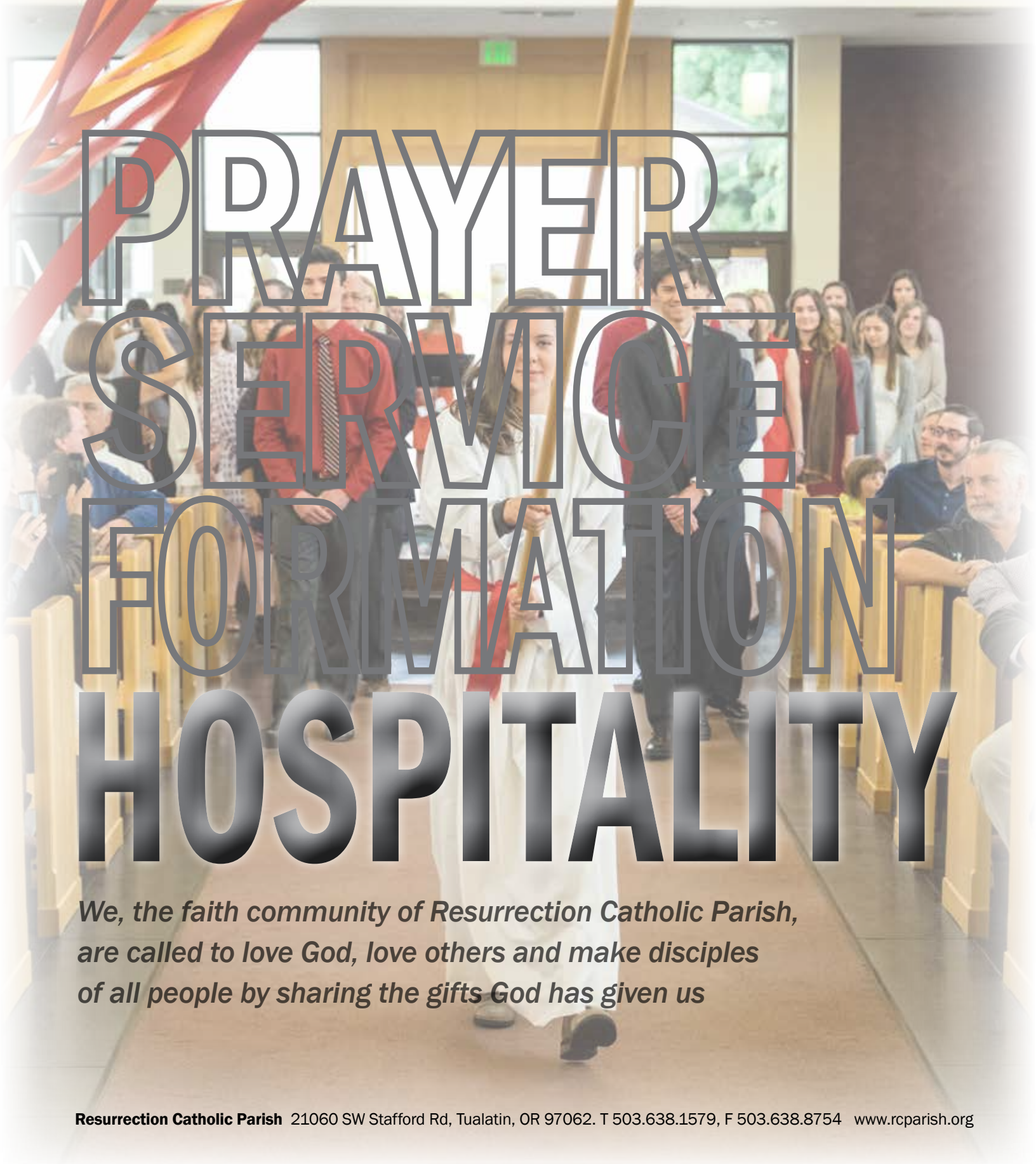
2015-2016 Annual **Stewardship** Report

Resurrection Catholic Parish



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We, the faith community of Resurrection Catholic Parish, are called to love God, love others and make disciples of all people by sharing the gifts God has given us

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INTRODUCTION

Our parishioners of Resurrection Catholic Parish responded positively this past year to the call of the U.S. Bishops to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talent and treasure that God has mercifully bestowed on each one of us.

As a result, our parish has experienced an increased level of participation in all the ministries. Attendance at parish events has increased and the level of offertory giving has gone up significantly. These are all wonderful signs that our people have answered the call to Stewardship and will, I believe, continue to do so.

Along with being good stewards of God's gifts to us, we are also called to be intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. That means that the gospel calls us to live our lives with awareness and attentiveness to following Jesus' message in the gospels. Loving God, loving our neighbor and sharing our gifts are at the heart of what it means to be a Christian.

Through their generous response this past year, our parishioners have shown that they mean what they say in living out their Faith each day. Jesus said that the two greatest commandments are: (1) love God with all that you are, and (2) love your neighbor as yourself. That is at the heart of the gospel and the foundation for our personal salvation. This is our mission at Resurrection Catholic Parish and, I believe, that is reflected in this annual stewardship report. ■

*Pillar descriptions on the following pages are adapted from "The Pillars of Parish Stewardship" from the Catholic Diocese of Wichita.

ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE BLESSES FIFTH ICON "THE BAPTISM"

Archbishop Alexander Sample paid an important visit to Resurrection Catholic Parish on Sunday, January 3, 2016. Despite frozen weather conditions in the area, the archbishop came to concelebrate the 11 a.m. Mass and bless the parish's fifth icon, "The Baptism." The icon was installed in September and measures an impressive 11' x 14 ½'. It, along with the parish's other four icons, was written through the hand of Portland-based iconographer Mary Katsilometes. All five icons were commissioned to tell the story of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the appearance of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. All of the icons were completed in the traditional style of iconography, using egg tempera on gesso-covered wood panels. The fifth icon, "The Baptism," was written for the purpose of encouraging all Christians to renew their baptismal promises. ■

Read more about the icons online: http://rcparish.org/about-rcp/icons/

PARISH CENSUS

Data collected: July 2014 through June 2015

	2015	2016
Total parishioner families:	1325	1440
New parishioner families:	60	42
Baptisms:	28	26
First Communion Youth:	50	37
Confirmed:	34	20
All youth in Formation:	280	237
Life Kids (pre-school - grade 5):	131	131
EDGE (grades 6 thru 8):	45	36
LIFETEEN (grades 9 thru 12):	77	70
Unregistered children/youth:	30	n/a
RCIA Candidates/Catechumens:	16	7
Preschool enrollment:	37	56
Marriages:	6	6
Deaths:	17	12

HOSPITALITY: SEEING JESUS IN EVERYONE

HOSPITALITY MASS MINISTRY

In the winter and spring of 2016, the members of the Stewardship Commission tackled a reorganization of mass-related laypeople duties and brought greeters, ushers, the welcome desk and the outside lift operators under the banner of the Hospitality Mass Ministry.

Hospitality is a cornerstone of stewardship and one of the four pillars that the parish has promoted in the last few years. As a principle of stewardship, this ministry relies on the intentions of those who are called to serve in these roles (versus having to ask individuals to serve at the last minute.)

The Stewardship Commission organizers invited current ushers, greeters and the rest of the parish to join the newly organized ministry and held an initial training session in May 2016. "Job descriptions" outlined major objectives, key traits of the ministry and the specific duties and responsibilities for each of the necessary roles.

The Hospitality Ministers provide orderly and efficient assistance during select times in the liturgical celebration… they are friendly people who welcome all ages and nationalities. Designated stations within the church are served by ministers who are both greeters and ushers: handing out song sheets, making all who attend feel welcome, passing offertory baskets, handing out bulletins and picking up the pews for the next Mass. Those serving the Welcome Desk answer questions and help guests who want to become members. Lift Attendants assist parishioners who use the lifts to access the Church and Rossman Hall.

Lectors and Extraordinary (Eucharistic) Ministers use an online sign-up to choose which Masses they will serve. Now, the Hospitality Ministry members also use the sign-up site. Each Mass is led by a team leader who helps to make sure all the roles are filled each week. Parishioners who join the ministry are asked for a two-year commitment.

New Lectors, Extraordinary and Hospitality ministers are welcome; training is easy! If interested, please see the website for specific contacts for each ministry or call the parish office. (Scott Wolff) ■

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Our ministry offers a warm welcome to new parishioners through two or more personal contacts by phone or email, answers questions guests might have and explains ministries in which new parishioners may show interest.

In 2015-16, the Welcoming Committee called on approximately 35 new families; in 2016, 48 families.

God is glorified through encouraging parishioners to serve the church with their time and their special talents. We encourage them to be intentional ministers and hospitable to all they greet.

We need people who are socially comfortable reaching out to newcomers by both phone and email to:

- Ask questions about their interests, past experiences and needs in order to suggest ministries for them.
- Share the joy of all the many opportunities at Resurrection.
- Make contacts on a flexible schedule, but completing them in a timely basis.
- Close the loop with ministries so that the newcomer's interests or needs aren't left hanging or unfilled.
- Participate in the Welcome Weekend and Name Tag Weekend.

Those who are interested in serving in this valuable ministry may contact either Gloria Camp (tgcamp1@comcast.net) or Joe Amato (joeacrg@gmail.com). ■

Hospitality

*"When I was a stranger, you welcomed me." Jesus teaches that whenever we welcome one of the least of our sisters and brothers, we welcome Christ himself. A stewardship parish seeks to see the face of Christ in one another, and welcome each other as special.**

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER OVER A MEAL

It's a very limited commitment: try it for just four meals.

Breaking Bread offers a wonderful opportunity to get to know and enjoy members of our parish family during casual meals. "One of the most intimate ways to get to know someone is to invite people into your home," says Jeanie Schuldt, a Breaking Bread co-organizer.

"When people join the parish, it's a great way to get to know other people," says Jeanie. "Once new parishioners get to know people, they join other ministries and groups. It can be hard to get to know people at such a large parish."

Participants are randomly assigned to small groups of six to eight adults who meet in one another's homes on their own schedule. Typically 12-15 groups are formed, but there can be as many groups as people sign up. Each host provides the meal, but there is no other agenda other than to arrive with a smile and share with each other over a simple meal. Even a Breaking Bread prayer is provided.

Casual meals and simple settings are the least stressful; the emphasis is on socializing. In the past year, a single parishioner hosted his Breaking Bread group at his apartment and served dinner on folding tables in a parking space adjacent to the apartment.

Breaking Bread is for everyone: new or longtime parishioners, single or married, young or old. These social meetings are a tradition at Resurrection that dates back to the beginning of the parish in the 1990s: "Fellowship and a welcoming attitude toward all have been goals of Church of the Resurrection since our earliest days. The Golf tournament, Coffee and Donuts after Mass and Breaking Bread dinners kept us bonded to each other," according to an early parish history. In past years, fall and spring sessions were offered, but currently only one session is offered, beginning in the fall. Notices about sign-ups are sent in emails, posted in the bulletin, weekly parish emails as well as on the website.

Jeanie's co-organizer is Gerry McGuire; together they assemble the groups, ideally with couples that have not previously dined together. "It can be tough for singles, but we try to pair singles up so that they can co-host and help each other reduce the effort."

If you'd like to sign up for Breaking Bread, contact Jeanie Schuldt at 503-799-2598 or jeanie.schuldt83@gmail.com, or Gerry McGuire at 503-343-0841 or gerry.mcguire@columbiacorp.com. ■

FORMATION: WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Formation

*The steward understands that the gifts received from God are to be shared and not buried. These gifts are to be shared with others with generous and grateful hearts.**

Why do we do what we do? It is good to ask questions, especially difficult ones. Of course, when asking, we risk finding answers. Sometimes answers require change!

