

September 19, 2021

Dear St. Matthias Parishioners,

The Finance Council is responsible for the financial stewardship of the parish. It approves the operating budget and makes recommendations for major repairs and improvements as needed.

A glance at the St. Matthias Financial Report for the 2020-21 fiscal year shows a surplus of \$345,000, however this is misleading and does not reflect our true financial situation. Included in that surplus is a \$306,000 one-time Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness. Based on the guidelines provided by the Payroll Protection Program, St. Matthias was able to keep all of its 30+ employees on the payroll and pay them their normal wages for about two and a half months. No one was laid off. It was also used to pay for utilities and leases. We are very grateful to have received this loan and have it forgiven. However, it was a one-time loan and St. Matthias cannot rely on receiving it again.

With that said, the actual surplus last year was about \$39,000. The message we wish to share with you is that our latest financial report gives us a false sense of security. Even though we have monitored the budget closely and reduced spending whenever possible, it will be difficult to pay the day-to-day operating expenses and maintain our facilities without an increase in revenue.

Father Tony, the parish staff and the Finance Council have worked hard as financial stewards to identify issues and take appropriate actions to minimize spending and increase efficiency over the past two years. As a result of these efforts, the amount of uncollected tuition at the end of the summer was considerably lower than it had been in previous years due to a new tuition policy that was communicated to the parents. A reorganization brought the school cafeteria from where the lunch reimbursement funds from the state was in jeopardy to where the program is now breaking even.

As we look to our Offertory numbers over the past fiscal year, it is obvious that we are down about \$72,000 from our budget. As you can see in today's bulletin, the offertory is down \$8,630 in the first two months of this fiscal year. While the reasons for that are many and varied, we know that the past year has been a difficult one for everyone. COVID has created much in the way of financial setbacks for so many people. That being said, the Offertory is what "keeps the lights on" for St. Matthias Parish. Our parish has bills to pay, the same as we have bills to pay in our personal lives.

Our parish facilities are getting older and require major updating, repair or improvement from time to time. Replacing roofs and heating and air-conditioning systems, updating restrooms and classroom lighting, installing new floor coverings and even a new sound system are just some examples. As we think to the future, and look at our infrastructure, we are trying to earmark funds from the regular Offertory towards those upcoming repairs, but we know that will not be enough. For that reason, we created a Facility Repair and Improvement Fund. We are asking our parishioners to donate to this fund on a monthly basis in addition to your normal offertory.

As we emerge from the distresses that COVID has created, we ask that you prayerfully consider what you can do to increase your giving to our parish. What we provide today ensures that not only will we be able to fund our current needs, but also look towards the needs of tomorrow. The financial health and continuity of the parish depends upon us as its members.

Income	Actual	Budget	2021-22
Offertory	362,518	435,000	400,000
Gifts, Grants, and Donations	20,191	15,000	15,000
Building Repair and Improvements	38,000	0	40,000
Parish Activity	10,608	23,000	31,000
Tuition	1,209,926	1,207,500	1,300,000
Student Services	18,867	-10,000	20,000
School Grants and Other Income	123,313	89,690	118,000
Other Parish Income	19,907	22,519	20,000
Misc (PPP Forgiven Loan)	306,000	0	0
Total	2,109,330	1,782,709	1,944,000
Expense			
<i>Church</i>			
Office Salaries	89,888	113,091	110,148
Office and Church Supplies and Expenses	69,945	31,200	36,200
Employee Benefits	16,452	15,128	16,000
Youth and Adult Faith Programs	1,135	6,150	3,100
Parish Charity Outreach	27,605	42,500	40,000
Maintenance Salaries, Expense, Depreciation	71,855	61,059	80,000
Utilities, Insurance, Taxes	23,846	23,161	23,100
Diocesan Assessment	28,759	35,000	35,000
Subsidies to other Catholic Schools	26,600	28,000	28,000
<i>School</i>			
Salaries	817,595	819,391	870,622
Office Supplies and Expenses	25,137	25,477	31,338
Employee Benefits	350,733	400,000	350,000
Classroom Supplies	21,836	25,400	21,550
Media and Technology	50,982	67,500	52,000
Maintenance Salaries and Supplies	97,067	80,500	89,000
Utilities and Insurance	32,604	45,500	43,600
Misc	12,737	5,000	0
Total	1,764,776	1,824,057	1,829,658

Summary (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)	Totals
Total Income	2,109,330
Total Expense	1,764,776
Net Ordinary Income	344,554
Endowments Gain/Loss	82,982
Net Income	427,536



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