

Parish of the Precious Blood

August 16, 2020



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC. GLP

Sacramental and Pastoral Care

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to register by the first Friday of the month.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office six months to one year in advance of the desired date of your wedding.

Sacrament of Penance

Reconciliation is available 45 mins before Mass or by appointment.

Pastoral Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Please call the Parish Office with the name, address and telephone number of the person who is in need.

PARISH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OFFICE HOURS

Caribou Office:

31 Thomas Ave.
P.O. Box 625
Caribou, ME 04736
498-2536 or 498-2537

*Hours: Mon. -Thurs.

9 AM - 3:30 PM.

Closed Friday

Closed Friday

Presque Isle Office:

6 Roberts St.
Presque Isle, ME 04769
768-3671 or 764-8644

*Hours: Mon.-Thurs.

9 AM - 3:30 PM

Closed 12-1 PM for Lunch.

Closed Friday



* MORE BREAKING NEWS *

We have such a great group of students in our youth ministry program. Our youth have been meeting on Sunday afternoons at St. Mary's in Presque Isle for a number of years. Our program which is based on *Life Teen*, is one for the entire Parish; from Limestone to Portage and from Stockholm to Mars Hill. I invite the youth from ALL our churches to gather on Sunday afternoon and share their experiences; the wonders of their Catholic faith.

When I was in high school, like many of you I was part of CYO. This had a big impact on my life. I know that our program has the same impact on our youth. We also have a program for middle school students called *Edge*. They also meet on Sunday.

The Need: Our Parish is searching for an adult youth minister (leader) to plan youth lessons and activities. This person works with a GREAT group of adults who help out on Sunday afternoons. This is a part-time paid position.

Another Need: Our parish is in need of a part-time administrative assistant at St. Mary's in Presque Isle. If you are interested, please call 498-2536 and speak to our business manager, Martha Frank.

Today's youth are plunged into the distracting worlds of consumerism and technological isolation, which can damage the connection with their church and a spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. Our secular culture does not offer the proper economic, spiritual, and personal tools to help youth become disciples of Jesus Christ. It is up to us to show our youth that the Church maintains a culture of love and discipleship.

Let us be "youth-friendly". It is crucial to value adolescents. This means listening to them and responding to their needs, as well as providing them with facilities and money to enable their growth as disciples. If the parish wants youth to commit to future parish life, the parish must commit to the development of the youth.

Blessings,

Fr. Dave



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PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Selvaraj Kasi 'Fr. Raj'

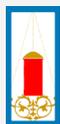
selvaraj.kasi@portlanddiocese.org

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Rev. Mr. Carl Joseph Gallagher 'Deacon Carl'

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SANCTUARY LAMP



St. Denis Church

In Prayerful Memory of
Dick Levesque
by His Family

Sacred Heart

Nancy Morneau Bell
by Mom & Dad

OUR LADY LAMPS



In Thanksgiving
by NM

Reginald Ouillette
by his wife, Teresa

	BULLETIN MEMORIALS	
In Loving Memory of DALE CORBIN & MICHAEL POISSON by Sharon Corbin & Families	In Loving Memory of CONRAD CARON by His Wife & Children	In Loving Memory of LAWRENCE GUERRETTE by Galen & Betty Thompson
In Loving Memory of KENNETH G. MURCHISON, SR. by the Murchison Family	In Loving Memory of REGINALD OUILLETTE by His Loving Wife Teresa	In Loving Memory of SHAWN BERNARD by His Dad
In Loving Memory of GILBERT GUERRETTE by his Loving Wife & Family	Maurice and Anita Soucy and Loved  and Ones By Their Loving Family	In Loving Memory of LINDA PAGE by Norman & Family
In Loving Memory of LIONEL, DORIS & RAYMOND BLANCHETTE by Their Children	In Loving Memory of LAWRENCE, HILDA & PATRICIA BOSSE By Jim & Nancy Chandler	In Loving Memory of GLO & CLIFF MARTIN by Their Children & Their Families
		

