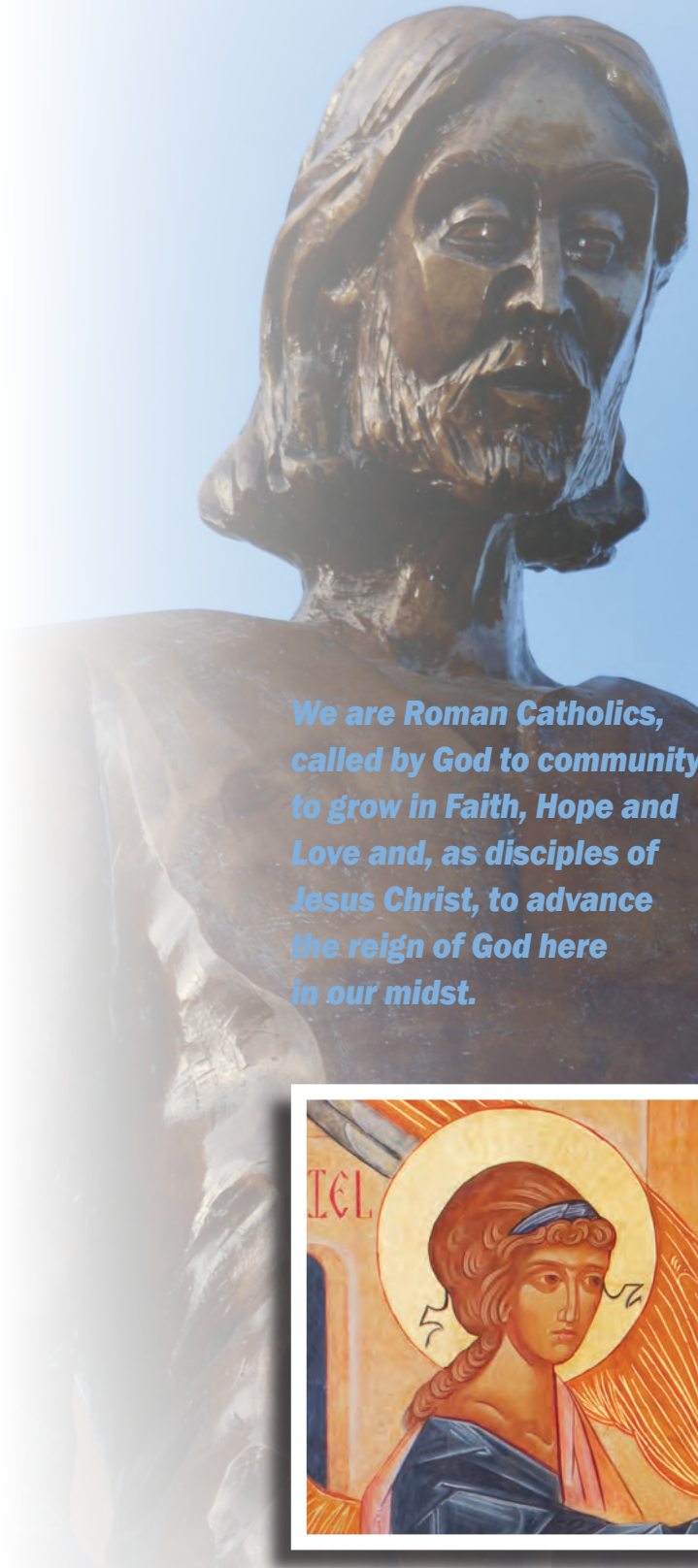
2013-14 Annual Report

Resurrection Catholic Parish



We are Roman Catholics, called by God to community, to grow in Faith, Hope and Love and, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to advance the reign of God here in our midst.

