

## **Charitable Donations, July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018** **St. Anne, St. Bernard, Our Lady of the Snow**

Instead of taking 15 mandatory second collections for various charities for the Archdiocese of Denver (designated by the \* after their names), we became a “tithing church” about 10 years ago. This means that we give 10% of our first collections to the charities mandated by the Archdiocese and to charities that we pick. If you look carefully, you will see that we gave to a broad spectrum of charities. Here is where are tithes went.

<u>Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Charity</u>
260	Catholic Communications*
700	Peter’s Pence*
750	Church in Africa*
280	Catholic University of America*
2870	Mission Appeal (from poor country)*
1250	Pregnancy Resource Connection (local)
1000	Mountain Family Center (local)
1239	St. John Vianney Seminary (Denver)
580	World Mission Sunday*
380	Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.*
770	Retired and Infirm Priests*
7262	Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal
700	Retirement Fund for Religious*
800	Church in Latin America*
400	Black and Indian Missions*
400	Catholic Relief Services*
1469	Holy Land Collection*
370	Catholic Home Mission Appeal*
1000	Trinity Dome, Basilica National Shrine
5407	Hurricane Harvey Relief
500	Dominican Sisters of Mary
3000	Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat House
1000	Patriot League for Marriage and Family
<u>1806</u>	<u>Churches of Eastern Europe*</u>
34,193	

### **What Do Saints Worry About?**

To provide an answer, let’s consider the words of one of our canonized saints, Bernadette Soubirous. First, here is the context within which the saint spoke.

*Napoleon III had surrendered to the Prussians, bringing on the disaster. The Mother General put the sisters at the disposition of the Ministry of War. A field hospital was installed [at the convent for the retreating and battered troops] ... Military uniforms mingled with the black and white silhouettes in the courtyard and corridors of the Motherhouse ... the sick and the wounded were [all about] the convent. Twenty-five novices were sent to communities in the south and the postulants were sent home to their families. The Prussians were coming and all the area was on alert ...*

*Cannons were installed on the inner terrace of the motherhouse and in the novitiate gardens ... On the night of October 24, 1870 ... a strange phenomenon appeared in the sky. The horizon was all ablaze ... you might have thought it was a sea of blood ... [but it was] an aurora borealis ... a very impressive display ... The Prussians were at the borders.*

[And here is the question posed to our saint, who was considered by many to be a visionary]:

*“The Prussians are at our gates. Don’t they inspire you with terror?”*

*“No.”*

*“So there is nothing to fear then?”*

***“I fear only bad Catholics.”***

*“Do you fear nothing else?”*

*“No, nothing.”*

*[Bernadette Speaks. A Life of St. Bernadette Soubirous in Her Own Words, by Fr. Rene Larentin, Pauline Books, pp. 415-416].*

### **Prayer for These Times**

Dear God,

Help us, Your Church, now more than ever. We are sad, angry, devastated, and lost at times. It is so hard to believe that men ordained to serve You and Your Church committed such grievous sins. How could this happen? While we are so upset, we are also faithful. We are determined not to let their deadly sins affect our relationship with You and the Church we call home. Your Son Jesus promised that hell would not overtake the Church, and we believe that. So, we commit ourselves to be cities on the hill, lights on the lamp stand, that will shatter the darkness and betrayal of this moment. We pray for healing for all the victims and their families. Give us the strength to pray for the offenders, that they would publicly repent and live a life of prayer and penance. May Your mercy and love flow to us, now more than ever. Amen.

### **Ordinary Means of Salvation and Being Free in the Lord—Cooperating with God’s Plan and Grace**

**-Luke 9:23-24:** Then [Jesus] said to all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.” **[Surrender daily to Jesus!]**

1. Develop a deep faith life. (Ask for the gift of faith daily and spend time learning truth from the Bible, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the lives of the saints, etc.)

2. Improve your prayer life. (Will you spend an hour in prayer each day? This can be broken into various

parts throughout the day: pray with Bible, 15 minutes; Rosary, 15 minutes; listen to God in silence, 15 minutes, etc.)

