



Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Finance and Progress Report 2020 - 2021

Dear Parishioner,

This week the bulletin contains the annual financial report for fiscal year 2020-2021, that is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. I must say that it was a much better year than 2019 – 2020. We came out of the dark as the fiscal year marched on. We were still not able to meet in our churches in person at the beginning of the fiscal year (summer of 2020)..but as the year progressed and we were able to once again meet communally in our churches we slowly regained a sense of normalcy. For the purpose of this financial reporting that also includes financial normalcy.

One of the most important responsibilities of parish administration is the sharing of the financial activity of the parish with you. It is always the goal of parish leadership to be transparent when it comes to the finances of this parish. On pages 10 and 11 of this bulletin you will find a report that includes graphics and figures showing the expense and income breakdown for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year, per the operating budget. Please note that this is not a balance sheet discussing all parish assets and liabilities. The abundance that you see in income is due to the sale of the school lot which was finalized in December of 2020 and must be recorded as income. As it has been explained in the past the proceeds from the sale of that lot has given the parish an opportunity to pay off the debt of the schools, handle the crises of Covid-19, place some additional funds into savings, and be prepared for any additional unexpected problems. In addition to the expense and income breakdown you will also find a few other bits of information highlighting the year.

As you know, stewardship encompasses much more than the generation of revenue. It is that call to each of us to support our parish in all ways possible. Stewardship draws upon the talents, expertise, and hard work of parishioners. Stewardship is not only a way to give back to the parish, it also is the best way to become involved, to meet people, and to feel a part of our Catholic community. I encourage you to make a commitment to be actively involved in the parish through all three of the following: attending and participating in Mass, providing financial support, and offering time and talent as service to the parish community. We have a great number of ministries, both old and new, for you to become involved with.

As always, there are maintenance issues that must be addressed, especially in our aging worship spaces. The projects are staggered and our resources from Operating, Savings, and Catholic Strong are used to address them. This past year we held back a bit due to the lack of income in the spring and fall of 2020, as well as, the uncertainty that continued to exist as we moved through last winter. Over this past summer and into the fall we have begun to complete maintenance projects. This is due to the funds we have in savings and our expected income steadying.

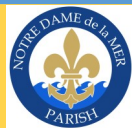
Wildwood Catholic Academy entered its second year. The school is a mission of our parish. Therefore, it is our responsibility to help it succeed. Enrollment numbers were slightly larger than what was budgeted. This is a positive. We have established a new school board that will continue to take shape and grow. They join our very involved school finance council in guiding and advising the school leadership team. We continue to need your support and prayers to help us make this PreK – 12 entity, the first in the Diocese of Camden, a success.

In addition to the quantitative data listed here, I gratefully acknowledge the generous efforts of hundreds of parish volunteers, who over the past year, have contributed thousands of hours to support our parish and its various ministries and activities. Our volunteers play a vital role in helping our parish live its mission and help to keep all of the facets of our extremely active parish running smoothly. I would also like to thank the Parish Council and Parish Finance Committee for all of its guidance.

I hope that you have a chance to look over the report in the bulletin and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to come see me.

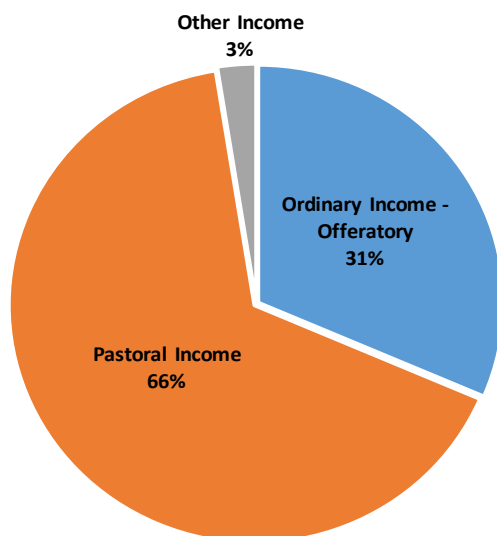
In Christ,

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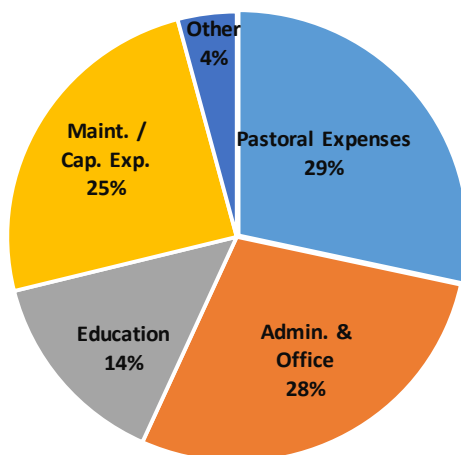
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Income Breakdown - 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021



Ordinary Income - Offeratory:
\$802,780.84
Pastoral Income:
\$1,684,845.43
Other Income:
\$64,624.00
Total Income:
\$2,552,250.27

