

16 August 2020

Dear St. Charles Parishioner:

This is the twenty-first letter that I have written since the alarm was sounded about the COVID19 pandemic in mid-March. I think we had all hoped that the spread of the virus might be curtailed by the end of summer, but we have been disappointed. It is still most important to follow good medical advice: shelter-in place, wear a face mask, and maintain that six-foot social distance. Our dedicated and faithful maintenance staff sanitize and wipe down our pews and other surfaces after every Mass.

Seller's Appreciation Raffle Number Seven, August 9: Ken Sekunda

There is one more Sunday \$500 Appreciation Raffle: August 16, for Sellers of a sheet of our Summer "Two Step" Raffle tickets. Total ticket returns by Monday, August 10, had amounted to \$111,840.50. To keep the "flavor" of the Carnival, we will also award some additional "Seller's Appreciation" prizes: we have laid in a supply of salamis and some Carnival ice cream. Just to "sweeten the pot," we will raffle off those traditional Carnival prizes on Sunday, August 16. You have a chance for every sheet of tickets bought/sold.

There is a Spectacular Mystery Prize Drawing for sellers/purchasers of four sheets of tickets: white, blue, ivory, and pink. If you buy/sell four sheets of tickets, you have a chance to win a Bar Cart full of Irish Whiskeys and beers: *Paddy's, Tullamore Dew, Jameson's, Power's, Bushmill's, Peaky Blinder, St Brendan's Irish Cream, Irish Mist, Bailey's Irish Cream, Guinness, Murphy's Stout, etc.* (Maybe we can't go to Ireland this summer, but we can bring a little bit of Ireland over here!) There are two other Mystery Prizes as well: a Bar Cart with eighteen red wines and a Bar Cart with eighteen white wines. The Whiskey Cart and Wine Carts are my personal gifts to thank you for your generous and enthusiastic response to our "Two Step" Summer Raffle.

The proceeds from the 2020 "Two Step" Summer Raffle will help with the new livestreaming equipment in our church. The church's Internet service has been upgraded; the new wiring, cameras, and control station are all in place; the directors/producers are being trained. We have had a few "test runs" in the last few days; the experts are currently working on perfecting the sound. The security/surveillance equipment, exterior and interior, has been installed in our Upper and Lower Parish Halls and on all levels of the Parish Activity Center. New "hands-free" drinking fountains have been installed in our school buildings. Additional chromebooks for our students have been ordered.

Feeling lucky? Do you want a few more chances on the Grand Raffle, Seller's Appreciation, or the "Bar Cart" prizes? Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office on Saturday from 8:00am till 5:00pm and on Sunday from 8:00am till 1:00pm. Please make all returns by this Sunday, August 16, at 2:00pm. We will record the Grand Drawing and it will be available for viewing on social media as well as on our parish website.

The Offertory for August 9 was \$20,561.42. Thank you for your continued generous support of St Charles Borromeo Parish.

