

St. Louis the King Catholic Church

Annual Report



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State of the Parish—by Fr. Glenn

As I reflect on the past year I am once again filled with gratitude and with renewed energy and excitement for the future of our amazing parish. Our parish family continues to grow. We continue to add new families on a regular basis. We are growing together spiritually and our bonds as a community of faith continue to grow stronger. I also feel that we are growing in the understanding of our mission and purpose as the Body of Christ.

The reason that we exist as a parish community is to live out the great commissioning of Jesus. As He was about to ascend to Heaven His parting words were: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." (Mt 28:18)

Reflecting on the past and envisioning the future must be always done with the charge of Jesus in our focus. It is good to pause and reflect on our purpose from time to time.

In light of that, we must be grateful for all those who have gone before us and built the foundation that we now seek to build

upon. Speaking of our Church, St. Thomas Aquinas once said, "We can see far because we stand on the shoulders of giants." As a parish family we should acknowledge with gratitude all those men and women who sacrificed to build this parish. The community is built on a solid foundation of faith with generations of strong family roots.

Our beautiful church building, with the hall, kitchen, narthex, classrooms, offices and grounds is perfect for our mission. I could not think of or design a better facility than the one that we are blessed with. This past January we paid off the building loans owed to the bank and to the diocese. We plan to commemorate that historical milestone with a mortgage burning celebration on October 8th of this year.

In recent years when ideas were brought forward a common response that was heard was: "When the loan is paid off..." Well, that time has come and it is time for us to move forward with the courage and conviction of those who have gone before us. As we work together to envision our future we must continually refocus on our mission.

Once again, financially we have much to be thankful for. Our envelope contributions increased again this year, this time by over 10%, in the amount of \$34,000. Our building fund revenue was on budget and enabled us to pay off the remaining \$40,000 of debt. Our Women's Club contributed \$7,500 again this year and the Knights of Columbus donated a portion of the breakfast proceeds to the building fund. In addition we were able to have the parking lot sealed and lined at a cost of \$5,973, we replaced the roof on the narthex in the amount of \$16,416, and we replaced our church bell system for \$8,700.

For the second straight year we exceeded our UPCSA goal and did so in record time. As a parish we supported many causes including various diocesan, local, national and world wide efforts. On August 25th we celebrated the feast day of our patron saint and followed his example with a community meal and gave away over \$1,000 worth of backpacks and school supplies. We serviced our community with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets through our 333 fund which exceeded \$3,000 for the year. We also supplied \$13,328 to our local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

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Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Assets

Liabilities and Fund Balance

	2015	2016		2015	2016
Cash - General Fund	\$63,288	\$101,098	Loan - Bank	\$27,988	\$0
Cash - Women's Club	2,313	6,823	Loan - Diocese	12,000	0
Pledges Receivable	4,090	3,590	Accounts payable	3,153	9,482
Prepaid expenses	5,750	6,360	Total liabilities	\$43,141	\$9,482
Total assets	\$75,441	\$117,871	Fund Balance	32,300	108,389
			Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$75,441	\$117,871

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

For the years ending June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2016

Operations

Building Fund

	2015	2016		2015	2016
Revenue:			Revenue:		
Collections	\$327,555	\$361,567	Building Fund collections	\$41,310	\$34,156
General receipts	50,108	67,761	Bequests & donations	2,353	7,333
Total revenue	\$377,663	\$429,328	Campaign pledges - net	3,698	500
			Total revenue	\$47,361	\$41,989
Expenses:			Expenses:		
Administrative salaries	\$50,940	\$48,398	Interest expense	\$1,847	\$398
Benefits and insurance	24,616	25,670	Total Expenses	1,847	398
Faith formation	37,745	46,415	Revenue Over Expenses	\$45,514	\$41,591
School subsidy	105,589	103,616			
Worship and music ministry	28,081	27,282	Principal Payments:		
Other parish operations	45,816	47,171	Bank Loan	\$43,028	\$27,988
Plant operations	69,061	63,615	Diocese Loan	8,000	12,000
Church and rectory renovations	4,518	22,389	Total Principal Payments	\$51,028	\$39,988
Furniture and equipment	6,683	10,272			
Total Expenses	373,049	394,828			
Revenue Over Expenses	\$4,614	\$34,500			

UPCSA

UPCSA Goal	\$ 39,274	\$ 41,628
UPCSA Pledges	\$ 42,435	\$ 43,466

Other Information

Parish Registry:

	2015	2016
Registered Families	550	578
Adults	1,057	1,121
Children	390	403
Total Members	1,447	1,524

Stewardship

Non Contributing Families	144	188
Contributing Envelope Users	406	390
Total Families	550	578

Vital Statistics:

	2015	2016
Baptisms	14	19
Marriages	4	4
Funerals	9	8

Faith Formation

Elementary	84	59
High School	35	23
Father Marquette Schools	56	52
Total Faith Formation	175	134

As we celebrate the milestone of burning our mortgage it is time to envision our future once again. Every organization needs a road map into the future to keep on steady and solid course.

