

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH



ANNUAL REPORT FY - 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

We are people *called to build* a Catholic Faith Community by *seeking* Christ and *sharing* His Gospel through Prayer, Education, Service and Social Activities.

our CALL



Vision

Making church matter by facing our challenges and boldly reimagining what it means to be Church today. We are *committed to a renewal of faith, active participation, engagement in a broader and more diverse family of families* and, most importantly, *to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*

Mission

We are people *called to build* a Catholic Faith Community by *seeking* Christ and *sharing* His Gospel through Prayer, Education, Service and Social Activities.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22 . 37, 39

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Matthew 28.19 – 20



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ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

These past 12 months brought a ton of change. On the one hand, I am filled with gratitude! On the other, it has been a LONG time since I was this stressed out.

This has been a most uncommon year here at Transfiguration! Like most parishes around the world, we experienced the arrival of the COVID virus as a swift and decisive interruption of much of what we call “normal.” In mid-March we found it necessary to cancel our “on-site” worship gatherings and were forced to shut our doors to many of the activities of the church.

While this has been a difficult season of ministry, and the challenges have been and continue to be real, I am grateful for the flexibility, compassion, courage and support that has been shown by all of you: the people of Transfiguration.

Our ministry year began well before the arrival of the virus, of course. It is good to remember that we were able to

ACCOMPLISH some significant ministry goals prior to the arrival of COVID. Remember, as just one example, the ways we were able to reach out to all of our families this year: At the end of August we welcomed a new Coordinator for our School of Religion and in early September we welcomed a great number of kids and teens in our School of Religion. In October we hosted our annual “Light of the World Retreat” both in English and Spanish. This year some of our children actively participated in the Light of the World Retreat in a version adapted to their age. During Advent we hosted the Advent Message Series: Christmas is Coming. In this series, we looked at the importance of hope as a Christian virtue and why hope doesn’t disappoint. And then during the Christmas season, we celebrated our liturgies with an up lifting and “magic spirit” proper to this season.

I list these activities as a brief reminder that much was happening in every area of church life. And then, the virus...

CELEBRATING OUR RESPONSE:

Looking back now on our parish's response to the disrupting influence of the virus, I am struck by the resiliency of Transfiguration. A great number of people collaborated to help us pivot very quickly to provide our worship services on-line. Bob O'Brien with his filming expertise and experience helped to stream our worship services—and Chris O'Brien in collaboration with Ken Michaels helped dozens of you—so that we could at least be together virtually.

One unexpected result of this shift was that our virtual congregation reached over these months grew quickly. We have had regular visitors from around the country and from different Christian denominations. We could never have imagined this consequence of our pivot to on-line worship.

We were also able to learn new ways of using the internet as a resource for ministry. We posted

resources such as Mental Health Moments, Devotions, instructional videos, etc. I believe that we have only scratched the surface of ways that we can use digital media as a resource for ministry.

Where relationships are healthy, organizations can respond to challenges with great resiliency. As the old saying goes, quality relationships are “the rising tide that lifts all boats.”

It is here, in our ways of connecting, that the impact of the COVID virus has perhaps been felt most harshly. Accustomed to being together for worship and classes, small groups and ministry teams, we suddenly found ourselves unable to meet in these ways. Some ministries transitioned to Zoom, Teams, etc. meetings and all our ministry staff transitioned to working from home. I personally have felt the loss of these regular connections, and I know many of you have as well; and while it is a joy to be able to come together now in controlled and socially distanced ways, I think we all miss our ways of doing

“FOSTERING MISSION VITALITY;

that in more normal times.

I should note, too, that our ministry teams have worked hard to do what they can, even in these unfavorable circumstances, to serve the mission of the church. The Evangelization Commission has continued to provide crucial resources to meet your spiritual needs. The Stewardship Department and I have dedicated the last year to researching ministry funding sources outside of regular collections and offerings. They hope to use creative means such as grant writing to increase our ministry impact in our parish.

I must confess that in early March when we had to close our church down, I worried that our church would suffer a great financial loss. After all, we were no longer able to pass the baskets, the primary way we have always collected our tithes and offerings.

However, I am humbled and grateful to say that as we prepared to close the books on the 2019-20 fiscal year, our giving has been 89.2% of what we had budgeted. Allow me to

emphasize, this happened even while we were unable to meet in person for a significant part of the year. Many of you learned to do your giving on-line; others sent your offerings to the church office. You responded with incredible generosity, and because of that, we end this ministry year in a decent financial position.

LOOKING OUTWARD DURING COVID:

Catholic presence in our neighborhoods is a vital aspect of the mission of our parish and the Church. We do not simply happen to worship and meet at 348 Mill Street. We have a historic commitment to being Christ-like neighbors in and for our communities we represent.

I have noted previously that many of our normal efforts to serve in this faith community had to be curtailed by the coronavirus. Nonetheless, we were able to take some important steps of mission. Allow me to mention some of them here:

INSPIRING DISCIPLESHIP".





BUILDING OUR LIVES

CELEBRATE.

