

# Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Finance and Progress Report 2016 - 2017

Dear Parishioner,

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.

Our gifts to the parish of time, talent and treasure are given in gratitude because God has given so much to us. He is at work through us here at NDDLM, as evidenced by your generous contributions and participation in the sacraments, worship services, and outreach programs. It is what makes Notre Dame de la Mer and our schools a beacon of Christ's Light. As we review our many successes, we praise God for His spiritual effects on our lives.

One of the most important responsibilities of parish administration is the sharing of the financial activity of the parish with you. It is the goal of parish leadership and the finance committee to be transparent when it comes to the finances of this parish. In the center of this bulletin you will find a report that includes graphics and figures showing the expense and income breakdown for the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year, per the operating budget. Please note that this is not a balance sheet discussing all parish assets and liabilities. In addition to the expense and income breakdown you will also find a few other highlights.

I would like to point out that there is a difference in the expense vs. income for the operating budget of approximately \$400,000. A great majority of this overage on the expense side of the operating budget was due to unforeseen capitalized project expenditures. These expenditures include the demolition of the Convent, replacement of the Boiler at St. Ann Church, the upgrade of the Boilers at Assumption Church, and other necessary maintenance costs. Had we been blessed with the knowledge that these items were going to need immediate attention the '16 – '17 budget could have been structured in a way to acknowledge these expenses as capital projects. Luckily for Notre Dame de la Mer Parish we have special reserve accounts designed specifically to help fund these type of items. We are <u>not</u> currently \$400K in debt...in fact, we are solvent and continue to grow the resources that you have provided.

Unfortunately, there are maintenance issues that must be addressed, especially in our aging worship spaces. However, we are confident that most of the pressing issues have been addressed over the past few years. We are currently working on and planning a few improvement projects within the parish buildings that will enhance your spiritual experience.

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 NDDLM running smoothly.

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,

Kevin





Notes: \$356,180.00 of the expenses overage for the budget year was due to unforeseen capitalized project expenditures including the demolition of the Convent and boiler replacement and upgrades. These projects were funded by reserve savings accounts. <u>Pastoral Expenses:</u> Priests, Liturgical Supplies and Printings, Flowers, Music, Activities, Diocesan Assessment Education: School Subsidy, Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation, Catholic Star Herald

<u>Other Expenses</u>: Hispanic Ministry, Rectory Expense, Utilities, Social Services, Church Universal Remittances

<u>Ordinary Income:</u> Ordinary Offertory, Electronic Giving, Holy Day Offertory <u>Pastoral Income:</u> 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



# Notre Dame de la Mer Parish

## **Finance and Progress Report 2016 - 2017**

### Check Out Our Numbers:

- 4,998 Registered Parishioners
- 2093 Registered Families
- 88 New Families
- 462 students in our parish schools
- 222 students in Religious Ed. program
- 11 Marriages in our churches
- 46 Baptisms
- 41 First Holy Communion
- 70 Funerals
- 32 Altar Servers
- 45 Lectors
- 100 Eucharistic Ministers
- 45 members—Music Ministry
- 60 members—Forever Young

## **Improvement Projects:**

#### **Completed projects:**

- Demolition of Convent in Dec. 2016
- Replacement of St. Ann Boiler in Nov. 2016
- Upgrade of Assumption Boiler: new holding tank at main boiler and replacement of new unit in annex boiler in Dec. 2016
- Construction of Welcome Centers at each worship site in May of 2017
- Misc. improvements at both of the school and church properties

#### **Ongoing projects:**

- Lighting upgrades to LED as deemed necessary
- Ongoing identification and prioritization of building needs
- Future Projects:
- Creation of Choir Loft at St. Ann and reconfiguration of current area
- Audio and Visual enhancements to Liturgy at both worship sites
- Full roof replacement at Assumption Church



### Offertory

- 535 families actively using envelopes
- 53 families actively using electronic giving

\*The use of envelopes and electronic giving help us to accurately plan our budget expenditures. We are especially grateful for all offertory gifts.

#### **Diocesan Special Contributions**

17 individual Diocesan special collections Mission Co-Op Collection

#### **Parish Special Contributions**

Haitian Orphanage (\$\$ and school supplies) Wildwood Catholic High School Cape Trinity Catholic School Lazarus House Ministries, Inc. Natural Disaster Relief Funds

## Notre Dame de la Mer Parish Fundraising Activities Proceeds

Parish 50/50 : December 2016: **\$2,286.50** (Benefits Parish Support of Schools)

Car Raffle: Oct 2016: **\$70,982.30** (Benefits Parish Support of Schools)

Christmas Concert: Dec. 2016: **\$3,411.60** (Benefits the Parish)

Annual Lenten Fish Fry: **\$1,021.50** (Benefits the Parish)

Music Ministry Dinner Cabaret: **\$5,489.00** (Benefits the Parish)