3. Live a virtuous and moral life. (Virtue = repeated good acts to build up God's Kingdom, such as living the Beatitudes and performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Moral life = follow the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church.)

4. Live a sacramental life. (Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; also try for daily Mass and frequent Confession. Receiving a Sacrament is a "direct touch" from God.)

### **Morning Offering to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of Your Most Sacred Heart, for the intentions of our associates and the Holy Father this month, and for the reunion of all Christians. Amen.

### **Daily Prayer of Surrender**

O God Almighty, King of the Universe, I love You, praise You, and adore You! I surrender to You today with all my heart and soul. I say "yes" to You this day. O Most Holy Trinity, You are the only God, the one true God. Father, You are my true Father. Thanks for giving me a biological father in order to bring me into this world to share in Your divine nature by Your gift of grace. Jesus, I believe in You and receive You as my Lord and Savior. I hold nothing back. Jesus, You have my permission to live in my heart. Conform my heart and mind into Yours; let me love and think as You do. Holy Spirit, bring me to a deeper conversion to the person of Jesus Christ. Help me follow Your daily promptings. Immerse me, Holy Spirit, and let Your gifts come alive in me. Almighty God, I surrender all to You: my health, family, resources, work, skills, relationships, time management, successes, failures, and regrets. I release all of these to You and let them go. I surrender my understanding of how things ought to be, my choices, and my will. I surrender to You the promises I have kept and the promises I have failed to keep. I surrender my fears, temptations, insecurities, and sexuality to You.

Men, pray: Jesus, help me to become a man like You—a man of action that builds up Your Kingdom and who is sexually pure. Women, pray: Jesus, help me to become a woman like Mary—the greatest role model of all Christians, perfectly receptive to You, and sexually pure.

I especially surrender [surrender other areas as the Holy Spirit reveals them to you]: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, etc.

Lord, I surrender my entire life to You—the past, the present, and the future. In sickness and in health, in life and in death, I belong to You alone! Almighty God, I offer up my body to You as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing. Amen.

### **Daily Prayer for the Holy Church and Priests**

(St. Faustina and Acts 4:29-30)

O my Jesus, I beg You on behalf of the whole Church: Grant Her love and the light of Your Spirit, and give power to the words of Fr. Michael, Fr. Peter, \_\_\_\_\_, and all priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to You, O Lord. Eternal Father, grant to all priests to speak Your word with all boldness, while You stretch out Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of Your holy servant Jesus. Almighty God, give us holy priests; You Yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of Your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of Your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for You can do all things.

Jesus, my most beloved, I beg You for the triumph of the Church, for blessings on the Holy Father, and on all the clergy; for the grace of conversion for impenitent sinners. And I ask You for a special blessing and for light, O Jesus, for the priests before whom I will make my confessions throughout my lifetime. Amen.

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit** (by St. Augustine)

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,  
that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may always be holy. Amen.

### **Guardian Angel Prayer**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.

**Quick Quote** "No matter the problem, don't nurse it, don't curse it, don't rehearse it, but give it to God to disperse it and trust Him to reverse it."

### **Happy Birthday, Blessed Virgin Mary**

We will celebrate an extra Mass at OLS at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sep 8, in honor of the birthday of St. Mary!

**September 1 is the Last Night of Evening Masses at St. Bernard until November 17 (4 and 5:30 p.m.)**

**The Office is Closed on Labor Day**

**“Wisdom and Works of Mercy,”** the third **Fr. Gaitley parish-based retreat** will be offered to all five parishes beginning the third week of January. This is a 10-week retreat. Those who have attended the first two retreats, “33 Days to Morning Glory” and “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” have been asking for this and know the quality of the program. Sign up will begin at each parish on November 1. Watch your bulletins as we get closer and invite your friends who may have been away from the church for awhile or are interested in some Catholic theology! Any questions, call Jeri 970-531-8303.