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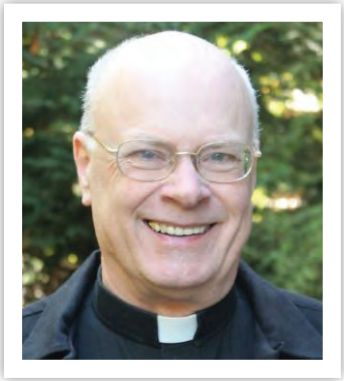
I am pleased to present our Parish's annual report. Although money is important and we strive to be completely transparent about the Parish's financial condition, this report is not simply about money. What is more important is looking at the ways in which our parishioners have stepped forward as disciples of Jesus Christ and put His teachings into action. As disciples, we are called by the Lord to give of ourselves, our time, talents and possessions to promote the gospel in people's every day lives. This annual report of our parish reflects our members' responses to that call during the past fiscal year. As your pastor, I ask that each one of you reflect upon how you are responding to Christ's call to service. Jesus asked that we die to self so that others may live. That is what He did. What are we doing as disciples of Jesus Christ to answer that call?



Fr. Bill Moisant, Pastor

Parish Council serves all

Parish Council is a body of 10-12 parishioners who reflect the interest of the community of our parish. Our pastor fully embraces the Parish Council and encourages a fruitful exchange of ideas so that the parish will fully benefit.

The Council works closely with Fr. Bill to do parish planning, which is a prayful process that turns parish vision into reality. The top-priority vision of the past few years has been to transform Resurrection Catholic Parish into a stewardship parish.

A stewardship parish is one where each and every member feels and responds to the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to grow in holiness by the graces God has given us. A steward makes God's love visible by imitating Jesus. Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service are four responses that invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life.

2014-15 Parish Council:
Joe Amato
David Brennan
Mary Jean Collier
Carolyn Reynolds
Karen Sprecker
Alan Stuyvesant
Sarah Swyter
Chris Verbiest
Donna Waller
Mike Wilkins
Scott Wolff

The Council, along with the Stewardship Ministry in July, made a visit to St Joseph Parish (a committed stewardship parish) in Vancouver, Washington, to discuss and exchange ideas on the topic of stewardship. We focused our annual retreat in September 2014 on the topic of stewardship and invited the parish staff to join us.

During the fall retreat, Council members also discussed and accepted a set of standards for Council membership.

The Parish Council spent the last year reading Matthew Kelly's book *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, a tool to help both the Council and the parish become more engaged.

The Parish Council shares in prayer and reflection on the needs of our parish, we come together each with our individual talents and strengths for parish planning and then we take those same talents out to the different ministries of our parish to return our time, talent and treasure to the Lord.

Parish Council meets monthly every 3rd Wednesday--all are welcome.

The Holy Pentecost

11' x 16' Egg Tempera on Gesso

Installed October 2013

Blessed by Archbishop Alexander Sample, October 2013

Pentecost (in Greek, pentekoste) means the "fiftieth day" after the resurrection of Christ. On this day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, which is represented in this icon. The apostles and Mary, first among the apostles, represent the communion of the saints. Mary is enthroned as the God bearer. The apostles are seated in a traditional arrangement with St. Paul replacing Matthias. Names to identify the individual apostles are written next to each of them. The crowned person standing at the bottom of the icon represents the cosmos, the entire universe. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles is a cosmic event and all creation will be penetrated by the luminous rays.

Please see a more detailed description and pictures online at www.resurrection-catholic-parish.org/icons

Faith Formation is for all parishioners

All people are welcome at Resurrection Parish! Everyone who comes is wanted and needed, and here, parishioners are encouraged to share their time, talent and possessions to build a community of faith-filled followers of Jesus.

In order to be active, well informed and fully alive as Catholics, parishioners of all ages are invited to our life transforming Faith Formation ministries. The Faith Formation sessions for children and teens take place on Sundays and are intended to help girls and boys embrace the faith they were given in baptism and to live as lifelong followers of Jesus. We strive to build a community where people want to belong. Therefore, we invite ALL children and teens to participate in Faith Formation - those who attend public and parochial schools as well as those who are home-schooled. Already, some 300 children and youth from 57 public and parochial schools in our area come to our Faith Formation sessions.

The Catehumen and Candidates of the 2013-14 RCIA class were confirmed at the April 19, 2014 Easter Vigil Mass.

