



The Courtyard



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Our Parish Mission Statement

"We are a Spirit-led Catholic Community that welcomes all to celebrate the Eucharist, to pray, and to know, love, and serve Christ."

Our Parish Vision Statement

"To foster Stewardship as a way of life, by engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation and service."

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The Community of the Blessed Sacrament November 2010 Parish Newsletter

Pastor's Message

November is a time to give thanks, as is every day, I hope. But in November we intentionally gather with family and friends and celebrate what God has blessed each of us with. I want to begin by personally giving thanks to God for the generosity of you parish members. Last year was long and hard for many of us. For the parish, as with many of you, we counted pennies many times to get by. When things got better, we were able to help members of our community get by with some of their bills through a Family support Emergency Fund. Because of that fund, we were able to keep families together, food on the table and the lights on.

Thank you for your generosity. We tried to be careful and use your gifts wisely and I think we succeeded. The fund is now depleted and it is a good thing. What you gave us, we used for those in need.

Thanks to your generosity through your weekly giving, we are able to continue with programs to serve the parish community. Your Parish staff has taken that "extra step" to conserve and it has really helped to make your gifts go farther. As you will see later on in this issue, we served a lot of people in many different ways.

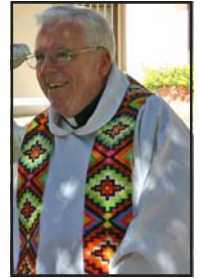
One expense did catch us by surprise. The license fee for our Pre-school/ Kindergarten went from \$350 to \$5000. This was

unexpected. But we are planning opportunities to meet this "surprise" from the state. We are going to have a number of fund (fun) raising activities. My favorite is the Honey Baked Ham sales for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Along with that, you can spruce up your holiday decorations with Christmas Wreaths and Holiday Greens. There will be other fun activities available also. With your help, we can meet this extra expense and support our school.

Here's some great news. Our guide for our Lenten Mission will be Fr. Dominic Briese, O.P. Fr Dominic has been here before and those at the parish mission really enjoyed his presentations. Mark your calendars for our Lenten Parish Mission, March 20-23, 2011. Presentations will be in the morning and evening so everyone will be able to attend.

Check out the rest of your Parish Newsletter. It is chock full of some good information, activities coming up, especially the Christmas Mass schedule, so you can plan. Again, thank you for being an important part of our parish family. Each of us, coming together in prayer and in play, is what makes this parish great! God Bless!

Fr. Pat



Parish Volunteers Needed to Help Build a House

Parish Saturday Work Days Are:

- **12/18/2010** - 7:30am to 2pm - Need at least 30 parish volunteers for paint touch-up; install doors & trim; provide food/beverages.
- **01/08/2011** - 7:30am to 2pm - Need at least 30 parish volunteers to complete trim carpentry & provide food/beverages.
- **02/05/2011** - Need 5 parishioners to attend House Blessing Ceremony w/Fr. Pat.

Join local Catholic parishes. Must be at least 16 yrs old. It's a great holiday family, friends and ministry group community service opportunity—i.e. extended family/ kids home from college. Completion of H4H & Parish Volunteer Forms by 12/01/2010 is required. See Parish Website Quick Links.

For more info, contact Parish Manager, Dr. Honora.



Stewardship Pillar of Hospitality

The Welcome Ministry

A Hospitality Pillar

Invites you to join us for

Continental Breakfast

Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 5 and Dec 26

Donuts, Bagels, Fruit, Juice & Coffee

After 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:15am Masses

Social Hall Lobby/Free-will Offering

Parish Potluck

Feb 11, 6:30 pm, Social Hall

Tentatively Mark Chamberlin, author, musician and past TV news and sports anchor will be entertaining.

Just Coffee is Back

Submitted by Dr. Trish Dolasinski

During the first two weekends of sales, almost 100 pounds of **JustCoffee** were generously purchased, providing coffee growers in their own lands almost a \$1,000 to continue to build their businesses and local economy. The success at the start of the year not only reflects the quality of this fine brew, but the generosity of our parish.