**Religious Education begins in Granby on Thursday, September 6 (6:30 p.m.), and in Kremmling on Sunday, September 9 (8:45 a.m.)** Please register in advance if possible.

**Volunteers Needed at St. Bernard, Sep 10-14**

We are getting new carpet (squares) on these days for the entire church. We need people to move unfasten pews, move them a few feet, and then refasten them. Let Fr. Michael (970-887-0032) or Pat Pulliam (361-442-3532) know if you can help. More details about times are coming.

**Archdiocese of Denver Traveling Statue: Ask the Blessed Mother to Intercede for You**

From this weekend until September 14, a newly commissioned beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima for the Archdiocese of Denver will be visiting our church in Granby. She will be traveling to our over 100 parishes and 37 schools. Her presence will be a reminder for family prayer and enjoying saying the Rosary together. During our weekend and daily Masses, and during office hours (Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), come and pray with her for: (1) the conversion of hearts within your family tree and parish boundaries, (2) an end to abortion, (3) for protection of Christians worldwide, (4) a full restoration of the Catholic Church with unity in the Truth.

**“The family that prays together, stays together!”**

Close to the statue is a basket to place your prayer petitions, as well as Marian consecration cards.

**Please do not touch or kiss the statue,** as with any piece of fine art, this statue will be damaged by oils from the human body.

**Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women**

We are looking for more lectors, sacristans, and ushers at all churches—especially at St. Bernard. Please tell Fr. Michael or Fr. Peter if you are interested.

**More Than You Realize** will help all of us engage with our fellow Catholics and others.

**How Do We Receive?** Hmmm??? We don’t really think about how we receive others in our daily activity; how we receive others at work? How do we receive others in traffic? How do we receive others at Mass?

**MTYR** wants all of us to become more effective in how we receive others in our daily activity and in Mass. Everyone we encounter throughout our day is either a member of the body of Christ or is a potential future member! How to greet others? Are **you** warm and friendly? Are **you** patient and polite? Do **you** allow yourself to be inconvenienced so another might be put first?

Your smile can be **MTYR!** Your manners can be **MTR!** Your patience can be **MTYR!**

**Call to Prayer: Get Out Your Weapons!**

Each Friday, August 3 – September 28. Continue the novena. Join at [www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)

**Calendar of Events**

**-Sep 8 (Sat).** Blessed Virgin Birthday Mass, OLS, 9:30 a.m.

**Mass Collections, August 25 – 26**

St. Anne	\$ 1529
St. Bernard	1472
Our Lady of the Snow	1642
St. Peter	1016
St. Ignatius	667
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6326</b>

**Vocations Prayer Calendar**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

**Sat**—Juan Rojas & Daniel Wolbach

**Sun**—Julio Amezcua & Adam Bradshaw

**Mon**—Christopher Considine & Witold Kaczmarzky

**Tue**—Josh Meier & Branimir Pavelin

**Wed**—Holy vocations to marriage

**Thu**—Men in our family lines called to the priesthood

**Fri**—Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

**Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS**

**KEY:** StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Sep 1, StA, 5 p.m., Mass of Reparation and Healing

-Sat, Sep 1, StB, 5:30 p.m., People in our region/visitors

-Sun, Sep 2, StB, 7 a.m., Jonathan Creath and Family

-Sun, Sep 2, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Lanny and Nancy Bosse

**Weekday Masses**

-Mon, Sep 3, StA, 8:30 a.m., Honor Ulveling

-Tue, Sep 4, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Richard/Alicja Miodonski

-Wed, Sep 5, StB, 8:30 a.m., Mary and Zachary Hayes

-Thu, Sep 6, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, +Sue Jeffery

-Fri, Sep 7, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Keith and Debbie Morrison

-Sat, Sep 8, **OLS, 9:30 a.m.**, Fr. Michael intention

**Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI**

**KEY:** StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

-Sun, Sep 2, StP, 10 a.m., Maurice and Joanne Noll

-Sun, Sep 2, StI, 1 p.m., People in our region/visitors