Resurrection Parish is a place where every person can grow in faith; together we strive to build a stronger and better Church. While the children attend their Faith Formation sessions, the parish offers monthly "Faith in Action" sessions for ALL adults: parents, parishioners and visitors to the parish. Our goal is to learn together to embrace with personal conviction Christianity's core beliefs and values, and to "bring faith to our lives and our lives to our faith" (from *Will There Be Faith* by Thomas Groome).

In addition, many groups of adults gather throughout the week to pray, study Scripture, share their faith and serve the poor. We invite children and adults to be part of our many ministries!

Please contact our Faith Formation staff any time.

Mayra Mendoza - Life Kids (Pre-school through grade 5)

Jenny Pasternak - Edge (Grades 6-8)

Betsy Taylor - Life Teen (high school, Confirmation and young adult)

Anna Arnesen Mosey - Pastoral Associate (Baptism prep., RCIA, adult FF)

ABOVE: Vacation Bible School, July 2014
BELOW: Father Bill baptizes during the Easter Vigil Mass April 19, 2014.

Our Faith Formation sessions

LIFE KIDS:
Pre-school through Grade 5

EDGE:
Grades 6 through 8

LIFE TEEN:
Grades 9 through 12

All children and youth are invited to:

- Weekly Faith Formation sessions to grow in faith, form a closer relationship with Christ, learn and build a stronger community
- Life Kids partners with the Peace and Justice ministry to serve the poor by doing food drives, collecting socks, Birthday Bags, and more
- Life Teen and Confirmation regularly participate in "NightStrike" under the Burnside Bridge
- Partner with St. Vincent de Paul and Knights of Columbus for parish pancake breakfasts and community celebrations: Advent Festival, Christmas Pageant, Mardi Gras, etc.
- Sacramental preparations
- Liturgical ministries
- Vacation Bible School
- Retreats, conferences and service trips
- Community service, outings and events

YOUNG ADULTS
(college-age and post-college)
Meetings are throughout the year every other Monday night for two hours of fellowship, bible study and prayer

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- Lenten Mission and Lenten Faith Sharing groups
- RCIA
- Women's retreats
- "First Saturday"
- Health and Welfare Retreat
- Women's Bible Study and "Brown-bag" Bible Study
- Men's Faith Sharing
- Parent meetings and catechist training
- CORE for Life Teen Faith Sharing/Planning/Prayer/Training
- Faith in Action sessions one Sunday per month while the children are meeting in their sessions

Ministries reflect on their paths of

Our parishioners provide many services to the parish and beyond through Ministries, which are described in greater detail on the parish website (check the ministries tab). Ministry questions and new members are welcome. Here is a sampling of ministry activities this past year:

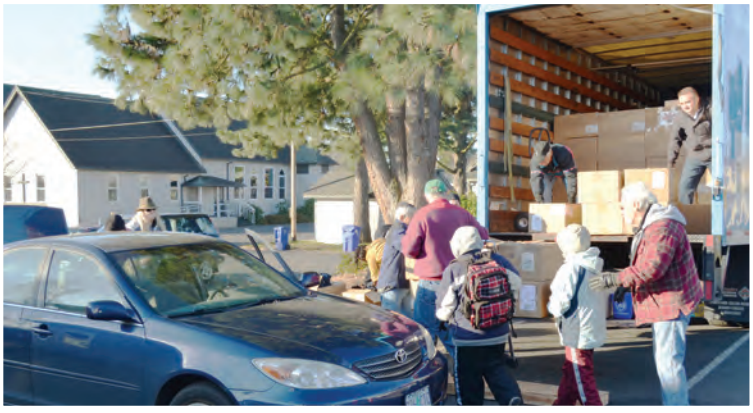
Women's Bible Study has received the gift of new women joining the group who are searching for a way to connect with the parish and in fellowship. The most cherished gift has been the fellowship,which builds community, and the growth in our faith journeys, whatever level each woman is at. Moving to the Moisant Center has brought more young moms to our group (those with children in the preschool.) We like having all age groups represented in our women's bible study – that is a gift of the group to represent many ages of women. Together we share with each other: struggles, joys, illnesses, blessings. Through the fellowship, women get to know each other and invite each other to join other ministries or events at the parish and the greater community. We take part in many fundraisers and causes as well as help at the parish level when needed. We also pray as a group for many needs and give thanks for answered prayers. *(Submitted by Judy Cook)*

