



PARISH FINANCE OVERVIEW

A message from Fr. Lou Tylka

This annual State of the Parish financial report is for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017. An annual report shared with the parish is an instrument of accountability to ensure we are good stewards of the generous support received by you. Of course, the call to good stewardship is a call of discipleship for each and every one of us. Every baptized believer is called to share in Christ's mission to proclaim the Gospel; concretely, that means we share the gifts God has blessed us with each day with those we encounter. I believe that, in many respects, we are doing this well here at St. Julie Billiart Parish.

Throughout the last fiscal year much transpired in our community. We continued to see changes in our staff; as some retired, others chose to move on and some transitioned to new responsibilities. We welcomed some new faces who quickly made a positive impact on our community. Additionally, there were many improvements around the parish. Furthermore, we are seeing our participation in the Archdiocesan Campaign – *To Teach Who Christ Is* – come to fruition, as many folks continue to follow through on their pledges through their generous donations. Much is being done to better our Church because of your commitment to our Parish!

Since this is predominantly a financial report, I wish to comment on a few specifics. First and foremost is a sense of gratitude. I am most grateful for the support you give to St. Julie Billiart. Time and again, you have proven true what was told to me as I became pastor in July 2014: “we may not be rich, but we are generous.” We are rich in so many ways beyond money, especially in the richness of faith we share. I count my blessings knowing I am a wealthy man because of the life, love and faith you share as part of our community. Thank you for your past, present and future support of St. Julie Billiart. Secondly, I will comment on our commitment to keep our costs down. Here at the parish, we make a concerted effort to achieve this goal. We are constantly looking at ways by which we can save dollars to bolster our bottom line. I do believe we are quite successful in lowering our costs while still being able to maintain a good level of service. My commitment is to remain vigilant in monitoring our expenditures so that we can continue to find cost savings. Finally, I will comment on revenues. Our overall income has remained rather stagnant. This is of concern because despite any cost-saving effort that we make, the overall cost of maintaining a parish continues to rise. I would ask every parish family to prayerfully reflect upon their sacrificial giving to the Church. We recently transitioned to a new e-giving provider, FAITHDIRECT.ORG, which is one way of making it easier to donate. We've also sought out new streams of revenue – such as sponsorships for Donut Sundays, monthly restaurant and local business fund-raisers – which add to our funding for ministry. But in the end, we all have to commit ourselves to some form of sacrificial giving to build up our Parish. Personally, as we made the transition to FAITHDIRECT.org, I considered my level of weekly offering and realized I am called to give more. What is the right sacrifice you can/should make for the work of your parish?

And so, here, over these few pages I share with you a snapshot of the ‘State of the Parish’ in this financial report. As always, I welcome your thoughts and questions about this information. I thank the Parish Staff and the Parish Finance Council who continue to assist me in the tasks of good stewardship of our parish resources. Thank you, again, for your commitment and generosity to St. Julie Billiart Parish.

Peace & Prayers,



St. Julie Billiart Parish

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Actuals as of June 30, 2017

(figures rounded to nearest dollar)

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Ordinary Operations FY 2017

Income:

1. Sunday & Holy Day Collections	994,226
2. Christmas Collection	66,489
3. Easter Collection	44,091
4. Other Collections for Parish	5,334
5. Religious Education Tuition	95,378
6. Fees	0
7. Lease & Rental	1,952
8. Fundraising Net Income	41,386
9. Interest & Investment	2,865
10. Bingo Income	20,607
11. Auxiliary Groups Net Income (Loss)	(6,240)
12. Miscellaneous	58,648
Total Operating Revenue	1,324,736

Expense:

