

2016-2017 Annual **Stewardship** Report  
**Resurrection Catholic Parish**



*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*



**Fr. Bill Moisant**

## Dear members of Resurrection Catholic Parish

In this Annual Report we reflect upon the reality of Resurrection Catholic Parish's Stewardship journey during the past year. This report portrays the generosity of our parishioners in reaching out through our various parish ministries to those in need, in answering God's call to be disciples to all people and to be generous in financially contributing to the work of our parish in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

We have now completed two years without fundraisers. In following the lead of the U.S. Bishops, we have abandoned the bartering system of the world as a support for our ministering to our community and to the external world. We no longer hold auctions and sales to raise money to further the Kingdom of God. Rather, we rely upon the work of the Holy Spirit to inspire us, the People of God, to give of ourselves, to give of our time, talent and treasure to continue the work of the local Church in celebrating worship, in evangelizing our parishioners and spreading the good news of the gospel to those with whom we encounter on the journey.

As your pastor, I believe in the Holy Spirit and I trust completely in the work of the Holy Spirit among us. It does take courage to do that. I remember when I was eight years old and first learning to swim. I remem-

ber the first time I let go of the side of the pool in the deep end and with great fear ventured to the other side, trusting and hoping that I would make it. I did.

I have been very pleased with your positive and generous response to the call of our U.S. Bishops to be stewards of God's gifts to each one of us in terms of time, talent and treasure. These gifts are freely given to us by God. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called by the Holy Spirit to support the work of the Church through our involvement and commitment.

Our parish could not do this holy work without each one of you. I ask that you listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is inspiring you to do as a member of the Body of Christ. Each call will be different. A call from the Holy Spirit is unique to each individual. I encourage each one of you to listen to the call of the Holy Spirit in terms of your giving of your time, talent and treasure and that you then respond positively as Mary did to the angel at the time of the Annunciation.

***Behold, I am the servant of the Lord.  
Let it be done to me according to your Word.***

To the Greater Glory of God!  
**Fr. Bill Moisant, Pastor, September 2017**

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

## Three smaller icons commissioned and completed

In the Icon of the **Protecting Veil of the Mother of God**, we see a new translation of an ancient and deeply venerated image dating to an extraordinary event in the 10th century. That event, the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople, occurred in the Blachernae Church where her robe, veil and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

In the icon of the **Holy Family**, we see the "ideal" of Christian marriage as the "true and living icon" of

the life and love of the divine Trinity. The elements that speak to this theology of the family, and to the Holy Trinity, are succinctly summarized in the word "relationship."

The Icon of **Christ the Healer** depicts five figures whose healing miracles are recounted for us in the Gospels: the Paralytic, the Blind Beggar, the Woman with the Hemorrhage, the Leper, and the Woman Possessed by Seven Demons.

Three additional icons have been proposed.



**The Holy Family**  
6'x7' egg tempera and gold leaf on board and natural gesso.  
(Completed October 20, 2016)



**Protecting Veil of the Mother of God**  
4'x7' egg tempera and gold leaf on board with natural gesso.  
(Completed February 2, 2017)



**Christ the Healer**  
7' x 6' egg tempera and gold leaf on board with natural gesso. (Completed June 15, 2017)

# Make your needs known through prayer

## COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

## AND TO THE SICK MINISTRY

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 always welcome new ministers to join us!

- Each Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass, our ministers go out to five locations to conduct Communion Services for 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 areas. 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 one of the above locations. If Fr. Bill is unavailable, the ministers conduct a Communion Service for the group. This allows Father Bill to also meet the residents we visit each week, and 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 who cannot come to Mass due to illnesses, surgery or permanent disabilities. If anyone contacts the office to say 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 home visits. Our ministers set up their own visitation schedule with these parishioners on a weekly basis.

- A new development in our parish connects our Homebound ministry with the Comforter Companion ministry. We may already be visiting a parishioner weekly with the Holy Eucharist – who may be facing his or her end of life during this time. We then coordinate our efforts with the Comforter Companion ministry to 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 or disabled 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; we can train, but never anticipate every circumstance. We do know that this ministry connects those that cannot come to Mass to our parish community, making them valued and not forgotten. We have many wonderful Homebound ministers – both male and female. And their dedication to this ministry is truly inspiring! Please contact Judy Cook at 503-705-9223 if you are interested in joining!

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

## OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion comprise approximately 100 parish members who each week cover the seven communion stations at all three weekend Masses. In addition, a number of faithful ministers bring Holy Communion each week to shut-ins and those in our wider community who cannot come to Mass to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Christ in person due to infirmity or health.

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, over the past year, have filled 1,092 positions for weekend Masses. During this period, we have witnessed an increase in those willing to come forward to serve. This ministry assists Father with bringing the Precious Body and Blood to fellow parishioners in a welcoming, reverent way each weekend.