Group Prayer & Devotions Are Suspended Until Further Notice

HOLY ROSARY, CARIBOU

Thurs:

6:30 p.m. ACTS-Women: ***No Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Burning Bush Group ***No meeting**

Fri: 9:00-10:00 a.m. Adoration

1st Friday: Mass and Adoration

5:30-6:00 p.m. Confession

6:00 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:15 p.m. Prayers & Benediction

1st Saturday:

9:30 AM-12:00 PM **Followers of the Cross—Parish Center**

9:30-10:15 Rosary & Confession

10:15 Mass

3:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotions & Rosary

ST. MARY'S, PRESQUE ISLE

Tues:

1:00 p.m. Prayer Group

2:30 p.m. Rosary Team

Weds: 9:00 a.m. Rosary making

***First Friday Adoration** is now being held at St. Mary's at 6 PM.

9:00 a.m. Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Sat: 2:30 PM First Saturday Devotions & Rosary.

**ST. DENIS, FORT FAIRFIELD**

* Confessions Every 3rd Sunday after Mass

Tues: 3rd Tues. of the month 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Weds: 10:00 a.m. St. Denis Rectory,
Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Faith Sharing

Fri: 3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

Sat: 1:00 p.m. Adoration

Sun: 10:15 a.m. Rosary

ST. MARK, ASHLAND

Mon: 8:30 a.m. Rosary.

Tues: 2:30 p.m. Faith Sharing.

Fri: 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Sun: 10:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE,**PORTAGE**

Sun: 8:30 a.m. Rosary before Mass

Tues: 6:30 p.m. Rosary

SACRED HEART, NORTH CARIBOU

Weds: 10:00 a.m. Rosary

Sat: 5:15 p.m. Rosary before Mass

If you would like to purchase your own Missal to bring to Mass you may order it online at

<https://www.ocp.org/en-us/hymnals/B20/journeysongs-third-edition> or call 1-800-548-8749 \$19.50

Saturday, Aug 15: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time # 985 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 4:00 PM St. Mary ** Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Walter St. Peter by Jackie St.
 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Corine Lebel by Anita Gardiner
 5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Kerry and Kevin Staples by by Dad
 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Gary Dyer, Sr. by Geraldine, Gayle, Gary, Gregg, Geoff & Families

Sunday, Aug 16: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time # 985

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 9:00 AM Our Lady ** John Underwood by The Underwood Family
 9:00 AM St. Mary ** Robert McBurnie by Jeannette McBurnie
 10:30 AM St. Mark ** Harry McCarthy by Peter & Terri Ouellette
 11:00 AM St. Denis ** Peggy Myers by Chanelle Beckwith-Myers & Family
***First Communion & Confirmation**
 11:00 AM St. Louis ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**

Monday, Aug 17:

8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Harry McCarthy by Sam & Lise Collins & Family
 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Earleen Clark by Loving Husband, Marvin

Tuesday, Aug 18:

8:30 AM St. Mark ** Kenneth Habeeb by Peter & Terri Ouellette
 8:30 AM St. Mary ** Marie Louise Raymond by Mike & Mary Soucy

Wednesday, Aug 19: St. John Eudes, Priest

8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Marlene Keaton by Jeff & Linda Martin
 6:00 PM St. Mary ** My Living Children & Spouses by Their mother, Diane Saucier

Thursday, Aug 20: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Robert Walker (Bob) by Garnet & Rita Rochford
 6:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Sandra Beaupre by Holy Rosary Hospitality Team

