

St. Paul Catholic Church



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT of Parish & Ministries

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Parish Mission Statement

As a welcoming faith community centered in the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to give glory to our Lord Jesus Christ through:

- Inspirational Worship
- Faithful Discipleship
- Service to Others

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Parish Statistics					
Member Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
65+	346	372	395	431	448
45-64	887	866	821	763	755
25-44	561	587	633	669	703
18-24	407	397	376	373	369
14-17	217	230	217	190	165
6-13	367	306	310	284	265
5 & Under	122	199	156	166	149
New Families registered	37	54	45	44	29
Baptisms	32	32	26	29	34
1st Communions	44	47	20	33	34
Confirmations	44	51	32	53	36
Marriages	12	13	12	6	4
Deaths	15	19	14	23	14
Religious Education Pre K-High School	365	287	274	274	260

Pastoral Staff Report

Dear Parishioners,

We have completed our fiscal year of 2019/2020 and we can all agree it ended up being a very challenging year. I know for many of us it was difficult to see our doors closed for two months. Furthermore, it has been a challenge to open and remain open while being in compliance with the numerous directives to ensure everyone's safety. Our parish has had to be very creative and "think out of the box" to make sure St. Paul continues to a vibrant and life giving faith community.

I commend all of our parishioners and staff for your patience, perseverance and your continued stewardship. Being disciples of Christ naturally leads into Stewardship. These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, make up the fabric of a Christian life rooted in our Lord. We recognize that everything we have is a gift from God, to be used for the purpose of sharing those gifts with others.

It is important to remember that Stewardship is an expression of discipleship. Whatever we are and possess is in actuality God's gift that we hold in trust. God is the source of all we have and are as human beings. God calls us to be good stewards by the way we live; by the way we use our human and financial resources. Stewardship is truly a way of life.

As you read our annual report, you will see how we have been faithful stewards of God's gifts to build up our faith community at St. Paul's. I pray that our parish will continue to a vibrant faith community by sharing our prayers, prosperity, and talents.

God bless,
Fr. Dan

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Pastoral Council Report

Fellow Parishioners:

The Parish Pastoral Council in its consultative role is charged with the responsibility to support the mission of the church by developing our catholic identity, promoting evangelization and fostering stewardship. Our council Norms established by the Archdiocese challenge us to build a community of disciples recognizing our call to lead lives of holiness, witness and service.

This past year presented many challenges to our congregation and our faith community as a whole. The pandemic forced cancellations and restrictions on the way we worship and the many activities we generally support throughout the year. Prior to the closure of the campus in March, we met regularly to discuss policies and activities supportive of the needs and priorities of our parish. We are structured to provide support and assistance to our standing committees; Prayer and Worship, Stewardship, Human Concerns, Faith Formation, Finance Council as well as the auction committee. These committees work in collaboration with staff and are entrusted with the day to day implementation of parish plans and goals.

At the annual retreat last fall the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and staff met to explore and expand on our commitment to developing stewardship as a Christian life style. Our parish mission is to become a welcoming faith community centered in the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit giving glory to our Lord through inspirational worship, faithful discipleship and service to others. While many of our activities and parish events were placed on hold, our commitment to foster greater stewardship through prayer, a sense of community and service to others will continue to be our focus and primary objective.

As a welcoming committee, we hope to resume greeting and interacting with parish members before and after each mass once restrictions are lifted. In the past, we also served as ushers, Eucharistic ministers and readers for select Masses during the Advent and Lenten seasons. We hope to continue these fine traditions. As always, we are proud and humbled to be of service to the St. Paul Parish.

We would like to thank Cindy Beauchamp, Dan Zehnpfennig, Jim Winecki, Kelsey DeMarais and Tammy Lindner for their work on the Pastoral Council. We welcome Steve Day, Stan Filipak, Lori Kaari, Marisa Lengerich and Steve Vaughn as the newest members of the Council.

All of the Pastoral Members are dedicated to you and St. Paul Parish. If you have any, questions, comments or concerns, feel free to reach out to any one of us. As a representative body of the parish, we are the eyes and ears of the Parish but can only be effective when used as such by our members.

Yours in Christ,

St. Paul Pastoral Council 2019-2020

Pastoral Council Members

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Finance Council Report

The Finance Council carries out the work of the finance/administrative services regarding the parish budget and financial operations of the parish under the guidance of the Pastor and two Parish Trustees. In addition, the Finance Council oversees the Building and Grounds and Cemetery. The work of this committee is to help fulfill the mission of the parish through ministries of service and stewardship.

