



Holy Cross Church

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Dear Parishioners:

Attached with this letter is our financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Being new as the pastor, I'm still digesting the numbers myself, but I would like to share a few observations.

First, some good news:

- Salary and benefits were reduced due to the departure of some employees, with their duties being assumed by other staff members and volunteers.
- We benefited from a significant bequest from the will of long-time parishioner Mrs. Helen Greskoff. May the Lord grant her eternal rest and reward her generosity.
- Nearly 1/3 of our Sunday collection income comes via E-giving, which gives us a regular stream of income and saves printing and postage expense for envelopes. You can sign up for e-giving by clicking the Parish Giving logo at holycrosscatholics.org.
- The school is growing in quantity and quality! Enrollment is 275 this year—up 16% from three years ago—and we have again been named an Archdiocesan School of Distinction. The vigilance of our principal in finding and applying for grants brought in several thousand dollars to update technology and provide tuition assistance, keeping our school attractive and competitive.
- The Stewardship Restoration Appeal generated over \$74,000 in donations to make up for lost collection income during the pandemic. This took the place of the usual Block Collection.

Now, some news that we don't want to hear:

- The federal government granted us a second-round Paycheck Protection Program loan, which we expect to be forgiven, as was the first-round loan. The loans provided us over \$275,000 in extra income. Without these loans and the Greskoff bequest, we would have faced nearly a \$267,000 deficit.
- As mentioned in the bulletin recently, the heating and air conditioning system in the church needs major work to get it operational. We're still waiting for cost estimates. Also, the boiler in the convent is being replaced, and around \$15,000 will still be owed when the work is complete.
- Speaking of the convent, the loss of the Sisters of Mercy leaves an empty building and a loss of rental revenue, but we are looking to find other tenants through the Archdiocese and have a couple leads.
- Many of our buildings are showing their age, and additional major repairs and replacements in the near future are likely. Thanks to the generosity of previous generations of parishioners, we do have a few hundred thousand dollars in capital reserves that we can use toward these projects as they happen, but that will be depleted quickly if we're not careful, and we do have to find ways to replenish those reserves.
- Only 31% of our 1,800 parish families support the parish financially. Finding opportunities to encourage people to return to Mass and engage in the life of the parish will be a priority for all of us.

We have some challenges ahead of us, but this is not insurmountable. Our parish fundraising committee has been full of new ideas and is eager to get to work. Our school administration keeps looking for grants and has plans to continue improvement and keep a strong Catholic identity. I'll be working with the parish staff and the pastoral and finance councils to find creative ways to invest in resources to expand our ministry and programs and better connect with parishioners, while also moderating our expenses. Above all, we trust in God's Providence to give us what we need so we can continue to fulfill our mission as the Church. Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Rev. Steven W. Kiernan
Pastor

Holy Cross Church and School Financial Statement

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

Parish Income

Sunday & Special Collections*	\$562,113
Wedding/Funeral Donations	\$32,850
Fundraising/ Misc. Donations	\$44,866
Religious Education Fees	\$15,123
Interest/Dividends	\$1,535
Rentals	\$25,840
Paycheck Protection Plan Loan	\$79,286
Bequests	\$50,000
Total Parish Income	\$811,614

School Income

Tuition and Fees (incl. CARES)	\$872,975
Fundraising/Donations	\$6,411
Interest/Dividends	\$1,556
Subsidy from Parish Funds	\$87,907
Grants/Financial Aid	\$123,328
Paycheck Protection Plan Loan	\$197,451
Bequests	\$20,000
Total School Income	\$1,309,629

Parish Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$378,167
Diocesan Assessment	\$85,700
Property Taxes and Insurance	\$59,261
Utilities	\$56,965
Maintenance/Repairs	\$41,520
Subsidy to Holy Cross School	\$87,907
Religious Education	\$9,461
Administration	\$67,844
Liturgical Supplies	\$2,233
Capital Repairs/Replacements**	\$37,895
Total Parish Expenses	\$826,952

School Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$1,053,817
Taxes and Insurance	\$29,416
Utilities	\$49,205
Maintenance/Repairs	\$64,172
Instructional Materials	\$10,545
Supplies and Equipment	\$9,002
Administration	\$18,463
Bad Debt	\$17,614
Total School Expenses	\$1,252,233

Net Totals for the Year			
<u>Actual</u>		<u>Without Extraordinary Income/Expenses***</u>	
Net Parish Income (Loss)	(\$15,338)	Net Parish Income (Loss)	(\$106,729)
Net School Income (Loss)	\$57,396	Net School Income (Loss)	(\$160,055)
Combined Income (Loss)	\$42,058	Combined Income (Loss)	(\$266,784)

* The Parish Stewardship Restoration Appeal netted approximately \$74,000. This appeal took the place of the annual "Block Collection."

** Includes repair to church balcony area due to falling concrete and part of replacement of convent boiler. Approx. \$15,000 will still be due when final invoice is received for boiler replacement.

*** These numbers are included to provide a realistic view of the year if it weren't for the income from the Paycheck Protection Loans and the major bequest or the expense of replacing the convent boiler and repairing the falling cement from the church balcony.