

St. Elizabeth Seton Roman Catholic Parish

Annual Stewardship Report

Liturgical Ministries

The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of our parish life. From the Eucharist all aspects of life flow, from catechetical ministry to social outreach activity. It takes many members of our parish family to actively participate as liturgical ministers. The following shows current numbers of liturgical ministers and the number of liturgical ministers needed:

Name of Ministry	Current	Needed
Altar Servers	28	7
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	105	60
Lectors	39	0
Music Ministers	53	0
Sacristans	16	0
Hospitality Ministers	43	40



Parish Social Outreach Ministries

One of the greatest examples of our faith is our parish's work in the community. We are called to share the light of Christ with those outside our parish walls. Many of our parishioners have given of their time and talent to benefit the larger community. Here are some of our achievements/projects this year:

- Music Ministry— Guest Concerts, Concerts, Musicals.
- Christmas Giving Tree—gifts to 68 kids and 42 adults through Doves—Area Agency on Aging.
- Youth—Breakfast and Parish Sponsored Service Projects.
- Ministry of Care—serve 18 Nursing Homes on a monthly basis.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society—serves the less fortunate in our community.
- Knights of Columbus Clothing Drive

Volunteerism in our Parish

Sun City is know as “A City of Volunteers” and the spirit of ministry and volunteerism is alive and well in our parish community. In addition to the ministries highlighted throughout this report our parishioners volunteer in many other ministries involving administration, social justice, community building, finances, leadership, and catechesis. Thank you to all of our volunteers.



Parish Catechetical Ministries

“Because they have given life to their children, parents have a most serious obligation and enjoy the right to educate them; therefore Christian parents are especially to care for the Christian education of their children according to the teaching handed on by the Church,” (Canon Law 226.2). St. Elizabeth Seton assists parents in the faith formation and education of their children, providing opportunities to learn more about what we, as Catholics believe and how we practice our faith, as followers of Jesus Christ. The following number of parishioners participated in Faith Formation this year.

Religious Ed (Preschool)	6	Adult Formation	300+
Middle School (K-6)	54	Bible Study	60
Youth Ministry (7-12)	15	RCIA	7

Sacramental Life of the Parish

Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Life in Christ: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian’s life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.

The following number of parishioners received Sacraments this year:

Baptism	7
First Reconciliation	17
First Eucharist	22
Confirmation	24
Marriage	2
Anointing of the Sick	135
Rite of Christian Funerals	60



Making the Most out of Every Dollar

The following pages provide information regarding the income and expenses of the parish for FY 2015/2016. The financial report is divided into four sections: Charitable Dollars, Operational Dollars, Capital Dollars and Endowment Dollars. Similar to the average household which incurs everyday expenses (operational), charitable giving, plant improvements (capital) and retirement savings (endowment), so a stewardship parish ought to do the same. The parish, in its commitment to stewardship, strives to be fiscally responsible, not just by striving to cover our operational expenses, but also by setting aside income for the future.

Endowment Dollars

The Catholic Community Foundation (C.C.F.), a non-profit, independent charitable organization that supports religious, education, and philanthropic objectives of the Diocese of Phoenix, holds a perpetual endowment fund for St. Elizabeth Seton Roman Catholic Parish. As of June 30, 2016, the fund balance was: \$76,722.32

No matter at what stage in life you are, it is never too soon to reflect upon the kind of legacy you would like to leave to the future. Whether you are a young family starting out or you are in the midst of your retirement years, the Catholic Community Foundation can help you find a meaningful way to benefit others through the good stewardship of your gifts. Help us build this fund and establish new perpetual endowment funds. For more information or to discover which giving method is best suited for you and your needs, please call the Catholic Community Foundation (602) 354-2400 or visit them at www.ccfphx.org