We gather to celebrate the good work God is doing in our midst and there is much to celebrate.

LEADERSHIP.

The Evangelization Commission and I started to meet to continue our conversation about 1) how we can ensure our community of Transfiguration will be served by a vibrant, vital and life-giving Parish; 2) that our pastoral leaders have the resources they need to continue carrying out our mission; 3) and that we inspire discipleship and fellowship to accompany all the people of our parish family to a deeper, personal relationship with God, one-another and the world.

TRANSPARENCY.

We gather to ensure our commitment to transparency and stewardship in our ministry and leadership. We present our church's financial report for the past year and the budget for the upcoming year.

PRAY.

We gather to pray and re-commit ourselves to the work that God has before us. Ministry

is not easy. Community is not easy. Mission is not easy. As such, we gather to encourage one another while continually praying and submitting ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY.

We believe in the priesthood of believers so we gather to share our concerns, hopes and joys for one another, our church community and our ministry.

ACCOUNTABILITY.

As a community, we lovingly ask ourselves: are we doing what God is calling us to do? Are we pursuing our vision and goals?

DREAM AND VISION.

Once we stop dreaming, risk-taking, and visioning, we stop pursuing the mission of God.

LOOKING FORWARD:

I must acknowledge as we have embarked on the new fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 31, 2021) that there is simply much that I do not know. I do not know, for example, when we will be 'fully open' on Sunday mornings, so

UPON GOD'S LOVE & TRUST

we will not have to practice social distancing, or when all of our classes—children, teens and adults—will be able to meet on campus. I don't know when we'll be able to open our building to all activities, regardless of size, or when we'll get to enjoy Breakfast with Santa or Fish Fry Fridays (!!!) again. There is much that I do not know.

What I can say with confidence is that we are in God's hands, we are loved, we are empowered to continue our mission and witness in a new year. Our ministry staff and I are imagining how we can come out of the COVID season better and stronger: better equipped to carry out God's call to us and stronger in our resolve to be ambassadors of the love of God in Jesus Christ. We need that. Our world needs that right now. We will move forward as God's church, on mission here at Transfiguration.

I am grateful and honored to serve as your pastor, and to serve alongside gifted, passionate, faithful people.

Peace,
Rev. Juan Pablo Avila

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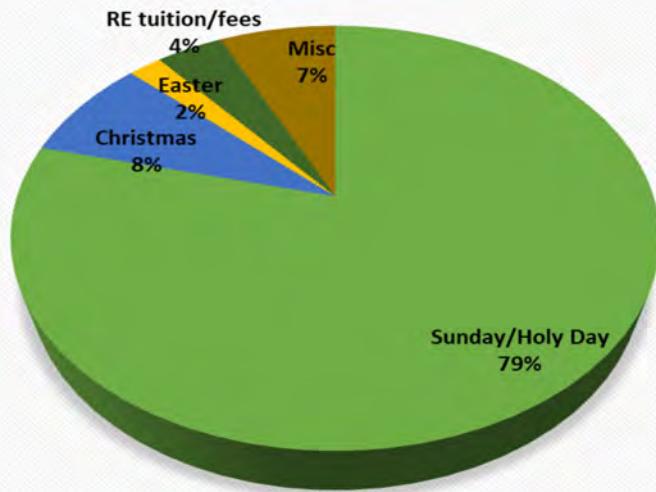


Parish Stewardship Report

7/1/2019—6/30/2020

INCOME

\$740,929.00

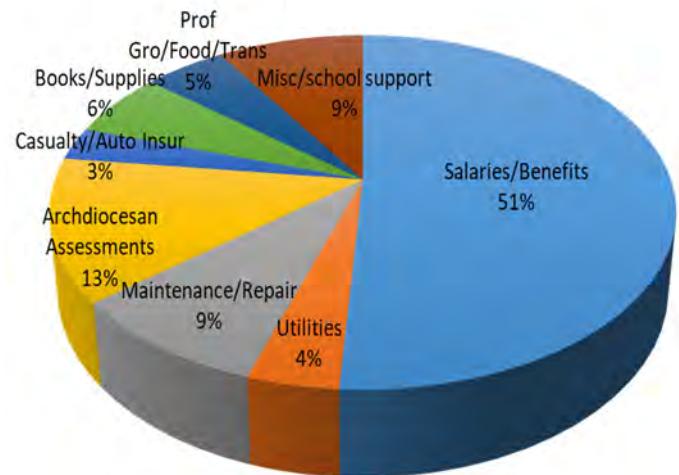


- Sunday/Holy Day — 79%
- Christmas — 8%
- Easter — 2%
- RE Tuition & Fees — 4%
- Fund Raising — 0%
- Miscellaneous — 7%



EXPENSES

\$768,886.00



- Salaries/Benefits — 51%
- Utilities — 4%
- Maintenance/Repair — 9%
- Archdiocesan Assessments — 13%
- Casualty Insurance — 3%
- Books/Supplies — 6%
- Prof/Gro/Food/Trans — 5%
- Miscellaneous — 9%



