

Groundbreaking 1957

Father McCready



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2018

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Note from the Pastor

Dear fellow Stewards,

In any voluntary organization, whether religious or secular, 20% of the members do 100% of the work. So, what's the difference between the 20% and the other 80%? In a word: Gratitude. A grateful heart can only give away the gratitude it has.

As Christians the basis of our gratitude is Jesus. Once we realize what Jesus has done for us then we seek to do the same for others: lay down our lives in service.

Every steward is charged with caring for something that belongs to another. As Christian stewards we are to care for the very Body of Christ. It is Christ's body that we care for and are accountable to as Christians. But how well do we care for his Church?

When you stay at a hotel you might notice that the room could use a paint job or the carpets are bit frayed or the faucet in the bathroom leaks a lot. Though you notice it you certainly wouldn't go about painting the room or fixing the dripping pipe. Maybe you would report it to the manager and leave it at that. But you would not treat your home the same way. No, you would make a plan to fix the problems and renovate the rooms of your house.

Well how do you treat your Parish Church: as a hotel or as your home? Your Parish Church is your spiritual home and it is yours to care for and build up. Being a Christian steward means noticing where and when help is needed, where and when you are being nudged to serve or to give.

If you are part of the 20% you need no thanks, because you are already filled with gratitude. But thank you still! And if you are part of the 80% take the Stewardship Challenge and join your brothers and sisters in the work of caring for your spiritual home and community.

Love, Fr. John B.



Vocation / Deacon Candidates



Chris Gass

I never had this major calling. I was not struck down or anything. Instead everything was gradual. It started when my oldest was baptized. I was not engaged in my faith. I was struck by the question, "Is this what you desire for you child". It really made me think. This started a process where I started to rediscover my faith. A few years ago I entered Kino classes with the diocese. This was to formally learn my faith. Gradually through all this, I began to be more open to God. I entered the Deaconate program still not sure, but open. This past year I have had a big change internally. I am now at a point where I am ready. I can now pray and sometimes feel the presence of God. It is really powerful. Please pray for me.



Dave Knebelsberger

I first felt the call to becoming a deacon about thirteen years ago. I was at a Holy Thursday Mass at my parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Fr. John Bonavita-cola was fairly new to OLMC, and as he was washing the feet of the twelve chosen people, I was very impressed by his service and his love of God. It was then that God made it clear to me that I should become a deacon because I too love God and love serving others. Since some of my five kids were still pretty young, I didn't think there was any way that I could answer the call at this time, so I put it on my back burner.

In November of 2012, I was attending a deacon ordination in Phoenix. A few minutes before Mass, I knelt down to ask the Lord if I should move forward with His call. It was then that I was flooded with the power of the Holy Spirit. My eyes filled with tears and I felt so much of God's love and peace. The next day I attended Mass at OLMC and was again filled with the love and joy of the Holy Spirit. Praise God! This is when I decided to start the 2 years adult faith formation classes at the Kino Institute followed by the five-year deacon formation program, a time of continuing discernment. If all goes well, I will be ordained in November of 2020.

Sister Monica

Holá! I am Sr. Monica Nobl Grau. I am the new superior with the Servants of the Plan of God. I arrived in Tempe to serve His people here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in May 2018.

As I was growing up I considered a variety of different studies. But, there was one thing I would have never dreamt about, was becoming a nun! I did study different areas and finally settled on studying archaeology. I was fascinated with the challenge of discovering the greatness of human beings from the past. I dreamed about travelling around the world. I really loved doing what I was doing and the opportunities that were in my future to fulfill my dreams were just what I thought I wanted. Although in the eyes of the world at large it seemed I had everything, I just was not fulfilled.

God entered into my world uninvited, and when I least expected Him. He changed my plans! With His help I better understood myself which made everything else make sense to me. I was truly surprised by His love in so many ways. In one very particular way He showed me that He wanted me to give my life to Him and serve Him forever. I finally understood that He had been gently calling me to His side my entire life.

