



St. Louis the King Catholic Church

Annual Report

Year Ending 06-30-2015



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State of the Parish—by Fr. Glenn

This summer as I was reflecting on the past year I was overwhelmed with feelings of gratitude. I had to pause and thank God for sending me here to serve you as your pastor. I have to thank all of you for your wonderful kindness and support. Of all of my years of parish ministry, even in the years before I was ordained a priest, this past year was my best experience of parish life, and all I can say is... thank you!

As a parish family we have much to be thankful for. First of all we have grown in numbers. As of the end of our fiscal year we have 550 registered families which is up from 496 families at end of the previous year. Our growth has come primarily from young families with children. The 54 new families comprise 153 new members including 65 additional children. We now have 390 children in our parish family, from newborns through high-school seniors.

One of our new mothers told me that she liked our parish for many reasons but especially that she and her husband found us a family-friendly place. Another new parishioner informed me that

it was the decision of her two boys that they join St. Louis the King. After one experience at the LifeTeen Mass and the lunch after they were sold on the parish.

Noah's Ark Nursery directed by Lisa Geller has been a great addition to our parish. Many of our young children look forward to coming to Church and playing with their friends in the nursery. The nursery gives parents the option of bringing the children to Mass or knowing that they are in a safe and loving place while they attend Mass.

Last Sunday after the 11:15 Mass I was waiting to greet people at the back door of church. At the moment that the music stopped the children's room door came flying open and there was a stampede of little feet making a dash for the hall to get first dibs on the donuts. When I finally arrived in the hall after greeting people a little 2 year old boy asked me if I would pour some apple juice for him. This truly is a child and family friendly place! The addition of the coffee and donut socials after all of the Masses has been a wonderful addition to our routine.

Financially we have much to be grateful for as well. Our envelope contributions increased by \$10,000 and our building fund donations increased by \$8,000. The Women's Club contributed \$7,500 towards the building debt. All of the above enabled us to live within our budget for the year and reduce our debt by \$51,000. Our total building debt at year end was just under \$40,000.

Your great response to the financial needs of the parish has enabled us to add the nursery, additional faith formation programs, youth group activities, social and community building events, and more.

Our parish is blessed with a very strong finance council made up of some very gifted people with great vision. As pastor I am very grateful for their counsel and as a parish family everyone should be thankful for their work and oversight.

Having said all of that, I am most grateful to God for the spiritual growth that I have experienced personally this past year and the spiritual growth that I have witnessed in all of you.

Again, I say thank God and thank you and I ask God to continue to bless our wonderful parish. St. Louis the King, pray for us.

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Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015

Assets

	2014	2015
Cash - General Fund	\$69,695	\$63,288
Cash - Women's Club	2,209	2,313
Pledges Receivable	7,789	4,090
Prepaid expenses		5,750
Total assets	\$79,693	\$75,441

Liabilities and Fund Balance

	2014	2015
Loan - Bank	\$71,016	\$27,988
Loan - Diocese	20,000	12,000
Accounts payable	2,526	3,153
Total liabilities	\$93,542	\$43,141
Fund Balance	-13,849	32,300
Total Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$79,693	\$75,441

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

For the years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015

Operations

	2014	2015
Revenue:		
Collections	\$317,503	\$327,555
General receipts	54,787	50,108
Total revenue	\$372,290	\$377,663
Expenses:		
Administrative salaries	\$24,011	\$50,940
Benefits and insurance	24,914	24,616
Faith formation	35,438	37,745
School subsidy	107,613	105,589
Worship and music ministry	29,852	28,081
Other parish operations	41,843	45,816
Plant operations	72,935	69,061
Church and rectory renovations	2,003	4,518
Furniture and equipment	2,825	6,683
Total Expenses	341,434	373,049
Revenue Over Expenses	\$30,856	\$4,614

Building Fund

	2014	2015
Revenue:		
Building Fund collections	\$33,381	\$41,310
Bequests & donations	2,425	2,353
Campaign pledges - net	-3,518	3,698
Total revenue	\$32,288	\$47,361
Expenses:		
Interest expense	\$4,203	\$1,847
Total Expenses	4,203	1,847
Revenue Over Expenses	\$28,085	\$45,514
Principal Payments:		
Bank Loan	\$105,490	\$43,028
Diocese Loan	8,000	8,000
Total Principal Payments	\$113,490	\$51,028

Other Information

Parish Registry:

	2014	2015
Registered Families	496	550
Adults	969	1057
Children	325	390
Total Members	1,294	1,447
Stewardship		
Non Contributing Families	106	144
Contributing Envelope Users	390	406
Total Families	496	550

Vital Statistics:

	2014	2015
Baptisms	18	14
Marriages	5	4
Funerals	4	4
Faith Formation		
Elementary	59	84
High School	25	35
Father Marquette Schools	50	56
Total Faith Formation	134	175

The end of the fiscal year is a time to look back and reflect. The past year was a time of many new beginnings for our parish. One of the prevailing comments about the wonderful picnic that we had last September was that there were so many new faces. It was apparent to me early on that we needed to build on the strong feeling of community that we all felt at that event. It was also apparent that we needed to focus on family life in our parish and to be welcoming and supportive to all of our new families.

To support our many young families we felt very strongly about the need for a nursery during Sunday morning Mass time and so Noah's Ark Nursery became a reality and Lisa Geller joined us as our nursery director.