Women's Retreat: We had a wonderful Women's Retreat in November 2013 with the Holy Spirit as our theme. Wow, was the Holy Spirit ever present that weekend! We had almost 50 women attend the overnight retreat – our biggest retreat yet! We learned a lot, prayed together and enjoyed getting to know other women of God and building community! After a weekend like that we all come back to Resurrection ready and willing to serve our parish and our greater community with even more vigor! We hope even more women will join us in November 2014. *(Submitted by Ann Higgins)*

First Saturday: We are a faith sharing group for women that meets on the first Saturday of each month.There are between 12 – 20 women who attend. We focused this last year on our theme, "People of Faith." Each month someone would present information on a particular person who is inspiring in their deep faith. From there we always have a lively discussion that helps us to go out into the world and develop skills and devotion to follow in the steps of these "people of faith." Each year we have a different theme and all women of the parish and their friends are invited to this wonderful time of spiritual growth and community building. *(Submitted by Ann Higgins)*

Communion to the Homebound and Sick ministry: Just when we seem so-o-o short on volunteer ministers, someone comes our way from the parish and expresses interest in the ministry – or a current minister steps forward to take more or extra shifts. We see Christ in all the people we visit – some are very ill or far along with dementia, but there is a light in them that shines through – just a simple touching with the Sign of Peace, or seeing those that we think aren't focused on what we are doing, will say the Our Father with us! Sometimes we close a communion service with a song when we have a group of residents in a care facility; a favorite is "Jesus Loves Me!" We get a lot of group participation on that one – it's very touching because HE does love them so much. The people we visit bring us a great deal of joy even under difficult circumstances. Another gift has been that the Life Kids have started joining us in small groups once a month with teachers or parents. Parishioners sometimes ask about this ministry and we welcome sharing our experiences. Most say they couldn't handle this ministry (I was one myself), but once you go out and serve the Homebound and Sick, there is no greater gift than this ministry – bringing the Holy Communion to them. We return to the Lord our ability to bring the Holy Eucharist to those who can't come to Mass, but still want to take part. New residents in the care facilities who may not have been a part of a Catholic parish for many years join us when they see us gathered. *(Submitted by Judy Cook)*

Donuts: The membership for our ministry has a lot of members stepping up each week to help serve and provide the hospitality that is required to make it work. This ministry has received consistent participation by parishioners, the consistent support by the members and the participating ministry partners, which has been a great blessing. Next to Mass, this ministry may be the most utilized aspect of the church for bringing parishioners together every single week. Often the interaction in church or church events can be brief, but with a consistent gathering after Mass you start to really develop lasting relationships that bring new wonderful people into your life. The Lord loves when you gather in His name and this ministry takes over where the Mass left off in that it brings people into a room where they can share a meal and celebrate the great experience they have had at Resurrection Parish. I don't think you can ask for much more in a ministry. *(Submitted by Mike Purcell)*



Parishioners drop off Thanksgiving Boxes for St. Vincent DePaul.

stewardship for the community

ABOVE: Women's Bible Study meets for a Christmas Brunch. LEFT: Boy Scouts help lay pavers for new path from Faith Formation Center.

Auction: Our ministry receives sponsorships for auction expenses; we were 100 percent funded in 2013. We get encouragement, praise and a lot of laughter through the auction season. The committee also gets friendship from working so closely on the details of the auction. What we get the most, which we love the most, is support from God. We have learned not to worry or press on things; in the end it always works out because of the Glory of God. The auction night itself is a gift; it is the "pay off": everyone is so happy and has a wonderful time. The room is alive with the Holy Spirit. We have shared friendship, successes, failures, and frustrations with each other. We share our enthusiasm, time and all the fruits of our labor with the parish. We reach out to the greater community and tell them about Resurrection Catholic Parish and invite them to support us and get to know us better. We also share with the community our proceeds that not only go to help our Church activities, but also many other needy organizations; 10 percent of our special Appeal goes to SVDP. As a member of the auction ministry, it has been heartwarming to see the generosity of many parishioners. Simply said, we are answering the Lord's call and doing his work, and are honored and proud to do it; we return all the glory and success of the auction along with about $85,000 in 2013. *(Submitted by Lillian Cupparo and Joe Amato)*