Each week ministers “sign up” for a Mass time and position. They choose when they serve. Shepherded by their team lead, (Gloria Camp-4:30 PM, Mary Neil-8:30 PM and Karen Corso-11:00 PM) these intentional ministers make a commitment to the parish week in and week out.

Many of the Extraordinary Ministers are involved in other parish-wide ministries; several of us also act as Hospitality Ministers or Lectors. We are always reaching out to attract more parishioners to this ministry. All that is required is a heart for Jesus and a commitment to bring the Body and Blood of Christ to others. To join us in this vital parish ministry, please contact Mary Neil at 503-349-6252 or [hrdneil@gmail.com](mailto:hrdneil@gmail.com) for more information and to specify at which Mass you wish to serve. Training will be provided.

## Parish Census

Data collected from July 1 through June 30.

	2016	2017
Total parishioner families:	1440	1469
New parishioner families:	42	32
Baptisms:	26	31
First Communion Youth:	37	41
Confirmed:	20	25
All youth in Formation:	280	n/a
Life Kids (pre-school - grade 5):	131	111
EDGE (grades 6 thru 8):	36	40
LIFETEEN (grades 9 thru 12):	70	62
Unregistered children/youth:	n/a	4
RCIA Candidates/Catechumens:	7	6
Preschool enrollment:	56	72
Marriages:	6	5
Deaths:	12	9

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 the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. \*

# PRAYER

# Ministries teach the word of God

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Brothers and Sisters In Christ (BASIC) offers a small Catholic community for young adults in our Parish and neighboring parishes. (Young Adult is loosely post-high school through early 30's.) We have been meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center, room 201, for over four years, where it is comfortable for anyone to join in at any time. Starting September 2017 we will meet on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the same spot. We communicate with the group by posting on our Facebook group page, "BASIC Catholic SW".

We choose topics to study and discuss as a group, based on where we think the Holy Spirit is leading us. Some of the favorite topics we have studied together have included: "The Theology of the Body" (the Matthew West DVD Series), "The Catholicism Series" by Robert Barron, *Laudato Si* by Pope Francis, "Captivating" and "Be A Man" (studies on Female and Male Discipleship), and the "33 Day Retreat of Marian Consecration." We share responsibility for leading discussions among the group.

Here are a few quotes from BASIC members:

"I think BASIC was my lifeline. When I found BASIC I really felt like a lost puppy. I could have swayed in any direction, back into a sinful lifestyle or God's Way. I would not be where I am today without BASIC. God showed me I could live a holy life surrounded by others trying to do the same. I honestly didn't think I'd find something like this ever."

"Some of my best friends I have made are through BASIC. The group constantly challenges me to grow in my faith. Each new study has impacted my life in a positive way. It's great to be a part of a bunch of people who are passionate about their faith; hanging out and discussing engaging topics. We also make friendships with one another a priority outside of the group."

"BASIC has added good Catholic Community to my life. I have formed many new friendships. I have always felt welcome and I am able to invite friends, knowing they will experience that same hospitality and welcome. It is one of the only Catholic Groups for Young Adults in the area."

## MEN'S MINISTRY

The members of the Men's Ministry gather on the second Saturday of each month to discuss how the Gospel for that Sunday impacts our lives and how we impact our families, parish and community through the Gospel. Taking the time to read through the Gospel reflectively, with an open mind and heart, we allow it to speak into every area of our lives. Deepening our relationship with Father, Son, Holy Spirit, ourselves and our brothers, draws us into deeper transformation of ourselves and service to others. We take the time to pray for the needs of the parish and each other. When needed, we can serve those parishioners who have a special immediate need for extra hands. We have larger

gatherings once or twice a year that invite the broader community of Brothers in Christ to come together for prayer and reflection.

## BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

Our Brown Bag Bible Study meets on Thursdays, from noon to 1 pm in the Fireside Room from mid-September through May (starting Sept.21, 2017.)

We study Scripture together SLOWLY so that we can have time for the Holy Spirit to speak through the Scripture and through one another. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of John in 2017-18. Cost of the workbook is \$20.

Men and women are welcome to join us...at any time throughout the year!! Many of us bring our lunch and eat as we study, discuss and pray together.

Questions? Please contact Betsy Taylor at [btaylor@rcparish.org](mailto:btaylor@rcparish.org).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group is a vibrant part of Resurrection Parish! We are in our 17th year.

Our goal is to be open and inviting to all women of the parish - to allow for learning of the bible together and sharing of faith and life experiences. We search for a variety of Catholic bible study publishers to appeal to our wide range of women. We also have women from other parishes who attend our group - we love extending our hospitality to those women as well who may not have such a group in their own parishes.

