



ST. JOSAPHAT: *a Church to come home to Since 1883*

Stewardship Report 2007-2008

Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago, in his homily opening the celebration of our parish 125th Anniversary, Bishop Kane used a wonderful refrain “...but God was not done with St. Josaphat.” That simple statement is a great reality check on our vision and our trust in God. Each of us by necessity freeze-frames certain moments in our lives and in the life of our broader community. But it is the accumulation of those many moments that helps us gain a greater awareness of how we are part of God’s vision and strengthens our ability to place our trust more completely in God.

As we move forward in this 125th Anniversary Year, the Annual Stewardship Report is one freeze-frame in a collection of countless moments of parish grace and challenge. Many thousands of parishioners have come before us and left behind a legacy of their faith. We stand upon their shoulders, grateful recipients of this parish—both its bricks and mortar, but even more significantly, the spirit they have passed on.

I think it is fair to say that we are honoring the spirit of those who came before us in the way we are being stewards of what we have received. As the report inside indicates, this has been a very good year for St. Josaphat Parish by almost any measure. As examples, our school enrollment increased significantly, our outreach to the homeless has expanded and the opportunities for ministry have received a generous response.

In addition, the Strategic Plan put into place this past year is the blueprint for the next three to five years to meet the opportunities posed by our dynamic parish community. The Facilities Committee has been developing a systematic way of addressing the deferred maintenance of the past as well as the creative work of meeting the needs of tomorrow. In April, the Finance Council implemented an increased Sunday Offertory collection campaign with the goal of raising offerings to meet our ordinary operating expenses, and it is working! We will be implementing a Capital Campaign to repay our more recent school and parish hall renovations, meet the expense to correct the deferred maintenance of our aging campus and to provide for our future financial stability through development of an Endowment Fund.

These plans, and those working on them, make it possible for all of us to keep our focus on the other important activities of prayer, education, service to one another, and ministry to all. It seems clear in the totality of what has gone on here this past year, God is, indeed, not done with St. Josaphat!

I believe not only that, “God is not done with St. Josaphat,” but that we are on the cusp of a new day at St. Josaphat, continuing a long and proud tradition of welcome and making the Catholic faith we share alive and vital among us.

Thank you... you make this a great community of faith!

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, *Pastor*

Parish Mission

St. Josaphat Catholic Parish, with faith in a loving God, joyfully welcomes all who wish to come together as a community of shared faith in Jesus Christ, to give glory and praise to God.

We commit to making Christ’s love apparent on our journey of faith by striving to support, comfort, forgive, challenge, and inspire each other in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, community and world.

We are energized through the celebration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the gospel. Through our ongoing formation and education, outreach to those in need and hospitality to all, we come to know Christ and make Christ known.

Parish Vision

By 2010, St. Josaphat Parish will have grown as a welcoming Catholic community celebrating our spiritual growth in worship, committed to excellence in education, dedicated to serving others.



With its members committing their time and expertise, the Facilities Commission has drafted a comprehensive matrix of our campus' needs. Our parish's commitment to address these needs is evident as the first priority - the renovation of bathrooms, classrooms, and gym - was completed this past summer!



Bishop Kane and the Barlock Family at our 125th Anniversary reception.

ST. JOSAPHAT 125TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Lord God, we thank you for allowing St. Josaphat Parish to celebrate 125 years.

We thank you for the faith, friendship and caring that has flowed so freely through this parish and remember with gratitude the generations who have come before us in this sacred space.

May we always make our parish a place of hospitality, prayer and learning, a place of hope, love and forgiveness.

May our celebrations praise you, nourish our spiritual growth and help us continue in our commitment to welcome and care for all God's people.

Confident in your love for us, we seek to emulate our patron, St. Josaphat, as an example of Christian unity in our parish, neighborhood, church and world.

We present this prayer to you today and throughout our anniversary year through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

125th Anniversary: Building on a Strong Foundation

FACILITIES COMMISSION

The mission of the Facilities Commission was to survey the 3 major parish facilities – school, church, and rectory. With input from the Parish Advisory Councils, they developed a preliminary St. Josaphat campus facilities matrix that identifies safety issues, areas in need of extensive maintenance or repair and capital improvements based upon future facility and staff needs. A standing Facilities Sub-Committee is to be formed to carry forward the Commission's work.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Strategic Plan was developed with a number of goals in mind including increasing our parish's outreach and stewardship commitment, assisting in providing faith-enriching experiences for the parish, and increasing communication throughout the parish. This plan serves as a guide for the Parish Pastoral Council, as well as the Facilities Committee, as they execute 3 and 5-year goals for the parish.

The plan included a list of fourteen "quick hit" tasks. Some have already been completed: 1. Dr. Peg Hanrahan joined the parish staff as our Pastoral Associate, and she is planning quarterly faith-enriching events that promise to ignite the parish; 2. the purchase of new database software keeps our information organized and saves time in our rectory office; and 3. a Marketing Committee was formed to concentrate on attracting new parishioners and maximizing retention. By establishing concrete steps in a long-term plan, the Strategic Plan helps ensure our parish thrives at its potential and steers our efforts toward building a future of prayer and community

LITURGICAL LIFE

This year, our liturgical life and ministries have continued to flourish with the introduction of Dr. Peg Hanrahan as Pastoral Associate, Joe Labozetta as Music Director, and Sarah Cozzi as Children's Music Director. With this dynamic staff, St. Josaphat Parish continues to offer the Children's Liturgy of the Word each week, and was able to begin offering a Children's Mass each month. Our sacramental preparation programs for First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation have been redesigned to be more family-centered.

In addition to the formation of our children, St. Josaphat Parish strives to welcome new persons into the family of Christ. Nine catechumens are studying to make their profession of faith this Easter.

