

CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE—CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S, APRIL 21, 2018!

I almost ended with this paragraph as this report typically is a reflection of what we have been up to— but this is such a big deal—I opted to open with it! This workshop grew from Sherry Weddell's book 'Forming Intentional Disciples' that Father Jerry referred to since he met her at a past Clergy Conference and how much the book gives us insight into the future of the church. The Called & Gifted workshop will guide us through a process of discernment in which we learn to recognize our charisms which are the gifts given by the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation and are outside of our 'natural talents'. Using our charisms helps us as Christians to accomplish great things for God above and beyond our 'natural talents' and equips us to be lay apostles for the Christian mission to the world; aka: **INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES!** "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire," said St. Catherine of Siena. Read more about it at: www.siena.org. Through a grant from the Diocesan CREED Fund we are excited to have this opportunity right here in Grand Rapids instead of traveling to Colorado. *Be sure to jot this date on your calendar this New Year!*

FAITH FORMATION—WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW? Early this year a staff committee began discussion about how we can offer our faith formation programming in one evening rather than two nights a week. It was feedback from our families that began this conversation and in the months that followed, we were able to make new plans for Grades 6-11 programming. Lori Lagergren and Sue Schuler teamed up to reinvent our curriculum for all grade levels and a true small group model became our goal. During the summer, Father Jerry began inspiring adults to help in this effort, as nearly 50 volunteers were needed 3 Wednesday nights per month. Sue Schuler offered training/discernment sessions for these adults in late summer — and we now have over 40 Adults who said YES! to be a small group leader (*along with another 20 who are on our call list and help with dinner*). We begin each evening with dinner time between 4:45-6:50pm on Faith Formation nights—kids and families can come anytime during this 2 hour window and have a bite to eat before class begins at 7pm.

Our Early Release Time Program also took on a new look as well this year. Grades 3-5 still come twice a month but now spend the entire afternoon with us (*rather than only 40 minutes 2x month*) and are able have dinner as well! 1-2:30pm is class time—2:30-3:30pm offers snack and exercise, and the last hour is spent in service. The 5th Graders have already rung the bell at the Red Kettle while singing Christmas tunes and all the kids headed to Evergreen Terrace to share some time with the senior residents in crafts and fun! The next plan is for our 4th graders will be out *Ringing and Singing* on December 20th! **DO YOU KNOW OF A PROJECT IN NEED THAT KIDS CAN HELP WITH OR BE PART OF??** Please give Mandy a call and let us know about it! Offering our elementary members these service opportunities is planting seeds for the future—GREAT STUFF!

Through all this transition we also bid farewell to Colleen Keefe who was missing her family and warm climate. We have since hired Lisa Neary, our very own parish member, who was inspired by the bulletin ad and applied. She has nearly 4 months under her belt and is doing a fabulous job, we are blessed to have her! Lisa keeps all organized with her 40+ small group leaders, is part of the diocesan youth ministry team and great at social media and group texts which keep our youth and families 'in the loop' of all that is happening here and the many youth opportunities through the Diocese of Duluth. Stay tuned for some neat and exciting plans for over the winter which will surely help the youth and their families beat the winter doldrums!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS— WE ARE OFFICIALLY WATERPROOFED!! It took just a couple of weeks and good weather and our new sealant is on the exterior block and protecting our Church for another 8-10 years. That was our big Building and Grounds happening this last year. Our committee meets periodically to assess needs and prioritize plans. The social hall flooring and beginning a replacement plan for the flat roofing material seem to be our next priorities. Since we need to do some sidewalk repairs this coming spring, we are also exploring the possibility of adding a sidewalk on the south entrance to offer better pedestrian travel. All of these upgrades and repairs are budgeted as we 'set aside' \$40,000 per year for this type of work—Stay tuned!

WE ALSO RENEWED OUR FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION FOR ANOTHER YEAR. Since our last report just a year ago—another 100 members have joined formed.org to make it 300 who have signed up for this FREE online library of movies, studies, workshops, books, etc — and we are STILL only scratching the parish membership surface!! **Take a few minutes sometime soon and CHECK out formed.org!** Easy to do: Log onto: <https://formed.org> — page down and click on 'Register using your parish code' and set up your free user account by entering our parish code: 3f050b (0=zeros). Many families are enjoying family friendly movies and kid cartoons that have been added—make it part of your new year plan!

Lastly, THANK YOU for your support!!—so much happens daily and couldn't be done without our members who offer outreach, lector, minister, sing, clean, bake, serve, prepare mailingsthis list goes on and on! Our faith filled and dedicated staff here at St. Joseph's is honored to serve this amazing parish!