As we celebrate the past it is important to acknowledge the great vision that got us to this moment in time as a parish community. We need to pause and reflect on our place in the future that they envisioned. As we build upon the foundation that they built for us we unite the future with the past and move it forward.

At the invitation of Bishop Doerfler, a small group of us recently attended the *Amazing Parish Conference* in Detroit. The conference validated the pastoral planning already underway here at St. Louis the King. It was energizing to say the least. With that affirmation we boldly move forward to live out the mission of Jesus Christ, to make disciples.

First of all a leadership team has been formed. We call ourselves Team 102 because we sat at Table 102 at the conference. We have been meeting weekly to pray and reflect on the mission and how we as a parish family can continue to live the mission more faithfully and effectively. Through prayer and reflection we are asking the Holy Spirit to guide us and enlighten us to envision our future.

To borrow a concept from the world sports, we are all on the same team. Various sub-teams have been and are being formed to envision and implement the mission. Team leaders are being chosen to lead each group.

Our parish is blessed with many young families. One of the first new teams that we formed was the *Family Life Team*. Colin Jenkins has agreed to serve as the leader of that team. Their mission is to continue to foster and support marriage and family life in our parish.

The *Middle School Youth Ministry Team* was recently formed to bring our youth together. Ben Bocklund is the energetic leader of this team. They appropriately have chosen to call themselves *Ignite*. The spark of the Light of Christ is visible as they gather together for prayer and fun. My prayer is that the middle school youth will enter their LifeTeen years already on fire for the Lord.

A *Communications Team* has been formed to improve both internal and external communication. Heidi Gorsalitz has agreed to lead our communications efforts. The *Communications Team* will be in charge of our website and our face-book postings, bulletin and all communications to the parish and to the greater community that we seek to reach out to.

A *Hospitality Team* is being formed. Amy Buck has volunteered to lead the *Hospitality Team*. St. Louis the King already has a great reputation for being a warm and welcoming place. The charge of *Hospitality Team* will be to take welcoming to an even higher level. The focus of this new team will include; greeters before Mass, ushers, valet parking, coffee and donut socials, new family welcoming baskets and events, and transportation services

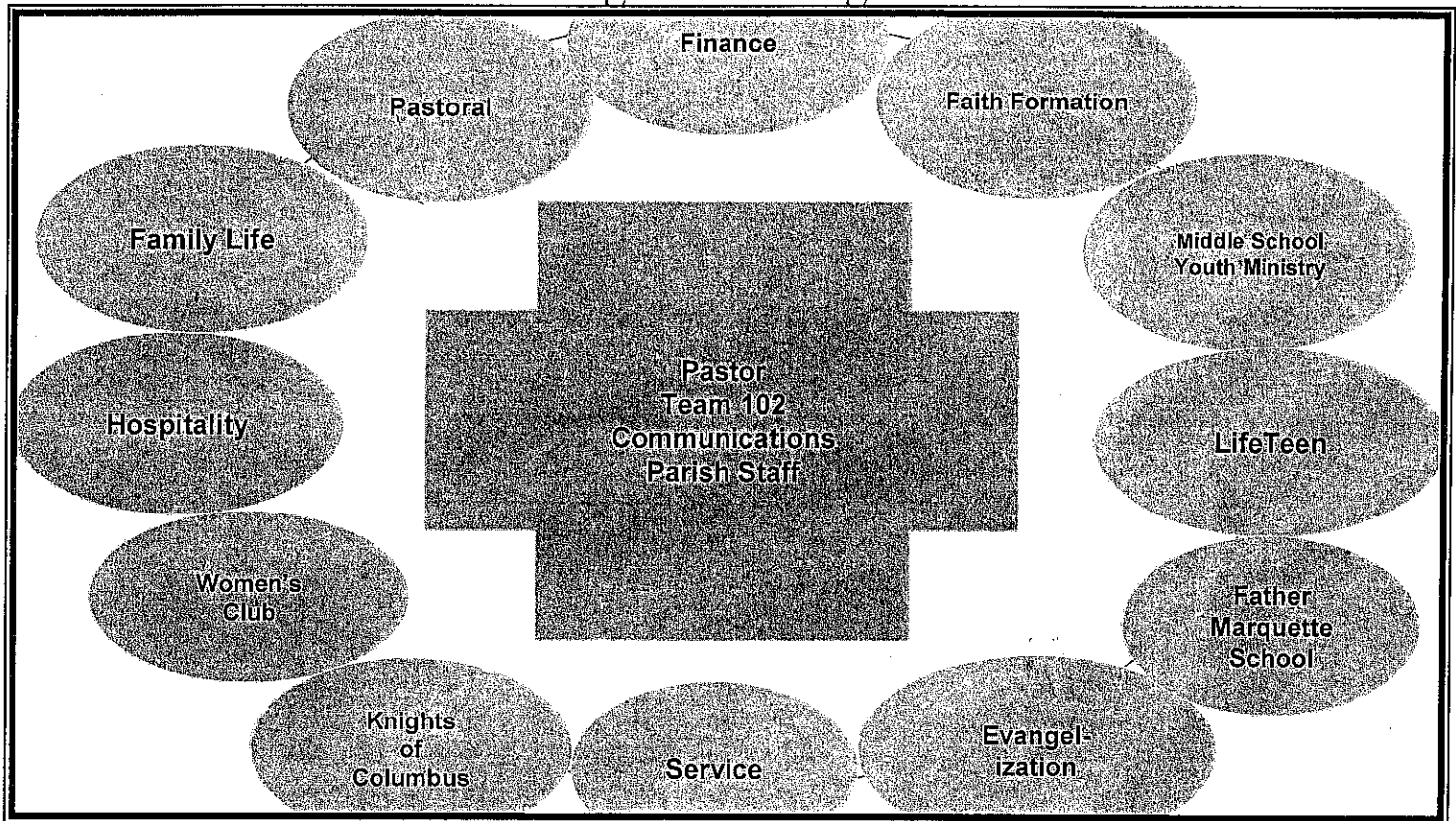
to and from Mass and other parish events.

