

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this supplement to the Statement of Financial Activities for 2017-2018. The Financial Report in this bulletin is a condensed version of the nine paged Diocesan Report that was submitted to our Diocese at the beginning of September 2018. The items below explain some points of the report:

- 1) Our largest bills for 2018-19 are the Property Insurance of \$77,800 (8.5% increase) and our Diocesan Assessment of \$65,700. We owe \$137,379 for prior years' Assessments; this is our debt that we currently carry. We have paid \$30,000 of assessment debt this year, over \$9,000 of that was generated from the new Debt Collection. Thank you for your support of this collection. The Diocesan monthly bills alone total over \$18,500.
- 2) Saving money is always a priority! We are always researching cost saving measures to reduce our expenditures. Many of our repairs and technical work is done by staff and volunteers; which helps cut cost. This winter we have switched fuel companies to a prepaid delivery which will save us over a \$1,000. We made technology improvements to the parish center which provides internet access for the Religious Education Program. The labor was donated; we thank John Hebert for many hours of time and talent for getting the job done. John also repaired the parking lot lights at Holy Name saving us thousands of dollars. McHugh Landscaping maintains a large section of our Holy Name site year round again saving us a large amount of money each year. Our one man Maintenance Crew, Paul Husband could always use a hand in the Spring and Summer keeping up with outdoor projects. I am working on a program with our cohort parishes to save money by purchasing in bulk, from custodial to snow/ice supplies. We all try our best to be frugal while maintaining the buildings.
- 3) The Weekly Collection is our biggest concern at the moment. We have weeks where the first collection dips down to close to \$7,000, this makes it tough to pay our bills. As you know the bills never stop coming in, and we don't want to go deeper in debt. Please make the Weekly Collection a priority, it helps the parish to stay afloat and reduce our debt. Try your best to give what you can and know that the staff gives their best in return.
- 4) Currently our projects are the sacristy at Holy Name Church; which was painted by Paul and has been re-carpeted. There will be painting done at the Rectory and some carpet replacement. The entrance to the parish center that collapsed will be addressed in November. To comply with State Fire Regulations many storage areas at both locations have been emptied and cleaned. Our Environment Ministry has been working on organizing their storage areas and inventory. New emergency lighting and panic bars were installed at St. Casimir Church and a fire monitoring system was added to the Office basement. We are working on the Rectory Fire Code issues at this time.

I would like to extend a special thank you to volunteers that give their time and talent to fundraise and reduce our daily expenses. When volunteers help with office/computer work, maintenance, repairs and ministries, you are saving us a great deal of money. When you give your time to work a fundraiser, you're giving the necessary funds to sustain our parish. Volunteering raises money and saves money! God bless all our volunteers! The Parish would be lost without you. If you have any questions, please call me.

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