



OUR LADY OF
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Dear Friends,

I know for sure that I have been greatly blest by God and many times despite myself. Aside from the gratitude that comes with that I always ask myself, “what does God want of me”? Why does He bestow gifts if He is not expecting them to be used beyond my own well-being? How can I then return to the Lord with increase?

One way that I have tried to use my experience, strength and hope is to help families struggling with a young person with problems such as drug use, cutting, and eating disorders through our FullCircle Program. Experience has taught me that many families are broken and don't know where to turn for assistance. So many parents are praying that God will help them with their teen and I hope that I can be part of the answer to their prayers. And that is the essence of good stewardship.

Are you, through whatever gifts and blessings you have received being or trying to be the answer to someone else's prayers? Have you realized that God has brought you to this point in your life, not just for your own well-being but for that of others as well? Or are you hiding your light under a bushel basket?

One of the reasons we hold our annual People Raiser is to highlight the various ministries of service that can help you become the answer to another's prayers. Most of the service opportunities were begun not by an official mandate of the Church but because at sometime someone was inspired to do something. That something grew in an organized way and opened the way for others to use their resources, gifts, and blessings for others.

For instance our Parish's participation in Meals-on-Wheels started because some of the members of our Women's Sodality realized they cooked everyday so why not make a little extra for those who are infirmed and can't cook for themselves. Likewise our Meals-for-Moms that provides meals for post-partum mothers for two weeks after giving birth got its start from other moms who knew the help would be most appreciated. In every case it starts with someone realizing they have something to share and then make the effort to share it. And then they become the answer to someone else's prayers!





While our People Raiser highlights ministries that are already up and running and need assistance we certainly welcome new ideas that come with the willingness to put them into action. And remember as our Parish community has grown so have our ministry needs. In fact this year we have a Miscellaneous Ministry for those who have unique talents or abilities and are willing to give us your name and skill so we can possibly call upon you at some point during the year for assistance. Are you a good electrician, carpenter, counselor, teacher, butcher, baker or candlestick maker? Then we can put your talents and experience to good use.

As Christians the command to serve others is integral to the exercise of our faith. In fact if you are not serving in any way then you are not fulfilling your baptismal promises. Participating in the sacraments, attending Mass, going to confession, and otherwise praying are not the only part of being Catholic. Challenge yourself to fully implement your faith and be faithful to all the precepts of the Church. It is simple, though not always easy. But we suggest you follow the Rule of One: one hour of prayer (not including Mass), one hour of service and the first hour of wages dedicated to the Sunday collection each week. This is place to start. My hope is that you build on that and bring yourself to one hour of prayer a day, ten percent of each week's time to service and the entire first morning of your work week to the collection.

Christian service brings joy. If you are wondering why you're not so joyful, happy or act like you were baptized with vinegar ask yourself how and how consistently do I serve? And why not try to become the answer to someone's prayer?

Love,
Rev. John M. Bonavitacola
Fr. John



Obedience of Faith

By his Revelation, “the invisible God, from the fullness of his love, addresses men as his friends, and moves among them, in order to invite and receive them into his own company.” The adequate response to this invitation is faith.

By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God. With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, “the obedience of faith.”

(CCC 142, 143)



Faith is a personal act. The act is made personal by your decision to submit your will to God. God reciprocates. But just how does God reciprocate? For the early Israelites this occurred at Mt. Sinai where God told Moses his name, I AM. In a way, he introduced himself, making the relationship personal.

Think about it. When you introduce yourself or are introduced to someone, you always give your name. This now establishes a relationship and makes it personal. This person can now call you and you recognize him.

When you make this act of faith, is it isolated? In deed it is not. This faith makes us act together. Together we pray, give our time to others, and share our finances.

Prayer

*Believing in God, the only One,
and loving him with all our being has
enormous consequences for our whole life.*

*It means coming to know God's
greatness and majesty: "Behold, God is great, and we
know him not." Therefore, we must "serve God first."*

(CCC 222, 223)

*We come to know God by taking time to pray. Prayer is a
journey into your heart to see God's image within yourself.*

*He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his
disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."*

Paul and Nellie
Welter like to pray
the Rosary
in the car.

Frank and Natie
Lister like to pray
the "Dinner Prayer"
together.

The Whitmires
and Makars
like to say the
"Our Father"
together.

He said to them, "When you pray, say:

*Father, hallowed be your
name, your kingdom come.*

Give us each day our daily bread

*and forgive us our sins for we ourselves
forgive everyone in debt to us, and
do not subject us to the final test."*

(Luke 11:1-4 NAB)

Thanksgiving

It means living in thanksgiving: if God is the only One, everything we are and have comes from him:

“What have you that you did not receive?” “What shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?”