Friday, Aug 21: St. Pius X, Pope

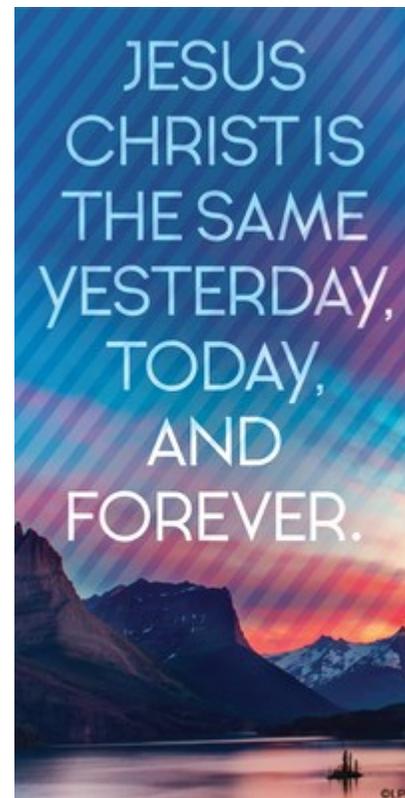
8:30 AM St. Mary ** Lawrence & Hilda Bosse by Jim & Nancy Chandler

Saturday, Aug 22: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time # 988**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Lorraine White by Vaughn, Debbie, Susie & Jane
 4:00 PM St. Mary ** Mildred Carrier by Charlie & Mildred Beaulieu
 4:00 PM St. Theresa ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Marie Louise Raymond by Wes & Kathy Pepple
 6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Russell Gagnon by Joan Aucthesloine

Sunday, Aug 23: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time # 988

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Jim Belanger (Happy 51st Wedding Anniversary) by his loving Wife Deena
 9:00 AM Our Lady ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 9:00 AM St. Mary ** Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Marquis by Jeannette
 10:30 AM St. Mark ** **Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest**
 11:00 AM St. Denis ** Philip and Melvina Rochford by Garnet & Rita Rochford & Family
 11:00 AM St. Louis ** Linwood True by His wife, Bernice



Congratulations to those who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this weekend.

St. Louis:

Tanner Brooker

Daniel Gahagan

Tyler Malena

Vincent Conarroe (Confirmation Only)

St. Denis:

Chanelle Beckwith-Myers

Family Catechesis Starts in September!

Parish of the Precious Blood is excited to announce that we will be offering a NEW faith formation program called "Family Catechesis" starting in September. This is a bi-monthly program that is more streamlined than previous programs and allows for flexibility to fit the dynamics of individual families. However, we are in need of site coordinators for Holy Rosary, St. Mary's and St. Denis to be part of a core team. You will be working with dedicated and seasoned catechists and will be given direction from our parish catechetical leader on the lessons for each month. Gatherings will be bi-monthly and last for one hour each.

If you are interested in being part of this team and helping this program to grow, please contact

Fr. Dave at 498.2536 or Stella at 554.7086.

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

PARISH PRAYER LINE CONTACTS:

St. Louis ~ Bea Beahm at 325-4435

Sacred Heart ~ Judy Gengler 492-5250

Holy Rosary ~ Gail Hjort 492-7901

St. Mary's ~ Marilyn Peary 762-0401

St. Joseph ~ Eleanor Grow 425-2683

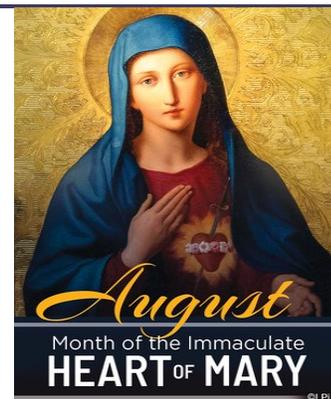
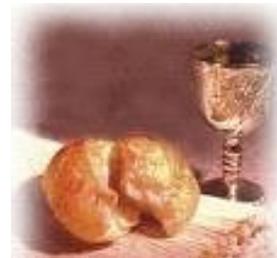
St. Denis ~ Shirley Polom 476-5079