Finance Council Members

Curt Groninger, Chairperson	Keith Trafton
Fr. Dan Volkert, Pastor	JoAnne Stark
John Morgen, Trustee/Secretary	Kris Kelm, Pastoral Council
Gary Schroeder, Trustee/Treasurer	Steve Miller, Pastoral Council
Sherri Meyer, Dir. Of Admin. Services	Roger Varner

Balance Sheet

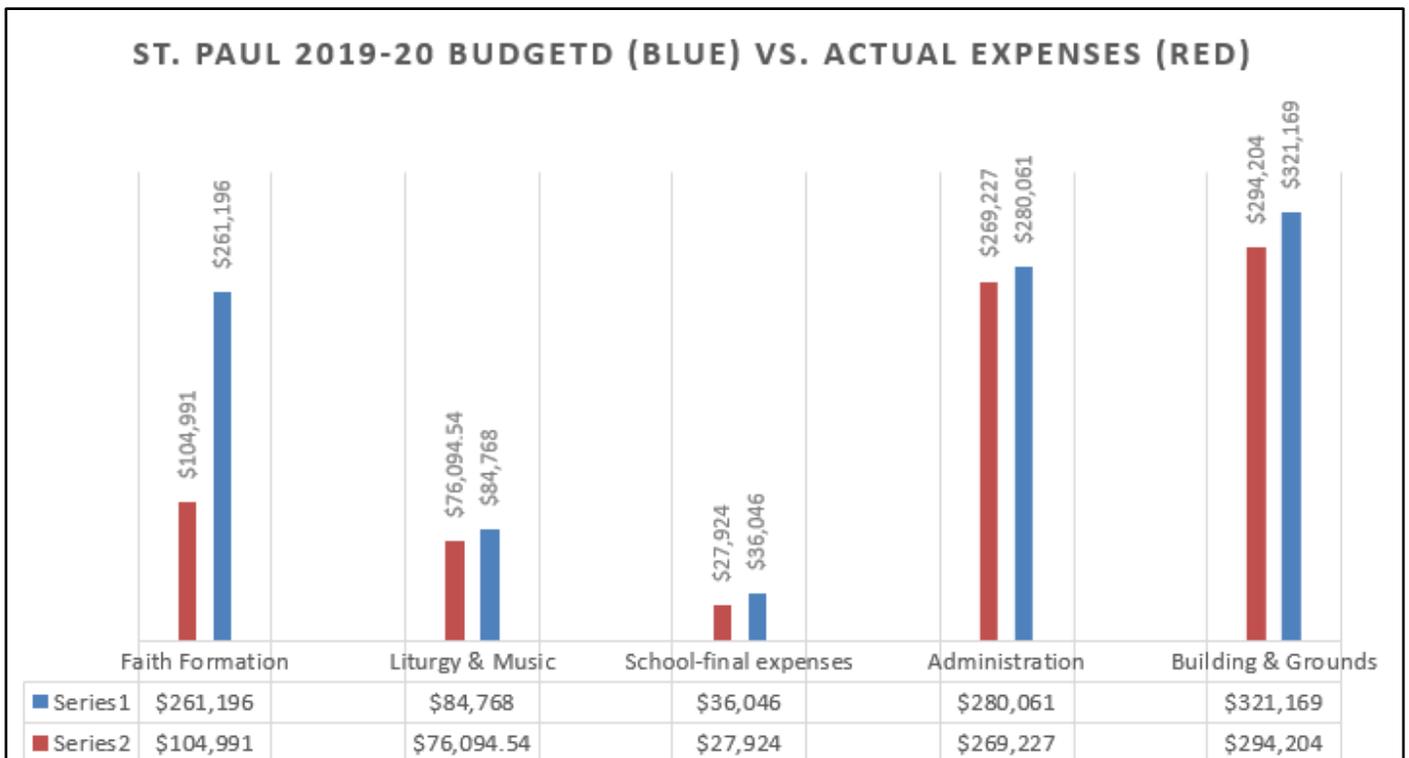
For St. Paul Catholic Church as of June 30, 2020

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash in Bank(s)-Gen'l	337,053	Total Current Liabilities	22,734
Cash in Bank(s)-Payroll	0	Prepaid Tuition & Fees	0
Petty Cash	25	PPP Loan Payable	50,200
Savings Account(s)	0	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	72,934
TOTAL CASH	337,078	Long-Term Liabilities	0
Accounts Receivable	0	Mortgage Notes Payable	216,025
Other Receivables	0	TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	216,025
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	0	TOTAL LIABILITIES (2000-2700)	288,959
1200 Prepays	0	NET ASSETS	
1300 Inventories	0	2800 Restricted Net Assets:	
Unrestricted Investments:		Cemetery	80,767
Short-term Investments	189,611	Endowment Fund	0
Long-term Investments	0	Faith in Our Future	0
Real Estate	0	All Other Restricted	120,936
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENTS	189,611	TOTAL RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	201,703
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	10,796,074	2900 Unrestricted Net Assets:	
Investments - Restricted	120,936	General Fund	453,755
Cemetery Assets	80,767	Parish Designated	0
		Fixed Assets Fund Bal	10,580,049
		TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	11,033,804
		TOTAL NET ASSETS (2800-2900)	11,235,507
TOTAL ALL ASSETS (1010-1990)	11,524,466	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS (2000-2900)	11,524,466