It means knowing the unity and true dignity of all men: Everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.

(CCC 224, 225)

Using our talents is one way of ‘living in thanksgiving.’ We use our talents by working in ministry and participating in the life of the Church.

Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom.

(James 3:13 NAB)

We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works.

We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:24, 25 NAB)

Treasure

It means making good use of created things: faith in God, the only One, leads us to use everything that is not God only insofar as it brings us closer to him, and to detach ourselves from it insofar as it turns us away from him:

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you. My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you. My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you.
(St. Nicholas of Flüe)

(CCC 226)



With a generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, and do not spare your freewill gifts.

With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

For he is a God who always repays and will give back to you sevenfold.

(Sirach 35:10-13 NAB)

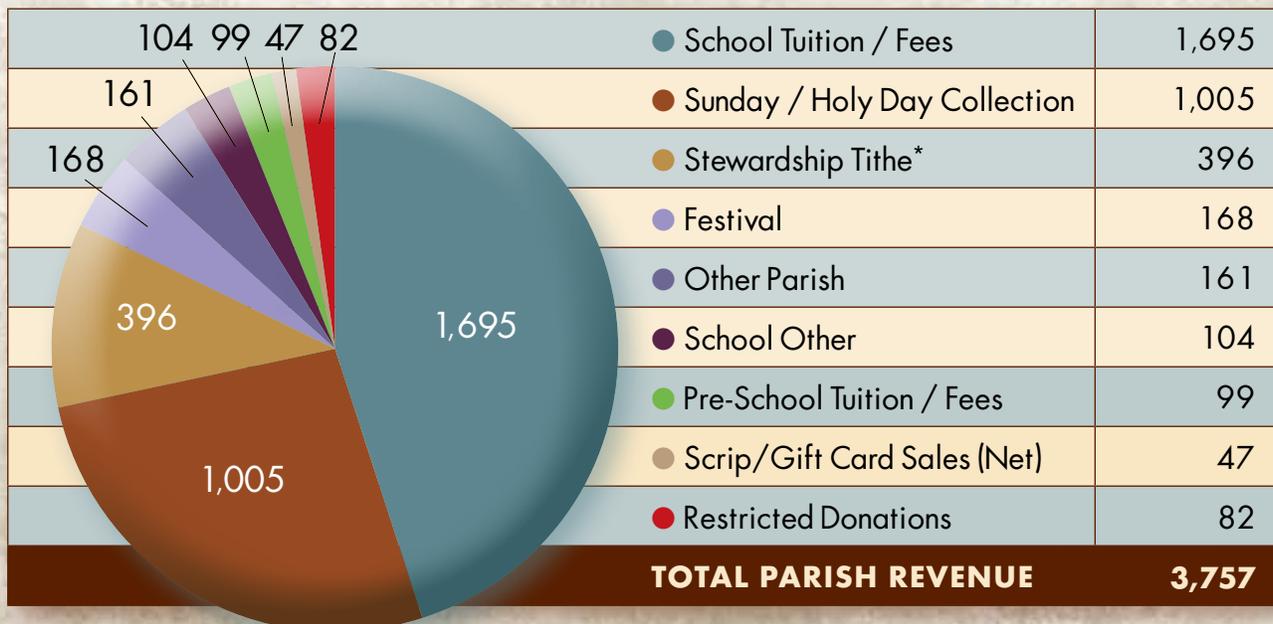
REVENUE & EXPENSES

Revenue and Expenses by Department \$ x 1000

Department Description	Revenue	Expenses	Profit	Budget
Parish Admin. Support*	1,519	1,278	241	372
School Admin Support*	1,978	2,002	(24)	(107)
Home & School	1,251	1,245	6	1
Little Lambs Preschool	137	146	(9)	30
Youth and Young Adult	0	67	(67)	(69)
Religious Ed. Elementary	11	54	(44)	(41)
Youth at Risk	43	39	3	(16)
Religious Ed. Adult	1	31	(31)	(57)
Parish Music Ministry	1	110	(109)	(107)
Parish Worship	4	24	(20)	(21)
Communication/Web Devel.	1	62	(62)	(66)
TOTALS	4,946	5,059	(113)	(80)

* See pie charts for details.

Parish Revenue \$ x 1000



** 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.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Ordinary Sunday Collections for Fiscal Year Ending June*

\$ x 1000



* 2009 reflects regular Sunday Plate only. 2010-2013 reflect regular Sunday Plate and Stewardship Tithes.

