





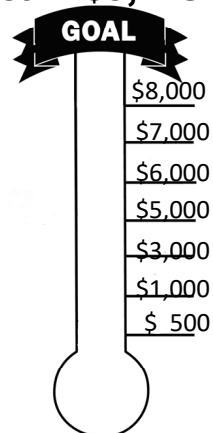
## From Father Paul

September 26 and 27 have been designated as "Commitment Sunday" throughout the Diocese of Spokane. Stewardship begins with recognizing the gifts of time, talent, and treasure which God has given to us and then planning on how to give back to Him a portion of what was given to us. Over the next few weeks the parish will be focusing on this topic and providing parishioners with some stewardship resources. These will provide parishioners with an opportunity to evaluate how they intentionally give back to God in the areas of time, talent, and treasure. For ACA 2020, the goals for our gifts of treasure are shown below. We'll get stats to start raising the "temperature" the first week of October!

**Let's give over the top of our goals below! Any excess will be returned to our parishes so we can turn around and give that excess to a worthy cause! If everyone donates, we can reach our goal in support of our Bishop, AND help a good cause!**

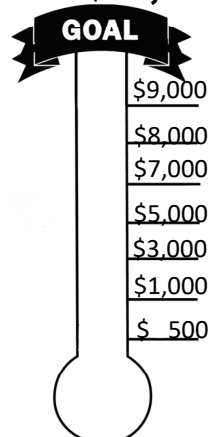
### St Boniface

Goal: \$9,118



### St Gall

Goal: \$10,167



This year's Annual Catholic Appeal has been fittingly named One Body in Christ. It is the Eucharist that forms us into one body in Christ and brings us together as the Church in Eastern Washington. As one body, we are called to assist the Church in her material needs, **each according to their own ability.** When we make a prayerful sacrifice and support the Annual Catholic Appeal we are giving back to God and affirming the belief that everything we have comes from Him. As one body in Christ we share in the responsibility to support the ministries and programs of the diocese – **it is not equal giving, but equal sacrifice.**

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There is an easy way to make your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. Text the words "ACA2020" to 84576. The phone number you are texting to is 84576 and the message is "ACA2020". You will receive a text message back with a link to donate. On the donation page, select the parish you would like to receive credit for your donation, donation amount, card information, billing information, email, and phone number.

**MANY THANKS to Greg Schultheis, for repairing St Boniface's front doors. The doors look so nice and are in alignment. Greg did it with love for the church.**  
**From the St Boniface Parish.**

From diocesofspokane.org: Year of the Eucharist  
<https://diocesofspokane.org/understanding>  
"The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers"

### Year of the Eucharist

- Are the consecrated bread and wine "merely symbols"?
- In everyday language, we call a "symbol" something that points beyond itself to something else, often to several other realities at once. The transformed bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ are not merely symbols because they truly are the Body and Blood of Christ. As St. John Damascene wrote: "The bread and wine are not a foreshadowing of the body and blood of Christ—By no means!—but the actual deified body of the Lord, because the Lord Himself said: 'This is my body'; not 'a foreshadowing of my body' but 'my body,' and not 'a foreshadowing of my blood' but 'my blood'" (*The Orthodox Faith*, IV [PG 94, 1148-49]). At the same time, however, it is important to recognize that the Body and Blood of Christ come to us in the Eucharist in a sacramental form. In other words, Christ is present under the appearances of bread and wine, not in his own proper form. We cannot presume to know all the reasons behind God's actions. God uses, however, the symbolism inherent in the eating of bread and the drinking of wine at the natural level to illuminate the meaning of what is being accomplished in the Eucharist through Jesus Christ. There are various ways in which the symbolism of eating bread and drinking wine discloses the meaning of the Eucharist. For example, just as natural food gives nourishment to the body, so the eucharistic food gives spiritual nourishment. Furthermore, the sharing of an ordinary meal establishes a certain communion among the people who share it; in the Eucharist, the People of God share a meal that brings them into communion not only with each other but with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Similarly, as St. Paul tells us, the single loaf that is shared among many during the eucharistic meal is an indication of the unity of those who have been called together by the Holy Spirit as one body, the Body of Christ (1 Cor 10:17). To take another example, the individual grains of wheat and individual grapes have to be harvested and to undergo a process of grinding or crushing before they are unified as bread and as wine. Because of this, bread and wine point to both the union of the many that takes place in the Body of Christ and the suffering undergone by Christ, a suffering that must also be embraced by his disciples. Much more could be said about the many ways in which the eating of bread and drinking of wine symbolize what God does for us through Christ, since symbols carry multiple meanings and connotations.

## WHAT CAN I DO?

### DONATE ... PRAY!

#### Donate your time:

**Volunteer your photos or your time to take pictures for our website: Looking for current pictures of our parishioners sharing their time and talent, pictures with Fr Paul interacting with, and administering to, his new flock, pictures of our various committees and groups in action.**

#### Pray:

**Pray for the ability to see the needs of others and the courage to act upon those needs.**

**There are so many needs out there!**

### JUST PRAY!

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Flahavin, Greg Druffel's brother-in-law**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Jody Moehrle, Mary Hanley (relative of Margaret Ann Voller); Rita & Maurice Moneymaker; Father Jeff Core (Pastor of Holy Family, Clarkston); Sister Janet Druffel; Carl and Yolanda Urbano (Hong's mom & dad); Karen Kinzer; Jerry Broemmeling; Steve Alexander; Shelley Pitzer (DIL Guy & Arlyce); Eileen Ankerson; Lillian Davis; Mary Ann Noren & Paul; Cammie Utecht; Dave Money-maker; Alma Druffel; Sheena Becker; Trudy & Leroy Weber; Lynda Devorak; Emily (Druffel) Satter; Ray McLean; Jeanne Alaga; Mike Angelo; Patty Watson, Lysandra Forkner; Bill & Dee Dee Wood; Tom Faerber; Shandra Duncan, Elaine Mustard; Carrol (Oenning) & Jerry Dollar; Mary Rose Anderson/Mark Hanley; Jerry Olson; Tanya Frei; all the sick and suffering, for holy vocations, and for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.