JustCoffee Sales

1st Weekend of each Month and Nov 20/21 and Dec 18/19

As coffee lovers know, **JustCoffee**, is not just another *cup of joe*. Now being sold for the second year in the parish's courtyard, **JustCoffee** is available to all following the Masses on the first weekend of each month through May 2011. For your holiday entertaining and shopping convenience, coffee will also be sold after Masses on dates listed above.

The cost of all one pound bags is \$11 and only \$20 for two bags. Six excellent and very popular varieties are sold, including 100% pure ground decaffeinated and 100% pure *Arabica* ground. Both whole bean and ground coffees are available in the *Robusta* and *Marago* varieties. If you miss a weekend sale, you can pick up a bag at the Parish Office. Special orders can be handled too.

JustCoffee (www.justcoffee.org) is offered by the parish's JustFaith Small Christian Community to support coffee

bean coop farmers that grow, roast, package, and ship their own coffee. Purchasing **JustCoffee** helps to create unity by supporting coffee growing cooperatives that revitalize rural communities, keeps families together in their home lands, and makes a positive impact on both sides of the border. The organic beans are environmentally-friendly, grown under shade trees and extracted without irreparable damage to the soil.

Members of **Just Coffee** cooperatives in Mexico are paid higher than typical Fair Trade Federation standards. Sale of the coffee enables the growers to earn a sustainable wage and results in growers receiving 80% more per pound than being paid by commercial coffee companies. Our support and commitment adds up to more than dollars—it literally adds up to strong communities and the success of our global future! Thank you for your continued support and participation in this valuable outreach initiative.

Catholic Singles

Check out the parish website "**Catholic Singles**" under the pillar of Hospitality. If you are single, Catholic, and want to join a Catholic ministry, participate in socials, prayer, learn about your faith and do community service projects, call Yennga at 602-818-1083.

This provides Valley Catholic Singles (VCS) a chance to partner with other area singles. Each week, the VCS holds prayer and/or formation gatherings. This is a great way to come get to know members in the group. In addition to the weekly gatherings, the group will host different social activities and volunteer around the Scottsdale area. This ministry joins other parish ministries participating in our 4-Pillar Stewardship process of hospitality, prayer, formation and service activities within the parish and greater community.



Business EXPO



Everyone.. come join other people in real estate, banking, planned giving, insurance, roofing, picture framing, pool cleaning, computer consulting, plumbing, carpet laying, senior home care, heating and cooling — you name it. It's the "Meet & Greet" the business people of our parish.

It's "**the**" networking event of the year at the parish. Come to drum up business, promote Christian values, develop parish spirit and make new friends. The event brings an entrepreneurial spirit to our parish.

Exhibitor Applications are available on the parish website (under Forms or Business Expo Quick Link) and/or church and parish office lobbies. Deadline to apply is 01/17/2011.

Come to enjoy refreshments

And... exhibitor presentations and door prizes

All businesses participating in the Business Expo will have their contact information listed on the parish's website (formatted for Google Queries) on the Business Network page. Business Expo booth application forms are available on the parish website and/or church and parish office lobbies. Deadline is 01/17/2011.

Participation Disclaimer: Participation in the Parish's Business Expo is not an endorsement of products, services, character or reputation of exhibiting individuals or proprietors.

Blessed Sacrament 3rd Annual Business Expo

Saturday, January 29: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Sunday, January 30: 8:00am to 12:30pm

Parish Social Hall

Stewardship Pillar of Formation

Parish Prayer Fall Retreat *Cursillo*

Gratitude

Sat., November 20, 2010
8:30AM to 4:30PM

Meister Eckhart once said: "If your only prayer was of gratitude, it would be sufficient."

Join us to celebrate abundance:

- Hear Great Speakers
- Engage in Stimulating Discussions
- Learn about the Healing Power of the Begging Bowl (A Guided Hands-On Spiritual Exercise in Bowl Making)
- Enjoy fellowship
- Take Time for Quiet Prayer

Retreat Keynote Speaker
Fr. Patrick Robinson

Begging Bowl Facilitator
Marilyn Collins



Marilyn Collins is a retired art professor. She graduated from Penn State University, State College, PA with a Master of Fine Arts Degree. Marilyn taught for ten years in Ohio. She received training for spiritual direction through the REAPS program of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and at the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction, Redemptorist Center in Tucson AZ.

