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Pastor's Message

My Dear Friends,



Blessed Sacrament is such a wonderful parish. During the past years as your pastor, I've been inspired again and again by parishioner faith.

This newsletter includes our annual financial report for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2005—June 30, 2006). We finished the year "in the black" - this task was only accomplished through the spirit-filled giving of the parish. Thank you for the example of your faith and generosity.

I look forward to your continued support. This year's parish budget plan includes increased utility costs, exterior facility painting and procurement of an architectural firm's services to develop a General Facility Plan.

I ask your help in implementing our parish's vision—to foster stewardship as a way life, by engaging our community in works of ministry founded on hospitality, prayer, formation and service. It's a privilege to be your pastor and it's a gift to call everyone, children and adults, to this vision.

God Bless,

Fr. Pat

Fr. Patrick Robinson, Pastor



Foundation for Senior Living (FSL) project development staff has completed due diligence work on **The Caring Place Adult Day Care Center** site. The Pastor and Pastoral Council members recently submitted a letter to FSL, which will be presented to the Phoenix Diocese for its approval. Upon agreement, FSL will engage the Pastor, Parish Manager and members from Parish Staff, The *Caring Place* Board and Parish Facility Ministry in the floor plan design and follow a timeline. The timeline currently calls for groundbreaking May 30, 2007 and Ribbon Cutting/Blessing and In Service on August 31, 2008. The facility will be located in the Southeast green-area along 64th St.

There has been a *Caring Place* Board in place for well over a year. The *Caring Place* Board is a partnership between our parish, St. Patrick's and St. Joan of Arc. This group has been very successful in initiating many formational and service opportunities that impact the lives of caregivers, seniors and adults with disabilities throughout the North East Valley.

Pictured: Christina Stoneking, FSL's *Caring Place* Project Coordinator, Dr. Honora Norton, Parish Manager; Roz Hart, LCSW, FSL's *Caring Place*'s Counselor and facilitator and Linda Santoro, *Caring Place* Board Member and Senior Friendship Ministry Lead.



Called to Protect :

As of August 1, 2006 Safe Environment Training SET I & II has been phased out and a new Safe Environment video-based training entitled "Called to Protect" is being rolled out. All ministry volunteers must complete this training, which teaches basic steps to prevent child abuse. Listen to pulpit announcements or check bulletins and/or parish website for instructions to sign-up for training.



Can you not keep watch with Me? Mt.26:40

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Chapel every Tuesday—Begins at 7:30AM and ends with 7PM Novena

Honor Jesus with devotion to His Eucharistic Presence.



Rays of light from her hands...

Novena of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Prayer Service is held in the Church every Tuesday at 7PM




Hospitality Prayer Formation Service
 The Community of the Blessed Sacrament

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2005-6 Parish Financial Report

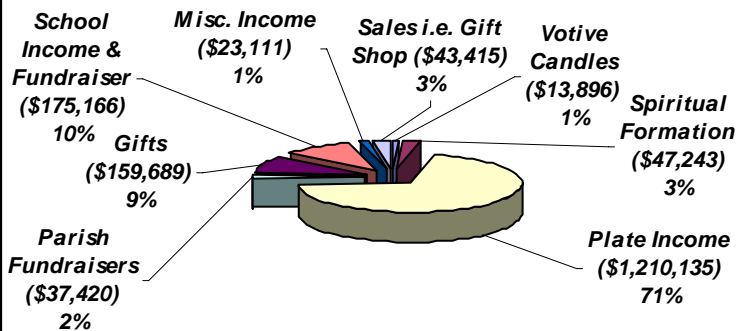
Community Outreach Contributions and Statistical Data

Outreach Contributions	2005-6	Parish Services—Participants	2004-5/2005-6
Charity & Development Appeal/CDA	\$225,488	Total Number of Families	2,200/2,237
St. Vincent de Paul	\$36,730	Baptisms	84/86
Bishop's Relief Fund	\$4,631	Confirmations	29/210
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$17,377	1st Communions	67/85
Special Needs and Outreach Needs	\$3,310	1st Reconciliation	73/76
Rice Bowl	\$6,324	RCIA/RCIC	6/11
Peter's Pence	\$5,099	Communions	170,000+
Holy Land	\$3,609	Catechetical Students	208/439
Campaign for Human Development	\$14,874	EDGE—Middle School Program	71/83
Mission Sunday	\$3,368	Life Teen—High School Program	63/106
Home Missions	\$2,789	Preschool/Kindergarten Students	62/50
Communications	\$2,405	Marriages	16/14
Katrina	\$23,601	Deaths in Parish	37/61
Seminarians	\$8,289	Funeral and Memorial Masses	33/42
Total Parish Outreach	\$357,894	Anointed Persons	114/190
 GOOD STEWARDSHIP		Homebound Communion Calls	1,585/2,000+
		Young Adult Program	4/6
2005 Catholic Tuition Organization Diocese of Phoenix - CTODP (School Tax Credit Donations)		Vacation Bible School	55/74
269 Parishioner Gifts of \$9.5M Diocesan Total	\$182,755	Adult Bible School	33/55
Designated to Parish Preschool/Kindergarten	\$36,006	Hospitals/ Nursing Homes Visited	25/25

