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Sacrament  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Mission ~ To be formed as disciples who encounter the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, love the Lord through worship, and bring Christ to others through joyful service.

## Finance Report 2022

This report contains a summary of the financial state of our parish and school. It also includes other ways we use our time, talent, and treasure in building up our parish community. We want to thank you for the many ways you contribute – and not just financially. We are truly blessed by your generosity.

Last year, this report outlined for you that our overall Sunday collections, school tuition and fees were not keeping up with the increase in costs for our building and staff that make up our campus. We then began with our prayers and letters to you requesting an increase in your regular Sunday contributions. Fortunately, we began receiving a 19% increase in our collections. That increase helped us maintain the operation of our parish and school, and we were able to end the year close to budget.

The operation of our parish and school is dependent on your generosity. We are aware that you may be stretched more and more to meet the demands of your personal expenses due to the high costs of nearly everything. The parish operational expenses are also on the rise. Please keep in mind the needs of our parish when making your contributions.

At the beginning of this current fiscal year, we were fortunate to receive over \$400,000 from the government's employee retention fund. Those funds were used to reduce our parish debt considerably. We will continue to reduce our debt and add to the capital improvement fund as we receive your contributions for debt reduction.

We are available any time to answer questions on the status of the financial condition of the parish. Feel free to ask any questions you may have, at any time.

**Finance Council:** Father Jerry Ward, Leslie Vallar, Derek McCully, Mike Rochford, Ben Getz, Denise Henderson, Mike Zeller, Julie Blair (Trustee), Andy Honneger (Trustee), Kim Gryl (Accountant)



8th gr Living Stations



Confirmation 2022



Thanksgiving Day and school food drive donations for Sophia's Kitchen



"Arts in the Park" with the band & 3rd/5th grade students

## TITHE

A tithe is a one-tenth part of something voluntarily paid as a contribution to a religious organization or charity. What matters most is not whether you give the tenth of your earnings, but whether you give it with the right attitude and the right heart. A heart that is truly right with God will have no problems giving ten percent or even more. God doesn't need our money, but we definitely need God to bless our money. That's why God calls us into generosity; He wants to know whether we value Him enough to part with our finances, whether it makes sense or not, and whether tithing is a dead practice or not. As your parish community, we've always asked for **ALL** parishioners to contribute **4%** as regular Sunday offerings. The Diocese asks for **1%** as part of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. That leaves 5% to contribute to the other organizations that mean the most to you.

Annual Gross Income	Monthly Contribution @ 4%	Annual Contribution @ 4%
\$24,000	\$80	\$960
\$36,000	\$120	\$1,440
\$48,000	\$160	\$1,920
\$60,000	\$200	\$2,400
\$96,000	\$320	\$3,840
\$120,000	\$400	\$4,800

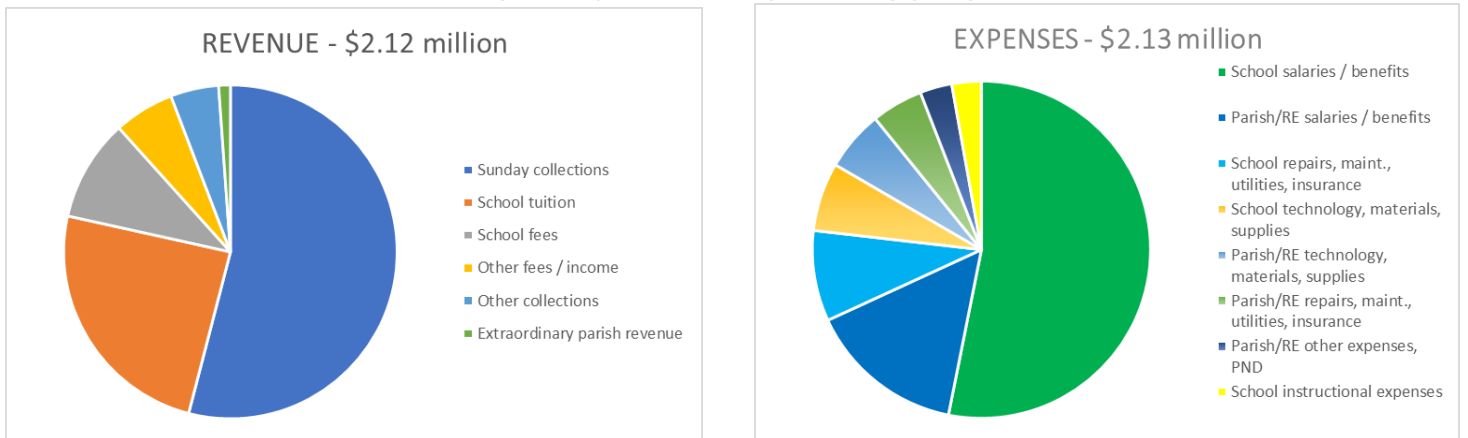
## DEBT REDUCTION

Below is a summary of payments made during the 2021-2022 fiscal year:

Beginning debt balance 6/30/2021	\$ 1,071,000
Principal paid	\$ (489,000)
Ending debt balance 6/30/2022	\$ <u>582,000</u>
Interest paid in 2021-2022	\$ <u>47,009.24</u>