Parish & Ministry Finances

St. Paul Catholic Church 2019-20 Income		
	Budget	Actual
	2019-20	2019-20
Stewardship Income	\$ 798,055	\$ 814,487
Other Income *	\$ 88,955	\$ 109,086
Total Income	<u>\$ 887,010</u>	<u>\$ 923,573</u>

*Other income includes Faith Formation Tuition & Fees, Program fees, fundraisers, Human Concerns, & Interest.



**Administration Expenses include: Parish Council, Development & Stewardship Program expenses, Archdiocesan and Catholic Memorial High School Assessments.

Mortgage Countdown *as of 6/30/2020*

The mortgage balance as of 6/30/2020 was \$216,024.88. Due to your generosity and prayers, we have been able to significantly reduce the balance this last year. Please watch the bulletin for monthly updates!

We are very grateful to our parishioners, families, employees, volunteers and community supporters that have blessed our parish family and ministries with your financial support and gifts of time and talent. God bless all of you and your families.

Building and Grounds Summary

The building and grounds committee continues to oversee the upkeep of the campus grounds as well as the long-term maintenance of the buildings and building systems. One noticeable improvement was the replacement of the west entrance sidewalks and improvement of the area drainage. This work was accomplished through the generous donations of material and labor from Lange Concrete, Zignego Companies and Seasonal Services.

The maintenance of the "flat roof" areas is scheduled to take place fall 2020. This annual process will extend the life of the waterproof membranes and flashings. In addition, several leaks on the metal shingle church roof are being addressed. This scheduled work is still to be determined weather permitting. The final phase of the conversion to LED lighting is the exterior parking areas. This work is currently being studied and may be dependent upon available rebate programs through the utility company. The exterior painting of the church was recently contracted and will also proceed this fall.

Building & Grounds Committee

John Hale, Chairperson	Earl Baumann	Dennis Budzban
Gordy Durler	Brad Fendryk	Bryan Johnson
Robert Lange	Christopher Rhodes	Dick Stevens
Roger Varner	Mike Wolf	Sherri Meyer, Dir. Admin Services

St. Paul Catholic Church Cemetery

Our private cemetery is located on the corner of Snowden and DE in Genesee Depot. It is run by our parish and open to all parish members of St. Paul. The work of the cemetery is truly a ministry in which we can be Christ to those in a time of need and also for years to come as we bury the dead with compassion, reverence and care.

We continue to contribute and maintain a separate fund in accordance with guidelines set by the Milwaukee Archdiocese for perpetual care of the cemetery for years to come.

	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Burials	11	12	14	10
Plots sold	6	3	6	17
Available plots	333	332	330	318

Cemetery Committee Members

Roger Varner, Cemetery Sexton	Fr. Dan Volkert, Pastor
Deacon Joe Senglaub	Dan Zehnpfennig
Sherri Meyer, Dir. of Admin. Services	

Lifelong Faith Formation

Faith Formation Committee Members

Jackie Beaudry	Dan Zehnpfennig
Lisa Bixby	Karen Farrell
Lori Kaari	Jennifer Geisler
Amy LaRoche	Amy Golden
Samantha Wyman-Davis	Mary Kral

Child and Family Ministry

Trainina: Catechist training and introduction into our new theme “Rooted” began our year in August.

Sacraments: We prepared 21 children to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus in the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and 21 for First Communion! They attended retreats together and completed family faith activities at home. First Communions, due to Covid-19, began on the weekend of July 11th and 12th. Three children are deferring to next year for their child’s First Communion due to fears of the virus.

In addition, our Sacramental Preparation included new parent sessions. Each family that goes through Sacramental Prep at St. Paul’s will attend three sessions on Reconciliation in which we had small group discussion surrounding the Formed.org viewing of *Forgiven*. We did the same thing for parents with the viewing of *Presence* for First Communion. Families will be asked to do this once (so if a family who attended this year has another child going through Sacramental Prep, they would not need to come to these sessions in the future). These small groups were led by parents who are active members of our parish who were also going through Sacramental Prep with their children.