In the 17 years I have been a Servant of the Plan of God he has not ceased to surprise me with His love and has fulfilled me in ways I never would have imagined possible. I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve Him in many different missions, enabling me to understand the greatness of human beings in a way that no studies ever could have. He now calls me to spread the Word in Arizona. I am very grateful for the love He shows me by the opportunity to be here. For me, there is no better place to be than serving His Plan, wherever that may take me to. And that really makes me happy!



Grief

The sorrow of losing a loved one can be considered an opportunity to experience growth. We don't have to go through this feeling/loss alone.

Grieving can be overwhelming. In my own case I have found that I am never alone. God is walking with me thru my sadness. Although Faith tells me God is with me, my question was how do I go forward? In my case, I found that we have a gift from our Lord, here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. A gift that offers those of us in mourning a helping hand thru our "Grief Group". The group consists of friendly people offering support to each other through our individual grief. Other's love and support has assisted me greatly in so many ways. Bereavement/grief has no time line. I don't believe one can ever truly "get over" the loss of a loved one, close friend or family member. There is not set pattern on how one should feel. No one can tell you how to mourn "correctly". The support I have been given has helped me through the different stages of my loss. I am still growing and learning! I have found hope, I can give and receive love and I can live my faith.

I thank God; for this gift, the opportunity to grow and yes for a chance to grieve in safe and friendly surroundings! Come join us! We will welcome you, help and support you in your loss! We don't believe they are truly far or gone especially when they are remembered!

God Bless You!

Mary Kelley

Grief Support

The support group is for those who have experienced a loss of a loved one, giving the person an opportunity to share his/her thoughts and feelings regarding their loss in a confidential environment of comprehension and respect. The group provides different tools that can assist the person deal and thus move forward with their loss. The support group with trained facilitators meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 1pm to 3pm. For more information please contact Sr. Stephanie at the parish office



Funeral Planning

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them"

The death of a loved one can often be a trying and stressful time. The loss may create difficulty in the ability to focus on the task of planning the services of a loved one. We at Mt. Carmel believe that this time can also be an opportunity to find comfort and solace by planning a sincere and loving tribute for your loved one.

The following information is intended to assist families in designing a Service that will celebrate life! The parish funeral coordinator is ready to assist our parishioners and their families in this process. The funeral coordinator is also available to assist with pre-arrangements. Please contact the funeral coordinator through the parish office for further assistance.

Families of registered members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish are welcomed to use McCreedy Hall for after funeral receptions/luncheons depending on the availability of the hall. Although there is no charge for registered parishioners, please note the hall is in use during the school year and is usually not available.

Capital Campaign

The history of the Catholic faith in Tempe begins with the visit of Fr. Marcos de Niza who travelled from Mexico up to Tempe in the 1600's. But it would not be until the 1870's that the sacraments would be offered on a regular basis in the Tempe area. The first baptisms at Our Lady of Mount Carmel were recorded in July of 1870. Fr. Edward Gerard, who was also the first Catholic priest ordained in the Arizona territory, helped the small Catholic community to build its first church. Since that time our Catholic Community has had three different locations: the first church, a small adobe building stood near the Tempe-Hayden Butte where today is the ASU Sun Devil Stadium ticket office; the second church (1902) is now part of the ASU Newman Center. In the early 1960's the Parish relocated to the Rural Road Campus and the new church was dedicated in 1968. Our Parish School has been continuously opened since 1945. All this speaks of the tremendous growth of our Community. And in 2018 we are still growing! As previous generations took up the task of building up the Parish, the Body of Christ, it now falls to us to follow their example. Our Parish is today much larger than it was in 1870 or 1902 or even 1968 and so are the needs of our Parish and School. While our buildings are starting to show their age, our community is still strong and vibrant.



Our Parish

Today our Parish is a vibrant community of over 2,100 faithful families.