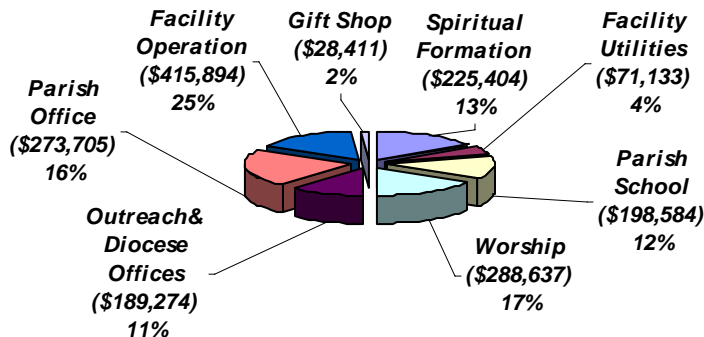
2005-6 Parish Financial Report

The charts below reflect July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 day to day operational income and expenses (excluding 2nd collection outreach - see above) to support our parish's ministries. The year ended with \$19,053 net income, which was carried forward for several delayed and future facility projects.

Parish Income (\$1,710,075)



Parish Expenses (\$1,691,022)



Thank you for your Spirit-filled Gifts...

There is a wide variety of other donations (monies and gifts in kind) made through individual designated donations and our Parish Life Ministries (i.e. Women’s Club, Knights of Columbus, Mary’s Knights, Small Christian Communities, Youth Ministry...) to our parish and to community non-profit organizations, such as, missions, homeless shelters, holiday food baskets, child sponsorships, Andre House, Chrysalis Shelter, food pantries and St. Vincent De Paul.

Thank you to parishioners and service groups, who over the past year gave designated monetary gifts towards non-budgeted facility-related projects/items, such as, theatrical lighting, installation of defibrillators, social hall chairs, handicap entries, utility/hauling trailer, asphalt parking lot repairs, courtyard 4-corner turf upgrades, youth room accessories, and more. Many of these projects cost \$5,000—\$20,000+ each. As an added note, the parish school annual fundraiser netted \$29,300 proceeds and the 3rd Parish Golf Outing netted \$11,080.

Items Not Included In 2006-7 Operating Budget... Can you Help?

This year a significant number of items are not included in the Parish Operating Budget: Social Hall Audio/Visual/Screen Upgrade (\$20K); Church Audio Upgrade—it keeps breaking down (\$5k); Church Energy-saving Lighting PH-I Upgrade (30 year old lights are inefficient & costly to operate) \$100k; Chapel Door Canopies (\$10k); Courtyard Tiling Upgrade \$75k; Art/Environment Storage Garage \$75k; Used Truck; Parish Office Flooring PH-I \$20k; Electronic Carillons (bell chimes) \$15k... Can you help? Call the Parish Manager, Honora at the Parish Office. (k = \$1,000)

Welcome to Parish Staff...

Dick Leopold is our parish’s new **Parish Life Ministries Coordinator**. Dick, a professed member of the Dominican Laity, was commissioned a spiritual director through the AZ Ecumenical Institute for Spiritual Directors in May, and has received his Spirituality Certificate from Kino Institute. He is currently matriculating studies in Behavioral Science at Western International University. He is a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and has facilitated ministries at other parishes.



The initial goals of this position are to grow Stewardship Ministry and the 4-pillar process and serve as staff liaison with various parish life ministries. He is leading this year’s Engagement Party (Ministry Fair), Fall Prayer Retreat and this Spring’s Parish Picnic.

Robyn Johnson is our parish’s new **Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry**. Robyn brings a unique balance of managerial and pastoral skills that will make a difference for teens, young adults, parents and parish.



Robyn has a Scottsdale Community College Associates Degree and attends ASU. She has achieved Diocesan Advanced Youth Ministry Certification and Life Teen Core Member University training. She has over 5 years youth ministry experience as Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Young Adults, Core Team Member, Confirmation Leader, Coordinator of Mission Trips, Fundraiser and Pilgrimage Chaperone. Additionally, she has close to 6 years of customer service, quality assurance and child caregiver experience within Northeast Valley businesses.