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our group! The ability to discuss the Bible, to understand what it means to our lives today and how to grow with the new knowledge that we obtain is manifested in our daily living with our families, parish and outside in our communities. The faith discussions within our group truly help us all grow. We especially hope to always have all age groups represented; the perspectives of different ages really add to our discussions.

Through our time together, many women become inspired to join other ministries in the parish and other volunteer groups as they grow more comfortable and hear about what others are involved with. Lifetime friendships are formed as well.

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Faith Formation Center, second floor, throughout the year. We have all ages of women and provide child care as needed for our younger moms. Our total number of active participants, including summer, is about 60-70 women. Our average weekly attendance is about 30-40 during the regular season, and 15-20 in the summer.

We always welcome new women to join us at any time of the year, even if we are into a current study! Beginning this fall 2017 and into 2018, we are studying a theme called "Blessed Conversations" that includes a closer look at the catechism as well as Bible verses and life application.

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. \*

# FORMATION

# Preparing the way to join the Body of Christ

One Saturday in late summer, our parish celebrated the baptism of a little boy, the third child of a young couple. Two or three years earlier, this same couple asked to have their second child baptized at Resurrection. Their oldest child had already been baptized. On the surface, these baptisms seemed like any ordinary baptism. What was unusual about this couple was that they did not belong to the Catholic Church, and therefore, they were not parishioners at Resurrection Parish!

But, they both were baptized Christians; the wife was baptized in the Lutheran Church and the husband in the Presbyterian Church.

This couple said they felt a longing in their hearts to know Jesus better. They wanted to deepen their faith at Resurrection Parish because whenever they visited the parish, they were greeted with kindness and hospitality. So, their daughter was baptized and the couple signed up to be part of the process we call RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Every year, our parish prepares many people – of all ages – for the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The baptism ritual we do today is based on the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The first followers of Jesus were adults, but children too were baptized in the early church.

Every baptism is a great parish celebration. In some way, every baptism reminds us of our own baptism. When we dip our fingers into the water in the baptismal font as we enter the church before Mass, we make that memory concrete and very real. *We remember* that God loves us first, that God is a God of compassion and forgiveness, and precisely because of our baptism, we remember that we will always be with God, in this life and in the next.

Today, most adults who want to join our faith community through the RCIA process fall into three categories.

The first category is adults who have never been baptized.

They may belong to no religion at all, or come from one of the other world religions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism or Islam. They want to convert to Christianity because they have a longing for God.

They come to our parish to learn to *know Jesus*, and to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. In RCIA, we call these seekers CATECHUMENS.

The second category of adults coming to RCIA is people who were baptized in Christian traditions other than the Catholic Church, like the young couple mentioned above. Maybe they are Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, etc. They are not considered converts and in RCIA, we call them CANDIDATES. They are candidates because they are already baptized into Jesus, and they are preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Remember, we say in our Creed every Sunday: “We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.” These candidates come to our parish because they want to be part of the fuller communion of the Catholic Church, and because they have a deep hunger to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, in the liturgy of the Word, in the people and in the ordinary events of life.

At last, RCIA is also for adults who were baptized as children in the Catholic Church, but have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation, or maybe even the sacrament of Eucharist. Some of these adults may have children today preparing for First Communion or Confirmation right here in our parish Faith Formation Ministry.

Always, God calls each person into a closer relationship of love and compassion. When we participate in parish ministry, we find that our faith grows and we learn to live as followers of Jesus in today’s world.



## New Business Manager joins Resurrection staff

*Maya Bashoury became the parish Business Manager in February 2017. Maya reflects below:*

**Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God.**

Rick Warren

I am so grateful to be part of Resurrection Parish. Ever since I started working at the parish office, I have been astonished by the gifts that our parishioners share with the community; the time and talents they donate are key to the parish’s success.

I am working on meeting as many people as possible, but with the many ministries we have, this will need some time!!

My main goal in life to always serve the LORD; and I am hoping I am achieving that goal.

I am so grateful that my work is directly linked to

serving the Lord, and this is something for which I am so blessed.

It is a great community and I am proud to be part of it. What makes a great community? A great community is created by the willingness of its people to make it great. How?

A smile makes a great community.

A helping hand makes a great community.

Donating your time makes a great community.

All the points above and more are exactly what I experience daily with our parishioners. For example: people working in the garden; people responding to an email for a request; people meeting regularly to talk about parish work, people singing; people meeting other people, and so on.

I can list many names of people who impress me every day with what they do at the parish and the community, but that would take the whole page!

I’m looking forward to a great year!



**Maya Bashoury**

# LifeTeens serve on the Yakama Nations reservation in 2017

Our LIFE TEEN Ministry participated July 15-22, 2017, in a week of Mission and Service with Young Neighbor's In Action in Yakima, WA. We were blessed to spend the week with families on the Yakama Nations Reservation. We painted their houses and did some yard work as well. The entire week we were attempting to "walk in their Moccasins" by learning all we could about them by listening to their stories and the stories of others who came alongside us. So many rich experiences!



