

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mission Statement

St. Mary Catholic Church is a Sacramental community united in Christ, proclaiming God's love through liturgy, prayer, education, and service to others.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praised be to Jesus Christ! Fall has arrived, and it is that time of year for the Annual Parish Stewardship Report. It has been a challenging year. The COVID-19 crisis has shaken our Church and society. The restrictions imposed upon us have had a profound impact upon us as individuals, families, and the Church. Only time will tell the kind of collateral damage that has been done, because we are by nature social beings, meant to be in community. Nonetheless, despite these challenges, we are still called to discipleship, and perhaps, our discipleship is even more important now than it has ever been. We have had to be more creative in our approach to carrying out that call to contribute our time, talent and treasure. We, the staff and clergy, have worked hard to try to maintain some sense of community through our efforts at live streaming the Mass and other events, making videos, and keeping you updated through regular communication.

Our year-end report gives a snapshot of the life of our parish from July 2019 through June 2020.

Here are some quantifiable statistics for our sacraments to show how we are carrying out the Mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ:

Adult Baptisms = 16, Infant/child Baptisms = 36, 1st Communions = 33, Confirmations = 27, Weddings = 5, Funerals = 26, and those received into Full Communion = 1.

We have so many dedicated volunteers and families who are living their faith and who put themselves at the service of the Lord. I give my heartfelt thanks to all of you for participating in our spiritual life and parish mission to extend the mercy of God into the world. It is by your generosity that we are able to provide many pastoral services.

We are graced by the Lord to have our clergy, staff, and volunteers who have contributed so many thousands of hours of ministry. We are blessed to have two priests! And we have striven to keep staff working to assist with parish needs, but this has placed additional financial challenges on the parish budget. I can say confidently that it has been the steady income from those giving electronically that has helped us through these financial challenges. Please do prayerfully consider how much you can give to the parish. We appreciate your generosity.

In addition to your generosity to our parish, you are generous in so many other ways. In our charitable disbursements (listed on the right) we have given over \$18,000 to other charitable organizations, and in addition we have given \$47,352 for the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal (but we are still short of the goal of \$81,509). And we have given \$21,443 for the Seminarian Appeal. We have a Parish Funds Trust savings account in the amount of \$132,961 at the Archdiocese that so far we have not had to touch.

Our buildings are always in need of maintenance and repair, but this past fiscal year we have not had any major projects. The only major expense was an upgrade to the office computers before the COVID shutdowns.

The COVID-19 crisis affected many financially, and the parish is no exception. Since the crisis began in mid March we have seen a **drop in offertory income of 11% and overall income of 16%**. We have worked hard to keep expenses at a minimum which includes reducing office hours and cutting back on programs that cannot take place. Thankfully, we were able to apply for and received the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan from the government in the amount of \$132,000. We have abided by the regulations and expect the loan to be forgiven in the coming year.

With such a large parish, it has always been a challenge to know exactly how many families we have coming. Currently, we have 636 families that have contributed in traceable income, which is down from 745 last year. There are, however, 2217 families listed in our database, and it is difficult to determine which of those families are still active in the parish especially with the restrictions for Mass attendance, but we need all of our families to help in the financial stewardship of our parish.

We continue to recognize as faithful Christians that we are called to put everything that we have and are at the service of the Lord. We strive to deepen our friendship with Christ and to share His life with our families, neighbors, friends and others. The Eucharist stands as the source and summit from which flow the many blessings we receive from the Church. St. Mary Church is proud to be able to provide that essential grace to the faithful.

May God's abundant blessings be always upon you and your loved ones.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Ronald Nelson, Pastor

ST. MARY CHARITABLE DISBURSEMENTS INCLUDE:

Catholic Home Missions, Collection for the Holy Father, Holy Land Collection, Catholic Communication Campaign, Retirement for Religious, Catholic Charities, Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Relief, Annual Catholic Appeal, Central and Eastern European Churches, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Broadcasting, Feed the Hungry.

