

FJB's BLOG



Dear Parishioners,

It is very hard to believe it is already the middle of September and fall is just days away. This certainly has been a very eventful summer for SRW and in our world. Amidst the seemingly crazy world we live in, I take such solace in being able to pastor such a great parish community. I always find such joy here. Even my toughest days are still filled with blessings. One of the reasons I can say this is because parishioners are so generous with their time, talent, and treasure. People here give so freely and generously, instilling a real sense of love and vibrancy. We are Blessed!



As a pastor I wear many hats. My favorite, of course, is presider at Mass when we celebrate the Word and the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. Another one is CEO of the parish. While I prefer the titles pastor and shepherd, the reality is that in many ways I am the CEO. One of my duties under that title is to make an ANNUAL REPORT of the finances and affairs of the parish. So much happens here it would be almost impossible to capture it in just a few short pages, but I have attempted to give a brief overview. This covers parish finances, our outreach to the community, and the Sacramental and faith formation of our young people. I hope you enjoy reading.

I share with you the results of the 2016—2017 fiscal year. We work on a July 1—June 30 fiscal year and recently closed our books and submitted our report to the Diocese. Our report was reviewed and accepted by the Diocesan Finance Office.

On the parish side, revenue was up over the previous year due to a large bequest that was left to the parish. Ordinary expenses were almost exactly the same as the previous year. Our extraordinary expenses were up due to the majority of the special appeal expenses occurring in this fiscal year. As a reminder, that the ramp and steps at the rectory/parish office had a replacement, parking lot repaving & repairs, upgrades to the sound system in the church and new doors for the parish office/rectory. These five repairs (the school electrical system replacement on the school side) were completely funded by the special appeal! Thank you so much! Our collections were down a bit but they were at most parishes because Christmas was a Sunday this past year, so we lost a "Sunday." As you can see, I have prepared a conservative and prudent budget that has our expenses decreasing over \$65,000.

On the school side, both revenue and expenses were up and the school finished with a slight deficit. We were hit with a number of large repairs such as elevator replacement, a broken sewer pipe and new windows in the Merici Center. As we look to the new school year we have now leveled off enrollment and will only have two of every grade instead of three. This has allowed us to decrease staff. Thankfully this was done through a retirement and three teachers deciding to be stay-at-home parents. We continue to operate the school independent of the parish, and the parish does not have to subsidize the school.

While this was a "tight" year we have decreased the principal of our long-term debt by \$64,000 and our short-term debt by \$28,000. We will work hard to be very conservative in this coming year and continue to strengthen our financial position so that we can remain a strong, active, and vibrant parish. In this coming year we do anticipate launching a capital campaign to address long-term debt and improvements/conversion of the school gym into a parish/community/athletic facility. We should have more details on that this winter.

On the Spiritual/Sacramental side, check out the number of baptisms we had! We had 72 people baptized this past year. This is awesome and a sign of a very healthy parish community. This is a record number for our parish! How awesome!

We are entering into our eighth year as a parish community. Overall, we are in a great position to move forward. I am so excited about all the awesome possibilities the future holds for us.

Please know that I very much appreciate your support in so many ways. The staff, volunteers, and I will continue to work very hard to make Ss. Robert & William Parish as strong as possible, both spiritually and temporally, for the greater glory of God.

Make it a great week. See you in Church!

Peace,

Fr. John

Parish Receipts

	2016	2017	Budget 2018
Offertory Collections	746,647	729,748	735,500
Other Collections	42,718	41,419	40,400
Donations & Bequests	7,749	105,069	10,000
Net Fund Raising Income	15,656	14,944	14,000
Income from Parish Programs	41,939	46,248	42,900
Rental Income	27,047	26,942	26,760
Miscellaneous Receipts	204	-	0
Designated Collections	19,474	28,747	19,000
Investment Income	92	44	0
Total ORDINARY Parish Receipts	901,525	993,161	888,560
Vision 2020 Income	64,911	63,703	22,500
Rooted in Faith Income	27,459	9,387	0
Restricted Grants	7,125	-	0
Special Appeal - 2016	146,147	142,957	0
Total EXTRAORDINARY Parish Receipts	245,642	216,048	22,500
Total Parish Receipts	1,147,167	1,209,208	911,060