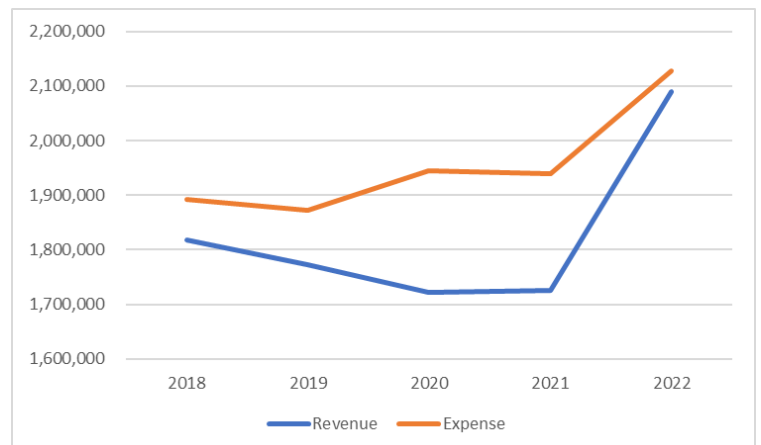
In March 2022, our Parish filed amended Federal payroll tax returns to take advantage of the Employee Retention Credits offered by the Federal government. Any employer that had to shut down and/or had a significant drop in quarterly receipts during the pandemic, but continued to pay employees, was eligible. Considering each quarter independently, the credits were based on qualifying wages paid to employees during that same time. In July, we received the funds and were able to make a principal payment of \$400,000, bringing our current debt balance to \$182,000. We continue to incur interest on this balance and still need everyone to fulfill their pledges.

## 2021-2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS



## FINANCIAL RESULTS – 5-YEAR HISTORY

This chart shows revenues without extraordinary items (Festival proceeds, CARES Act PPP, investment gains/losses) and expenses over a 5-year period. We were able to close the gap because of your response to our increased offertory campaign. Thank you! **Please consider setting up on-line donation.** It is the easiest way to give. And please be sure to prayerfully consider your contributions to our Parish each year.



# HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022

## Stewardship

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provided \$62,570 for rent, utilities, medical expenses, and food, helping those in need. In addition, \$13,775 worth of goods were donated to Sophia's Kitchen, Community Harvest Food Pantry, We Care, Community Cupboard and Enough Stuff Shop.

The Annual Fund raised approximately \$37,000 to support various efforts within the parish.

## Evangelization & Outreach

We are very proud of the evangelization and outreach that our parish provided through special projects and programs including:

- ◆ Weekly Communion services were provided at Brandon Wood and the Villas of Holly Brook, and a group Rosary was offered at Apostolic Christian Restmor.
- ◆ Ministers visited and brought Holy Communion to an average of 40 homebound parishioners per week; an additional 30 parishioners in local nursing homes were visited each week.
- ◆ Our parish experienced an increase in funerals, which resulted in additional individual bereavement outreach and increased participation in the monthly Grief Care support group. The group averaged between 6 – 10 attendees each month.
- ◆ Parish and community service projects included the Thanksgiving Day food drive, Sharing Christmas project and Easter Basket project.
- ◆ Donut Sunday Socials and blood pressure screenings were offered monthly.



## Parish

During the past year, we welcomed about 30 families to our parish by sending out welcome packets and reaching out to new members to answer any questions and provide information about our parish.

## Religious Education

The Religious Education program for public schools had 171 children enrolled.

- ◆ The textbooks from Sophia Press Institute, "Spirit of Truth," was used for grades 1-8. The High School program used "LifeTeen." Grades 1-6 and Junior High students met at 10:30 AM on Sundays, while high school students met at 12:30 PM.
- ◆ We confirmed 24 students in our high school program.
- ◆ The high school youth group, "Holy Ground" met on Sunday evenings at 7:33 PM. In April of 2022, a Junior High youth group began, called "Edge." Both of these groups meet in the Youth Ministry/Liturgical Music room. They will occasionally meet in the school gym or outside for different activities.



- ◆ Our weeklong mission of Totus Tuus was held in June, which focused on our Catholic identity through attending daily Mass, learning more about prayer/Our Father and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. 15 kindergarteners, 62 children in grades 1-6, and 46 in grades 7-12 attended, plus many parish volunteers. Over 60 parish members donated their time by praying in the Holy Family Chapel during the week. In addition, each night a different parish family hosted the team for dinner in their home.



# HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022 continued

## School

- ◆ 217 students were enrolled in preschool through 8th grade at Blessed Sacrament School during the 2021-2022 school year.



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- ◆ We had 26 2nd graders receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.
- ◆ Our 8th grade class performed a moving performance of the Living Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- ◆ Over the summer, BSS students in Kindergarten through 6th grade read their way to the #1 Reading Participation Award from Morton Public Library.
- ◆ Athletic highlights of the year include the boys Cross Country team winning the IESA State Championship and Max Kirby (7th grader) was the individual state champion. Blessed Sacrament hosted the 57th Annual Knights of Columbus Tournament for boys basketball where the Tars won 2nd place. The 8th grade Tars won 3rd place in the 1A IESA State basketball tournament. The 7th grade Lady Tars won 2nd place in the 7th grade Catholic Schools volleyball tournament.



First Communion 2022



XC State Champions



7th gr VB 2nd place Catholic Schools tourney



8th gr BB State tournament-3rd place

- ◆ The 8th graders placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th places in the ASCE Bridge Competition.
- ◆ We had two staff members say their farewells to Blessed Sacrament School at the end of the school year. The wonderful Principal of many years, Mike Birdoes, and our beloved P.E. teacher of 34 years, Jeri Gilfillan.



ASCE Bridge Competition



Mike Birdoes



Jeri Gilfillan



8th gr cheerleaders



8th gr Graduation



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