So, as we start a new season of Faith Formation for all parishioners – children, teens and adults – some may ask:

- Why do adults need continuous formation in our Catholic faith?
- What does it mean, anyway, to be disciples of Jesus in today's world?
- What is God calling us to do, and how do we know?

We find a simple answer in our very own Parish mission statement: "We, the faith community of Resurrection Catholic Parish, are called to love God, love others and make disciples of all people by sharing the gifts God has given us."

This mission statement is clear, but maybe not so easy to respond to and fulfill? The statement reminds us of the great commandment that Jesus gave to "a scholar of the law" in the Gospel of Matthew: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37).

Easter Vigil Mass 2016.

Love is essential to our very existence; every person wants to love and be loved. God is love and God loves us first. Very early in our formation, we learn that God loves us unconditionally and God invites us to love each other. Love has to express itself, and we express our experience of God's love by sharing our faith with others, serving those in need, and being part of a community of faith filled persons. When we love, we live as followers – or disciples – of Jesus! God calls all people to discipleship! Many lay people think of priests, bishops and popes primarily as disciples of Jesus and as holy people. In reality, as baptized people, we all are called to be disciples and to live holy lives.

In a 1999 letter to the Catholic Church in the USA, "*Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*," the American bishops present three major goals for faith formation of adults:

- Invite and enable ongoing conversion to Jesus in holiness of life
- Promote and support active membership in the christian community
- Call and prepare adults to act as disciples in mission to the world

Faith formation seeks to help each adult believer become "more willing and able to be a Christian disciple in the world." According to the bishops, as salt of the earth and light of the world (Mt 5:13-16), adult disciples give witness to God's love and caring will so that, in the power of the Spirit, they renew the face of the earth.

Here at Resurrection Parish, many adults appreciate that, like the original twelve apostles, we too have a longing in our hearts to deepen our faith, to grow in wisdom and knowledge, and to live as followers of Jesus. Nothing less!

Faith Formation is what we do at Resurrection Parish to find true answers to difficult questions about God and our relationship with God.

We recognize that when adults are well formed in the Catholic faith, children are well formed too! Together, young and old, we find purpose and meaning in life by sharing the good news that God loves all people!

Below are some of the many Faith Formation ministries in our parish. In these ministries, people of all ages share their faith, pray together and serve each other and the larger community. All are welcome!

- Life Kids – grades pre-K through grade 5
- EDGE – grades 6 through 8
- Life Teen and Confirmation – grades 9 – 12
- BASIC – young adult ministry
- RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- "Faith in Action" –all adult parishioners
- "Jesus sessions" II – all adult parishioners
- Exploring the Sunday Gospel – all parishioners
- Wednesdays Women's Bible Study – women
- Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursdays – all adult parishioners
- Small Faith Sharing Groups – all adult parishioners
- First Saturday – women
- Second Saturday – men
- Women's Fall Retreats – women
- Lenten Mission – all parishioners
- Health and Welfare Ministry – all adult parishioners
- Adult Core Groups to support ministries for children, teens and adults

(Anna Arnesen Mosey, D.Min. Pastoral Associate) ■

2016 RCIA candidates for confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass, March 26 (left to right): Roger Miller, Sherry Miller, Adam Midles, McKenzie Bezates, Janice Seaney, Dana Midles, Alyssa Williams.

WOMEN'S RETREAT MINISTRY

Resurrection has a wonderful Women's Retreat held annually each November. The purpose of this retreat is to build community and grow in our relationships with each other, provide an opportunity for faith formation, to grow in our faith and to pray together. Every year we choose a theme for the 24 hour retreat that we hope will inspire and challenge us all to grow in our faith. In November 2015 we had one of our most successful women's retreats with over 45 women attending!

The 2015 theme was JOY! With inspiration from Pope Francis' book *Joy of the Gospel,* wonderful music and stories by musician Julie Hoy, prayer and fun times with a great group of women, it was truly a wonderful retreat time.

In November 2016 we will gather together again and will explore what Psalms has to offer us, how we can be strengthened and celebrate by praying with the psalms. The Women's Retreats are held at the beautiful Canby Grove Retreat Center. It is a wonderful chance to get to know others, grow and enjoy a 24 hour get-away. We hope all women of Resurrection will join us this year! (Ann Higgins) ■

Participants in Vacation Bible School.

A preschool student at an Ash Wednesday Mass.

PRESCHOOL, STUDENTS THRIVE

Resurrection Catholic Preschool & Kindergarten had a wonderful year with our highest enrollment since opening the school in September 2013. This is a sign and expression of many things:

- The vitality of our school and the strength of our academic and faith-filled program.
- A community that has strong families committed to helping form their children in the ways of the Lord.
- The dedication of our administration, teachers and staff to support learning and growth in each child cognitively, spiritually and emotionally.
- Our parish commitment to providing a strong, thriving Catholic education for our community and beyond.

Stewardship is alive and well in our school! Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and continuous outreach and hospitality, families are welcomed and supported throughout the year by our staff. Some of the highlights of the 2015-2016 academic year included:

- Parent Social with wine and appetizers in September;
- Family field trip to the pumpkin patch in October;
- Food drive in November and clothing collection for the Women's Shelter;
- Family sing-along, parish pageant and Parent Christmas Social in December
- Dads & Doughnuts with a construction project in January;
- Grandparent's Day with over 100 grandparents in attendance in February;
- Worship Wednesday every other week in the church;
- Mommy & Me hosted by the preschool on the first Monday of each month;
- Mother's Day Tea in May;
- "Believe" Art Show Gallery Walk for the community;
- Earth Day beautification project that created a grotto around a statue of Mary at the Moisant Center.

Resurrection Catholic Preschool continues to grow and thrive. We are excited and open to the work of the Holy Spirit as we approach the upcoming school year. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the parish community and ask that you keep us in your prayers. (Tresa Rast, School Director) ■

LIFETEEN MISSION SERVES PORTLAND

The 2016 Summer Mission for Lifeteen focused on service here in the Portland Metro area.