Parish Disbursements

Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	478,532	488,872	486,186
Rectory & Household	16,399	19,804	20,000
Parish Office & Administration	129,734	120,204	100,750
Celebrating Ministries	44,288	29,642	28,750
Religious Education Ministries (Not Day School)	15,005	20,203	18,250
Caring Ministries	3,069	2,100	2,600
Discipleship & Evangelization Ministries	45,422	41,871	28,295
Utilities	33,265	34,041	31,000
Property Insurance & Taxes	22,271	27,992	23,000
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	45,741	38,847	33,000
Diocesan Assessments-Current	86,896	87,893	84,360
Designated Collections	19,474	28,747	19,000
Total ORDINARY Parish Disbursements	940,094	940,216	875,191
Capital Disbursements	90,158	164,856	14,000
Middlefield Bank Loan Interest Expenses	73,369	70,538	0*
Money to Stipend Account	2,585	286	0
Flood 2016 Expenses, not covered by Insurance	0	11,326	0
Payment on Principal of Short & Long Term Debt	40,961	21,987	21,869
Total EXTRAORDINARY Parish Disbursements	207,073	268,992	35,869
Total Parish Disbursements	1,147,167	1,209,208	911,060
TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	0	0

*Loan interest expense is moved to school for this fiscal

School Receipts

	2016	2017	Budget 2018
Tuition & Fees	2,003,856	1,968,935	1,973,250
Government Assistance (Mandated Services)	197,823	214,795	199,500
Donations & Bequests	72,574	113,411	65,000
Net Fund Raising	114,399	101,948	112,100
Net Aftercare	17,592	19,396	14,236
Other Student Receipts	27,967	22,700	21,750
Monthly School Envelopes in Sunday Offertory	33,698	33,870	35,000
Investment & Interest Income	38	214	0
Endowment Income	15,000	45,000	20,000
Total ORDINARY School Receipts	2,482,947	2,520,268	2,440,836
Restricted Grants	55,000	17,000	6,000
Investment Income (Unrealized Gains/Loss).	10,495	19,961	0
Total EXTRAORDINARY School Receipts	65,495	36,961	6,000
Total School Receipts	2,548,443	2,557,229	2,446,836

School Disbursements

Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	1,937,728	1,972,460	1,827,532
Instructional	12,505	28,736	23,600
Utilities	53,199	40,308	42,500
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	98,909	144,943	93,800
Insurance	19,350	21,507	22,000
Student Services	41,465	33,601	34,250
Administration	141,523	146,572	168,750
Total ORDINARY School Disbursements	2,304,681	2,388,127	2,212,432
Capital Disbursements	97,592	178,081	84,500
Middlefield Bank Loan Interest Expenses	0	0	67,000
Payment on Principal of Short & Long Term Debt	146,170	0	82,904
Total EXTRAORDINARY School Disbursements	243,762	178,081	234,404
Total School Disbursements	2,548,443	2,566,207	2,446,836
TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	(8,979)	0

Parish & School Assets & Liabilities

	Actual 2016	Actual 2017
Checking Accounts - Parish & School	83,701	53,448
Savings & Investments - Parish & School	648,552	553,893
TOTAL CHECKING, SAVINGS & INVESTMENT	732,253	607,340
Accounts Receivable	22,667	42,229
Other Assets (Mustard Seed Inventory & PrePaid Expenses)	4,440	25,713
TOTAL ASSETS (Cash & Investments)	759,360	675,282
Deferred Revenue (Prepaid Tuition & Festival Revune)	118,804	107,719
Short Term Liabilities (Payables & Payroll)	396,427	368,485
Deferred Restricted Support (Endowment Principal)	437,237	444,109
Long Term Liabilities (Middlefield Bank Loan)	1,417,943	1,353,010
Long Term Liabilities (Unpaid Assesments Owed to Diocese for <u>Closed St. Robert & St. William</u>)	296,615	296,615
Total Liabilities (Monies owed to others)	2,667,025	2,569,938

SRW Outreach

God's Spirit shines through people like you!

...from an Outreach Recipient: "Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. It has been difficult to keep up with household expenses and medication costs. We are most grateful to the parishioners of Ss. Robert and William Parish for their generosity."

