

What A Year It's Been!

2019 - 2020

Communications

A new bulletin service is now being used that allows for a much more informative, inspiring, and visually pleasing weekly bulletin. Major efforts have also been undertaken to greatly expand our use of multiple forms of digital communication to spread our message more broadly. Efforts have also been made to expand the use of online forms to minimize paper use and expand efficiency. During the parish shutdown, a weekly newsletter was generated to assure that important information was received in a timely fashion, and to help parishioners stay connected. Facebook, emails of weekend Liturgy of the Word, and more active use of the parish website went far to comfort our parishioners as we mourned the loss of our most sacred liturgies of the year.

Outreach

Through our many parish groups, such as Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, Helping Hands, and the St. Vincent Lunch Ministry, thousands of meals and been prepared and served, needed service has been performed, and Christ's love has been shared with our neighbors near and far. Between Bottles for Babies, the Advent Giving Tree, Blood Drives and so many additional efforts, many lives have been touched.

Gift

After organizing a lively jungle-themed Bible School for over 160 parish children last summer (and 40+adult and youth volunteers), a new scripture-based curriculum was introduced for the 150 students registered in our GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) program for grades 1 through 5. The backpack design allows the students to easily transport their Bibles and materials to class. At the end of the year, 12 volunteer teachers from the parish delivered summer buckets stuffed with Christian activities for the families to enjoy together.

Youth Ministry

An updated course of study called Life Teen has been introduced for the first time with our parish teenagers. Because COVID-19 caused the mission trip to be cancelled, 31 young people instead completed extensive painting projects in the Youth Center, Parish Office, Child Care Center and school.

Adult Faith Formation

Becky Eldredge, author of *Busy Lives and Restless Souls* came to speak at St. Christopher about incorporating Ignatian prayer into our hectic lives. The book was distributed to the entire parish at Christmas, made possible in part by a donation from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Several groups gathered to discuss this inspirational book in greater depth. Our parish was active with various prayer groups, Bible studies, and special programs to share and deepen our faith. The most recent addition is "Imaging God: Photography as a Spiritual Exercise," experiencing photography as a prayer form and sharing with others via Zoom. With the onset of the pandemic, scores of faith formation activities and prayer experiences for adults and families were curated online on our parish website, Facebook, and Vimeo. For those without internet access, "Faith At Home" articles about all aspects of the Catholic faith were mailed out weekly. Our RCIA catechumen, candidates, and catechists met bi-weekly from mid-March through June via Zoom. They were initiated and joyfully welcomed into the Church on June 14th at the 9:00am Mass.

Music Ministry

Our Children's Choir was back in force this year with 28 members, in addition to Bud Zupp's Group, the Adult Choir and a large selection of cantors. The voices and musical skill of all these talented and dedicated parishioners brought inspiration, joy, and a sense of hope to our liturgies, and we look forward to their return once the pandemic restrictions are behind us.

School

Paul Beyerle led the school as interim principal, and truly rose to the occasion as a sudden shutdown thrust the teachers into a completely new mode of learning. Through excellent communication and true team spirit, our school staff fully educated the students through the end of the school year. They are also happy to report over a ten percent increase in student registration for the upcoming year! Tim O'Loughlin has now been hired to lead St. Christopher School as the new principal through a time of unprecedented change.

Child Care Center

The Child Care Center served the parish as a precious resource to nurture, teach and form our children as the future of our faith community. Although forced to temporarily close during the pandemic, Judy Shoup diligently met all state requirements to re-open as soon as possible, while also allowing time for some updates to the Child Care facility.

Parish Annual Financial Report

July 2019 - June 2020

	2019/2020 Actual	2019/2020 Budget	Budget vs. Actual	2020/2021 Annual Budget
REVENUE				
Parish (Church/Office)	\$ 1,219,513.08	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ (80,486.92)	\$ 1,258,650.00
School	\$ 1,003,115.85	\$ 1,057,540.00	\$ (54,424.15)	\$ 1,475,157.00
Cafeteria*	\$ 43,101.50	\$ 79,000.00	\$ (35,898.50)	\$ -
Center for Children	\$ 300,139.35	\$ 417,410.00	\$ (117,270.65)	\$ 450,000.00
Revenue Totals	\$ 2,565,869.78	\$ 2,853,950.00	\$ (288,080.22)	\$ 3,183,807.00
EXPENSE				
Parish (Church/Office)	\$ 1,040,664.31	\$ 986,124.40	\$ (54,539.91)	\$ 1,257,010.00
School	\$ 1,311,948.65	\$ 1,336,766.00	\$ 24,817.35	\$ 1,436,060.00
Cafeteria*	\$ 74,165.70	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 4,834.30	\$ -
Center for Children	\$ 371,222.71	\$ 417,410.00	\$ 46,187.29	\$ 432,480.00
Expense Total	\$ 2,798,001.37	\$ 2,819,300.40	\$ 21,299.03	\$ 3,125,550.00
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (232,131.59)	\$ 34,649.60	\$ (266,781.19)	\$ 58,257.00
PPP Grant	\$ 425,000.00	\$ -	\$ 425,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 192,868.41	\$ 34,649.60	\$ 158,218.81	\$ 58,257.00

* Cafeteria revenue and expense included in FY20/21 school budget

Payment Protection Program Statement

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, our parish has received a PPP loan from the federal government in the amount of \$425,000. It is our understanding that because these funds have only been used for payroll and utilities, the PPP payment will convert to a grant that does not have to be repaid. As of July 31st the money has been used in full.

This assistance has been a great blessing. It gave us a financial buffer while we adjusted to a new reality. Although the loan was an enormous help, it did NOT replace the need to once again be able to support ourselves independently. Our current contribution levels are not where they need to be to balance our budget, and we have cut where we can. Since the founding of this parish in 1957, parishioners have been emotionally, spiritually, and financially invested in St. Christopher. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. May we continue to work together to assure our long-term financial stability as we spread the Good News and build the kingdom of God.