



St. James of the Valley 2019-20 Stewardship Report

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis remarked, towards the beginning of his pontificate, that “we are living not in an era of change, but in the change of an era.” In addition to the speed with which the world around us is shifting, we also see uncertainty within the American Church. Many look around at their once full parishes and wonder where everyone has gone. Even Christmas and Easter are not as full as they once were. Baptisms, First Communions, and Marriages are down, but funerals are trending upward. It is a bleak picture, but it should also be one that inspires and moves us to embrace Mission, now more than ever.

In recent years, St. James has seen budget shortfalls covered by generous bequests from donors who remembered St. James in their wills. While these contributions are deeply appreciated, it goes without saying that this trend cannot continue indefinitely. Fr. Jeff, my pastoral team, and I have had many prayerful discussions about how best to invest in the future of our parish. Work has been done to remediate an issue with bats in the church, hours have been spent making worship safe in the age of Covid, and we continue to encourage online giving to support the parish. The sanctuary of the church has been renovated, and we have added confession and adoration times to spiritually support the community and draw in younger families. We have invested time and effort in starting a young adult ministry and are hopeful that we can transfer our parish’s success of the soon-to-conclude Archdiocesan 1F1H1L campaign to a recommitment toward our parish’s ministries. There is work to be done, but I believe we have the people and resources to do it. Know of my continued prayers for you, and please keep our parish in your prayers.

Prayers always,
Fr. McC

Faith Formation and Evangelization Update

Sacraments

In October 2019, 63 parishioners in our region were Confirmed - 18 from Our Lady of the Rosary, 14 from St. James and 31 from St. Matthias. During Advent, 40 students received first Reconciliation and the same number received First Communion in the spring; 19 students from Our Lady of the Rosary and 21 from St. James RCIA participants receiving Sacraments during the Easter Season were extremely limited due to the COVID pandemic—one family received Sacraments through RCIA this year.

School of Faith Interior Life Series

School of Faith came to our region to present a series of educational talks on the interior life and the importance and power of meditation and prayer. The six week series averaged 75+ parishioners in attendance at each talk and was well received.

Youth Retreat Experiences

Unfortunately the planned youth retreat experiences were cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Youth Group

Weekly Bible Study Discipleship gatherings continued to average 20 to 25 students in attendance. Biweekly outreach meetings known as Club nights trend as high as 30. “Junior High Nites,” our monthly outreach to the 7th and 8th graders in our region and their friends, tend to average between 20 and 30 junior high students along with quite a few high school students who help lead those evenings. The average attendance in all categories dropped off somewhat as the COVID pandemic grew starting in March.

Vacation Bible School July 2019

There were 91 children registered for our region’s Vacation Bible School this year - 43 from Our Lady of the Rosary, 22 from St. James and 6 from St. Matthias. The remaining children were from other parishes and friends or family of parishioners.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Parish enrollment in PSR programs increased this past year, with 61 from Our Lady of the Rosary, 161 from St. James and 7 from St. Matthias.



Vital Statistics

Baptisms	10
First Communions.....	21
Confirmations	14
Marriages.....	5
Deaths.....	12

Archdiocese Capital Campaign One Faith, One Hope, One Love

Goal	\$636,000
Expected rebate.....	\$127,000
Pledged.....	\$699,963
Pledged over goal\$63,963
Rebate from over goal\$38,378
*Total rebate / 5 Years	\$165,378
*Received to date.....	\$145,319
*Payments expected twice each year	

Financial Report

	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget
Income			
General and Administrative			
Sundays and Holy Days	425,000.00	351,161.29	375,000.00
Major Repairs	5,000.00	3,501.49	4,000.00
Sacramental Offerings	3,500.00	6,737.00	3,500.00
Votive Lights	2,500.00	1,390.15	2,000.00
Donations	1,500.00	1,030.00	1,500.00
Mass Stipends	500.00	515.00	500.00
Bequests	0.00	250,290.81	0.00
Rebate - CMA	0.00	4,196.50	0.00
Interest and Dividends	15,800.00	17,700.79	20,000.00
Gain on Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rental Income	22,000.00	20,605.00	20,000.00
Other Income	0.00	7,195.43	0.00
General and Administrative Totals	475,800.00	664,323.46	426,500.00
Ministry and Liturgy Totals	0.00	1,095.00	1,000.00
Religious Formation Totals	6,975.00	7,333.66	7,675.00
Total Income	482,775.00	672,752.12	435,175.00
Expense			
General and Administrative			
Compensation, Benefits and Expenses	196,073.94	199,156.17	200,559.82
General Operating Expenses	181,752.56	159,234.17	174,016.66
Subsidy to Parish School	2,525.00	2,025.00	4,050.00
General Assessment	48,000.00	47,214.74	39,000.00
General and Administrative Totals	428,351.50	407,630.08	417,626.48
Ministry and Liturgy Totals	8,350.00	6,515.97	8,600.00
Religious Formation Totals	6,050.00	4,708.52	6,450.00
Total Expense	442,751.50	418,854.57	432,676.48
Favorable (Unfavorable) Position	40,023.50	253,897.55	2,498.52
Capital Improvement Savings			
Beginning Balance	283,282.86		
1FHL Annual Rebates	21,715.26		
Capital Campaign Pledge Payments	3,636.40		
Fundraising Net Gain	3,195.15		
Interest	6,675.65		
Capital Improvement Expenses	-36,768.00		
Ending Balance	281,737.32		

Special Collections

Mission Sunday

\$1,433.31

Catholic Relief

\$135.00

Religious Retirement

\$1,402.00

Human Development

\$1,045.00

Holy Land Shrines

\$185.00

Respect Life

\$244.00

St. Vincent de Paul

\$16,006.40

Central & Eastern Europe

\$748.52

Holy Father/Peter's Pence

\$229.00

Catholic Education

\$638.00

Sister Community

\$39,357.76

Thanksgiving Baskets

\$3,315.00

GRAND TOTAL

\$64,738.99



Goal	\$19,277.00
Pledged	\$23,545.00
% of Goal	122%
Paid	\$20,825.00



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Total Enrollment	415
OLR Students	64
St. James Students	14
St. Matthias Students	5