Marilyn will focus on spirituality, not religion. She sees the Begging Bowl as a metaphor for spiritual and creative food. Retreat attendees will be exposed to the concept of spiritual food through the creation of and practice of using a bowl for one's spiritual growth—check out www.spiritualityofclay.com.

Experience this day for just \$49 / person (Includes breakfast, lunch, and the bowl making session—you keep your bowl after it is fired). Paid reservations are required by 11/17. Seating is limited. Contact the parish office at 480-948-8370 for details. Drop off or mail your check (to Blessed Sacrament) to the parish office.



Check out "*Cursillo Movement*" on our parish website to learn more about moving yourself closer to God; and, to move the world closer to God's kingdom. The **Cursillo** movement provides small lessons in piety, study and action beginning with a three day period at the base of a mountain (*Mount Claret*). Lives are changed through the grace of the Holy Spirit. When those lives are followed 10, 20, and now 50+ years, the mystery, wonder and love of God is evident. The love of God is evident as bright and colorful patterns in people's lives, even in the darkest times.

For more information, contact our Pastor or contact our *Cursillo Movement* Parish representatives: Brian and Jen Kelly at 480-563-2422 or jen.kelly@cox.net.

Active Duty Prayer Board

Parishioners have requested that family members or close friends serving on active duty be added to our parish's prayer line for support for their health, well being and safe return. Call the Parish Office to add your loved one to our Prayer Line.

Parishioners have also asked for further



recognition for the men and women of our parish who are serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. Our parish's Women's Club coordinates correspondence with service persons related to a parishioner - you can pick up an address slip at the Women's Club's SCRIP table at weekend Masses. If you get a chance, also add the soldier's name to the list in the church's South lobby at the soldier statue.



If you would like to include your loved one on our online Solider Prayer Board, complete the form found on parish's Prayer Line webpage (under Pillar of Prayer). See website for instructions to send photo. God bless and keep those in harm's way safe.


Parish School
Holiday Fundraiser
Christmas Wreaths
Holiday Greens
Honey-baked Hams
 Brochures, prices & order forms at parish school or on parish website. For more info, call school 480-998-9466.

“Scottsdale Gives Thanks”

8th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration

Nov. 23, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

At Scottsdale's Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8050 East Mountain View Road (At Hayden), in Scottsdale

Everyone is invited to join your Scottsdale neighbors in celebrating the most inclusive of American holidays - Thanksgiving. At this event many different faith communities, **including our parish's pastor and choir**, will participate in this interfaith program. Come for a memorable and enjoyable evening of sharing thanks through music and joyful prayer.

For more info, contact Parish Manager, Dr. Honora Norton at 480-948-8370, X223.



Stewardship Pillar of Formation

Parish School - Mardi Gras

Submitted by Lacey DeGroot
Assistant Director, Parish School

Mardi Gras Celebration March 4, 2011

Our Parish School is preparing for a great **Mardi Gras celebration** in March 2011. It will be the 12th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Adults-only fundraiser. The entire community is invited to participate. Tickets are on sale now—order early to take advantage of the \$5 savings per ticket. Keep an eye out for the Big Raffle to win a new iPad!

We welcome your personal or business donations of new items for the silent and live auction. We are seeking sponsorships which are available in three different denominations: \$250, \$500, and \$1,000. All donations and sponsors will be recognized through our school and parish media. For more information, contact the school office at 480-998-9466 or go to our parish website and click on the school link.

Thank you for supporting Catholic Education in our parish. We are very blessed to have this program here at Blessed Sacrament.

Catechetical Ministries (CM)

Submitted by Larry Fraher,
Director of Catechetical Ministries Office

Our parish's **Office of Catechetical Ministries** exists to form adults, youth and children toward a lived knowledge of Jesus Christ as he is known in the Catholic faith.

CM Foundational Principles: Catechesis is ongoing and lifelong; it is intimately connected to the parish's liturgical and sacramental life; its focus is the parish community; its programs are complementary (completing) not competitive with other parish programs; it is family friendly; it assists parents to fulfill their role as their child's primary catechist.