Worshipping God in a welcoming, reverent and joyful way, with the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as our source, we are helping Catholics to live their faith with Christ in the center of their day to day activities.

We are forming and equipping Catholics to be good stewards, use their God-given gifts to build the Kingdom of God around them, and share the Good news of Jesus Christ and His Church with others through the various ministries and organizations within and outside of our parish and community.

Our share of the funds will be used towards:

- *Upgrading the church HVAC System*
- *New Ambo/Pulpit in Sanctuary*
- *New Church flooring/carpet*
- *Capital Improvements to our Elementary School and Preschool to include: new LED lighting for classrooms, new classroom flooring and upgrades.*

5 year Parish Goal:

\$1,672,308

Our Parish will receive 35% of every dollar collected.



**TOGETHER
LET US GO FORTH**

Juntos Sigamos Adelante

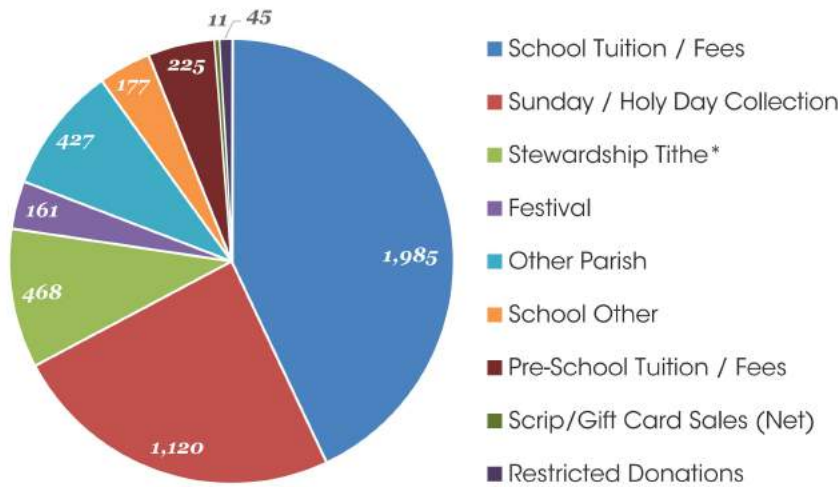
Revenue & Expenses

Revenue and Expenses by Department

\$ x1,000	Revenue	Expenses	Profit	Budget
Parish Admin. Support*	1,731	1,496	236	224
School Admin Support*	2,357	2,441	(84)	(8)
Home & School	1,263	1,272	(8)	0
Little Lambs Preschool	339	292	47	(4)
Youth and Young Adult	4	31	(27)	(30)
Religious Ed. Elementary	9	51	(42)	(41)
Youth at Risk	185	184	1	2
YM - Youth at Risk KC	35	35	(0)	(8)
Religious Ed. Adult	3	27	(24)	(25)
Parish Music Ministry	3	144	(141)	(142)
Parish Worship	6	23	(17)	(14)
Communication/Web Development	6	68	(61)	(62)
TOTAL	\$5,941	\$6,063	(\$122)	(\$107)