Charitable Giving in our Parish

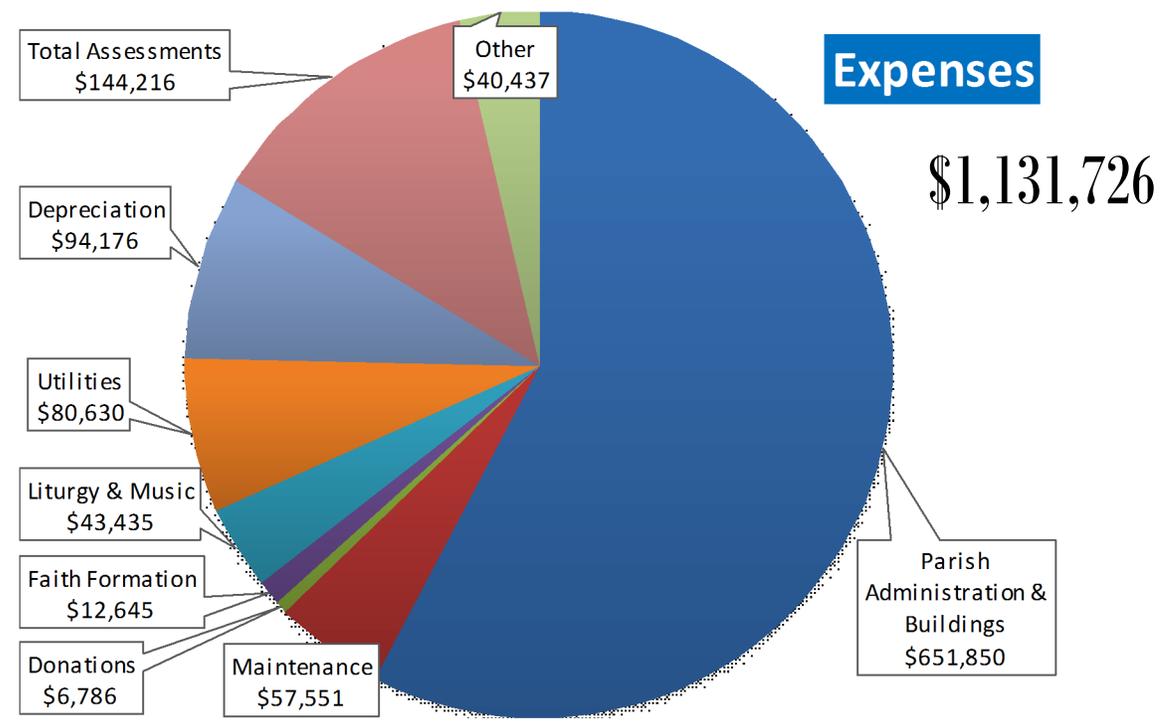
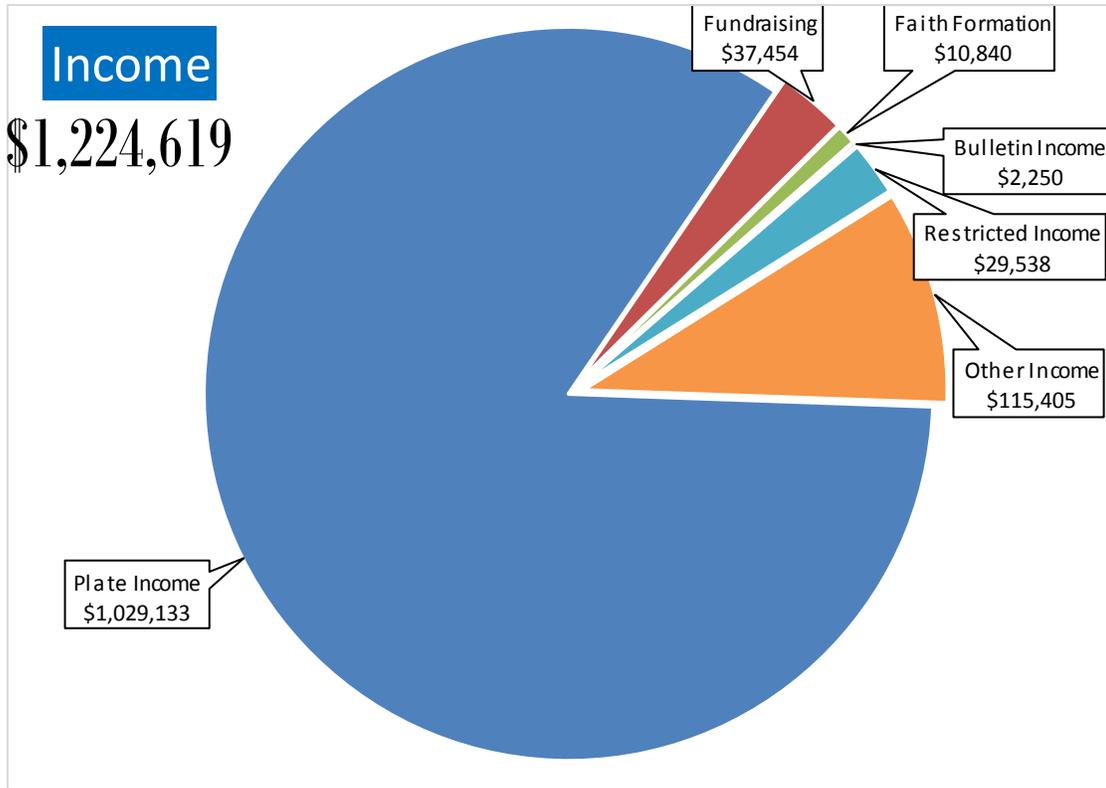
As a Stewardship Parish we are called to tithe. There are several ways in which our parish contributes to charities and organizations beyond our parish boundaries. Three of the largest ways we tithe are the diocesan assessments (which support the diocesan offices and services), the Charity and Development Appeal (which supports more than 70 charitable, educational and spiritual organizations and programs) and our national special collections (these are determined by the US Bishops).

Diocesan Support:		National Collections:	
	\$Total		\$Total
Charity and Development Appeal (CDA)	\$130,000	Peter's Pence	\$2,301
Bishop's Assessment	\$127,764	Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$2,105
		Holy Land	\$3,121
		Catholic Relief Services	\$3,684
Other Charities:	\$Total	Catholic Communications	\$2,346
Other Charities	\$6,786	Mission Sunday	\$1,896
		Native American Ministries and Black Missions	\$1,930
		Religious Retirement	\$3,827
		Sanctity of Life	\$2,714
		Catholic University	\$1,697
		Special Needs	\$3,027
		Catholic Home Missions	\$2,377



Total Amount Tithed: \$295,575

Operational Dollars:



Income

Highlights

- Thank you to the 1,111 of 1,411 registered parishioners who financially support our parish and ensure the continuation of our parish mission and purpose
- There was a increase of \$41,335 in operational income from last fiscal year.

Expenses

Highlights

- The average monthly utility bill was \$6,719 and our total for utilities was \$80,630.
- The parish ran a budget surplus of \$92,893 for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.