The methods used in this approach are: Relationship Building; Faith Sharing; Content Presented is Connected with the Sunday Readings (Lectionary Based); and, Discipleship Oriented (building Skills for the Christian Life)

2010 CM Highlights

New Administrative Assistant

The year began with the hiring of Kathy Jo McNamara as the office's administrative assistant. Kathy Jo has her work cut out for her providing support to the all three professional staff members, but has been up to the challenge! We are happy she's on our team!

Confirmations & First Communions

In late April 2010, the parish celebrated the confirmations and first communions of 73 children and teens. Those receiving the completion of their initiation through these sacraments were prepared in a family style process. Frs. Fred Adamson and Dennis O'Rourke were the principal celebrants for two powerful celebrations.

Easter Vigil

As always, the highlight of the church year is the Easter Vigil when we celebrate the Risen Lord. This year, we welcomed several adults and children at baptism and several others through a profession of faith in the Catholic Church.

Teens & Young Adults

The Blessed Sacrament teen group enjoyed several activities including sponsoring a parish night at a Suns game against the Atlanta Hawks and a great Spring Retreat. Our teen group is growing each week, as is the young adult ministry "Solomon's Porch" which is also aided by the devotional celebration done in collaboration with the Franciscan Renewal Center, In Prezenza Dei (In the Presence of God).

Vacation Bible School

111 children grades pre-k through 5 participated in our annual Vacation Bible School. This year, our curriculum was focused on the Church's celebration of the Year for Priests, and uses St. Joseph of Cupertino as the model for the program. "Parade Around the Our Father" also saw the social hall decorated as a circus big-top! Look forward to our Children's Christmas Pageant.

Adult Faith Formation

Several opportunities for adult formation have been created. The monthly

series, Monday Night Faith was inaugurated and continues this year on the 3rd Monday of each month. The parish hosted a Theology Day presented by the Saint John's University, MN, School of Theology. A day of Lenten reflection was offered and provided titled "A Catholic Reads The Shack."

Emmaus Retreat for Developmentally Disabled Adults

When the Diocese of Phoenix was subject to budget cuts, the Diocesan Office of Evangelization with Persons with Disabilities was eliminated. Our parish Office of Catechetical Ministries, through generous support by the members of the parish, was able to continue a retreat that had been an annual offering through the diocese. In late August, 38 adults with developmental disabilities were able to share in, and experience, a weekend of fun and faith formation, all provided under the auspices of this parish. For this we are truly grateful.

Bible Studies

See the parish bulletin or website for listing the many (5 currently) groups participating in bible studies at a wide-variety of times.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Children's Liturgy is not a form of 'Sunday School'. It is the Liturgy of the Word adapted to the developmental needs of young children. This has been offered September through May at the 8:30am and 10:15am Masses.

As we continue to share and grow in our faith as Christians, please know that our office is here to support and serve your formation needs. Want more info? Check the parish website or bulletins for times and places of above activities or contact the CM office at 480-998-1665.



Stewardship Pillar of Formation - Our Parish School

Blessed Sacrament Preschool/Kindergarten School hosts many outreach, academic and social activities within the parish community. The following list is a few of these activities:

Outreach & Parish Activities

- Diocese of Phoenix Night of Hope Event
- Diocese of Phoenix Rosary Art Contest
- Scholastic Book Club's Classroom Care Program
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive & Christmas Angel Program
- Phoenix Children's Hospital Used Book Drive
- St. Jude Children's Hospital Bike-a-Thon
- Foundation for Children with Cancer "Hats for Cancer" Day
- Troops in Iraq - Students adopt a troop of soldiers
- Maggie's Place - Collect donations of baby items & books.
- Parish Summer Bible School Program Assistance
- Parish Picnic - Manages all the children's games

Academic

- Fr. Pat visits to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, leads "Lessons with Fr. Pat" about the Mass, and other talks.
- National "Kids Voting" Program
- Deacon Clem's "Story Time" to read biblical stories to the children and answer questions
- Christmas Celebration - School Christmas Pageant Story Program.
- Spring Play Performance—i.e. "3 Piggy Opera," "Where the Wild Things Are," and many more.
- May Crowning

- Graduation and End-of-Year Prayer Service

Social

- Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Moms
- Saint Day Parade
- Family Easter Egg Hunt
- Family Pumpkin Carving Night
- School Annual Silent Auction—Main school fundraiser

How can you Help our School?