1. Salaries	608,481
2. Employee Benefits:	
Health Insurance	85,461
Employee FICA Tax	42,652
Fringe Benefits	32,731
Professional Growth Allowance	6,717
3. Books & Supplies (non-liturgical)	36,830
4. Administrative	53,430
5. Transportation	3,946
6. Food Service & Meals	22,637
7. Utilities:	
Telephone	9,388
Heating	16,282
Electricity	43,580
Other	31,792
8. Maintenance & Building Repairs	102,539
9. Interest Expense	0
10. Bingo Expense	14,469
11. Altar & Liturgical Supplies	35,873
12. Furnishings & Equipment	6,785
13. Archdiocesan Assessment	136,950
14. PRMAA Assessment	48,036
15. Property/Casualty/Auto Insurance	45,816
16. Auto Insurance (Priest-Owned Vehicles)	2,300
17. Miscellaneous Expenses	59,100
Total Operating Expense	1,445,795

Net Ordinary Excess (Deficit) (121,059)

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Extraordinary Operations FY 2017

Income:

1. Collections for Sharing Parish	19,243
2. Archdiocesan Special Collections	45,940
3. Stained Glass & Memorials	513
4. Other Extraordinary Income	59,332
5. Annual Catholic Appeal Rebate	29,579
6. Capital Collections	68,604
7. To Teach Who Christ Is	266,767
Total Extraordinary Income	489,978

Expense:

1. Payments to Sharing Parish	17,366
2. Payments: Special Collections	45,677
3. Other Extraordinary Expenses	33,824
4. Capital Improvements	76,392
5. To Teach Who Christ Is	120,668
Total Extraordinary Expense	293,927

Net Extraordinary Excess (Deficit) (196,051)

PARISH NET INCOME (EXPENSE) (74,992)

Financial Observations FY 2017

Ordinary Operating Income:

1. Sunday & Holy Day Collections were down \$40,890 or 4%
2. Christmas collection was down \$15,303 or 19%
3. Easter collection was down \$9,784 or 18%
4. Net Fundraising increased \$10,854 or 36%

Ordinary Operating Expense:

1. Salaries decreased \$8,009 or 1%
2. Maintenance & building repairs increased \$30,400 or 42%

To Teach Who Christ Is

1. Religious Education TVs, carts and DVRs for classrooms
2. Youth Center remodel including paint, carpet, furniture and new updated electronics.
3. Phase 1 Landscaping included replanting trees lost to Ash Borer disease.
4. Holy Family Statue



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May Crowning at newly installed Holy Family statue

FACTS AND FIGURES		
	Children/ Infants	Adults
Baptisms	102	2
First Communions	62	2
Confirmations	64	4
Marriages		14
Funerals		113
For the 4 weekends of October 2016: 9,055 people attended Sunday Mass for an average Sunday Mass attendance of 2,264, a 13% decrease.		
Registered Families		2,675

INCREASED REVENUE FROM RESTAURANT FUNDRAISING

During this first full year of partnership with local restaurants, these monthly fundraising events saw greater participation and a substantial % increase in net proceeds, which totaled:

\$3,483.59

INCREASED REVENUE FROM OTHER PARISH FUNDRAISING

New this year:
Partnerships with other local businesses, Savers and Ted's Greenhouse, raised an additional amount of funds, which totaled:

\$1,483.35



**TO TEACH
WHO CHRIST IS**

Some parish campaign goals completed during this fiscal year:

Religious Education

- Purchased 8 HDTVs, Carts and 8 Blu-ray players
- Utilized Matthew Kelly's Decision Point Confirmation Series

Youth Center

- Completely remodeled Youth Center to include new furniture, new carpeting, new electronics and re-painting.

Parish Campus Enhancements:

- Holy Family Statue
- Completed Phase I portion of landscaping

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETED

- ⇒ Remodeled the Mary Garden through a generous donation
- ⇒ Walking path to triptych of St. Julie Billiart at the north entrance



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NEW AND NOTABLE IN MINISTRY

Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Liturgy and Music

In July, 2016, we welcomed Margie Guadagno as the new Liturgy Coordinator. During the summer, as Margie began to get to know everyone, she was able to train nine new Altar Servers! Over the Fall and into the winter five new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion were trained and added to the minister's schedule. In September, 2016, Siobhán Maguire, joined staff as the new Director of Music. She introduced a new Mass setting, the *Mass of Wisdom*, by Chicago composer Steven Janco. This setting, newly composed for the Roman Missal, is the fifth Mass setting the parish has learned since 2011 - when the new translation of the Mass was promulgated. Members of the Adult Choir traveled to Holy Name Cathedral in November (for the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of musicians) and December (for the Ecumenical Prayer of Thanksgiving for Cardinal Blase Cupich). Also in December, the Handbell Choir was invited to play for Tinley Park Market Days at the train station.