Christmas and New Year Blessings to all! — *Karla Igo, Parish Administrator*

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St. Joseph's Catholic Community



2016-17 Annual Report

Annual Report Introduction

Pastor:

- Fr. Jerry Weiss

Assoc. Pastor:

- Fr. Charlie Friebohle

Deacon:

- Jim Sura

Parish Administrator:

- Karla Igo

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- Nancy Kopacek

Director of Development

- Wendy Roy
- Ron Kellner, Assistant

Parish Secretaries:

- Kitty Pollock
- Patti Istvanovich
- Tracy Smith

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Music and Liturgy:

- Michelle Kessler

PreK-5 Faith Formation

Director:

- Mandy Foss

6-12 Faith Formation

Director:

- Lisa Neary

Parish Nurse:

- Janet Kanthak

Grief, Share & Prayer

Ministry:

- Bobbie Harrington

School Principal:

- Teresa Matetich

School Secretary:

- Carmen Watland

Maintenance:

- Jim Berg

I recently attended a Deanery Meeting and the new diocesan Director of Stewardship was there to introduce himself and give us an overview of his position. In preparation, he read a letter the Bishops had written several years ago. In that letter they made reference to the fact that *when we are disciples of Jesus, stewardship is not an option.*

Our focus on our faith formation has moved from memorization to helping our young men and women become disciples of Jesus Christ. It is only when we have undertaken that journey that all else will fall into place. It is the same with stewardship.

It is not only the members of the parish that are called to be good stewards. There is reciprocity in the fact that the parish, as an organization, is also called upon to be a good steward of the gifts you have given us. In the area of finances, the responsibility falls on the pastor, the members of the Finance Council and the trustees of the parish corporation. For this reason each year we are required not only to make an annual report to the Diocese of Duluth, but we are also required to make a report to the members of the parish. This report is the fulfillment of that responsibility.

As you can see from the numbers, we have done well this past year. All of the bills were paid; UCA was paid in full; we have paid down a considerable amount of the mortgage. This past year also saw the establishment of the office of a Development Director. Once this office gets up to speed, there will be more information available to the parishioners.

We continue to put money aside to take care of our buildings. This facility is over 56,000 square feet and as much use as the building receives, this is really a never-ending process! We continue to think of the building as the "new" church, when in fact we have been here for 16 years already.

Many thanks to all who have been so generous this past year! It is never too late to become better stewards. I continue to pray for all you, that you may become disciples of Jesus Christ; follow in his path and take up your crosses. It is only when we have assumed the role of disciples that the necessity to be good stewards will present itself in the Christian context. I will continue to pray for all of you that the New Year may be filled with the abundant blessings of our loving God.

In Christ,

~ Fr. Jerry

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY REVENUE & EXPENSE
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 COMPARED WITH 2016

Prepared by Nancy Kopacek, Business Manager

		YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17	YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17
PARISH					
REVENUE				EXPENSE	
Ordinary Income					
Envelopes	\$566,910	\$573,224	Salaries & Benefits	\$226,859	\$258,845
Plate	\$61,400	\$68,067	Services, supplies, materials	\$37,867	\$63,862
TOTAL	\$628,310	\$641,291	Fundraising	\$10,159	\$17,160
			Charitable donations	\$525	\$522
			UCA Operational	\$0	\$0
			Insurance	\$19,948	\$20,205
Other Income			Interest	\$673	\$0
Donations/Bequests	\$39,091	\$4,737	Other Administrative	\$25,563	\$24,969
Investment Income	\$3,227	\$2,966	Subsidy to School	\$165,000	\$160,000
Fundraising	\$53,034	\$41,799	Liturgy	\$36,750	\$36,937
Program & facility use fees	\$17,905	\$31,301	Religious Education	\$73,573	\$63,197
Other	\$23,153	\$19,118	Rectory	\$8,776	\$15,068
Cohasset reimbursement	\$40,344	\$41,742	Church Site	\$98,488	\$92,706
TOTAL	\$176,753	\$141,664	Plant & Custodial	\$19,977	\$7,580
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$805,063	\$782,955	TOTAL PARISH EXPENSE	\$724,158	\$761,052
UCA Goal	\$90,012	\$91,823	Net Income (Loss)	\$80,905	\$21,903

Total Ordinary income for the parish was 2.1% higher than prior year. Donation and fundraising income were lower due to prior year Mary Garden gifts and donations to World Youth Day and the Steubenville trip. Total parish income was (2.7%) lower than '15-'16. The UCA goal of \$91,823 was met.

Total parish expenses were 5% higher than prior year. 'Services, supplies, materials' increased primarily due to replacement of the 'end of life' server and a new firewall. There was a shift of custodial expense from 'Plant' category to the 'Salaries & Benefits' category. Total parish net income was \$22K. \$20K was transferred to our maintenance reserve fund, resulting in adjusted net income of \$2K.

		YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17	YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17
EDUCATION FACILITY					
REVENUE				EXPENSE	
Debt reduction payments	\$235,223	\$159,456	Project finance costs	\$123,594	\$66,505
Investment Income	\$192	\$372			
TOTAL	\$235,415	\$159,828	TOTAL	\$123,594	\$66,505

In addition to \$66.5K in interest paid on the Facility Mortgage, there were principal reduction payments of \$186K, totaling \$252.5K paid on our mortgage for the fiscal year.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COUNCILS 2017-18

PARISH TRUSTEES: Gwynne Bobich Jim Hoolihan **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Paul Dealy, Amanda Dick, Patti Gould-St. Aubin, Bill Martinetto, Elizabeth Miskovich, Bryan Schlicht, Bud Schneider, Matt Varin, Teri Williams, & School Board Representative **PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Anna Acheson, Cathy Erickson, Matthew Harrington, Craig Hegrenes, Gina Huju, Greg Johnson, Pat Randall, Dave Roerick, Elizabeth Rohling, Andy Rooney, Steve Schroeder, a School Board Representative and Cheri Niles as CCW Representative. **SCHOOL BOARD:** Michelle Amhold-Davies, Amanda Kluge, Kati Marcotte, Jessica Nelson, Cathy Jo Niewind, Joy Peterson, Carrie Schlicht, Barb Schroeder, Bri Solem, Molly Tulek, Natalie Varin, Toni Youngdahl

		YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17	YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17
SCHOOL					
REVENUE				EXPENSE	
Tuition	\$327,300	\$337,266	Salary & Benefits	\$605,111	\$629,859
Tuition Aid	\$24,000	\$23,500	Services & Program Materials	\$45,900	\$48,737
Parish Subsidy	\$165,000	\$160,000	Purchased Services	\$10,188	\$12,327
St Augustine's Subsidy		\$5,000	Scrip Cost of Goods Sold	\$0	\$162,342
Endowment Subsidy	\$59,400	\$64,000	Fundraising	\$12,206	\$7,456
Preschool Income	\$50,675	\$54,529	SAC expense	\$9,763	\$9,580
SAC	\$63,509	\$60,032	Preschool expense	\$2,004	\$1,861
Fundraising / SCRIP	\$86,547	\$235,126	Plant & Custodial	\$68,829	\$73,686
Annual Fund	\$4,540	\$9,836	Insurance	\$14,263	\$15,046
Gifts	\$6,893	\$13,888	Annual Fund	\$4,082	\$831
Other	\$1,995	\$967	Lay Pension Assessment	\$2,059	\$2,062
Investment Income	\$516	\$161			
TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME	\$790,376	\$964,303	TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSE	\$774,406	\$963,787

Total school net income was \$515. School Fundraising / Scrip income increased significantly vs. prior year due to a change in accounting practice for Scrip. Previously only the 'net profit' was recorded as income. As of '16-'17 all sales are recognized as income, while all cost of goods sold are recorded in expenses.

Total cost of education for Pre-K to 6 is \$963,787 funded by:

Tuition income	47%	Parish subsidy	17%	School fundraising	24%
Endowment subsidy	7%	Tuition Aid	2%	Other	3%

		YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17	YTD 6-30-16	YTD 6-30-17
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
SCHOOL ENDOWMENT REVENUE				SCHOOL ENDOWMENT EXPENSE	
Gifts & Memorials	\$19,102	\$7,960	Subsidy to School	\$59,400	\$64,000
Interest Income	\$3,777	\$13			
Dividends and Interest	\$43,780	\$33,610			
TOTAL SCHOOL	\$66,659	\$41,583	TOTAL	\$59,400	\$64,000
CHURCH ENDOWMENT REVENUE				CHURCH ENDOWMENT EXPENSE	
Gifts & Memorials	\$6,970	\$4,185	Account Service Charges	\$0	\$50
Interest Income	\$4	\$2			
Dividends and Interest	\$2,545	\$2,858			
TOTAL CHURCH	\$9,519	\$7,046	TOTAL	\$0	\$50
SCHOOL ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO BALANCE	\$1.015M	\$1.082M	CHURCH ENDOWMENT PORTFOLIO BALANCE	\$49,602	\$66,487

St. Joseph's Community has accomplished so much in the past fifteen years. Now, with a look to the future, the parish has re-established the Development Office. It is an honor for me to begin working as the new St. Joseph's Director of Development.

So what is my job? My goal over the next three years is to assist the members of our parish community understand how to give from their assets through the concept of Planned Giving. Gifts of certain assets may allow you take advantage of tax benefits or avoid probate; as a result, your donation can make the most positive impact on the church as well as your heirs.

The establishment of planned gifts is the outcome of this goal. The future of our parish depends on you. Thank you for making me a part of this endeavor. ~ Wendy Roy

"We plan for generations we may never know...
and plant trees under whose shade we may never sit." ~ Glenmary Sisters