



St. Matthias the Apostle 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.

The most recent fiscal year has been nothing if not tumultuous. We are excited to have completed the flooring renovation in the Church, and especially to have done so in time to celebrate the Easter Triduum at St. Matthias. It goes without saying that we wish the people could have been there as well, but it was nice to be able to present the final product to the world via livestream, if nothing else. Besides the long-planned use of the capital funds for that purpose, the parish has worked hard to tighten its belt while still maintaining our beautiful physical plant. We have seen significant drop off in collections during the pandemic, which is understandable, given how it has impacted so many families and their financial security. We have been very humbled and impressed by the continued giving by those who can afford to do so, and the office staff has been working to make online giving easier, as well as spending much time, energy, and resources on ensuring that the church was ready for a safe return to public worship. We continue to look to the future, asking for God’s guidance in how to best use the resources he has entrusted to us to carry out His mission in our area.

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

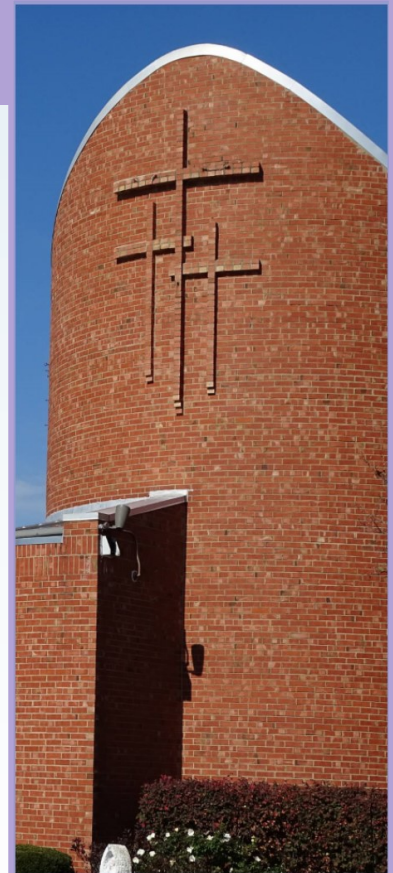
Weekly Bible Study Discipleship gatherings continued to average 20 to 25 students in attendance. Biweekly outreach meetings known as Club nights trend as high as 30. “Junior High Nites,” our monthly outreach to the 7th and 8th graders in our region and their friends, tend to average between 20 and 30 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	30
First Communions.....	0
Confirmations	31
Marriages.....	5
Deaths.....	12

Archdiocese Capital Campaign One Faith, One Hope, One Love

Goal	\$215,000
Expected rebate.....	..\$43,000
Pledged	\$383,748
Pledged over goal	\$168,748
Rebate from over goal	\$101,249
*Total rebate / 5 Years	\$144,249
*Received to date\$39,071
*Payments expected twice each year	

Financial Report

	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Budget
Income			
General and Administrative			
Sundays and Holy Days	230,000.00	249,309.72	230,000.00
Major Repairs	10,000.00	8,273.00	7,500.00
Sacramental Offerings	3,000.00	4,770.00	3,000.00
Votive Lights	1,250.00	1,158.74	1,250.00
Donations	500.00	1,729.00	1,500.00
Mass Stipends	1,000.00	569.66	750.00
Bequests	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rebate - CMA	0.00	1,387.64	0.00
Interest and Dividends	3,300.00	4,730.54	3,000.00
Gain on Endowment	575.00	446.06	0.00
Rental Income	2,750.00	3,430.00	3,500.00
Other Income	0.00	2,871.71	0.00
General and Administrative Totals	252,375.00	278,676.07	250,500.00
Ministry and Liturgy Totals	0.00	877.25	800.00
Religious Formation Totals	475.00	195.67	475.00
Total Income	252,850.00	279,748.99	251,775.00
Expense			
General and Administrative			
Compensation, Benefits and Expenses	148,112.58	141,925.78	144,146.07
General Operating Expenses	104,303.00	84,717.64	100,466.66
Subsidy to Parish School	0.00	1,548.77	0.00
General Assessment	27,500.00	29,296.08	28,000.00
General and Administrative Totals	279,915.58	257,488.27	272,612.73
Ministry and Liturgy Totals	8,000.00	5,702.88	8,000.00
Religious Formation Totals	3,550.00	2,654.05	3,950.00
Total Expense	291,465.58	265,845.20	284,562.73
Favorable (Unfavorable) Position	-38,615.58	13,903.79	-32,787.73
Capital Improvement Savings			
Beginning Balance	70,624.24		
1FHL Annual Rebates	4,487.00		
Capital Campaign Pledge Payments	1,389.80		
Fundraising Net Gain	6,466.44		
Interest	1,311.03		
Capital Improvement Expenses	-16,186.20		
Ending Balance	68,092.31		

Special Collections

Mission Sunday
\$1,587.77

Catholic Relief
\$380.00

Religious Retirement
\$1,333.00

Human Development
\$495.00

Holy Land Shrines
\$115.00

Respect Life
\$699.00

St. Vincent de Paul
\$12,086.00

Central & Eastern Europe
\$1,828.00

Holy Father/Peter's Pence
\$1,140.00

GRAND TOTAL
\$19,663.77



Goal	\$11,005.00
Pledged	\$12,469.50
% of Goal	113%
Paid	\$11,309.10



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