- Attend/support 03/04/2011 Mardi Gras Dinner/Auction
- Redirect your taxes to our school—support CTODP
- Support Holiday "Live Wreath Sales"
- Be Green/Recycle—drop off paper, cardboard, cans etc. in parish's NW parking lot..
- Support of Aubrey Hish Scholarship Fund
- Support of My Coke Rewards, Box Tops For Education, and Ink Jet & Laser Cartridges collection programs. See [parish website](#)—Click on Parish School. For more information.



Your gifts to activities listed above will be directed towards our parish school—i.e. to pay for the 80% increase in state licensing fee (\$5,000); scholarships, general school supplies and expenses.



Stewardship Pillar of Service

Women's Club

Submitted by Kathy Thieken



The **Women's Club** extends appreciation to all who supported our **Church Mouse Boutique**. Proceeds from the Boutique, Scrip/Gift Card and Entertainment book sales go directly to the parish for facility-improvement projects.

All women of the parish are invited to our 7:00pm 2nd Monday of each month (September to May) meetings in the Social Hall. Join us for food, fun and a chance to meet new friends. On Sunday, January 23, we will gather before, process in and sit together at the 8:30am Mass. Afterwards we'll go to breakfast at Butterfields. This is open to all women of the parish. We encourage you to invite your women friends and relatives to join us. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Buy Holiday Gift Certificates

Holiday grocery and gift certificate cards (**Scrip**) are available at no extra cost to you and are available after the Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday morning Masses, as well, as during business hours in the parish office. Order forms Order forms are available in the church lobbies, in the parish office and Parish website under Forms.

Mary's Knights

Submitted by Paulette Gomez and Barbara Bleovic

Mary's Knights (MK), originally formed in 1999 by the wives of the Knights of Columbus in our parish., has chosen to be an outreach ministry within our parish and wider community. MK has raised thousands of dollars and manages to help at least ten different charities each year; i.e. support of St. Vincent de Paul's feeding the poor, helping homeless men and women; and, providing many children with back to school supplies and clothes. Many MK members make small quilts, hats and booties for the neonatal units at St. Joseph and Phoenix Children's hospitals.

Annual Rummage Sale
January 15, 2011

If you have plans to clean your closets over the holidays, please keep the items for our Rummage Sale. Sales start early in the morning through mid afternoon. Clothing, children's toys, household items, computers, and much more is sold. Bring gently used items on Friday, 01/14. Return Saturday to find your special treasures in a magnificent bargain hunter's paradise. Volunteers are needed on Friday to price items and on Saturday to help with sales. Watch future bulletins for additional information.

MK consists of women over the age of 18, who join together to do good. All ladies are invited to visit us. Meetings are normally held 7:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the West Social Hall. For more info contact Paulette at 602-294-4024 or Barbara at 480-483-2634.

HTBC - Cancer Ministry

Healing Through the Body of Christ

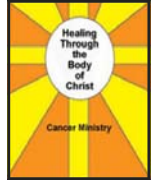
Submitted by Renee Gero, HTBC Coordinator

Our Cancer Ministry started at Blessed Sacrament September 2009. Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of

each month. Meetings are open to anyone. We introduce ourselves for a feeling of sharing and comfort. There is speaker at each meeting; i.e. home care professionals, Hospice of the Valley, meditation instructors and chefs from nutrition classes and a days of reflection have been held at the parish.

Our Pastor, Fr. Pat, puts HTBC in contact with those that have been diagnosed with cancer to see what HTBC can do— i.e. send information, include on Prayer-Line or suggest referrals to assist one through one's journey. HTBC is a resource to all touched by cancer.

HTBC is expanding its Prayer-Line and adding an area in our parish library for cancer reference books. HTBC is looking to raise funds for another series of nutrition classes in the spring. Further coordination between other ministries will strengthen our ministry as a community resource. The HTBC Cancer Ministry is here for our community.