St. Mark & Our Lady ~ Joan Goodblood

PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

CHURCH	MASS	CONTACT	NUMBER	WHEN TO CALL	TIME TO CALL
St. Mary	4:00 PM Sat.	Theresa Fowler	227-4390	Mon. – Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
		Leah Girardin	764-6226	Mon. – Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
	9:00 AM Sun.	Theresa Fowler	227-4390	Mon. - Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
		Leah Girardin	764-6226	Mon. – Thurs.	6:00-9:00 PM
St. Joseph	6:00 PM Sat.	Patti McCrum	227-4156	Mon.–Fri.	9 AM– 7 PM
Holy Rosary	4:00 PM Sat.	Cindy Blanchette	227-0035	Mon./Wed./ Thurs.	9:00-11:00 AM
		Mary Ellen Field	999-2378	Mon./Wed./Thurs.	9:00-11:00 AM
	9:00 AM Sun.				
St. Denis	11:00 AM Sun.	Ed Schupbach	498-0502	3rd Week –for Jun. 21	
St. Mark	10:30 AM Sun.	Chris Grover	435-2591	Using Calling Tree	
Our Lady	9:00 AM Sun.	Corrine Routhier	227-0819	Anytime	9 AM – 7 PM
St. Catherine	6:00 PM Sat.	Barb Caron	455-4069	Using Calling Tree	
St. Louis	11:00 AM Sun.	Steve Brooker	551-8203	Using Calling Tree	
Sacred Heart	5:30 PM Sat.	Betty Thompson	498-8741	Call Anytime	
St. Theresa	4:00 PM Sat.	Rosemary Hede	492-2390	Call Anytime	9 AM – 9 PM

DAILY and SUNDAY Masses are being Livestreamed from St. Mary's Church on the Parish Facebook Page.



Gospel Meditation

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do. Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises? The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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News from Fr. Raj!

Fr Raj would like offer **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions** at St. Mary's Church in Presque Isle on the first Friday of each month after the 8:30 Mass beginning **Sept. 4th**. Adoration will last approximately 30 minutes, during which he will hear confessions.

Parking Lot Rosary ~ Feast of the Assumption

Saturday, **August 15th at 1:00 PM**, St. Mary's will hold a **Parking Lot Rosary** in honor of The Feast of the Assumption. This is open to the parish. Participants will be required to stay in their cars.

H.O.P.E. ~ Helping Other People Eagerly

HOPE is a very active commission in the Parish serving the needs of the poor. They would like to extend an invitation to all who are interested in joining the commission to contact Chairperson, Pam Murchison at **492-6641**.

H. O. P. E.
Changes Every Thing

St. Mary's Church in Presque Isle is in need of volunteers to ensure we can provide access to the celebration of Mass to those in attendance at the Church as well as to those who join us daily through livestreaming.

We need ushers to greet people and provide assistance with finding hand sanitizing stations and seating, Saturday and Sunday. We are in need of volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays to assist with sanitizing the church after these masses.

We are urgently in need of people who can commit to at least one day a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to livestream the Mass at St. Mary's to the parishioners who are unable to attend in person.

The Church Council of St. Mary's asks for your consideration regarding these roles. You may contact **Theresa Fowler at 764-3928 or by email at tmkeenanfowler@hotmail.com** for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you.

Greetings from the Missions Office!

As you know, we are in the middle of a global pandemic that has affected not only those of us in the United States but our neighbors in towns and villages around the world. As a result, we are unable to host in-person missionary appeals in parishes this summer. Understanding, however, that the need remains, the Diocese of Portland has decided to continue the Mission Cooperative Plan, just in a new way.

The Society of African Missions (SMA) is a worldwide organization of Catholic missionaries made up of priests, brothers, and laymen and women. Their more than 1,000 missionaries hail from five continents and joyfully witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Africa and to people of African descent wherever they are. They currently serve in 17 countries, both in Africa and in other parts of the world, including the United States. The Diocese of Portland is pleased to have two SMA priests assisting here.

If you would like to support the mission of the Society of African Missions, please visit the **Parish of the Precious Blood online giving** page at the link below.

We know the economic challenges resulting from the pandemic have made it difficult for many to provide help at this time, but your generosity has never been needed more. The struggles of our brothers and sisters in Christ are great, and whatever you can give will be humbly appreciated by our missionaries and those they serve.

Please consider a donation to your parish's missionary group along with your prayers for our missionaries, and may God bless you and keep you well.