It was apparent that we needed a dynamic parish website to communicate and to have a visible presence in cyber space, and so sltkchurch.org was born. The website is very user friendly and contains a wealth of information including an up-to-date parish calendar of events.

The new information desk provides a welcoming presence for visitors and prospective new parish members who are looking for information about our parish family. The information desk allows parishioners the opportunity to schedule a Mass intention, to request a baptism date, to purchase scrip and it offers a variety of other services.

It was obvious to me that our LifeTeen youth group needed space for their gatherings. One of the classrooms was renovated for their use and for other parish gatherings. It has become known as Mary's Room as it was dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

In October we welcomed the National Evangelization Team into our parish to conduct a middle school and a high school retreat. This was so successful that it will now be an annual event and we will be inviting local parishes to join us.

Our faith formation program got off to a great start with Catechetical Sunday in September and started to grow. Every week we were adding children and families to our parish community and our First Communion class grew to 35 children. It was a great year for all of our students from the kindergarten class through high school.

The teens started a wonderful tradition by initiating the monthly parish lunch, *Lunch with LifeTeen*. The middle school youth group took over for the summer and *Lunch with the Flock* was born.

In November we reached out to all of our parishioners who lost a loved one over the past year. We remembered them at our All Souls Mass and we supported them with a beautiful dinner after Mass.

Our Women's Club which has had such a strong supportive presence in our parish over the years continues to serve us faithfully. Their annual fall bazaar was again a huge success. Their hard work has raised significant funds for our building fund.

The Knights of Columbus continue their strong presence in our community. The delicious breakfast that they provide us bring us together and build community. Our knights put on a beautiful Mother's Day breakfast that was preceded by honoring our Blessed Mother with our May Crowning procession and celebration. The Women's Club reciprocated with a beautiful Father's Day breakfast.

Recognizing many new faces among us we decided that a pictorial directory was necessary to help us all to match names and faces. As this report goes to print the directory also goes to print and should be in our hands shortly.

On the feast day of our patron, St. Louis the King we reached out to the local community with a wonderful meal and backpack and school supply give-away. The evening was a huge success as we fed over 250 people and gave away nearly 100 backpacks. This too will become an annual event for you parish family.

A variety of opportunities for spiritual growth were initiated throughout the year including our weekly *Share the Word* gathering, *Evenings of Reflection*, bible study groups and much more. Now the faith formation staff is working to plan new opportunities for all of us for the coming year to help us to continue to grow in our faith.

The finance council and the buildings and grounds committee have been working diligently to secure our financial future and to maintain our beautiful physical plant and our spacious grounds. With the payoff of our bank loan on the immediate horizon it was decided to move ahead with several pressing projects. The roof was replaced on the narthex in early July at a cost of \$12,180. The parking lot is currently being sealed and will be re-lined at a cost of \$5,800.

Within the next few months the finance council and the pastoral council will be engaging the parish family in a discussion about our future needs including things like additional parking space, a playground, developing our grounds, replacing our church bells, a tuition angel fund, etc.

Thank you to all and God bless.

—A Year in Pictures—



Lunch with Lifeteen



Steubenville North Conference



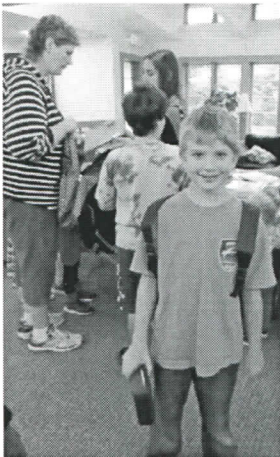
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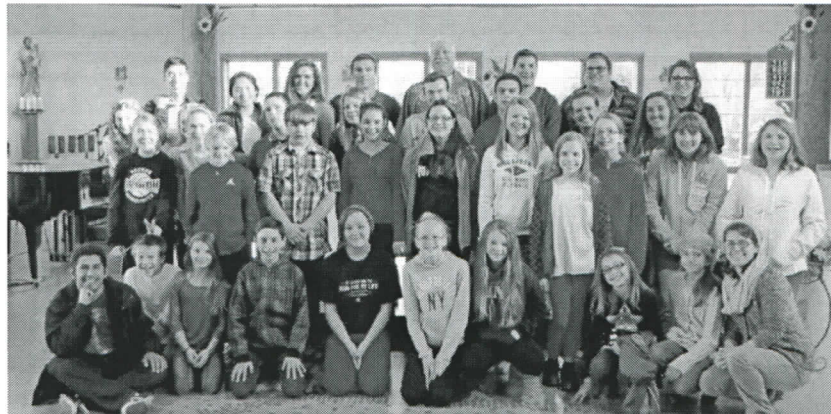
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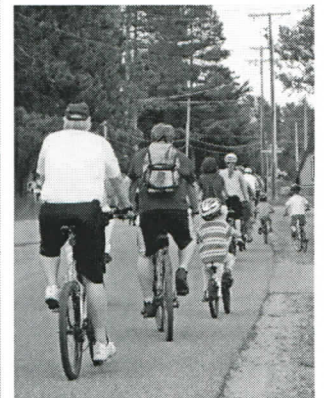
Noah's Ark Nursery



Community Meal



Junior High NET Retreat



Blessing of the Bikes



Parish Picnic



Mardi Gras