Bridge Group: As a social group, not necessarily a ministry, we have about 35 players who all look forward to playing bridge - some of us four times per month (we play on the first and third Fridays, the second Tuesday, and the fourth Wednesday). We have several people who are Substitutes, meaning they are called upon to play when the "regulars" are not available. Almost all of our regulars are members of Resurrection, but we also retain some who were church members at one time. These members qualify, in my opinion, as the "gifts we have received" and we CHERISH them! What we have shared would be growth, education, friendship, having a good time, learning more and better ways to play the game and confidence in ourselves. *(Submitted by Marilyn Hammers)*

Quilters: Our gifts have included many yards of beautiful fabrics this year from two members who were downsizing their fabric "stashes." This allowed us to make some larger quilts that will be donated to foster kids. The Lady of Guadalupe wall hanging will soon have a place in the sanctuary and we are very excited and grateful for that. Over the course of the year we have shared many auction quilts, pocket prayer shawls, foster kid quilts, and of course, friendship and creativity. We hope that our gifts to the community demonstrate God's love through us. *(Submitted by Laura Manske)*

Our **Knights of Columbus** Council has received the gift of the membership of over 100 adult male parishioners. In addition, hundreds of other parishioners have supported our numerous events and fundraisers over the course of the past year. We receive support, guidance, direction and inspiration from the larger Knights of Columbus organization. We most cherish the ongoing support of our pastor, who is a Fourth Degree member of our order, as well as our entire parish community. We also cherish the hard work and dedication of our council members. The most important thing we share is our Catholic faith, which is central to everything we do. Giving back to the Lord, we have raised thousands of dollars for the Moisant Center, the seminarians at Mount Angel, the Monsignor Taaffe homes, and the poor of our community by hosting events including the Oktoberfest in October, the Crab and Clam Chowder Feed in January, two Lenten Fish Fry/Bakes, and the Spaghetti Dinner in June. In addition to being successful fundraisers, these events are a valued source of fellowship in our parish. *(Submitted by Don Dravis, Grand Knight)*

Garden Ministry: During 2013, the Boy Scouts helped the Garden Ministry move nearer to completion by building the last three planter boxes. We also welcomed five new members. Going forward, the Ministry plans to build a compost bin and maybe a small shed for tools. Also, the garden is continuing to grow toward the Faith Formation Center with a garden set-up for additional plants and an herb garden. John Brennan gave the garden the statue of Mary that you see as you walk into the garden area (near the church entrance). We cherish the completion of the boxes, a very big deal this year, but the real gift I must say has to be the production we have seen in the planter boxes. All of the boxes exploded with food; it is remarkable how much a small area can produce. The garden continues to produce and feed families and soon, as we work out the logistical process, we hope to give more to the SVDP pantry. Also important is that this garden blesses an area of

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More Ministries

the church grounds that a year ago were a very unsightly place and changes it to one that is a wonderful place to go on the grounds. It seems that there is something special about a place like this next to the church; it seems very different than "just a garden." The ministry returns many things to the Lord as we finish completing the garden and working on other ways to function better going forward. *(Submitted by Mike Purcell)*

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl is knitted or crocheted with many prayers. The shawls give comfort to those who are ill or suffering the loss of a loved one. We have knitted or crocheted over 100 baby layettes for Catholic Charities and over 200 hats for the homeless at St. Andre Bessette Parish ("Downtown Chapel"). *(Submitted by Hazel McCoy)*

The **Funeral Reception Committee** provides a luncheon for family and friends who have lost a loved ones. Salads and cookies are provided by parishioners. *(Submitted by Hazel McCoy)*