Jesus, I trust in You!
Yvonne Chace, Director of Missions

DONATE NOW THROUGH OUR PARISH ONLINE GIVING.

<https://theppbholyrosary.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/MissionsAppeal>

FAITH FORMATION

Dear Parents of Faith Formation Students:

Most of you have heard by now, that our parish is implementing a new Family Catechesis program from Sophia Press this fall. The program is designed to help parents become the main teacher of our Catholic Faith to their children. Without realizing it, you are the greatest and most important witness in your children's lives.

So, what is family catechesis? First of all, it's FUN! Second, you don't need a degree in Theology, so relax! You will be working closely with our teachers and with parents like you who desire to pass on the faith of the Church to their children. You are going to see the same catechists that you did before, they know you and your family...that's already a plus!

Instead of your children meeting each week, you and your children will meet twice each month; with the exception of the children in year 1 and 2 who are preparing for the sacraments of first reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. They will meet each week as before. However, if you have children in years 1 and 2, you and your children will also be included in the bi-monthly family gatherings with the parents and children of grades 3-5.

Why will we have these family gatherings? At the first gathering of the month parents will receive a Parent's guidebook along with a workbook and activity book to bring home. Instruction and catechesis will be offered to you on how to present the lesson to your children at home. The parent's guide has all the questions AND answers to help you guide your children in their workbook. The activity book has pages of fun things for the whole family to do. The best part of this, is that YOU make it fit your family's schedule! Sophia Press also offers many wonderful online resources for you and your children. While this meeting is going on, your children will be in class with their teacher.

At the second monthly gathering you, your children and **catechists** will meet to discuss what was learned from the previous week's at home instruction and answer questions that you may have. We will also have a fun activity planned for families to do together, based on the theme for that month. And of course, there will be FOOD! Once COVID is gone.

All together, these gatherings will take about one hour. We will start on time and end on time...if anyone wants to hang around to chat, great! But you can plan on each gathering to last no more than one hour.

Sophia Press Institute has a great track record for providing what families need to grow in faith together, in a simple format. Parents and children learn together, they do activities together, they get involved in community and church projects together...and they grow closer to God together.

Here are some quotes from people in parishes that have used A Family of Faith programs:

"It seems to me like the families are more involved. I think they have a greater sense of ownership, of being members of the parish, than previously.

Here are a couple of quotes from parents on a parish website who adopted the program:

"It's nice being able to be around other families with similar-aged children, to share conversations with and really engage with them about the faith," he said. "We get a lot out of that. We get a lot out of the family activities, the parents' guide, and the kids love the children's activities. It was just clear that this is working better than a CCD approach to religious education."

"When we address the need in the parents' hearts to know the Lord and receive the joy of the Gospel, then the children will learn the faith."

Something else to consider...when you cannot get out because of bad weather or sickness... a video will be sent to you to catch you up on what you missed. You will also receive a short video on what to expect for the coming month and to go over what to do to prepare. It's a win – win!

Keep informed through our website, Facebook page and the Parish App.

Blessings to your family,

Fr. Dave



Parish Financial Stewardship

The Parish of the Precious Blood has a need for a part time administrative assistant at St. Mary rectory office. For further information, please call Martha Frank, Business Coordinator at 498-2536. Applications and job description are available at the rectory office or on-line at www.theppb.org.

"The promotion of the practice of stewardship is important for the mission of the Church and for the spiritual well-being of each individual Christian. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his time, talent and treasure."

— *His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI*



Financial Blessings

OFFERTORY Aug. 2, 2020

Collections Last Week :

First Collection \$ 9,604

Second Collection \$ 496

Total: \$ 10,100

Total Collections YTD: \$ 71,106

Collections Budget: \$ 71,081

Total of Weekly Collections

this time last year \$ 81,217

Current Weekly Average \$ 14,221

Last Year Weekly Average \$ 16,243

Up Coming Second/ Special Collections:

Aug. 16 H.O.P.E.

Aug. 23 Cemetery Upkeep

Aug. 30 Faith Formation

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!