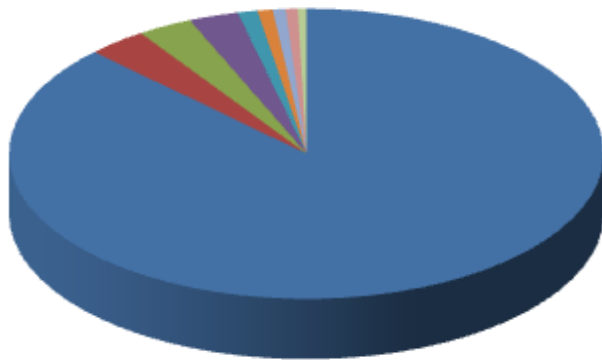


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PARISH REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Income 2019-2020

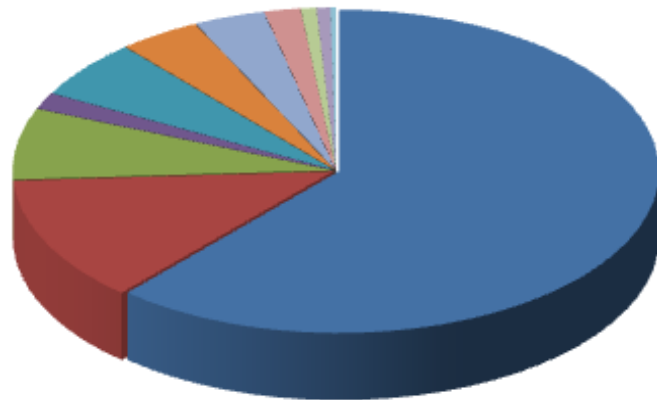
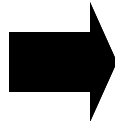


■ Offertory Collections	940,566
■ Collections/Fundraising	34,948
■ Bequests/Gifts/Grants	32,196
■ Rental Property Income	29,015
■ Restricted Revenue	11,607
■ Sales Revenue	8,969
■ Other	7,485
■ Fees for Services	7,085
■ Relig. Ed. Revenue	5,034
Total	1,076,905

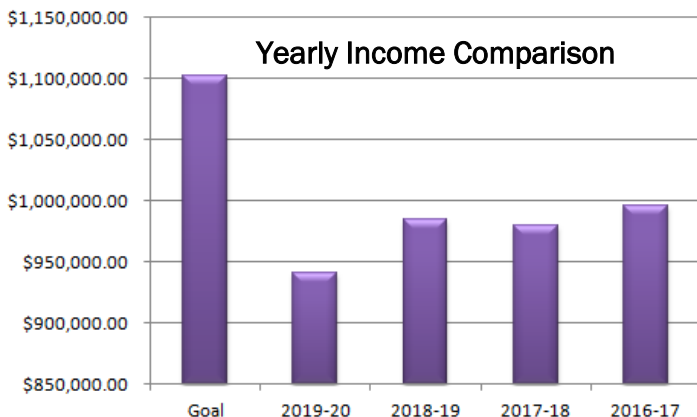
Thank you for your Stewardship, and please remember St. Mary's in your charitable giving!

Expenses

Personnel Costs	676,110	■
School Subsidy	138,675	■
Archdiocese Assessment	78,380	■
Services to Parishioners	17,928	■
General & Administrative	64,326	■
Utilities	45,458	■
Maintenance	39,415	■
Liturgical	20,123	■
Comp/Data processing	8,573	■
Rental	7,560	■
Education	3,112	■
Total	1,099,660	



Parish Expenses 2019-2020



The pie charts above show that our expenses exceed our income by \$22,755. As you can see, our offertory collections still are not able to cover our expenses.

The chart to the left shows offertory collections for the past few years. It shows we are down from previous years.

Note that this chart does not include monies for special gifts. Please consider signing up for on-line giving with "We Share" or automatic deductions through your bank. I'll adopt Mother Angelica's famous quote: "Please keep [St. Mary's] between your gas bill and your electric bill!" Thank you!