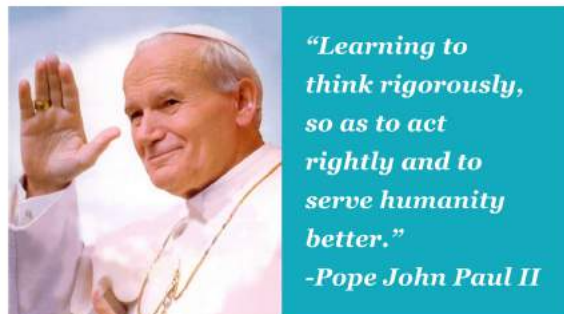
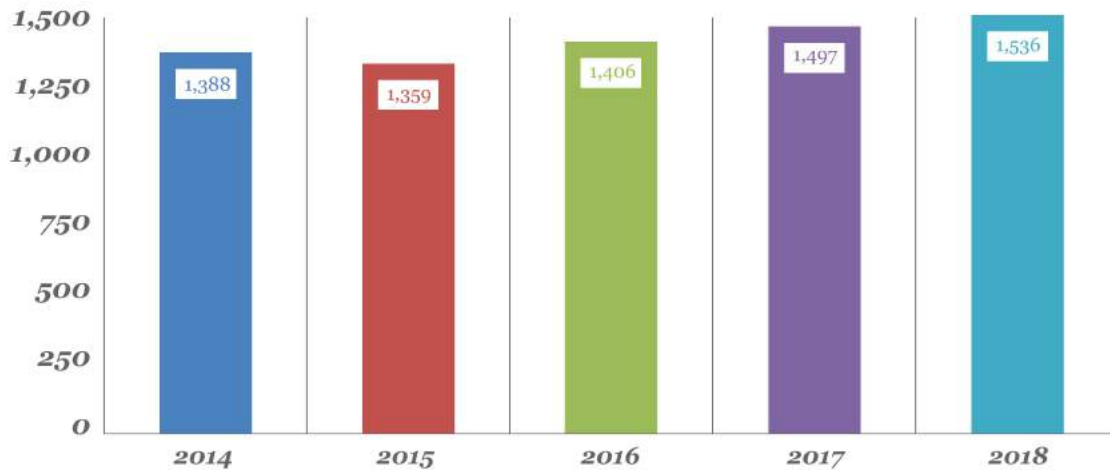
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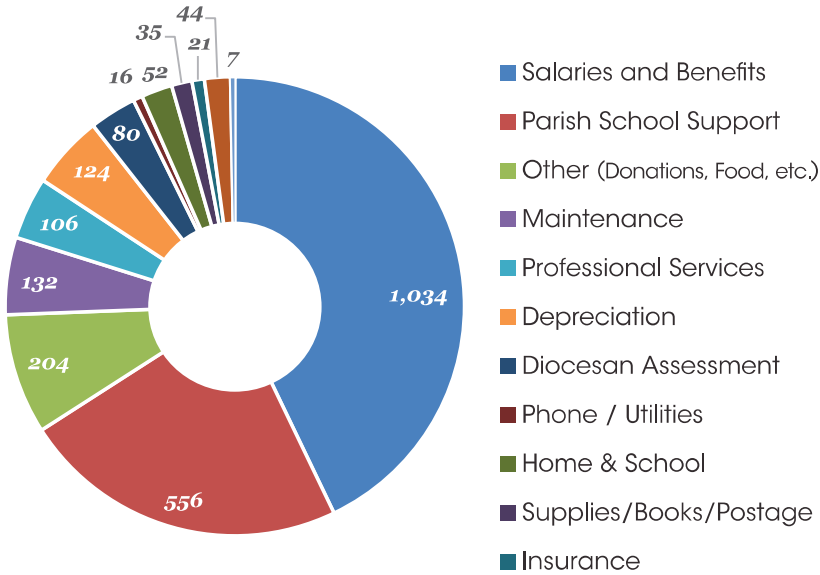
**Tithing from Stewardship Households. These households tithe a minimum of 7% of their treasure to OLMC. Those living within the Covenant Agreement have access to all parish services at no cost.*