This ministry has grown due to the current, sour economic situation. It is possible to meet these growing needs only because of your support of the Outreach Fund and the very generous, giving spirit of our volunteers. Listed below are some of the programs that the Outreach Committee oversees:

- ◆ Daily Review of Outreach Requests
- ◆ Produce to People (1,436 were recipients of produce giveaway)
- ◆ 253 Grocery Bags of Food given out
- ◆ A core team who aids monthly distributing food and clothing at the Fr. Michael Wittman Ozanam Center/ St. Philomena
- ◆ The Banquet (our monthly Community Meal)
- ◆ The Christmas Giving Tree (Over 40 families received Gifts & Food)
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ◆ The Helen & Michael Talty Community Garden in partnership with SRW Catholic School
- ◆ Collaboration with The Euclid Hunger Center

\$21,781.61 was donated and received in grants for SRW Outreach

40 Days for Life (Ash Wednesday Collection)	\$1,364.58
Birthright (Ash Wednesday Collection)	\$1,364.58
Bus Passes & Gasoline Vouchers	\$197.50
Coats for Homeless	\$400.00
Dave's Gift Cards for perishable food with Food Pantry Donations	\$3,691.91
Misc. Requests	\$2,339.23
Flowers & Missals to Homebound and those in Care Facilities	\$1,400.00
Community Meals (We served over 1,500 meals!)	\$3,613.43
Mortgage/Rent Assistance	\$2,277.19
Seniors' Birthday Cards	\$300.00
Family Assistance with children	\$875.00
Utilities	\$1,557.42

\$19,380.84 given out through SRW Outreach

Designated Special Collections support the work of the Church beyond our parish. They are collected on behalf of various ministries and apostolates of the Diocese of Cleveland, the Catholic Church in the United States and the Global Catholic Church. This past fiscal year, we collected the following amounts and forwarded them to their beneficiaries.

Annual Mission Appeal 2016:	\$3,737.36
Faith & Values:	\$753.88
Catholic Communications:	\$633
Louisiana Flood Relief	\$1,356.39
World Mission Sunday:	\$814
Human Development	\$549.60
Military Archdiocese	\$892.21
Hurricane Matthew Relief	\$2,984.43
Vowed Religious Retirement:	\$1,505.96
Catholic University:	\$665
Latin America:	\$1,122.81
Eastern European:	\$843.66
Black & Indian Missions:	\$120
Catholic Relief Services:	\$922.01
CRS—RICE BOWL (Parish):	\$5056.53
CRS—RICE BOWL (Children):	\$2,394
Holy Land (Good Friday):	\$1,237
Catholic Home Missions:	\$915.24
National Basilica	\$732.24
Office of Catechetical Services:	\$679.41
Peter Pence (Holy Father Alms):	\$832.18

Grand Total: \$28,746.91

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

2016—2017

One of our goals in the formation of our young people, is to teach them the importance of giving back and helping one another. At our school Masses and through envelopes given to our PSR students, we collected the following totals this past year. The children select where the donations are given.

September:	Louisiana Flood Victims \$373.11
October:	House of Champions \$417.13
November:	Euclid Hunger Center \$230.83
December:	Ronald McDonald House \$205.59
January:	Birthright \$175.36
February:	40 Days for Life \$187.26
March & April:	CRS Rice Bowl \$2,140.92
May:	Hospice of Western Reserve \$219.78

Grand Total: \$3,949.98

Fundraising

2016—2017
PARISH

(AMOUNTS ARE NET OF EXPENSES):

Holly Berry Bazaar (2016): \$1,924
Rummage Sale (2016): \$2,271
Bricks: \$1,250
Mustard Seed Religious Store: \$485
Youth Ministry (Golf Outing & Ham Sales): \$5,505
Fish Fry (2017): \$3,384
Oktoberfest \$125

GRAND TOTAL: \$14,944

SCHOOL

(AMOUNTS ARE NET OF EXPENSES):

Festival (2016): \$44,774
Taste of Nations (2017): \$19,684
50 Days of Holiday Cash: \$23,170
Walk-a-Thon (2015): \$14,320

GRAND TOTAL: \$101,948

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING
SUPPORT!!!**



Parish Statistics

Sacraments

Baptisms	72
First Penance	48
First Communion	54
Confirmation	56
Marriages	17
Funerals	75
Average number of people attending weekend Masses	1,382

Faith Formation programs for our Youth

Day School (Preschool—8)	498
PSR (Preschool—Grade 8)	64
LIFETEEN (Grades 9—12)	60

**There are 1,601 registered families at SRW
which numbers 3,413 people.**

OUR ANGELS APPEAL

for Tuition Assistance in the school
for the 2016—2017 School Year
was \$39,523!

On behalf of the children and their
families, thank you so much!

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