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

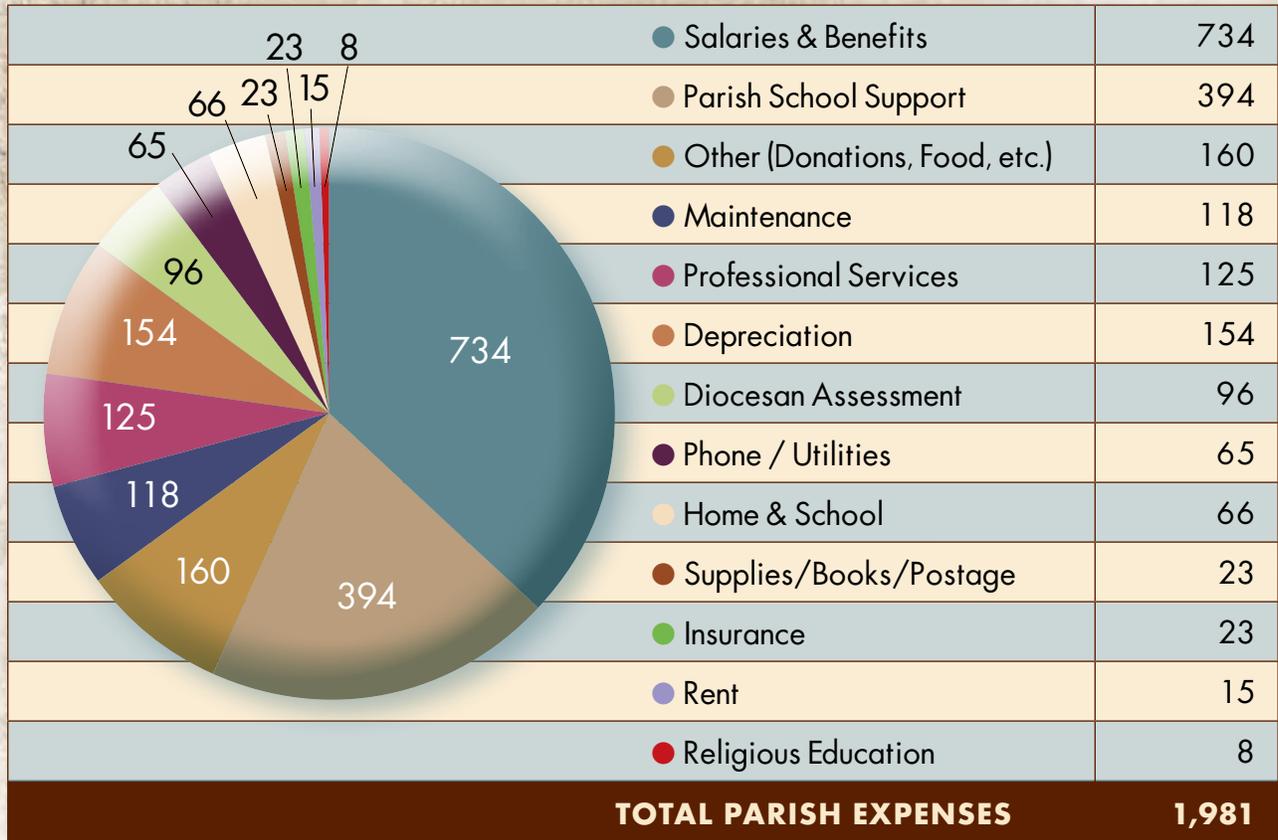
Bishop's Annual Charity & Development Appeal	\$138,073
Parish Families in Need	23,145
St. Vincent de Paul	15,110
Religious Retirement	8,042
Respect Life Sunday	3,234
The Phoenix Institute	2,500
Holy Land Collection	1,336
Donations to the Homeless	1,246
Caritas in Veritate International	766
Aid to Women Center	497
Friends of the Orphans	496
Elizabeth's House	470
Catholic University of America	144
TOTAL DONATIONS	\$195,059

Stewardship efforts through our Parish School, Preschool, Teen Program, and Young Adults have also supported: St. Peter's Mission School, Catholic Charities, Friends of the Orphans, St. Vincent de Paul, Aid to Women Center, Charity and Development Appeal and The Department of Veterans Affairs.