Families Served: We maintained an amazingly high standard for formation on both Tuesday nights, Sunday mornings, and Sunday evenings. We helped 156 children and youth grow closer to Jesus through instruction, prayer, discussion and engaging activities and lessons.

Other Wins:

- Our small group leaders led an AMAZING retreat for our middle schoolers!
- We continue to have many families serve at the RiverWest Food Pantry
- Approximately 10-12 middle schoolers attended a Summer Middle School group that met on Wednesdays over the summer; they had a talk or activity related to faith and then played games
- Three teens helped lead the middle school group
- 21 adults volunteered to help bring the Gospel to kids
- Parent volunteers helped to ensure safety for the kids as door monitors for both Sunday and Tuesday evening; allowing the doors to both remain locked AND children who arrive late to be able to get inside safely
- Tuesday night families also provided snacks for the children in the program
- Family Program continues to grow in their sense of community
- About 10 children came to St. Paul’s to help make cookies for Reformation Lutheran
- Middle Schoolers continued to answer journal prompts as a part of their formation. Their answers were often breathtaking and faith filled
- Mom’s group began and is flourishing – grew to 12-15 moms who regularly attend
- When families were asked to shelter in place, Karen checked in with all families with a phone call.

- The Moms' Group initiated and started a breakfast series that was attended by at least 50 women in both St. Paul's and St. Bruno's; Anne Auger spoke on Edith Stein's understanding of womanhood and beauty; Grace Urbanski spoke on the our Baptismal Call to Holiness
- Moms' group also initiated the first ever Family Night Out potluck here at St. Paul's; It was very well attended by parishioners

John 10 Youth Ministry High School Formation

for the cluster of St. Paul and St. Bruno

The 2019-2020 Catechetical High School program began with students, 9th through 11th grade, participating in the Alpha Youth Series. Following Alpha our 9th & 10th grade students began a video series from Ascension Press called Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed. Finally, our 11th grade began the video based Y-Disciple catechetical formation program for confirmation preparation. 12 Adult catechists led small group discussions based on the information presented in each program and led the teens through various other prayer, activities, service and bonding experiences. Each teen enrolled in the program was also asked to complete 3 service projects and six Fiats (Faith in Action Tasks) where students participated in the life of our parishes and explored the universal church. In addition, all students had retreat opportunities; 9th and 10th Graders participated in the Alpha Weekend Away. Our confirmation candidates attended Let Go of Your Doubt retreat in February 2020 to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our program cannot run without the help of volunteers. We are grateful for our 12 adult catechists for their tireless commitment to our teens. In addition we are also grateful to the 40 volunteers who stepped up to help make our retreats a success. THANK YOU!

Sacramental Statistics:

32 – 11th Graders from St. Paul Parish prepared for confirmation and 29 of them were confirmed the summer of 2020, while 3 of them will be confirmed the spring of 2021.

21 – 11th Graders from St. Bruno Parish prepared for confirmation and 20 of them were confirmed the summer of 2020, while 1 of them will be confirmed the spring of 2021.

Adult Formation

July 2018-June 2019 for the cluster of St. Paul and St. Bruno

Sacraments

- Baptisms celebrated: 10 at St Bruno, 19 at St Paul
- Easter Vigil: Two received into full communion in the Catholic Church (Confirmation, Eucharist), two Adult Confirmands, one baptized

Ongoing

- Dynamic Men's Group at both parishes
- Monthly women's bible study from both parishes; has been meeting for 20+ years
- Divine Mercy Cenacle, women from both parishes meet at St Paul
- Bible Study, Thursday mornings at St Paul
- After Alpha groups: Monday am at St Bruno, Tuesday am at St Paul
- Alpha (fall at St Bruno, spring at St Paul)
- Family Program (St Paul), Sundays and Scripture (St Bruno)

Promotions

- Silent preached retreats at Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc
- FORMED.org resource for all parishioners; movies, bible studies, etc. (code 274255)
- Women of Christ and Men of Christ conferences

Other

- Fall Event: Your Faith Life is a Story, Dr. Kathie Amidei
- Lent Event: God is still writing your story, quit trying to steal the pen, Fr. Dan Volkert
- Movies: Breakthrough, Unplanned (in partnership with St Bruno Knights of Columbus)
- Weekly newsletter and bulletin article (beginning in March) to connect parishioners
- Prayer connections (Flocknotes) for past Alpha guests
- Newsletter for Baptism families

Lent/Easter

- Scripture* and Stations of the Cross (*Lectio Divina with Deacon Joe)