Every day we had a special activity planned after our service. Families would meet us and bring our dinners, and we would get to grow our relationships with one another and with God:

- Monday's Adventure: the Gorge
- Tuesday: learning about Labyrinth Prayer, and partner walks at the Grotto
- Wednesday: Sharing, Mass, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Campfire Stories and S'mores.
- Thursday: Dinner in the Rose Gardens, Partner Walks, sharing about our week, Jerusalem Cross given as a "Well-Done" Gift.
- Friday: Deschutes River Play Day!!

We joined with the Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club staff, making friendships and working on projects. One of the great projects was gifting the club with two garden tables, built by parishioner Claudio Martinez. We brought the dirt, plants, gloves and tools for them to have their own garden!

"I really loved getting to meet new people on this retreat and strengthening my friendships," said Kayla Tence, a junior at West Linn High School. "I enjoyed getting to know and work with the kids at the Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club. I loved making the kids smile and laugh, hoping that I would make their day a little happier because of the hard situations some of them were in."

We served the women at Rose Haven Day Center (a resource for homeless women) each day, working on projects and also sitting one-on-one with ladies: hearing their stories, imagining their struggles and learning about many of the challenges they face. One of the profound challenges many of them deal with is the problem of physical and mental health diseases and conditions. We met some courageous women. We were also privileged to witness an excellent staff deal with the day-to-day realities of these challenges.

"I loved being able to work with all the girls in our group and get to know them. It was super cool to be able to work at Rose Haven with all the awesome guests," reflected Angel Bohn a sophomore at Wilsonville High School. "My favorite part was the beading and art class because I was able to connect with the guests. This summer mission trip was so fun and amazing. I'm so glad I was able to get to know all the awesome girls and strengthen all our wonderful friendships. I loved being able to serve in Portland and see awesome places that I never knew were there."

Our Team made friendships, helped out with projects (like their garden) and spent time loving kids at the Boys and Girls Club at Russell Elementary. As a way to say goodbye, they made friendship bracelets with the friends they had made, and exchanged them. Our hearts expanded!!

"I enjoyed working at the BGC in Gresham," said Nathaniel Olds, a sophomore at West Linn High School. "I felt that the times when there was no strict agenda were the best. These were the times when they bonded with us; this is what made the strong relationships that made it hard to say goodbye.

I felt that the entire essence of those moments were the most beneficial to the kids, where they could have fun and form friendships that they may have not been able to form under normal circumstances. (Betsy Taylor) ■

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Brown Bag Bible Study is a group that meets weekly on Thursdays from noon until 1:00 pm at which we study scripture together and share our faith.

For most of the past year we were studying the Old Testament, especially the life of David and the Psalms. Then we decided to read the Letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament, since we had ears to hear the letter (having been in the Old Testament for the past three years.)

This coming year we plan to study the Gospel of John and then the Book of Revelation in the New Testament.

This is an on-going study group where any adult man or woman is welcome to jump in and join us! (Betsy Taylor) ■

B.A.S.I.C.

B.A.S.I.C. (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) is our young adult group that meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Moisant Center. We have been together now for over three years; we study whatever the group deems relevant for a series of studies. This past year we have looked at Pope Francis' encyclical environmental letter *Laudato Si*; a bible study of many different people in scripture and the way they loved God; the Theology of the Body; and, the Year of Mercy and how it challenges and inspires us. Any young adult (post-high school through early 30's) is welcome to join us at any time. The best way to see what we are doing is to join our Facebook group "BASIC Catholic SW." (Betsy Taylor) ■

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry at Resurrection Parish is open to any man who desires to participate in the ongoing journey of authentic brotherhood in Christ. All men are welcome, regardless of whether they are on a pre-Christian walk or are fully engaged in the life of the Church.

Founded upon the reality of Jesus Christ's Gospel invitation to an intimate relationship with God, the Men's Ministry embraces the teachings of the Catholic Church with specific emphasis on love and mercy. Ministry efforts include: Second Saturday Brotherhood that explores the Sunday Gospel, which has eight to 15 regular attendees; one to two larger events that gather 40 to 85 men; one larger event that is open to the entire parish; Men's Retreats that happen every few years.

We are always open to finding new ways to minister to the men of the parish and to those who are on the way to brotherhood in Christ. (Eugene Wallace) ■

PRAYER: NECESSARY FOOD FOR OUR SOULS

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Communion to the Homebound and Sick ministry is a very active and behind-the-scenes ministry.

We have several ongoing components to the Homebound ministry and are always in need of more ministers!

- Each Sunday after the 8:00 AM Mass, our ministers go out to five locations to conduct communion services to a group of residents or go room-to-room to distribute the Holy Eucharist, depending upon the location. The five locations are retirement communities and assisted living facilities in the West Linn, Lake Oswego and Tualatin area. All new ministers are trained by accompanying other ministers to the various locations until they feel comfortable going out on their own.
- A few ministers accompany Fr. Bill each Thursday for a Mass at the same above locations. If Fr. Bill is unavailable, the ministers conduct a communion service to the group. This allows Fr. Bill also to meet the residents we visit each week; often the residents request Anointing of the Sick or have other questions/concerns for Fr. Bill.
- We have some short term and long term parishioners that cannot come to Mass due to illnesses, surgery or permanent disabilities. If anyone tells the office that they (or a family member or parishioner) cannot come to Mass regularly, the information is sent to our Homebound ministry and we set up weekly home visits to bring the Holy Eucharist to these parishioners. We have a smaller number of ministers that handle the weekly home visits. They set up their own schedule with the residents they are visiting on a weekly basis.

The power of this ministry is beyond measure. The Holy Spirit equips us to accomplish this ministry!

- A new development in our parish that also connects with our Homebound ministry is the Comfort Companion Ministry. We may already be visiting a parishioner weekly with the Holy Eucharist who may also be near his or her end of life. We then tie in with the Comfort Companion ministry to coordinate our efforts and include other options, such as praying together or just visiting.

