, but they provide a masterclass in gratitude and generosity. I'd be happy to tell you more anytime.

Photos from the Parish Delegation to El Salvador can be found here:

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CRAFT GROUP 2026!

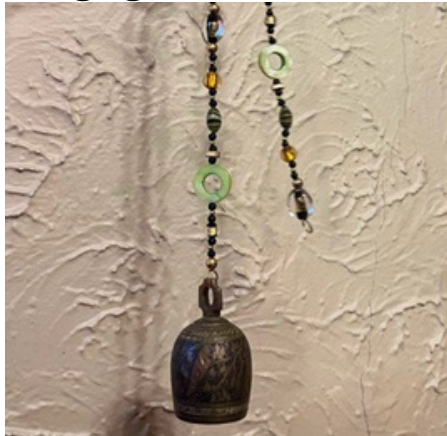
The Craft Group will be meeting **July 7 at 7 pm in the Multipurpose Room**. Our project this month is making **icicle earrings**. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun and project making. Supplies will be provided. The items we make will be sold at the Holly Berry Boutique in December. Hope to see you there!

The Craft Group is ready to go for 2026! We have a great list of projects available for anyone who wants to participate. If you love making things and enjoy being with other people, consider coming to a gathering for an evening. The Craft Group meets the **First Tuesday of each month** from **February through November at 7 pm in the Multipurpose Room**. Each month we work on a new project. The items we create will be sold at the Holly Berry Boutique, which will be on December 5, 2026. We are a welcoming group. If you just want to stop in for a particular item we are making, please feel free to join us. No need to call or sign up, just stop in and have some fun and express your creativity. We usually have delicious chocolates to munch on too. Please see the list of items pictured with the date of the project. All materials and tools will be supplied. Looking forward to having you join us on a regular basis or just or just for an evening. Any questions, I can be reached at: joannstaz@gmail.com.

July 7 - Jackie & Sam Crystal Tree Earrings & Icicle Earrings



August 4 - Laura Hanging Bell



September 1 - Jo Ann Door Hanger



October 6 - Jackie & Sam Book Ornament & Magic Wand



November 3 - Lisa & Annalisa CandyJar & Music Pyramid



Additional Projects

Laura Bonnie

Chocolate Espresso

Stir Spoon



Scissors Holder



November 17th Finish Up

December 4th Set Up

December 5th Boutique



HOLLY BERRY BOUTIQUE: WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!



For many years, our parish has been blessed by a special event that has brought women together in faith, friendship and service. It is more than just a date on the calendar - it is a tradition filled with laughter, connection, and a shared sense of purpose.

Today, we have an opportunity to ensure this cherished event continues for years to come...but we can't do it without you.

We are inviting women of our parish to come together and join our committee dedicated to carrying this tradition forward. Whether you have been part of this event in the past or are simply looking for a meaningful way to get involved, your voice, your ideas, and your presence matter.

You do not need special experience - just a willing heart and a desire to connect. Every contribution big or small, helps create something beautiful for our parish community.

This is more than volunteerig - it's about building friendships, sharing our gifts, and being part of something that is important to the parish,

If you have ever thought, "I'd love to get more involved, " this is your moment".

Please consider joining us. Together, we can honor the past while creating something wonderful for the future. Interested? We would love to hear from you! **Please contact Jenny O'Neil with a text at 414-403-7419 or email at Jso172252@gmail.com**



HOLLY BERRY BOUTIQUE

DECEMBER 5, 2026



We are full steam ahead in planning for the 2026 Holly Berry Boutique! **Save December 5th** for a wonderful morning of shopping and merriment followed by a delicious meal catered by Bunzels.

We have a few items to share that we hope will make our Boutique an even better experience.

- First, please consider getting your table together and donating a raffle item. Maybe your table would like to come up with a theme (ie., movie night) and everyone assists in putting the basket together. Start your planning now so baskets can be finished well before the boutique!
- Second, do you have any gift cards gathering dust in your kitchen drawer? We would love to take them off your hands and use them in the raffle.
- Third, (as if we haven't teased you with enough already!) we will have a fabulous new selfie-station with an amazing backdrop. Gather your friends and take a photo to help you remember the fun you had!

The boutique price has not changed, but the amount of fun is priceless. Help us make it the best one, yet! If you have questions or would like to volunteer, **please contact Jenny O'Neil at oneiljs@milwaukee.k12.wi.us or Chris Marcoux at marcouxcf@gmail.com.**

Save the Date Women's Fall Retreat



October 16 & 17, 2026

Siena Retreat Center
Racine, WI

Our Program will be:

Checking Your Spiritual Vital Signs

Vitality, Intensity, & Spirit