Prayer & Worship

Prayer & Worship Committee Members

Committee Chair	Mary Ellen Bowers
Pastor	Fr. Dan Volkert
Parish Council Representative	Cindy Beauchamp
Lector Ministry	Anita O'Leary
Greeters/Hospitality Ministry	Bonnie Lamp
Adoration Ministry	Dave Gergen
Art & Environment Ministry	Jean Lindemeyer
Sacristan Ministry	Kathy Fehler
Server Ministry	Michele Varick
Usher Ministry	Dave Rasmussen
Liturgy and Music Ministry	Peggy Kolonko
Eucharistic Ministry	Elle Hazi
Staff Liaison	Peggy Kolonko

Committee Highlights:

- Provided full liturgical ministry support for all Masses/services throughout the liturgical year including Advent/Christmas Season/Mar 2 Evening Prayer as well as for Confirmation, First Communion, Reconciliation, funerals and weddings.
- COVID Protocol: Involved in developing and implementing new Mass safety techniques:
 - Usher Ministry ensured sanitizer is used upon entry to church and a mask is worn.
 - Music Ministry re-designed the one-page liturgy handout to be thrown away after use at Masses.
 - Ministers from all ministries volunteered to support Masses during early COVID time period.
- Safety Plan (team of Dave Rasmussen, Doug Kubacki, Peggy Kolonko, and Sherri Meyer)
 - New safety protocols in place at Masses. This includes additional ushers at each Mass for door security, exit strategies and lockage of doors. Most ushers trained in CPR.
 - Continued work on other areas of Safety Plan in progress.
- Art & Environment ministry utilized more volunteers during the Christmas and Lenten seasons.
 - For Christmas, more window decorations were added and Christmas trees were re-lighted.
 - For First Communion and Confirmation Masses, potted flowering blooms were used with Easter memorial monies.
- Annual Auction: Committee members donated 2 large Children's baskets which included Large Stuffed Bunnies, Activities, Books and Candy
- Parish Video: Prayer & Worship Video in Process.
- Offered an Advent Season Daily Reflection Booklet for the 4th year in a row. The booklets were made available to parishioners through improved communication and assistance of ushers.

Human Concerns

*Our parish Human Concerns Ministries are the hands and feet of Christ. *Many ministries are on hold during the pandemic, PLEASE pray for them in the necessary but unfortunate absence of our good works.**

Bereavement: Supported families during funeral visitations, funeral luncheons, cards for Christmas, Easter, 1 year anniversary, annual Mass of Remembrance*

Casa Maria House of Hospitality: \$175 monthly for groceries provided for the homeless women and children they serve*

Easter Food Drive: Food and money collected in Lent was sent to KM Food Pantry.*

Elizabeth Ministry: Support for women/families in childbearing years through prayer, baptism bags.

Free Clothing Share: Each Spring/Fall for 30 years: free clothing to our community and beyond for anyone who needs it.*

Giving Tree: 700+ angels/stars are fulfilled by you providing needy families with relief at Christmas through 12 different agencies

Health Ministry: Wednesday mornings Linden Grove rosary and communion*; home communion visits for sick/homebound.

Heavenly Babies Layettes: 35-50 Baby Showers in a Bag distributed to needy mothers through 10 agencies every month.*

Hope Center: Many guests served by parish volunteers at Meal Program twice/year in October and March.

Hospitality: Our parish family welcomed 24 new families.

Loaves and Fishes: Money, non-perishable donations 3rd Sundays to support KM and other food pantries and meal programs. Reverse Giving for the needs of KM Food Pantry*

Milwaukee Rescue Mission: Each Monday, 1 of 4 drivers delivers leftover Panera breads on behalf of St. Paul Parish.*

Mt. Meru Coffee: Fair trade Tanzanian Coffee for sale in Gathering Space.*

Peru International Outreach: Money collected during Lent for future water purifiers.

Respect Life: Awareness and education; WI Right to Life ad; baby bottle collection (\$5000+) for Life's Connection.

Sew Warm for the Needy: Volunteers cut/sew mittens, hats for the homeless.

St. Ben's Community Meal: Annually (since 1983), our parish alone feeds 3500+ struggling residents of Milwaukee 3rd Thursdays.*

St. Michaels: We support their parish efforts through Giving Tree.

Work & Pray: Knitted/crocheted prayer shawls for health ministry, baptismal blankets, and hats/blankets for Heavenly Babies. Card ministry creates and sends handmade "St. Paul Cares" cards to parishioners.

GOALS: Continue to bring awareness and education to our parishioners about the many ministries and recruit additional volunteers to support these ministries with prayer, time, talent, and treasure. Be a blessing and we know you will receive blessings in return!