A challenge to our ministry is letting parishioners know that they SHOULD call the office for home Communion visits. Some hesitate to call and can be easily overlooked if no one else is aware that a parishioner is ill/has a disability and can no longer make it to Mass.

The power of this ministry is beyond measure. The Holy Spirit equips us to accomplish this ministry!! We never know what situations may arise during our visits and we can train, but never anticipate every circumstance. We do know that this ministry connects those who cannot come to Mass at our parish, but our visits help make them feel valued and not forgotten. The power of the Holy Eucharist brings them spiritual strength and comfort during difficult times and circumstances. Sometimes it's just holding a hand or saying a simple prayer together that makes the difference in their day.

We bring our hospitality to these parishioners the best we can. Whether it's a retirement facility, an adult care home or parishioner's home, we will go to them; the staff people and families present also see that their lives matter to us, and that their faith matters to them. We have many wonderful Homebound ministers – both male and female; they are truly inspiring! (Judy Cook) ■

POCKET PRAYER MINISTRY

Knitting, crocheting or quilting pocket prayers focuses on service, stewardship, hospitality, and of course, prayer. The act of creating and assembling the pocket prayers can be a prayerful form of service. When people select a completed pocket prayer, this is often a prayerful act in and of itself that can be ongoing when a person later sees or feels the prayer in their pocket or purse. If they pass a pocket prayer on to others, stewardship and hospitality are at work. Hundreds upon hundreds of pocket prayers have been distributed in the heart of our community as well as to the far corners of the globe. In this way we share the simple, effective idea of the pocket prayer with other communities. Our pocket prayer stewards always welcome help in the funding, creation and assembly of these small, touching reminders of the power of prayer! (Liz Allen) ■

CELEBRATE LIFE

Pope Francis has said that "the right to life is the first among human rights." The Celebrate Life Community has and will always be committed to the "sanctity of life...from the moment of conception until natural death." Embracing the spirit of Pope Francis inspires us to do all we can for the unborn and for women most vulnerable in society.

Through stewardship we have been called to focus our time and talents to volunteering; the pre- and post-natal needs of many women can only be met through the compassion of volunteers, and the need is great. As a community we join with other parishes to support the events such as 40 Days for Life, Life Rallys and above all prayer. We are called to educate and raise awareness of life issues through the weekly bulletin, speaking events and interacting with other ministries. Our biggest effort in raising awareness about life issues is our Annual "Couples Dinner," an evening of fun and inspiration.

Join us! Bring your talents to help save the life of the unborn and bring hope to women who choose life. Contact Andy Bergman at 503-639-1785 or tomphilly349@yahoo.com. ■

Parishioners participated in the washing of feet at the Thursday night Mass during Holy Week.

Prayer

*A steward strives to nourish the soul through prayer. Prayer is as necessary to our souls as food is to our bodies. It is in prayer that we nurture our personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Music Director Mychal Lotz.

MUSIC MINISTRY

(In August 2015, former Music Director Nichlas Schaal left Resurrection to become the music director at St. Anthony Parish in Tigard. After a comprehensive search, our parish hired Mychal Lotz who, with his wife Theresa, joined the church in late 2015, moving from Southern California to the Portland area where Mychal grew up.)

The main purpose of the Music Ministry of Resurrection is to help the congregation to sing and participate during Mass. Catholic Bishops are encouraging Music Directors to aim their ministries towards this goal, and I am not only trying to comply with their wishes, I also agree with what they're saying.

There is nothing better than having the church be filled with singing and music, with everyone engaged and participating, like a great big choir! Everyone's faith is strengthened when we praise God together through music and prayer. As ministers in the Music Ministry, we strive for an excellent sound, in order to be a blessing to the congregation. We form liturgies with the aim of including everyone in the Church with great sing-able music. Strong, classic traditional hymns alongside excellent contemporary songs create an atmosphere of inclusion and community. Everyone is welcome at Resurrection, and we try to embody that welcome in our music as well.

It's easy to participate in the Music Ministry of the Church. There are three Masses each weekend and a choir for each Mass. We practice once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00, and for a half-hour before each Mass. Choir members usually choose a Mass as their regular time to sing, but they are also free to sing at another Mass if they would like. To inquire about singing with one of the choirs, contact me either in person after Mass, or through the Parish Office.

Music is a tremendous, mysterious gift from God, and we share that gift with each other through the Music Ministry of the Church. Our hope is that we are a blessing to the congregation of the Church, and also to each other within the Music Ministry. (Mychal Lotz) ■

LOVE AND PRAYERS IN A 1000 LITTLE WAYS

On May 17, 2016, members of Mary's Cousins Prayer Shawl Ministry at Resurrection Catholic Parish donated over 150 blankets to Catholic Charities, which provides them primarily to young unwed mothers through the Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services.

The ministry is a band of a dozen women, some of whom knit, others crochet. Some are quite fast, others are more meditative in their craft. Most meet regularly while others work from home, coming by the parish office to pick up donated yarn (always appreciated!) The final products reflect not only an array of colors, but also the detail, quality and love that comes from an expert inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Shawls are given to people in and outside of our parish who are living with chronic illness or the loss of a loved one. A prayer shawl is given when there is a funeral at Resurrection, or for celebrations such as a milestone birthday. The team also knits or crochets for babies and small children who are receiving the sacrament of baptism. Throughout the year they typically knit or crochet 700 stocking caps, 150 sets of dish cloths and hot pads, 180 baby blankets and hats and 45 prayer shawls.

"I am hoping to one day see a hat I've crocheted on someone's head in downtown Portland," said Marilyn Ogorzaly, who both crochets and is a Resurrection Parish Council member.

In addition to the baby blankets and baby hats made for Catholic Charities, the Ministry also donates to the St. Andre Bessette parish in downtown Portland, The Father's Heart Street Ministry in Oregon City, and food pantries in West Linn and Tualatin. In the Fall they sell dish cloths and hot pads for the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Boxes; the sale proceeds are used to buy yarn for future shawls.