Plate Collections

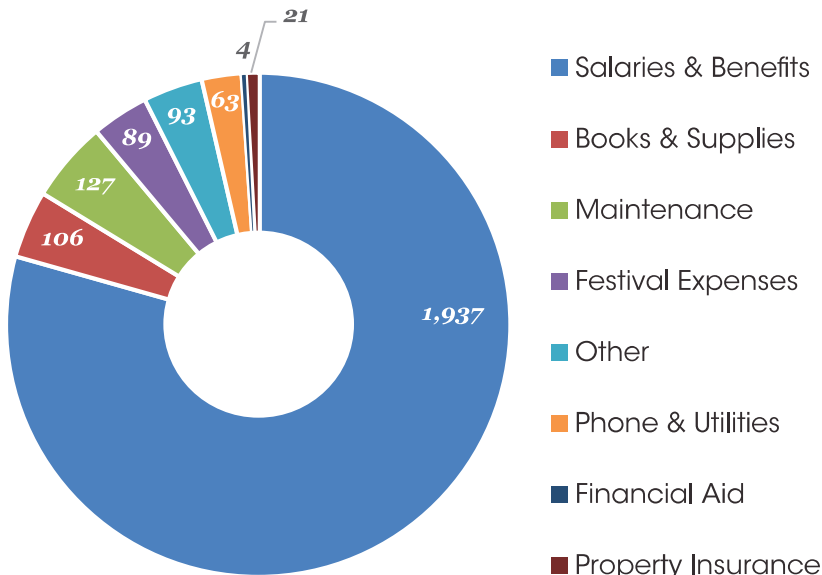
Plate Collections for Fiscal Year ending in June
\$ x1000



Parish Expenses



School Expenses



Social Outreach

Parish Gifts from Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Social Outreach and Special Collections

Bishop's Annual Charity & Development Appeal	\$129,203
Parish Families in Need	\$3,531
Religious Retirement	\$3,349
St. Vincent de Paul	\$22,018
Respect Life Sunday	\$7,376
Mission Sunday Collection	\$1,135
Rental Assistance	\$1,510
Catholic University of America	\$2,322
Holy Land	\$3,331
Catholic Home Missions	\$685
Catholic Relief Services	\$518
Native and Black Americans	\$1,196
Donations to the Homeless	\$740
Peter's Pence	\$2,201
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$179,115

Stewardship Prayer

Lord, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise You and we thank You for Your great Power and Your tender, faithful LOVE. Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift, and after having created us, You have given us into the keeping of Your Son, JESUS CHRIST. Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faithful, caring people. In the Name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus. AMEN.

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2018 - \$ x1000

Business Checking Account	\$134
School - Hot Lunch/Milk Accounts	\$3
Home & School Account	\$73
Money Market Account	\$5
Catholic Community Foundation	\$65
Accounts Receivable Tuition	\$2
Other Accounts Receivable	\$26
Inventory	\$178
Prepaid Expenses And Receivable Deposits	\$11
Furniture And Fixtures (greater Than \$2500 Ea.)	\$250
Equipment - Office & Other Valued More Than \$2500	\$305
Accum. Deprec. Land Improvements	(\$640)
Accum. Deprec. Buildings	(\$1,791)
Accum. Deprec. Building Improvements	(\$335)
Accum. Deprec. Furniture & Fixtures	(\$246)
Accum. Deprec. Equipment	(\$230)
Land	\$35
Land Improvements	\$640
Buildings	\$2,633
Building Improvements	\$335
Total Assets	\$1,453

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$82
School Memorial Fund	\$10
Exchange Funds (\$ Rcvd & Pd Out Again To 3rd Prty)	\$3
McCready Vocation/School Funds	\$10
Dr. Sheridan Fund	\$9
Mass Book Donations	\$2
Pre-paid Tuition	\$240
Pre-paid Registration	\$30
Prepaid Little Lambs Reg/Tuition/ Unapplied Cash	(\$7)
Deferred Revenue -	\$5
Due to H&S from Parish	\$10
Building Loan Due to MidFirst Bank	\$282
Other	\$21
Total Liabilities	\$697

Fund Balance

Fund Balance	\$877
Fund Balance - Current Year	(\$122)
Fund Balance - Current Year	\$755
Total Liabilities & Funds	\$1,453

Sacraments

Pastoral Service of the Parish

105
Baptisms

69
First
Reconciliations

49
Sacrament
of the Sick

10
RCIA

21
Holy
Matrimony

108
First
Communions

147
Confirmations

2
Graveside
Services

32
Funerals/
Memorial
Masses

6
Received
into Full
Communion

July 1, 2017
to
June 30, 2018