St. Vincent de Paul 2010 Thanksgiving Food Drive Most Needed Items

Canned chicken
Canned fruit
Canned tuna
Cereal
Macaroni and cheese
Canned beef ravioli
Canned beef stew
Canned soups
Canned chili
Canned beans
Peanut butter/Jelly
Instant potatoes
Pasta and pasta sauce
Rice
Mayo
Shampoo
Toilet tissue
Facial tissue
Paper towels
Toothpaste
Dish soap/Detergent
Soap

Huge thanks for all the time, energy, and resources committed to our **Saint Vincent de Paul Food Drive**. Your donations are needed and appreciated. This year special attention will be devoted to food with dates that are currently active or those with date codes that are several months/years forward. There is a need for basic foods and personal products.

If you'd like to make a cash donation, a check payable to Blessed Sacrament SVdeP may be placed in an envelope and dropped in the basket at Mass or at the parish office.

Your kindness is a great blessing to many!



Blessed Sacrament by the Numbers for July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

<u>Count</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Other Donations</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Parish Expense</u>				
2,150	Registered Families	\$48,823	St. Vincent de Paul	\$375,044	Facility Operations/ Depreciation (20%)				
200	Other Families Served	\$2,825	Peter's Pence		\$366,170	Outreach/Diocese (19%)			
8	Kindergarten Students	\$4,016	Respect for Life	\$356,184	Parish Office (19%)				
46	Pre-school Students	\$3,755	Mission Sunday	\$239,122	Parish School (13%)				
650	Church Seating Capacity	\$9,057	Other Missions	\$233,672	Spiritual Formation (12%)				
	Chapel Seating Capacity	\$2,582	Home Mission	\$219,184	Worship (12%)				
300	Social Hall Seating Capacity	\$9,000	Partner Parishes in Need	\$69,547	Facility Utilities (4%)				
178,500	Number of Communion	\$16,800	Hispanic Ministry	\$22,437	Gift Shop (1%)				
4,050	Communion to Homebound	\$8,015	CCHD	\$1,881,366	Total Parish Expenses				
153+	Number Anointed	\$4,109	Catholic Relief Services	\$	Parish Income				
18	Total Number of Marriages	\$2,707	Communication	\$1,415,218	Plate Income (73%)				
49	Deaths in Parish	\$169	Rice Bowl	\$216,345	School Income (11%)				
34	Funeral Masses	\$4,416	Holy Land	\$172,869	Other Gifts (2%)				
4	Memorial Masses	\$12,841	Religious Retirement	\$43,246	Other Income (2%)				
51	Baptisms under Age 1	\$1,312	The Catholic University	\$32,629	Gift Shop (2%)				
25	Baptism over Age 1	\$3,082	Black & Native Americans	\$32,612	Spiritual Formation (2%)				
103	Confirmation	\$3,393	Latin Americans	\$14,026	Votive Candles (1%)				
78	1st Reconciliation	\$248,692	CDA (goal \$277,000)	\$1,926,945	Total Parish Income				
77	1st Eucharist	\$169,975	CTODP AZ Tuition Credit	\$45,585	Net Surplus *				
15	Christian Initiation	\$555,569	Total Other Donations	<i>* held in reserve to fund 2011 expenses</i>					
20	High School Catechesis	<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Expense Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Total Expense was reduced by 10.9% from prior year due to parish staff managing to "bare bones" budget and success in reducing overall costs. Parish Office Expense was reduced by 21% from prior year; parish staff salaries were not increased for several years; parish administration cost saving reductions were made. Facility Utilities Expense was reduced by 5% from prior year. Energy saving efforts were initiated—i.e. new Church LED lighting. The LED lighting project was funded by the Women's Club and parishioner support of the Scrip Gift Certificate and Entertainment Book sales. Thank You! 							
43	Junior High Catechesis								
196	Elementary Catechesis								
55	Preschool Catechesis								
74	Catechists								
62	Homebound Ministers of Care								
15	Nursing Homes Served								
16	Full Time Parish Employees								
19	Part Time Parish Employees								
592	Parishioner Volunteers								
90+	Number of Parish Ministries								
1,144,511	Parish Website Clicks in 2009								
1,430,376	Parish Website Clicks YTD								
						<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Income Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plate Income basically matched 2008-2009 plate income—our parish is very blessed with continued generosity and a stewardship giving way of life in these tough economic times. School Income was 18% less than prior year due to decreased enrolment, 34% decrease in CTODP income and increase in student tuition subsidies. Gifts, other than plate, were 11% less than prior year. Outreach (parish tithing) assistance to poorer parishes was increased and funds from Parish Golf Outing and other gifts were directed towards the Family Support Fund (a Fund used to help distressed parish families cope with unexpected emergencies.) 			