The Ministry takes its name from the support Mary offered her cousin Elizabeth in her time of need. ■

Back row, from left to right: Lois Miles, Jane Mize, Nancy Schuh, Marilyn Ogorzaly; front row, left to right: Deanna Johnson and Laura Hammel.

SERVICE: MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF MANY

HAND IN HAND/ CHARITABLE GIVING COMMITTEE

What has been for many years a small committee to fund area charities, the Hand in Hand/Charitable Giving Committee has been reformed with the task of reviewing and advising Fr. Bill about funding for ministries as well as for area non-profits from the parish general operating funds.

As a Stewardship Parish, offertory giving is now the primary means by which parishioners support the good works of our parish and other nonprofits instead of fundraisers. During the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017), a portion of offertory donations will be set aside for charitable giving. Parishioners who volunteered to serve on the Hand in Hand/Charitable Giving Committee and tasked with advising Fr. Bill on the disbursement of the funds were: Marylee King, Mary Glass, Mike Taylor and Roger Mason along with parish business manager Sally Egland.

The committee met for the first time in its new capacity on June 1, 2016, and reviewed funding requests from parish ministries. Over $7,000 was granted to the ministries requesting funds in June 2016, which included: Celebrate Life, Community Garden, Knights of Columbus Homeless Fund (sleeping bags and socks), LifeTeen, Peace & Justice, Prayer Shawl and Quilters. A number of other ministries were asked to participate, but declined for the initial funding.

The committee will meet again in October 2016 to review any further funding requests from ministries and to discuss suggested nonprofits that the parish may want to support. If you would like to suggest a nonprofit for the parish to provide funding, please email Sally Egland at segland@rcparish.org. To donate to the Hand in Hand/Charitable Giving program, please use the pink Hand in Hand envelopes, donate through Online Giving (link may be found on parish website) or write "Hand in Hand" on the memo line of your check. (Sally Egland) ■

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council is the principal consultative body for the business affairs of the parish. The Finance Council provides advice, guidance and recommendations to the pastor for management of the parish in all financial matters.

Stewardship involves each of us committing to share our time, talents and/or treasures with our parish community to support its mission and the growth of its ministries. The Finance Council works closely with our pastor and his staff to assure the financial needs of the parish are met. Its members share their talents in the fields of business and finance. At every meeting, we ask God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for guidance that our decisions be made to meet the true needs and the common good of all our parishioners.

This past year and the year to come are important time periods as we have moved to becoming a true Stewardship Parish, relying on each parishioner's sharing of his or her treasures to support our growing ministries that touch not only our parish, but also the greater surrounding community. With the strong support we have received to our stewardship program, we are in a solid financial position to continue to strengthen the four stewardship pillars of Service, Hospitality, Prayer and Formation. (Tony Orlandini) ■

PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Council is a group of 12 parishioners that work together with Fr. Bill to do pastoral planning for Resurrection Catholic Parish. Pastoral planning is a prayerful and collaborative process that centers on turning our parish vision into reality.

The Parish Council meets once a month with Fr. Bill. We discuss the pastoral needs of the parish community and communicate those needs to Fr. Bill. He, in turn, shares his vision for the parish and describes the many ways our parish community can support and participate in our shared calling as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Most of our work this past year focused on taking the final steps to transform Resurrection Catholic Parish into a stewardship parish. We started with an October ministry retreat led by our Stewardship Commission. As a group, we read and discussed Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si.* He offered clear instruction on ways we can be better stewards of our personal lives, our families, our communities and our planet.

Members of the parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul accept annual Thanksgiving Boxes in November 2015. The Parish has provided approximately 300 boxes and turkeys each year for over 15 years.

In January, we set up a series of "Listening Sessions" to offer a friendly forum in which parishioners could engage in open conversation about our Parish. The sessions were worthwhile and well-received. Many questions were answered and our stewardship vision and direction were clearly expressed.

Stewardship now defines everything that we do. All parish activities and communication, from the homilies to the weekly bulletin to the new website to the Annual Report, have been restructured to reflect our stewardship mission and our four stewardship pillars of HOSPITALITY, PRAYER, FORMATION and SERVICE.

As a stewardship parish, Resurrection now operates solely on offer-

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Service

*Members of a stewardship parish are ready to minister to the many needs of their own parish family as well as the needs of the wider community and the Church. Just as the members of a family come together to help one of their own, a stewardship parish serves those who are hurting or in need, doubting or seeking salvation. Stewards also come together to thank God for all the gifts God gives us.**

COMFORTER COMPANIONS: SPIRITUAL END-OF-LIFE MINISTRY LAUNCHED

Beginning with the blessing of 11 new lay volunteers, a new Resurrection ministry was launched at the 8 AM Mass on June 12, 2016.

Comforter Companions is a ministry created by the nurses of the Health and Wellness ministry. Comforter Companions themselves assist parishioners and their family members with an individual's spiritual end-of-life journey as well as help parishioners with understanding the nature and effect of major diseases and direct parishioners to the parish office for pre-funeral planning.

The Comforter Companions ministry is a joint effort between the parish nurses at Resurrection and Our Lady of the Lake Parish, who, with the blessings and encouragement of respective parish councils, pastors and parish staffs, have been working since the fall of 2015 to create the training and resource materials.

The new Comforter Companions include Karen Briggs, Gloria Camp, Carol Donnelly, Colleen Foelker, Kathy Graef, Mary Hainley, Tom Meier, John Mohatt, Jan Mohatt, Barbara Williams and Judy Cook; Olivia Rossi, an Our Lady of Lake parishioner who also completed training. The Resurrection ministry also includes Health and Wellness nurses Miriam Schneider, Jane Lewis, Kim Kiely and Robin Stephenson. Donna Barton and Susan Welch of Our Lady of the Lake have also been instrumental in the ministry formation. The new lay ministers received a two-day training in May and ongoing support from the Health and Wellness ministry as they begin to assist the parish.

Additional information including how to request a Comforter Companion, volunteer to become one and other reference materials are now on the Resurrection website at www.rcparish.org/comforter-companion.