Expense Breakdown - 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021



Pastoral Expenses:
\$370,855.01
Administration & Office:
\$369,876.69
Education:
\$187,821.15
Maint. / Capital Expense:
\$322,560.14
Other:
\$54,254.45
Total Expenses:
\$1,305,367.44

Notes:

Pastoral Expenses: Priests, Liturgical Supplies and Printings, Flowers, Music, Activities, Diocesan Assessments

Admin. & Office: Office Salaries, Supplies, Office Expenses, Benefits & Payroll, Building Insurances

Education: School Subsidy, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, Catholic Star Herald

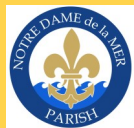
Maint. / Capital Expenses: Building Utilities, Custodial, Grounds keeping, General Maintenance, Capital Projects

Other Expenses: Rectory Expense, Hispanic Ministry, Social Services, Church Universal Remittances

Ordinary Income: Ordinary Offertory, Electronic Giving, Holy Day Offertory

Pastoral Income: Candles, Bequests (restricted and unrestricted), Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Flowers, Activities, Fundraisers, Miscellaneous Revenue streams

Other Income: Religious Education Tuition, Social Services, Hispanic Ministry, Church Universal Collections



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Check Out Our Numbers:

- **4984** Registered Parishioners
- **2024** Registered Families
- **66** New Families
- **351** students in our schools
- **190** students participated in our Religious Ed. program
- **18** Marriages in our churches
- **35** Baptisms
- **76** First Holy Communion
- **33** Confirmation
- **74** Funerals
- **24** Altar Servers
- **30** Lectors
- **92** Eucharistic Ministers
- **52** members—Music Ministry
- **148** members—Forever Young
- **5** regularly meeting prayer groups

Offertory

- 447 families actively using envelopes
- 84 families actively using e-giving

Catholic Strong Campaign Projects that have been completed to date:

Parking Lots:

\$59,500.00

Live Stream Platform & Cameras:

\$23,533.07

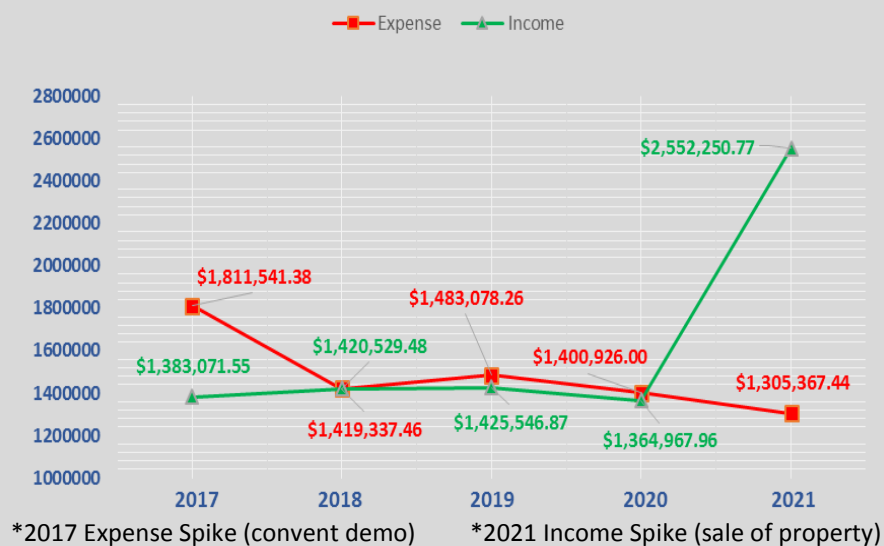
Sound System Overhaul (St. Ann):

\$43,520.00...in progress

Sound System Overhaul (Assump):

\$48,974.00...in progress

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Total Parish Utility Costs:

Electric: \$ 32,055.46

Gas: \$ 40,011.89

Water/Sewer: \$ 10,119.47

Internet/WiFi: \$ 4,797.90

Phone: \$ 8,212.58

Cable: \$ 4,685.04

Total: \$ 99,882.34

Includes : All parish buildings and parish office. WCA is not included

Additional Causes and Collections Supported by NDDL M

- Many individual Diocesan Special Collections throughout the year
- Mission Co-Op Collection
- Wildwood Catholic Academy
- Diocesan School Fund
- Lazarus House Ministries, Inc.
- Natural Disaster Relief Funds
- Support to our local Catholic Charities
- House of Charity
- Haiti Orphanage

Catholic Strong Campaign:

Total Pledge - \$1,116,075 Over 5 years

Total Received to Date: approx. \$500,000



Improvement Projects:

Completed and Ongoing projects July 1 , 2020—June 30, 2021:

- * Various upgrades to parish building HVAC systems
- * Parish building roof repairs as needed
- * Misc. electric and plumbing improvements at both the school, rectory, and church properties throughout the year.
- * Bell—Tower at Assumption Church emergency structural repair
- * New kneelers at Assumption Church