Music Ministry: Resurrection Music ministry is comprised of over 50 volunteers who provide music for the weekend Masses and special liturgies. Over the past year we have seen three new ministries start up within the Music Ministry. "Adoration and Praise" occurs on the second Tuesday of each month and is a wonderful time of music, prayer, praise and Eucharistic adoration. "RCP Brass" is a group of musicians who provide brass accompaniment on large feast days throughout the liturgical year. "Festival of Lessons and Carols" is a time of music and prayer that journeys through our salvation history leading up to the birth of our Lord. These debuted last year with much success, and we look forward to the second year being even better than the last. *(Submitted by Nichlas Schaal)*

St. Vincent dePaul Society We are 40 members who give generously of our time and talent to provide assistance to those in need in our communities. As members we receive the gift of spirituality in the friendship and fellowship that is fostered in our conference community and in the interactions we have with those we serve. In the past year we received almost 19,000 lbs of donated food and more than $30,000 from parishioners. A gift that we truly cherish is the continued support that we receive from parishioners. We see this in the regular donations of food for our pantry, in the spirit in which our Thanksgiving dinner food box project is embraced and in the response to our special appeals. Another special gift is the friendships that are formed when we come together in service to those in need in our community. And we grow spiritually in the process. In the past year we logged more than 2,500 hours and drove almost 6,000 miles to provide assistance to those in our community. We provided almost $26,000 in rent, utility, food, lodging and other assistance to almost 500 families. It is through the act of giving that we reflect the teachings of Jesus and receive the grace of God. *(Submitted by Alan Stuyvesant)*

Mission to the Homeless: Six years ago, the Knights of Columbus at Resurrection Catholic Parish initiated a new ministry to provide sleeping bags in addition to its clothing drive for the homeless of downtown Portland. Every year since, our continued support has allowed us to increase our efforts for the homeless in Oregon. Our Ministry to the Homeless is now funded, in addition to Resurrection, by various organizations and individuals concerned with the needs of the homeless. We set our goal to deliver a minimum of 500 sleeping bags to the homeless of Portland Oregon and provide $1,500 for the purchase of undergarments. Because of everyone's support we exceeded our 2013 goal. We delivered 602 sleeping bags in addition to $1,500 for undergarments. Additionally, articles of clothing, socks and handmade hats were donated. The 2013 beneficiaries included Rose Haven, Nightstrike, St. André Bessette Catholic Church (Downtown Chapel), St. Francis Church, St. Vincent DePaul, New Answers for Youth, Volunteers of America, Impact NW, The Underground. A sleeping bag allows the homeless to experience a warm and safe sleep throughout this winter. It is estimated that for every two sleeping bags donated, one life is saved. This year, 2013, collectively we saved 301 lives. Since this program was started we have delivered 1,794 sleeping bags. *(Submitted by Dick Akins.)*

Peace and Justice: Peace & Justice has been very blessed to have numerous personal financial donations, as well as donations through other ministries at Resurrection in the past year. We also have an amazing group of volunteers who regularly work at the dinners we provide at St. Andre Bessette Parish in downtown Portland ("Downtown Chapel"), as well as many other parishioners who help as they can, such as the Giving Tree, Socktober and the Lenten collection of food we do with the Knights of Columbus: 40 Cans for 40 Days. In the past year, we hosted the Regional Social Justice Conference at Resurrection. We also held the Advent Immigration Event in November and Caring for God's Creation Event in May. Our ministry presents opportunities for parishioners to participate in and learn from the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, which the Church calls every Catholic to do. *(Submitted by Penny McArdle)*

A portion of the sleeping bags collected by the Mission to the Homeless during fall 2013.

Resurrection Catholic Preschool welcomes first 12 students

Immediately following the completion of the Moisant Center For Faith in Action in early August 2013, Resurrection Catholic Preschool opened its doors in September 2013, welcoming 12 initial students into two different classes.

Tresa Rast and Amanda Wright were hired to launch the preschool. Tresa came to Resurrection with a Master's Degree in Education and has been teaching since 1995. She lives in Southeast Portland with her husband and three sons. She is a member of Holy Family Parish where her youngest attends school; her older boys attend LaSalle High School. Amanda has been teaching preschool for ten years and helped open the preschool. She lives with her two children in West Linn and is engaged to be married in 2015.

