



*St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church,
East Troy, Wisconsin*

What a inspiring year this has been! After reflecting over this year and this past weekend, your St. Peter's 150th Anniversary Committee wants to express its sincere gratitude for everyone's help with making these year-long celebrations so joyful.

It started in July 2021 when so many of St. Peter's ministries hosted monthly events of their choosing. What creativity and dedication came forth! A warm hug of appreciation is sent to you for promoting the goodness within our parish. And, thank you to all who attended these different events. When a group takes on the challenge of hosting an event, it's heartwarming when you see that it is well attended and that your efforts are appreciated.

It seems that everyone who lends a hand at St. Peter's has a smile attached to it. What comes to mind is a quote from Mother Teresa: **"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."** All of you are a beautiful expression of this quote and to you, we are so grateful.

This past weekend was a doozy! A heartfelt thank you for all who...

- ★ Prepared the parish grounds and buildings for each event
- ★ Handled inquiries and the extra workload in the parish office
- ★ Stayed on top of what's happening in our parish and spreading the word so warmly
- ★ Used your muscles to move those (darn, heavy) tables and chairs so many times
- ★ Cooked and served a fabulous fish fry; then cleaned up after us
- ★ Arranged for an awesome activities area for our children to run, laugh and be silly
- ★ Arranged for the polka band to perform for our listening and dancing enjoyment
- ★ Who kept us fed and hydrated throughout the weekend
- ★ Lent us their knowledge and expertise with electricity and sound systems
- ★ Set up and took down the tents and the altar furniture for the outdoor Mass
- ★ Baked desserts and made salads, and for those who served them so generously
- ★ Prayed for favorable weather for the outdoor Mass (answered prayers, indeed!)
- ★ Decorated the outdoor altar and the "pews"
- ★ Created the program and distributed them so sweetly
- ★ Directed traffic and set up traffic cones to keep us safe
- ★ Lent us their saintly voices and performed their instruments so beautifully
- ★ Read from the lectern with wonderful dictation
- ★ Kept us hydrated in the hot sun
- ★ Set up the picnic to "feed the 5000"
- ★ Picked up litter and emptied garbage
- ★ Made sure every piece of equipment, furniture & every fork and plate was returned
- ★ Generously donated financially to support the year-long events and for the Celebration Weekend.

We thank Jesus as our savior, our inspiration and our gladness. Let us make the extra effort and honor Him by maintaining this momentum of joyful fellowship.

With grateful hearts,
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