To help us celebrate the growth of this past year, and the foundation for our faithful community that has been laid for us over the past 125 years, Joe Labozetta, our Parish Music Director, has composed a hymn based on the 125th Anniversary prayer written by the Anniversary Committee. The parish can express in song its thanksgiving and communion with those generations that came before us in the Body of Christ.

	<i>Fiscal Year 6/30/2008</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 6/30/2007</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 6/30/2006</i>
CHURCH INCOME			
1. Sundays, Holy Days, Sharing, Archdiocesan Required, Other	615,337	631,374	649,771
2. Sacramental Income	51,630	62,637	64,170
3. Tuition/Fees (Religious Education)	9,518	10,105	8,066
4. Rent, Bequests, Miscellaneous	55,544	54,461	30,206
5. Fund Raising Net Income	102,088	132,279	127,515
6. Annual Appeal Rebate (2007)	35,889	19,409	
7. Capital Collections	0	80,226	62,148
8. Total Church Income	\$870,006	\$990,491	\$941,876

SCHOOL INCOME			
9. Fees	1,554,720	1,319,502	1,149,715
10. Special Events	147,455	208,905	222,408
11. Other Income	21,137	7,840	14,191
12. Total School Income	\$1,723,312	\$1,536,247	\$1,386,314
13. Total Income	\$2,681,228	\$2,526,739	\$2,328,190

CHURCH EXPENSES			
14. Salaries & Benefits	462,453	395,423	363,821
15. Administration & Hospitality	103,261	75,499	97,272
16. Ordinary Maintenance & Utilities	134,348	129,317	121,552
17. Supplies & Equipment	29,878	33,686	35,040
18. Assessments, Insurance & Interest	203,089	150,430	200,605
19. Miscellaneous	31,513	51,891	60,725
20. Sharing & Special Collections	17,067	22,029	38,824
21. Total Church Expense	\$981,609	\$858,275	\$917,839

SCHOOL EXPENSES			
22. Salaries & Benefits	1,313,766	1,123,434	1,072,784
23. Educational	245,439	243,486	138,794
24. Ordinary Maintenance & Utilities	112,023	144,965	124,714
25. Prop/Casualty	26,808	24,399	27,862
26. Total School Expenses	\$1,698,036	\$1,536,284	\$1,364,154

27. Total Expenses	\$2,875,049	\$2,505,095	\$2,314,470
28. Capital Improvements	195,404	110,536	32,477
29. Net Income Less Expenses	(\$193,821)	\$21,644	\$13,720

WHAT ABOUT OUR PARISH DEBT TO THE ARCHDIOCESE?

As of 6/30/07. \$1,326,619
As of 6/30/08. \$2,069,553
(Includes vaulted roof/boiler room project)

Projected Expense for Parish Hall/classroom renovations
completed summer 2008 \$900,000

Expected debt as of 12/31/08 \$2,964,193

Increased Support: Responding to a Call

In April, we asked our community to prayerfully consider the gift of their treasure to St. Josaphat Parish. The request was met with an overwhelming response. This past summer, when weekly collections were expected to decrease in the midst of vacation season, our collections remained steady, with increased enrollment and support through ParishPay, our automated giving system. While Sunday in-pew offertory collections yielded a 2% increase this summer over last summer, online giving participation increased 63%. Overall giving from May to September increased 18% over last year's figures. We are on our way to a balanced budget for the 2008/2009 year.

Steps toward a Capital Campaign

Recently, the Finance Committee approved a revised operating budget, which is balanced! The Facilities Committee is currently gathering cost estimates for the needs of our aging campus. This process is part of the planning that has helped make our parish financially stable, as well as allowed for the growth we see in our school.

In order to fund the recent improvements to the Parish Hall and school, as well as the debt from deferred maintenance (including the boiler room/vaulted roof project that we completed last year), the Development Council is working toward a case statement for a capital campaign. St. Josaphat Parish takes pride in its capacity to serve the growing community that surrounds and supports it, with worship, education, and outreach as its primary goals.



Anna derBoghossian volunteers in our parish office.



Our Homeless Outreach now serves up to 50 persons daily. As the weather turns cold, we are encouraged by the thoughtfulness of our volunteers, as sandwiches, crock pots of soup, and gloves and hats are brought in to assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



St. Josaphat School students work together to pack lunches for our Homeless Outreach.

Vital Statistics

	2008	2007
Registered Families	1348	1193
School Enrollment	308	283
Baptisms	131	128
Profesion of Faith	4	1
First Communions	43	28
Confirmations	5	50
Marriages	57	56
Funerals	16	13

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Parish Ministries, Groups and Organizations

In keeping with the generosity of our parishioners, opportunities at St. Josaphat Parish to give time, talent and treasure have increased. We thank all those who contribute to the spiritual and community life of St. Josaphat Parish!

Parish Pastoral Council
Baptismal Preparation for Children
Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana)
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Religious Education for Children (CCD)
St. Josaphat Parish School
Parent-Teacher Organization
School Board
Eucharistic Ministers
Ministers of the Word
Ministers of Care
Ushers/Greeters
Adult Choir
Noon Contemporary Ensemble
Children's Chorus
Cantors
Liturgy Coordinators
Art and Environment
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Altar Servers
Hospitality Committee
Finance Committee
Office Volunteers
Unity Ball Committee
Summerfest Committee
Women's Group
Parish Development Council
Homeless Outreach
Boomers Plus
Men's Group
Women's Saturday Morning Spirituality Group
Athletic Association
Hospitality in the Park
Christmas Giving Tree Committee
Pastoral Counseling
Marketing Committee
Facilities Committee
Youth Group
Breakfast with Santa Committee
Connects Task Force
FUNN (Fellowship Under a New Name) Committee
Gourmet Club

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