

St. Christopher Second Quarter Financial Report

October 2020 - December 2020

Parish Pandemic Financial Update

Virtually every person in our community has been touched in some way by the Pandemic during this past year, and it certainly has had a profound financial impact on our parish. All of our usual fundraisers during the past year, such as the Gala and the festival, were cancelled, and Mass attendance has been averaging between 25% to 40% of what we might typically experience.

Below is a summary of our parish finances for the first six months of the year. Although you will immediately notice a \$106,000 loss for the first six months, this number did not reflect our final proceeds received through the online platform from Giving Tuesday. ***On January 19, 2021 we received \$49,525 as final payment for Giving Tuesday, and it is now reflected as church income.**

	July - Dec. 2020	July - Dec. 2019
REVENUE		
Parish (Church/Office)	\$580,397*	\$659,820
School	\$724,509	\$523,696
Center for Children	\$133,810	\$181,793
Revenue Totals	\$1,438,716	\$1,365,309
EXPENSE		
Parish (Church/Office)	\$603,427	\$574,137
School	\$752,159	\$707,763
Center for Children	\$189,506	\$191,280
Expense Total	\$1,545,092	\$1,473,180
Loss/Net Gain	-\$106,376	-\$107,871

Our financial situation is still affected by the loss of festival income and a forced contraction last summer at the Child Care Center, but our parish has demonstrated faith, resilience and strong support. Through your hard work our situation is stabilizing, but your continued help is needed to fully recover a year that will never be forgotten.

Where Are We Now?

Worship

During this time period it was much quieter than we might have chosen, but slowly little glimmers have appeared. During Advent Season the traditional Lessons and Carols was celebrated in Church with music. For Christmas, Bud Zupp's group reassembled and began leading music during Mass for Christmas Eve Vigil, with the Choir singing at the "Midnight" Mass. We continue to ask that everyone at Mass wear masks and respect physical distance requirements. Ongoing efforts are being made to wipe down surfaces between Masses.

Outreach

Advent was an incredible season for outreach activities in our parish. The Catholic Daughters delivered poinsettias to our parish homebound members, and many of our parishioners went all out for both the Vandalia Nursing Home Christmas Giving Tree and the ENLC Christmas Collections – such a generous parish! As a new way of touching others, Thrivent sponsored Christmas Care packages, where various parishioner volunteers wrapped and returned Christmas treats for other parishioners to hand out to people who needed a little extra lift this year. The parish received several wonderful notes from people who mentioned their package was the only Christmas present they received. Thanks to all who participated.

Spiritual Formation

Our various prayer groups continued to meet throughout this time, although there were some breaks taken when the virus was reaching its peak before Christmas. IVoteCatholic was offered to the parish as a spiritual perspective on voting issues. During Advent and Christmas, a wide array of resources were made available online for formation and inspiration. Weekly "Faith at Home" articles continue to be mailed to our homebound parishioners who do not have access to the internet.

Youth Formation

It has been an adventure as Elena and Elise have worked hard to provide a hybrid experience for those who prefer to meet in person, as well as those who prefer online learning at this time. It is heartening to see parents take an active role in sharing their faith with their children, but there is an ongoing learning curve for all involved to determine the best combination of gathered community experience and gathered family sharing.

School

In October the School celebrated an all-school Rosary Rally on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. It was a beautiful sight as all the children presented paper flowers to our Blessed Mother and prayed together as one body. In December an entire week was devoted to honoring Mary, named the Gaudias Days. A beautiful piece of mural art was created by all the children to commemorate the week's events. To kick off the season of Advent the school also initiated the "Stations of the Infant Jesus," modeled on the Stations of the Cross.

Child Care Center

The Child Care Center is up and running at full capacity with a limit of nine children per room. The goal has been to keep life as normal as possible in the new "Covid" environment. Miss Judy does miss, however, her more extended contact with the parents. The new outside musical instruments are now installed, and Picture Day went perfectly. The Center has also been able to celebrate Halloween, Advent, and Christmas Covid-style!