Parish Life & Communications

In December, 2016, St Julie Billiart welcomed Michael Rubino as the new Pastoral Associate. Mike is also the Communications Director and has made great strides in efforts to remain current with technology and communications. The new Parish Website went live on February 1, 2017. It allows for both desktop and mobile platforms. The parish calendar is maintained on the website, updated regularly. Online registration is available for new parishioners, which streamlined the registration process. Similar forms, also available online, are for fundraising events, activities and even Adoration Thursday. Communications have been enhanced with timely posting of the bulletin online every Thursday before 12 noon. The website displays information about our parish staff, including a biography and the ability to contact any staff member via the web, email or phone. All fundraising coupons are displayed on the date of the event and featured prominently on the home page just days before the event.

In a continued effort to be good stewards, Donut Sundays are now partially "funded" by a monthly sponsor. This sponsorship allows for goodwill between the parish and the business / organization funding the event. The sponsor receives advertising in the bulletin, on the Narthex monitors and detailed thanks on the mobile monitor located in the Parish Hall. Sponsors are given an option to be present at Donut Sunday, if so desired.

A previously unused space, not far from the narthex, has been renovated into the Parish Library. A fresh coat of paint and comfortable seating transformed this previously drab space into a peaceful, inviting library. It has also become a functional space to visit before and after Mass and a great place for funeral directors to sit during funerals.

Funeral visitation in the Great Room is a new option offered to bereaved families, prior to a funeral Mass in Church. Visitation

in the Great Room provides a family privacy in a comfortable, serene atmosphere. It also provides a dignified entry into the Narthex and Church for the funeral Mass.

St. Julie Billiart Parish has improved communications for Bingo, Donut Sunday and the Garage Sale. Advertising of Parish events is now expanded to neighboring parishes, both the Villages of Tinley Park and Orland Park along with local papers. To date, these efforts have proven worthwhile as these events have generated additional revenue.

Religious Education

The theme for our 2016 annual family gathering, *Going to God Together* was Grow in Faith: Pray. Father Lou presented the group with three family prayer challenges:

1. Try and say the Our Father three times a day.
2. Say grace before meals especially when out for a meal.
3. When you share the Thanksgiving meal, each person should say that for which they are thankful.

For the first time, 7th grade RE classes participated in the Palm Sunday Passion Proclamation as a way to fulfill their Jesus Project requirement. The students experienced what it means to walk in Christ's footsteps during this symbolic proclamation. Many wonderful compliments came from parishioners and visitors who witnessed the Passion Proclamation.

In recent history, there had been no increases in our Religious Education Tuition rates. However, with rising costs of textbooks, utilities and supplies, a tuition increase became necessary. In March, 2017, to encourage prompt payment of tuition and fees, the following incentives were offered:

- A 10% discount, offered if tuition is paid in full by June 30.
- After June 30, a \$50 late fee was assessed.

Offering the discount and assessing the late fee have both proven to be effective measures in encouraging timely registrations.

Lastly, the Religious Education Office has been enhanced with the purchase of 8 new HDTVs and blue ray players. These have provided another outlet for Catechists in forming our students in their faith.

Youth

In September 2016, as part of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* Campaign, the Youth Center received an long overdue update. From a fresh coat of paint to new seating and tables, it has become a welcoming space for teens. The Youth Center also received entertainment updates including a 60" HDTV, blue ray player and video gaming consoles.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38) This was the quote the teens chose to reflect on this year during their summer mission trip to St Louis. Their trip to St. Louis found them working in a food pantry, a church, assisting the homeless and clearing an overrun cemetery.