



GROWING GENEROUS HEARTS

Discipleship & Stewardship Report

**Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Collinsville, IL**

Be. Grow. Make Disciples



The seeds YOU planted have grown in our parish, our school and our community

- 70+ Active Ministries including more than 10 new ones in the past three years
- Much needed maintenance and repair to 80,000 sq ft. of parish buildings
- Continued ability to provide competitive pay and benefits to our dedicated staff
- Continued ability to provide the Sacraments and other spiritual activities

YOU didn't stop there!

YOUR generosity allowed us to enhance our parish, our school and our community



- Built a Gathering Space and Fellowship Hall that creates opportunities for fellowship and hospitality for our parish and community
- Reconfigured North parking lot to create ease for our parishioners and guests
- Enhanced the school with Spanish and robotics programs, new equipment, and science and technology upgrades
- Upgraded our security system to keep everyone as safe as possible
- Completed the church basement/hallway renovation
- Replaced the HVAC system

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Your gifts allow the opportunity for Christ to enter into people's lives and create real change. They allow us to thrive and grow as disciples, inviting others to hear the Good News.

As we continue our journey of discipleship -- to Be, Grow, and Make Disciples -- we recognize that gratitude for all that God has given us is the cornerstone of our faith journey. Disciples are good stewards of all of God's gifts. These include our time, talent and treasure. As we grow in our relationship with God, gratitude for His gifts changes our hearts and minds.

Stewardship is about being honest with God. Often stewardship is seen as a fundraising effort. Nothing could be farther from the truth. As disciples of Christ we must be a people of prayer, generosity and sharing.

Each one of us has been called to this. Everything we have is a gift from God and every single gift is meant to be shared. The gifts you give to the church are a direct response to God's generosity



WHERE WE STAND

You may be inclined to skip this section; however, we want to communicate the trends of our financial direction. The reality is that we are struggling to make ends meet. Our fiscal year is July 1-June 30. The chart below compares the income and expenses between Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2019. 2016 was chosen as a base year because it aligns most closely with normal operations.

INCOME	2016	2019	Difference	% Change
Regular Offertory	\$802,839	\$657,824	-\$145,015	-18.06%
Annual Fund	\$74,288	\$86,934	\$12,646	17.02%
Fundraisers	\$137,202	\$8,532	-\$128,670	-93.78%
Tuition	\$450,053	\$458,812	\$8,759	1.95%
Misc	\$263,204	\$73,997	-\$189,207	-71.89%
Total Income	\$1,727,586	\$1,286,099	-\$441,487	-25.56%
EXPENSES				
Payroll (Salaries & Benefits)	\$1,203,733	\$1,286,480	\$82,747	6.87%
Utilities	\$109,872	\$139,218	\$29,346	26.71%
Supplies	\$111,767	\$110,626	-\$1,141	-1.02%
Misc	\$249,097	\$237,930	-\$11,167	-4.48%
Total Expenses	\$1,674,469	\$1,774,254	\$99,785	5.96%
Net Income(Loss)	\$53,117	-\$488,155	-\$541,272	-31.51%

Every year costs continue to increase and we work hard to secure better prices to control expenses. Overall, the Offertory is down, as are profits from fundraisers. Our Finance Council has worked diligently to ensure that our parish is a good steward of the gifts we receive.

To see the full financial report please contact Finance Manager,
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GROWING OUR GRATITUDE

How do we, as Parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul, grow our gratitude?

We can change the way we think and act from

"GIVING TO THE *CHURCH*"
to
"GIVING BACK TO *GOD!*"

This allows us to see our giving as an expression of gratitude for what He has given us!

As we know, everything we have is God's already. God has entrusted gifts to us and it's our responsibility to share these gifts out love for God and neighbor.

You may have heard of tithing. Tithing is the setting aside of a tenth of one's income to return to God. But the supreme model of giving in the New Testament was not based on a 10% tithe, but on a 100% commitment of personal resources. Jesus is the example of this 100% giving.

Jesus saw the grateful sharing of our gifts as a means of joy.

“Each must do as already determined without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

OPENING OUR HEARTS



We are asking you to open your hearts to see all the gifts you have been given, and consider how to give back to God what is His.



Tithing is spiritual and a beautiful opportunity to eliminate clutter and create clarity on what is truly important in life.



Imagine what would happen if every family opened their hearts to the biblical model of tithing and Jesus' teachings on giving. The joy and blessings received from tithing would be magnified beyond just your home but to our whole parish.

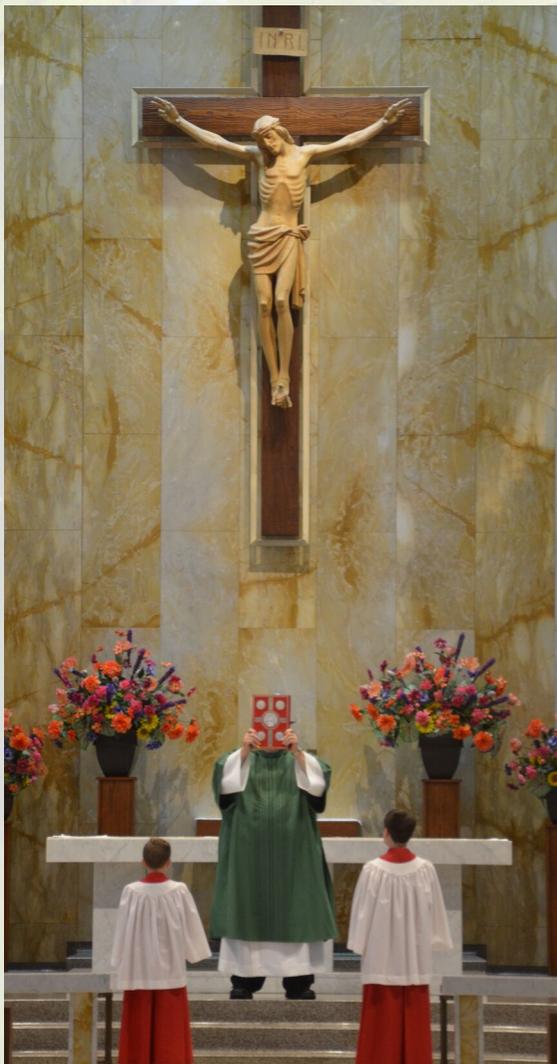
“You are enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.”

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

“Possessions are gifts from God and are more for the sake of the brethren than one’s own soul. The Christian should not carry them about in his soul, nor allow them to bind and circumscribe his life. He is able with cheerful mind to bear their removal equally with their abundance.”

ST. CLEMENT OF ALEX, 200 A.D.

HOW DO WE BEGIN?



First with **PRAYER**. Bring this issue to God with an open heart and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. This is between you and God. We ask you to prayerfully consider how starting on the road to tithing will not only change our Parish, but will change your life and the life of your family.

In the upcoming weeks, we will give you more information on tithing.



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