

on, this event will be in jeopardy. Not having this successful fundraiser will affect our church's operation negatively, since it considerably subsidizes the cost of running our church. As you are aware, our collections have been in a downward spiral and have become dangerously low (lately totaling only \$1700 a week). We are Saint Theodore Parish and we need to join forces to make this parish financially solvent and vibrant again. Our *Tricky Tray Event* will be held on December 2.

If you are willing to join the committee, please attend the first **planning meeting on Monday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.** *If you want to join but cannot make the meeting, please call Desiree @ 908-313-0081 or email Mary Rupell: sttheodorenj@gmail.com (leave your name and phone number, please)*

‘Traveler’s dispensation’?

The column, written by Father Michael Van Sloun, pastor of St. Stephen in Anoka, said the commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy was not a suggestion or option but a “solemn obligation.”

The priest said regular Sunday worship dates back to the early church when Christians gathered to study the teachings of the apostles and to break bread.

The priest said he was “shocked” by the number of people who tell him they are excused from Sunday Mass when they are on vacation. “This is not the case,” he said. Quoting canon law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, he said Catholics are “bound to participate in the Mass” and there is “no exception for vacation or traveling.”

Legitimate reasons to miss Sunday Mass involve illness or disability, a natural disaster or the absence of a priest. “If there ever was a time that God deserves extra thanks, it would be vacation time,” he added, noting that it “is a huge blessing to be able to take time off, to have the resources to travel, to have the wherewithal to enjoy a cabin or RV or a lake home, to be blessed with the beauty of the lakes and the forests, and to have the leisure time to spend with family and friends.” <http://thecatholicspirit.com/>



May 21, 2017: \$1,833
May 25: Ascension: \$545.
May 28: \$2,048.25
June 4, 2017: \$1,765
June 18, 2017: \$1,746



We have received a letter from the First Presbyterian Church in Washington, the headquarters of the **Community Food Pantry of Washington**, asking for

volunteer drivers. They have lost four drivers and to keep their operation of feeding the hungry of the area going, they need replacements.

The duties are: pickup food and sundries from NORWESCAP in Phillipsburg every two weeks (on Fridays) by 9 a.m., off load the items at the church via the pantry ramp (must be able to lift up to 50 lbs.). A person will be at the church to assist with delivery. Vehicle: minivans, SUV's, pickup trucks (must have a bed cover cap).

A volunteer application is required. For more information contact Carol Kain, Pantry Coordinator at 312-289-2137 or email: kain96@comcast.net.



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan

Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Received \$6,939 from 56 parishioners, which is 99.1% of \$7,000 goal. **Thank you, parishioners!**