Net Income (Shortfall) — \$27,957

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ORDINARY INCOME

INCOME	ACTUAL
3000 • Sunday and Holy Day Collections	584,654
3020 • Christmas Collection	57,145
3030 • Easter Collection	16,104
3040 • Other Collections	3,634
3100 • Tuition	24,915
3110 • Fees	4,698
3200 • Bookstore Income	_____
3300 • Food Services	_____
3350 • Lease and/or Rental Income	2,460
3400 • Outside Funding Sources	_____
3450 • Fund Raising Net Income	13,685
3500 • Interest and Investment Income	861
3600 • Auxiliary Groups	(5,253)
3700 • Miscellaneous Income	38,026
TOTAL INCOME	\$740, 929

ORDINARY EXPENCE

EXPENCE	ACTUAL
4010 • Salaries	303,106
4030 • Health Insurance - Employer Paid	53,337
4040 • Employer FICA	21,993
4050 • Fringe Benefits	15,356
4060 • Professional Growth / Ministerial / O...	11,752
4100 • Books & Supplies, Non-Liturgical	9,753
4150 • Administrative Expenses	24,258
4200 • Transportation	1,001
4250 • Food Service & Meals	21,741
4400 • Telephone	3,490
4410 • Heating Fuel	9,106
4420 • Electricity	7,515
4430 • Other Utilities	12,720
4450 • Maintenance & Building Repairs	65,932
4600 • Interest Expense	1,766
4650 • Altar & Liturgical Supplies	9,480
4700 • Furnishings & Equipment	1,931
4750 • Archdiocesan Assessment	76,212
4760 • PRMAA Assessment	26,676
4770 • OCS Assessment	_____
4780 • Property / Casualty Insurance	20,486
4790 • Auto Insurance - Priest Owned Vehicle	1,225
4800 • Miscellaneous	70,052
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$768, 886

TOTAL EXPENSE/EXPENCE: \$27,957

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY
STEWARDSHIP



OTHER INCOME	ACTUAL
5030 • Arch Required Collections	13, 378
5060 • Other Extraordinary Income	342
5110 • Fund Collections	18, 112
5120 • Other Collections	7, 277
TOTAL INCOME	\$39, 109
OTHER EXPENCE	ACTUAL
6030 • Pymt Arch Required Collections	11, 565
6110 • Capital Improvements	43, 143
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$54, 708
TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSE	\$15, 599
TOTAL CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$43, 556



- When looking at our functional statement of activities for FY20 you will notice that we ended the year at a loss of **\$43,556**. However, if you take out the line 6110, capital improvements of \$43,143 we ended the year pretty much even. The reason we can take that line out is because it was for the remaining portion paid on the church bathroom remodel and we had the income for it in FY19. Thus, the income was in FY19 and the expense was in FY20.

FY2019-202 Net Income (Shortfall) — \$413

CONGRATULATIONS!

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS FUNDS

Because of your commitment to the To Teach Who Christ Is Fund, deposits were made to our account each month throughout the fiscal year. The total deposited in our account for FY 20 was:

\$16,482.67.68

We used some of our TTWCI money to carpet several classrooms, for a rebuilt conference, and for our parish Lenten mission.

PPP LOAN

We qualified for a PPP loan from the federal government in April 2020. We are in the process of filing for forgiveness of that loan. The money was to be used for payroll expenses during the church closure due to Covid-19.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019

Our ACA parish goal for FY20 was \$41,503. The amount pledged and paid by our parish was \$56,483. This gave Transfiguration Parish a rebate in the amount of:

\$14,980

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Kathy Shepler

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The Archdiocese of Chicago has begun a historic process of renewal and revitalization called Renew My Church.

Renew My Church calls all of us to renew and reimagine our commitment to making disciples, building communities, and inspiring all to witness to our faith in the world.

Cardinal Cupich and our regional vicar Bishop-elect Jeffrey S. Grob have asked our parish along with Santa Maria del Popolo, Saint Mary of the Annunciation and Saint Francis de Sales to begin the local discernment process, which invites us to honestly assess our grouping's current and future challenges, identify strengths and opportunities to build on, and evaluate how we may need to operate differently as a faith-filled community to best bring more people into an encounter with Jesus and His Church.

These are challenging and exciting discussions about how we move into the future.

We will begin the process this Fall.

Difficult decisions will have to be made. But those considerations will be balanced by the more important questions: How will this enable us to carry out Christ's mission in the communities we serve? How will this lead to Renewal?

I invite you, to pray for our parish as we embrace the Renew My Church Process. From it we must gain new impetus in Christian living, making it the force which inspires our journey of faith. Conscious of the Risen Lord's presence among us.

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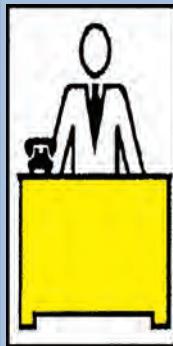
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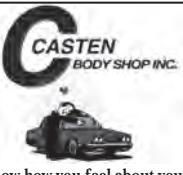
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— 1:00pm (*Po Polsku*)

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