Attendees at the first-ever Comforter Companion training held in May 2016 included (left to right): Rita Quinn, Carol Donnelly, Olivia Rossi (from Our Lady of the Lake), Kathy Graef, Colleen Foelker, Judy Cook, John Mohatt, Jan Mohatt, Gloria Camp and Barbara Williams.

2016-17 Parish Council Members

Joe Amato
Karen Cook
Brianna Gilmore
Jeff Hjelte
Molly Hoeflich
Marylee King
Genny McNulty
Marilyn Ogorzaly
Alan Stuyvesant
Chris Verbiest
Donna Waller
Mike Wilkins
Scott Wolff

COUNCIL CONTINUED

tory giving, with a portion set aside for charitable giving. Parish events like pancake breakfasts, couples dinners, church productions, etc. are offered for hospitality and fellowship only, not for fundraising purposes.

As we enter the 2016-17 year, your Parish Council is excited about the future of Resurrection Catholic Parish. Our stewardship journey is working and our faith is growing ever deeper. To quote the U.S. Catholic Bishops' *Stewardship – A Disciple's Response*, "the life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that 'all things work for good for those who love God'" (Romans 8:28). (Mike Wilkens) ■

PEACE AND JUSTICE

Our Ministry provides opportunities to learn and live the seven Catholic Social Teachings through direct service, education, fellowship and prayer. Recent projects included:

- Preparing and serving seven meals a year to poor and marginalized people at St Andre Bessette Parish in downtown Portland.
- Collecting new socks for men and women for social service agencies in Portland.
- Sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree, sorting and delivering the gifts.
- Gifting pamphlets of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si* to parishioners at Christmas masses.
- Co-sponsoring the Lenten Food Collection with Knights of Columbus.
- Presented "Caring for God's Creation" events, which feature groups like METRO, Tualatin Riverkeepers, master gardeners, and master recyclers as well as bee keepers and solar energy representatives.

We meet at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesdays, September through June each year. Contact Penny McArdle at 503-636-1272 for information. ■

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The Stewardship Commission was created in 2010 as a means to create and support a culture of stewardship at Resurrection Catholic Parish. At its basic level, stewardship is an individual's response

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to the call of Jesus Christ to become His disciple. By making the conscious decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ, each person experiences a conversion of mind and heart in order to commit their very selves to the Lord.

Looking forward, the Stewardship Commission is organizing a parish-wide small group effort that is designed to help participants grow a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith through ongoing formation activities and opportunities.

The Stewardship Commission increases parishioner engagement in parish life by:

- Creating a systematic interconnection of the stewardship practices in the parish.
- Constructing comprehensive, efficient and sustainable parish stewardship processes.
- Building stewardship resources to increase the need to share each individual's gifts of time, talent and treasure.
- Doing the behind-the-scenes tasks that make it possible to assist the community in inviting, educating and organizing parishioners so a parishioner's personal stewardship is nurtured and they respond generously for the life and mission of the church.
- Conveying to the parish-at-large that it is important to act in a manner that is consistent with Gospel values and to consider the good of the whole community.
- Creating communications and systems that help parishioners easily participate in parish stewardship opportunities.

The Stewardship Commission is comprised of fellow parishioners who are spiritually motivated and who have a deep relationship with Jesus, they are grateful for their faith and act on that gratitude. These parishioners may already give of their time in various parish and community activities and not even realize that they are stewards. They are united in the common theme of responding to the call of discipleship from our Lord Jesus Christ in order to build up His Church in our world. (Mark Neil) ■

By making the conscious decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ, each person experiences a conversion of mind and heart in order to commit their very selves to the Lord.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE MINISTRY

Resurrection continues to provide for those in need within the Parish and outside the Parish. Be a part of the Red Cross Blood Drive!

The Red Cross provides many services for the community and the world. One major service Red Cross provides is a blood supply to hospitals around the world. The Red Cross obtains blood supplies by organizing blood drives throughout the community. Resurrection Parish is proud to provide a venue for the Red Cross to obtain part of its supply.

The Red Cross Blood Drive is held three to four times per year at our parish. Give a donation of life or serve as a volunteer at the event. The donation process takes less than an hour, but giving a unit of blood can help save three lives. How better to serve the Lord than by providing the gift of life to someone in need? Resurrection continues to exceed the goal set for blood donations. These donations go to saving lives locally and worldwide. Each drive is communicated by the Red Cross and the parish. Sign-ups are available about one month prior to any drive.

Give the gift of life! Contact Don Love: 503-557-1401. ■

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has been a ministry at Resurrection since 1997. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide Catholic organization of laypersons, open to all who wish to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbor. Generally, on a person-to-person basis, members of the Society help those in need, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, orientation, handicap or religion.

Our parish SVdP conference core mission is to serve those in need within the West Linn / Tualatin areas. Since 2012, we have served over 10,000 people, distributed over 100,000 pounds of food and driven over 23,000 miles helping those in need with rental, utility or food assistance. From our humble start, we now have over 40 members. We are the only SVdP Conference that collects for Thanksgiving boxes for those in need during the holiday season in the Portland area. We have given out approximately 300 plus boxes and turkeys each year for over 15 years.

Our conference has been honored to have Ellie Clang receive the 2015 SVdP Vincentian of the Year Award!

Our parish food wagon is always accepting donations in Rossman Hall; specific items of need are mentioned in the weekly bulletin. Our conference also hosts the ever popular pancake breakfast feeds in spring and fall. None of this would be accomplished if it weren't for the wonderful support of our parishioners at Resurrection. Thank you for helping us serve others. (Thomas A. Frank) ■

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Stewardship has refocused the purpose of many activities undertaken by our council. Parishioners may have noted that many of the dinners were described in the past as fundraising events for worthy causes such the seminarians at Mt. Angel or support of the Moisant Center. However, the emphasis upon stewardship has directed our attention to other values such as hospitality and service, which accompanied the community aspect of those events.