Later this summer we are planning on forming an *Evangelization Team*. This team will help us all to live out the great commissioning of Jesus; i.e., to go and make disciples. As we grow together as disciples we are all called to bring others to Jesus. As we live out the Spirit of the Second Vatican Council the Church is calling everyone to a life of holiness and mission. Embracing the universal call to holiness and to mission must be our focus. The *Evangelization Team* will be discerning new ways to reach out to the un-churched in our area. In his opening remarks Bishop Doerfler echoed the motto of the Cursillo Movement when he challenged us to "Make a friend, be a friend, and bring that friend to Jesus." We need to always be inviting new people to experience the warmth of our parish family and to lead them to Jesus.

Our faith formation director, Rachel McKnight will lead our *Faith Formation Team*. The *Faith Formation Team* is planning another exciting year. The team is dedicated to providing our parish family with a wide variety of opportunities to help all of us, from the youngest nursery child to our most senior member, to grow in our knowledge and love of God.

This fall the *Pastoral Team*, formerly called the Pastoral Council will gather with new focus. The charge of the *Pastoral Team* will be to discern and evaluate with me the pastoral ministry in the parish.

Each of us must continue to grow in holiness and live the mission entrusted to us by Jesus.



Buildings and Grounds—Strategic Action Plan

Our parish is blessed with a very dedicated and gifted finance team. One of the charges of this group includes the oversight of our property and facilities. Many desired and some very necessary projects have been on their “radar screen” for some time now. As mentioned earlier, the roof on the narthex had to be replaced and several other projects could not wait, including the replacement of one of our boilers. The “after the loan is paid off” list of things to be done has been building up over the years. With all of that in mind the finance team and the building and grounds committee have been working on an action plan.

The planning process started with the evaluation of our buildings and a prioritization of needs. The team also prayerfully discerned the current growth of our parish family and the demographic trend. We con-

tinue to add new families many of which are young with children. One of our primary focuses needs to remain on the faith formation of our children and continuing to foster the family friendly environment that we enjoy.

With that in mind the proposed Kid’s Kingdom playground is at the top of our wish list. Following closely behind is the need for additional parking. The original design of the church called for more parking than was provided and now we are feeling the shortage at peak times. The exterior of the church needs to be repaired, the carpeting in the narthex needs to be replaced and the sub-surface repaired, the library needs shelving and furniture, the sound system needs repairs, the parish technology needs some upgrading, etc.

The finance team is recommending that we ask the parish family to

continue to use the *Building Fund – Blue Envelopes* for an additional 3 to 5 years to help fund the necessary and desired improvements. We have come a long way since the building of our beautiful church and have accomplished much, but now it is our time to tend the future.

Thank you to all of you who give of your time, talent and treasure to help us live the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us. May God continue to bless you always!

Project Estimates	
Playground	\$ 25,000
Parking	30,000
Narthex Floor	20,000
Church Exterior	25,000
Flag Poles	5,000
Library	2,500
Technology	2,500
Total	\$ 110,000