

First Fruits
St. Scholastica Catholic Church
Lecanto, Florida
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

November 5, 2011

Dear Friends,

The St. Scholastica parish community is uniquely blessed each week as families and friends come together to celebrate the Mass and through the Eucharist, offer thanksgiving and praise to our Almighty Father. It is through each and every one of us that the gifts of time, talent and treasure are offered and come to fruition. It is through these gifts that we give God the best in each of us.

The following is St. Scholastica's Annual Report. It is a snapshot of our parish life for 2010-2011. As good stewards, especially in difficult economic times, our parish is very grateful for every dollar that is given to us while we try to exercise the greatest prudence in every dollar that we spend. Many thanks to all, especially our Stewardship Council as they promote and foster the gifts of time, talent and treasure as well as our Finance Council who meet regularly to review income and expenses and make recommendations on behalf of the parish to the pastor.

One of our proud accomplishments this past year has been to begin the construction of the Father James Hoge Parish Center. The building should be completed by June of 2012, at which time we will have a usable social hall to host events and activities for our parish. Our loan request of \$68,000 to complete the parish offices has been approved, but we are still seeking funds for furnishings and equipment for our new parish center.

Fr. Mike Smith, Pastor

The People That We Serve ...

	Parish Population	
	2010/2011	2000/2001
Registered Families	1362	963
Registered Individuals	3143	2496
New Families Registered	91	175

	Sacraments Celebrated	
	2010/2011	2000/2001
Infant / Child / Adult Baptisms	22	48
Adults Received into Full Communion	3	12
First Holy Communion	26	49
Confirmation	21	47
Marriages / Convalidations	2	14
Funeral Liturgies	19	25

Reporting period: July 1 through June 30 of the respective years.

How We Serve ...

Faith Formation, Education and Evangelization

- High School Youth Ministry
- Parish School of Religious Education/CCD
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
- Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for Children (RCIC)
- Scripture Study

Groups and Organizations

- Council of Catholic Women
- Knights of Columbus Council 14485
- Legion of Mary

Human Concerns

- Outreach to Those in Need (Food Pantry, Christmas Gifts)
- Pastoral Care to the Homebound and Nursing Home Residents
- Ministry to Citrus County Detention Center
- Respect Life Ministry
- Parish Nurse Ministry

Liturgy

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ushers, Greeters
- Musicians, Choir, Cantors
- Bell Choir/Hand Chimes
- Readers
- Sacristans
- Liturgy Committee

Parish Administration

- Council of Parish Ministries
- Finance Council
- Maintenance of Building and Grounds
- Stewardship Committee
- Money Counters
- Office Staff and Volunteers
- Planning Committee for the Future Parish Center

Prayer and Devotion

- Body of Christ Prayer Group
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Prayer Line
- Vocation Awareness
- Christ Renews His Parish
- Legion of Mary

Service Ministries

- Altar Linens
- Art & Environment
- Cleaning of the Church

Sacramental Preparation

- Baptism of Infants
- First Penance
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation
- Marriage

Resources for Serving ...

Receipts and Expenses

Fiscal Year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Receipts

Offertory / Debt Reduction	\$647,786
Annual Pastoral Appeal (January - December 2010)	77,641
Miscellaneous Income (Candles, Flowers, Publication)	18,366
Repairs/Maintenance	17,976
Interest Income	17,618
Diocesan Collections / Mission Church	17,286
Catholic Education	<u>13,489</u>
Total Revenue for Operations	\$810,162
Donations for Father Hoge Parish Center	146,716
Total Receipts	\$956,878

Expenses

Salaries	221,062
Insurance / Pension / Benefits	117,231
Pope John Paul II Catholic School	85,295
Capital Expenses - Church (mostly pillar repairs)	75,036
Annual Pastoral Appeal (January - December 2010)	70,104
Mortgages - Church / Rectory (Principal + Interest)	65,691
Miscellaneous Parish Expenses (Utilities, Advertising, Hospitality, Property Insurance)	29,526
Office Expenses	29,210
Liturgical Expenses	32,863
Rectory Expenses	27,444
Faith Formation	24,352
Automobile Expenses	25,316
Repairs & Maintenance	18,535
Diocesan Collection / Missions	14,623
Capital Expenses - Rectory	<u>2,692</u>
Total Expenses for Operations	838,980
Expenses for Father Hoge Parish Center	30,442
Total Expenses	\$869,422

With our agreement with the Diocese of St. Petersburg to begin construction on the Father Hoge Parish Center, and a recent approval to complete the parish offices, all of our savings accounts have been set aside to pay for the construction along with a \$103,000 credit line from the diocese as needed. The savings accounts are used first, and then the credit line.

Operating and Reserve Accounts	
Checking and Unrestricted Savings	\$ 91,560
Savings for Future Parish Center	1,156,256
Outstanding Loans	
Church	\$797,208
Rectory	125,340
Land (Interest Free Loan)	60,099
<i>Balances as of the close of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 2011</i>	
Outreach to the Local Community	
Poor Box Donations Received	\$3,180
Disbursements to Daystar Life Center	8,236
Pregnancy & Life Center Special Collection	429
Other Donations Disbursed	333
Outreach to Mission Appeals	\$3,351
Annual Mission Co-op	
Outreach to the Universal Church	\$11,272
Retired Religious, Peter's Pence, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Relief Services, Relief to Japan, Catholic Campaign for Human Development	

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:8 – 10

Year in Review

- Citrus Deanery Planning Process realigned with Serving God's People
- Parish Mission with Father Tom Spillett
- Stewardship Council Members attended International Catholic Stewardship Conference in San Diego
- Christmas Caroling at Nursing Homes & Assisted Living
- Super Bowl of Caring / Donations to Daystar Life Center
- Parish Sponsored Blood Drives
- Parishioners donate for Hand Chimes and Hand Bell Sets
- St. Jude Medal Awarded to Tony & Rita Fisher by Bishop Lynch
- Parish Preparing for Transition to the Roman Missal, 3rd Edition
- Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekends & Formation began ...

...just to name a few of the many activities during the year!