

29 October 2018

My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On September 1, 2018, we began a new fiscal year and resumed programs of religious education and adult formation along with a host of other activities. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the annual financial report and general accounting of our parish life.

During fiscal year 2017 - 2018, we embraced 38 children and 1 adult through the waters of Baptism. We celebrated the First Communion of 17 children and 21 adults and offered Confirmation to 18 high school parishioners and 1 adult. During the same period, I witnessed the marriages of 10 couples and presided at 76 funerals.

Included with this letter is a summary report for fiscal year 2017 – 2018 with some explanatory notes on the reverse side of the report. As you will see, we finished the year with a \$16,433.09 surplus due to a bequest and significant unrestricted gifts. However, without those gifts, **we are just barely meeting our expenses and have very little in reserve funds to address unexpected repairs or other needs.** Much of this is due to our decreasing numbers – deaths of generous parishioners and a significant number of households who tell us they wish to remain listed as parishioners but have been unable to offer financial support.

**We miss so many of our parishioners when we gather for weekly Mass. We invite you to do all you can to join us in worshipping God in Eucharist. Regular participation in the Eucharist is one of the defining elements of being a Catholic and we wish we could have the presence of more of those who say they wish to remain affiliated with the parish join us in building our spiritual connection with God and one another.**

**As pastor, I am interested in knowing about anything we can do to serve your real needs and help you remain connected to our parish. I am always ready to preside at weddings, funerals, baptisms and to Anoint the Sick and visit the homebound and parishioners in hospitals – that is what I was ordained to do.**

As pastor, I am also responsible, with the assistance of our Finance Committee, to administer the financial welfare of the parish. For the twenty-four years I have been here, we have sought to live within our means and maintain the parish property and provide the pastoral services that are required. It is getting harder to do that as our numbers are declining – again, mostly because of the deaths of our elderly, faithful parishioners.

The Finance Committee has asked that I include an appeal to all parishioners to faithfully contribute to the parish to help us meet our financial responsibilities – so that we can remain open and able to provide the pastoral services you expect of us.

**For those who have not been able to do so recently or have only offered a little this past year, we have included an envelope for you to offer whatever you might afford to assist us in paying our bills and maintaining services.**

One of the easiest ways to establish regular financial support of your parish is to use the secure online giving site we have established with **Vanco Services**. If you go to our website: [www.ourladyofangels.org](http://www.ourladyofangels.org), at the bottom of the homepage, you will find a link titled **GIVE NOW**. Clicking on that link will bring you to the secure site, protected by all protocols for us by **Vanco Services**. If you have not already done so, you will first be prompted to set up your profile, listing your account from which money will be transferred to the parish account as you direct. Once you set up your profile, you then sign in each time you wish to donate or set up regularly scheduled transfers weekly or monthly. There is also a list of all parish funds and annual collections to indicate where you'd like your donations posted. If you have any questions about this process, feel free to call Fr. Monroe or email him at [cmonroe@ourladyofangels.org](mailto:cmonroe@ourladyofangels.org).

Please know that all that you do is appreciated and I pray that God continue to bless all of you with health and good fortune.

Devotedly yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Charles F. Monroe  
Pastor

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