2010 Advent & Christmas Schedule

- **December 10, 7:00pm Concert in Social Hall—Christmas Concert & Sing Along Lessons & Carols**—presented by: adult, contemporary, hand bell & children's choirs; Free will offering & refreshments; Blessed Sacrament staff will serve refreshments.
- **December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception**—Masses: Tuesday, Dec. 7th at 5:30pm (Vigil) & Wednesday, at 7:00am, 8:00am, 12:15pm & 6:00pm followed by The Living Rosary, 7:00pm in the Courtyard.
- **December 12, Children's Christmas Pageant**—"Is It Really Christmas?" will be performed after the 10:15am Mass, followed by cake provided by Knights of Columbus
- **December 14, 7:00 pm—Communal Reconciliation**
- **Tuesdays, 7:30am – 7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Weekdays during Advent, beginning December 2—Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer after 8:00am Mass**



Christmas Mass Schedule

- **Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24**
 - 4:00pm in Church – Children's Mass; 4:00pm in Social Hall – Teen Mass; 6:00pm in Church; and Midnight in Church
- **Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25**
 - 8:30am in Church; 10:15am in Church; No 4:30pm Evening Mass

Christmas 4:00pm Masses are very full. You may wish to choose another Mass time

Mary, Mother of God

- **Friday, December 31, 5:30pm Vigil Mass**
- **Saturday, January 1, 9:00am Mass only**

Parish Board Meets

"It is hereby resolved that the annual budget of Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Parish Scottsdale for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011



was approved by the Board of Directors, and that said approval shall be reflected in the minutes of the meeting. It is further resolved that the President is authorized to sign the budget on behalf of the Corporation." July 1, 2008 the Diocese of Phoenix created non-profit parish corporations as the most effective way to ensure that a parish's rights regarding its property will be respected not only under church law, but also under civil law. Pictured, Parish CEO and President, Rev. Patrick Robinson,; Parish Secretary, Barry Wilson (Pastoral Council Chair) and Parish Treasurer, Joe McInerney (Finance Council Chair).

Parish Outreach Grants Available

Do you have a favorite established non-profit with IRS 501 3C status? Is it an organization in which donated funds would make a significant difference to the lives of children and/or families in need? A **Cause Form** is located on the parish's website - www.blessedsacramentscotts.org under Quick Links - or contact Parish Manager, Dr. Honora Norton, at the parish office to get an application.



The parish's Finance Council has set a policy, that each budget year, a certain percentage of plate/envelope giving is designated to support poor parishes and parishioner submitted **Ministry for Social Action (MSA) Outreach Grants**. Approximately \$10,000 MSA grant money is available this year. Deadline to apply is November 15, 2010.

Be Green

Come to parish's back parking lot's NW corner—drop newspaper, cardboard, magazines, aluminum, junk mail and clothing to benefit parish school or My Sister's Place Women's Shelter.



Approximately 250 faith communities from 38 states entered the **Interfaith Power and Light 10% Challenge**. Our parish's installation of LED lighting in the Church demonstrated that people of faith are united in their "green" projects. Our parish was 1 of 40 faith communities and the only one from Arizona to receive a certificate from Interfaith Power & Light recognizing our parish's energy saving achievement. See www.interfaithpowerandlight.org



This project was funded by Women's Club fundraisers and APS energy-saving rebate. Faith communities usually start small and work their way up to greater and greater levels of energy efficiency and savings. Some even graduate to using renewable energy that's completely carbon-free by installing solar panels or other renewable energy systems. Buy Scrip gift certificates to help get our parish to next level of energy-saving.

Thank you for Your Stewardship Gifts

Our parish recently completed its **Annual Stewardship 4-Pillar Commitment Process**. Parishioners discerned staying with or joining different hospitality, prayer, formation and service parish ministries. The growing number of parishioners involved within our parish proves that as baptized people, each of us is called to give generously of one's time, talent and resources. **Thank you for sharing God's gifts.**