Tresa and Amanda led the classes for the school year, working to build an exceptional program and an inviting environment and community among families. By June, the preschool had grown to 18 families, five of whom went on to attend kindergarten. Over the course of the school year, the preschool added a large playground for students to explore.

Resurrection Catholic Preschool added enrichment classes to their preschool offerings this year. Resurrection Music Director Nichlas Schall spends two hours a week teaching music to the preschool children and Resurrection Life Kids Leader Mayra Mendoza spends an hour teaching Spanish to our older students. Twice a month, the students attend Worship Wednesday in the church with Fr. Bill, where they sing and learn about the Bible.

The preschool boasts three classrooms with materials and spaces that engage children in learning, play and discovery of the world around them. Children aged 2-1/2 to 6 are immersed in a faith-based education, which encourages love and respect of self, others and the Lord. Using the Creative Curriculum, an award-winning curriculum for preschool success, teachers skillfully meet children where they are at, help them discover their strengths and move them along the continuum of learning and development. Inquiry, questioning and critical thinking are central to their learning.

In September 2014, Resurrection Catholic Preschool will welcome 36 families. With three classrooms and five staff members, the preschool is a growing and vibrant community.

Mary Esterline joined our staff and teaches the Pre-K program. Mary has a Master's in Education and brings a wealth of knowledge to our team. Amy Connor and Monica Olafson both joined our staff, assisting in the classrooms. The preschool staff spent the last week of August attending trainings with St. Clare's Catholic School and will continue to attend curricular and faith formation events with the Archdiocese of Portland.

Resurrection Catholic Preschool has added extended care hours and plans to increase our offerings next year. Goals include becoming a nature-certified playground, adding a kindergarten and partnering with our parish community. The preschool would like to develop both a reading pal and a prayer partner program with parishioners.

The preschool appreciates all of the love, prayers and financial support that have come from this community, with which we are able to be an exceptional preschool.

www.ResurrectionCatholicPreschool.com

Resurrection Catholic Parish Financial Summary

For the year ending June 30, 2014

	JULY 2013 TO JUNE 2014	JULY 2012 TO JUNE 2013	$ CHANGE
4100 · OFFERTORY	708,378	706,579	1,799
4200 · FUND RAISING/ DONATIONS	33,608	14,373	19,235
4300 · BEQUESTS, GIFTS & GRANTS	29,100	8,621	20,479
4400 · FEES FOR SERVICES	19,007	13,761	5,246
4500 · SALES REVENUES	79,554	78,425	1,129
4600 · TUITION/ PROGRAM FEES	67,684	45,998	21,686
4700 · INTEREST/ INSURANCE	468	197	271
Total Income	937,800	867,954	69,846
5100 · PERSONNEL COSTS	386,219	340,132	46,087
5200 · PAYROLL TAXES	29,441	23,321	6,120
5300 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	103,085	74,688	28,397
5400 · EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	113	3,177	(3,064)
5500 · EMPLOYEE CONFERENCES	857	5,200	(4,343)
5600 · ASSESSMENTS/DONATIONS	67,767	65,190	2,577
5700 · SERVICES TO PARISHIONERS	29,520	38,879	(9,359)
5800 · PROGRAM EXPENSES	78,449	81,521	(3,072)
5900 · LITURGICAL EXPENSES	9,192	6,818	2,374
6000 · TECHNOLOGY	9,119	5,250	3,869
6100 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIP.	8,718	4,311	4,407
6200 · PHYSICAL PLANT	31,150	35,699	(4,549)
6300 · MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	47,756	37,444	10,312
6400 · UTILITIES	46,277	34,541	11,736
6600 · ADMINSTRATIVE/ INSURANCE	78,906	71,646	7,260
6700 · FUNDRAISE & BANK EXPENSES	47,413	44,195	3,218
Total Expense	973,981	872,012	101,969
	(36,181)	(4,058)	(32,123)