PARISH & SCHOOL EXPENSES

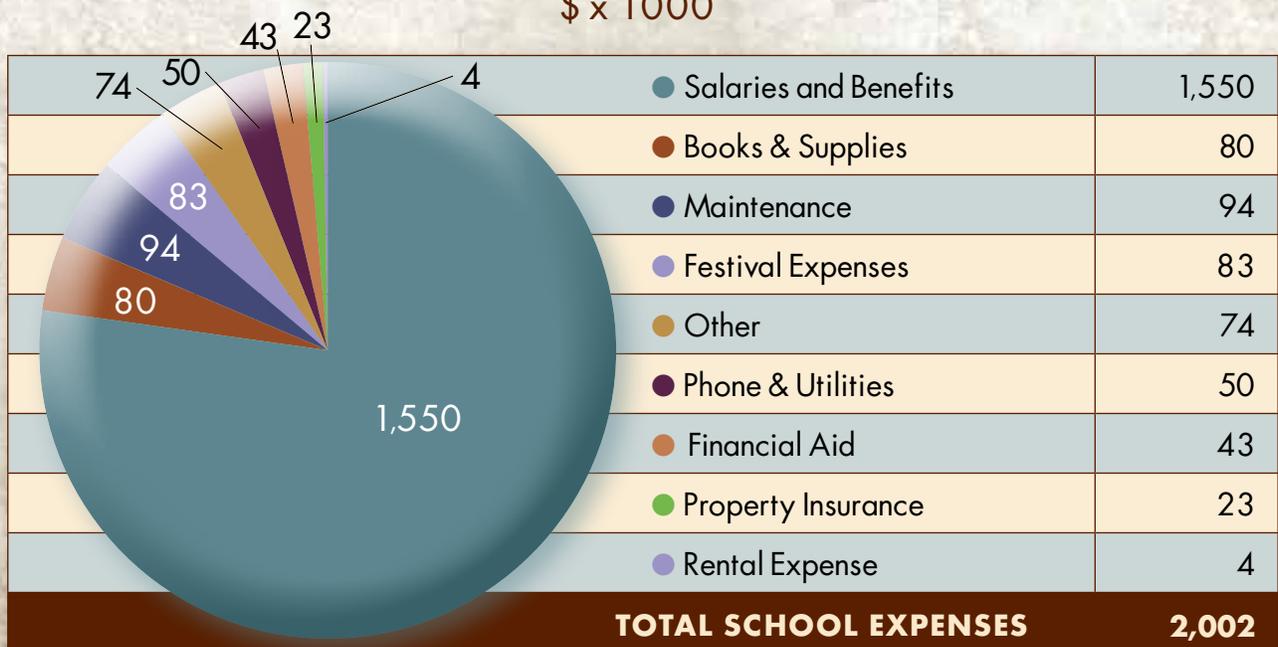
Parish Expenses

\$ x 1000



School Expenses

\$ x 1000



BALANCE SHEET

\$ x 1000

ASSETS	
Business Checking Account	\$145
School – Hot Lunch/ Milk Accounts	\$2
Home & School Account	\$53
Chancery Deposits	\$3
Catholic Community Foundation	\$54
Accounts Receivable Tuition	\$34
McCready Estate Savings	\$51
Other Accounts Receivable	\$54
Inventory	\$121
Prepaid Expenses and Receivable Deposits	\$8
Notes Receivable	\$8
Furniture And Fixtures (greater than \$2500 each)	\$238
Equipment – Office & Other Valued More Than \$2500	\$139
Construction In Progress	\$14
Accum. Deprec. Land Improvements	(\$447)
Accum. Deprec. Buildings	(\$1416)
Accum. Deprec. Building Improvements	(\$222)
Accum. Deprec. Furniture & Fixtures	(\$225)
Accum. Deprec. Equipment	(\$45)
Land	\$35
Land Improvements	\$547
Buildings	\$2,059
Building Improvements	\$313
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,525

LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$52
School Memorial Fund	\$11
Exchange Funds (\$ Received & Paid Out Again To 3rd Party)	\$0
McCready Vocation/ School Funds	\$6
FFT Sales For H & S	\$1
Mass Book Donations	\$1
Pre-paid Tuition	\$39
Pre-paid Registration	\$26
Prepaid Little Lambs Reg/ Tuition/Unapplied Cash	\$7
Deferred Revenue – SOAR/Library Donations	\$1
7th Grade Recycle Clearing Account	\$0
Other	\$28
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$172

FUND BALANCE	
Fund Balance	\$1,467
Fund Balance – Current Year	(\$113)
Fund Balance – Current Year	\$1,353

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUNDS	\$1,525
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Pastoral Service of the Parish
July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Sacraments

- Baptisms – 109*
- First Reconciliations – 80*
- First Communions – 97*
- Confirmations – 102*
- Marriages – 32*
- Sacrament of the Sick – 69*

- Received into Full Communion
(Previously Baptized) – 8*
- RCIA – 16*
- Funerals/ Memorial Masses – 49*
- Graveside Services – 3*

Vocations

- Entered into Sisterhood - 1*
- Ordained for Religious Communities - 1*
- Ordained into Priesthood – 1*
- Ordained to Permanent Diaconate - 1*