All Parish Prayer Retreat—November 17-18, 2006

(Friday 6:00PM—9:00PM & Saturday 7:45AM—Noon)

“Lite” refreshments Friday evening and Saturday

Theme is Circles of Prayer

Think of prayer as passages to an inner circle. Each circle takes you closer and closer to God.

The retreat will be facilitated by Roxanne Rix and her team, who have facilitated circles of prayer retreats for 15 years.

Join us in community as we learn and practice a variety of prayer forms.

Please register for this retreat by November 10th.

Return the registration slip below in the offering basket, contact the parish office at 480-948-8370, send an email to blessed_sacrament@diocesephoenix.org or mail to parish office (11300 N. 64th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85254).



Blessed Sacrament—Parish Prayer Retreat Registration

Family Name: _____ Number Attending _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Childcare needed? If so, how many and ages _____

Did your know?

□ **Parish Endowment Fund**

Blessed Sacrament has established an Endowment Fund. This is a true heritage gift opportunity and a way for community members, who believe in sharing their gifts, can reach out to others by leaving a legacy of care and support far and beyond their lifetime. *See parish website for more information or contact Fr. Pat.*



□ **A Phillips HeartStart Onsite Defibrillator:**

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed in the church behind the Mary Statue area. 19 parishioners have received American Heart Association AED training. A kind parishioner recently provided funds to purchase additional units to be located in the parish office and the parish Social Hall lobby.



□ **Sports Court Upgrade:**

Late Fall 2006, work will begin to cleanup the sports court and picnic area. At least 44 tons of Indian coral granite will be spread, at least ten 10-15 gallon fast-growing trees will be planted, applicable irrigation will be installed and dirt piles "Bobcatted" so that a turf covered viewing mound can be installed. Proceeds from 2006 Parish Golf Outing will fund this project.

□ **RCIA Update:**

Summer for the RCIA Team has been an amazing experience! Last May, we came up with the ideas for our "Summer Campaign." We all thought they were pretty ambitious plans; but Fr. Pat was encouraging, and we began praying for guidance. The results were pretty fantastic, thanks to brave team members who were willing to jump into "uncharted waters" and get everything organized and arranged. We discovered we had untapped experts in communications and radio who put together the "infomercials" for each Sunday. Because of the generosity and expertise of people from several parish ministries, a CD was produced. It was a very fine example of stewardship in action—individuals sharing their gifts and time in the work of the Lord.



There are many to thank for helping us in every aspect of the campaign. We are so very grateful to **every one** (*two words*) from the team and Fr. Pat, who conceived the idea, to the parish staff, to the lectors and music ministers, to the Neophytes (*past and present*) to those who helped us distribute the brochures and the CD's.

Mark Your Calendars...

□ **Engagement Party October 7-8:**

Discover and Celebrate Your Full Engagement—Spirituality is the human soul fully engaged—full engagement suggests living all four of the pillars of stewardship—hospitality, prayer, formation and service. This weekend's goals are to encourage all ministries to have activities that relate to the four pillars; invite every person in the community to engage in a ministry that fits their spiritual gifts; and, to maintain an environment of renewal of spirit. Note: Formerly known as Ministry Fair.



□ **Woman's Club Mouse Boutique—November 3-5:**

Come to a fun weekend to purchase great holiday gifts, enjoy great food and fellowship and take your chances for great silent auction and raffle items. Proceeds benefit many of Woman's Club's outreach projects and parish projects.



□ **Interfaith Network of Scottsdale Thanksgiving Service—November 21:**

Our parish is a participant in City of Scottsdale Thanksgiving Service—as many as a dozen different faith communities participate in this heartwarming service—enjoy song, dance, bell ringing, art and readings celebrating all we have to be thankful for. Will be held 7PM at Chaparral Christian near 64th Street on Shea.

□ **All Parish Mardi Gras Picnic—February 17, 2007:**

Get ready for a fun all-parish picnic—rides, games, great food, door prizes, raffles - a Pre-Lent Mardi Gras celebration for all ages!

□ **Lenten Mission—March 3-6, 2007:**

Fr. John Lanzrath, serves as Director of Diocese of Wichita's Spiritual Life Center. Ordained in 1988, Fr. John studied Sacred Theology at Rome's Gregorian University.



Per Fr. John, "*One of the greatest gifts God gives to us is the gift of time. Not a single moment of time exists that is not a gift of time given us by God. No human can do anything to extend the time one has on this earth. We make appointments for time, but do we realize that there is an appointed time for everything?*" Plan to make an appointment Lent 2007 to have fun, to pray and to reflect with one of God's most inspiring messengers. He will help each of us to live our parish's vision—see below.

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."