Reflection upon the guiding principles of the order, which are charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism, has reinvigorat-

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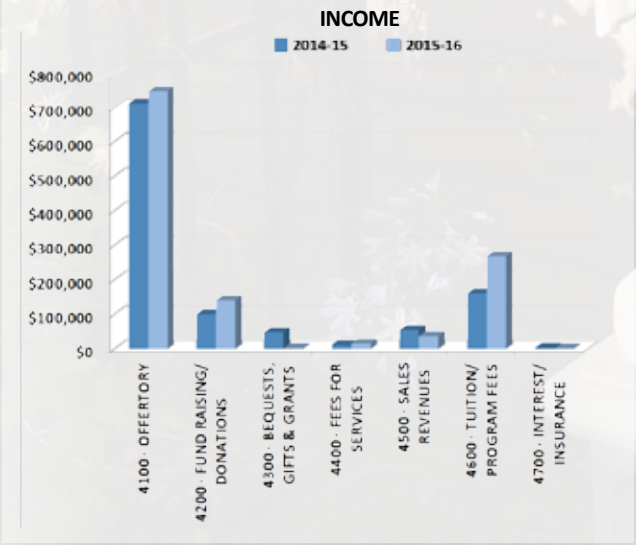
The parish launched its new website in February 2016. A local developer was hired in late 2015, creating the new WordPress-based site in only six weeks.

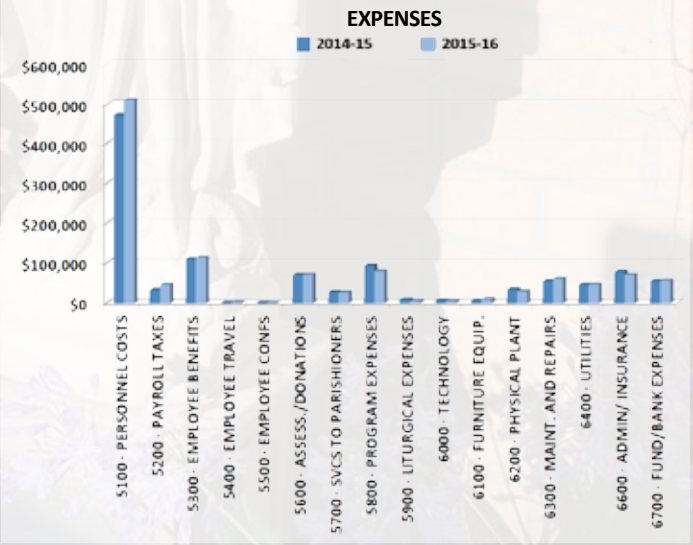
New display sign installed during Holy Week 2016.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH
Financial Summary for the year ending June 30, 2016

	JULY 2014 TO JUNE 2015	JULY 2015 TO JUNE 2016	BUDGET	$ OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME					
4100 OFFERTORY	709,754	745,990	768,407	-22,417	97.1%
4200 FUND RAISING/ DONATIONS	100,736	140,961	65,310	75,651	215.8%
4300 BEQUESTS, GIFTS & GRANTS	47,596	1,316	0	1,316	100.0%
4400 FEES FOR SERVICES	11,677	15,322	9,950	5,372	154.0%
4500 SALES REVENUES	54,426	37,029	53,455	-16,426	69.3%
4600 TUITION/ PROGRAM FEES	160,686	268,238	224,315	43,923	119.6%
4700 INTEREST/ INSURANCE	1,966	538	5,115	-4,577	10.5%
TOTAL INCOME	**1,086,841**	**1,209,394**	**1,126,552**	**82,842**	**107.4%**
EXPENSE					
5100 PERSONNEL COSTS	470,776	510,041	480,316	29,725	106.2%
5200 PAYROLL TAXES	32,964	46,578	35,193	11,385	132.4%
5300 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	110,280	113,786	94,991	18,795	119.8%
5400 EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	337	1,653	350	1,303	472.3%
5500 EMPLOYEE CONFERENCES	312	457	400	57	114.3%
5600 ASSESSMENTS/DONATIONS	70,658	71,038	79,462	-8,424	89.4%
5700 SERVICES TO PARISHIONERS	28,379	27,431	35,900	-8,469	76.4%
5800 PROGRAM EXPENSES	93,525	80,105	97,810	-17,705	81.9%
5900 LITURGICAL EXPENSES	9,475	6,008	6,500	-492	92.4%
6000 TECHNOLOGY	6,694	6,119	5,750	369	106.4%
6100 FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIP.	5,474	10,395	4,000	6,395	259.9%
6200 PHYSICAL PLANT	34,599	30,174	35,325	-5,151	85.4%
6300 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	54,941	61,148	63,904	-2,756	95.7%
6400 UTILITIES	46,514	46,880	47,500	-620	98.7%
6600 ADMINSTRATIVE/ INSURANCE	77,968	70,446	73,410	-2,964	96.0%
6700 FUNDRAISE & BANK EXPENSES	54,919	56,283	66,575	-10,292	84.5%
TOTAL EXPENSE	**1,097,815**	**1,138,542**	**1,127,386**	**11,156**	**101.0%**
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-10,974	70,852	-834	71,686	-8495.4%

	BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2015	BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2016	PRINCIPAL PAID IN 2016
MOISANT CENTER LOAN	898,344	732,466	165,878





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ed our sense of purpose. We have continued to staff the summer picnic, we are holding the Oktoberfest as a revenue neutral and community building event again this year, we continue to provide service to the parish by helping at funerals and we have added a baptism program to welcome the families of newborns into our parish. This past winter we held our last Crab and Clam Chowder Dinner as a successful fundraising event and we will be using the proceeds of that event as investments in new programs in the future. Our efforts to provide sleeping bags for the homeless have been ongoing. Our involvement in food assistance, such as the 40 Cans for Lent program was successful yet again this past Lenten season.

Although we passed our tenth anniversary last summer with over one hundred brother knights we are always open for enrollment of new members and new ideas for new activities. (David Tesla, Grand Knight) ■