*Walk two moons in another's Moccasins.*

## School enrollment and child development grows

***The value of Catholic education, at any age, is a story that needs to be told over and over again. When we tell this story well, then we know the rest of the story. The rest of the story is the support the whole community gives to the school. It is a story well worth telling.***

Most Reverend Thomas J Murphy

The 2016 - 2017 school year was full of growth, energy and rich formation in the ways of stewardship at Resurrection Catholic Preschool & Kindergarten. In September, we welcomed 20 new families for a total of 62 students, contributing to the life and vitality of Resurrection Catholic Parish. A waitlist in several of our classes challenged us to respond to the call of Stewardship and planted the seeds for expansion in 2017-2018. We gratefully receive the gift of each child at the school and continue to recognize the privilege we have been given to participate in shaping their hearts and minds. The mission of evangelization remains at the heart of our school ministry.

As the classrooms overflowed with life and laughter, our staff grew to ten teachers who continue to recognize their important role in teaching at a Catholic School. At RCPK we are unequivocally committed to the development of a faith community within our school that reflects the values of the Gospel. Teachers have established warm and comfortable prayer corners in their classrooms, built in prayer and worship throughout the day and woven the Catholic faith throughout all aspects

of the program. Each day, they give our children and our families opportunities to grow in their Catholic faith and holiness.

A main theme of our year was "You are Never Too Little to Make a Difference." We want our children to know that they can affect change and be good stewards of the Earth by recycling, planting gardens and cleaning up the parish campus. They can also give of their talents by using their beautiful voices to sing during Worship Wednesday and at various events and to beautify our building with their artistic talents. In February, the children celebrated Grandparent's Day with nearly 140 grandparents in attendance.

There were also special days for Dads & Donuts and Mother's Day Tea. The culminating event of the year was our Art Show, at which the school invited the entire parish community to take part. This was a huge success and we appreciate the outpouring of support and love.

As we look to the 2017-2018 school year, we are humbled by all that we have been given. We go into this year knowing these things to be true: We are passionate about forming children to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We are built around faith; we are built around parish; we are built around community; and, we are built upon a spirit of excellence.



# Hospitality seeks the face of Christ in others

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

As new families register at Resurrection Parish, the Welcoming Committee calls these new members, expressing to them the pleasure of having them join our parish family. At this contact new members are asked if they have any questions or concerns for which they need help, or a referral to another source. If new members express an interest in one of our ministries, the leader of the ministry is notified and they contact the new family for more detailed information. A return phone call is made approximately two weeks later to check on their progress and again, answer any questions.

This ministry is so valuable to new families, who express their thanks over and over concerning how important it was to be contacted and welcomed to the parish. They appreciate an email and phone number if they want to contact me.

In 2016, 54 new parishioners registered, and so far in 2017, 21 have registered. Later in the year, the parish hosts a "Welcome and Name Tag" Weekend to give recognition to these "New" families. The Ministry Fair is a great opportunity to explore the different ministries offered and perhaps join one or two.

The four pillars of Stewardship (Hospitality, Prayer, Service and Formation) play a perfect role to inform new people of upcoming events: for example, Meet and Eat Potluck, Journey 2, Hawaiian Luau, Thirsty Thursday gathering, Adult Education Series and whatever is offered during the year. The Holy Spirit is always talking to each of us and some will respond quickly, or some take time to "think about" making a commitment.

This ministry helps us become "Disciples of Christ." We all have to intentionally move out of our comfort zone to trust and have faith in the Lord to lead us on our journey of becoming a Stewardship Parish.

Contact Gloria Camp at [tgcamp1@comcast.net](mailto:tgcamp1@comcast.net).

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Hospitality Ministry continues to grow in numbers and spirit at Resurrection. The Ministry is one of several Mass Ministries that provides support to the sacristan and Fr. Bill during Mass throughout the year. Currently there are over 40 members of our parish who serve in this ministry on a regular basis; each of the three weekend Masses requires seven ministers.

The primary responsibility of this ministry is to make sure those attending Mass are greeted with a smile and a greeting of hospitality. Hospitality Ministers are available during and after Mass to help with any issues that may come up such as bathroom locations, lost and found and general information about the parish. During Mass they assist with the offertory collection and then safeguard the collected offerings into the safe right after communion. They also make sure the pews are tidied up after every Mass by picking up any extra song sheets or other items left in the pews.

This ministry is an easy way to get involved with the parish; look for our recruiting brochure, which was created to help encourage parishioners to come forward. If

you would like more information on this ministry, ask any of the Hospitality Ministers at Mass.

## BREAKING BREAD

Breaking Bread is a social ministry (signing up represents a one season commitment starting each fall). You are matched up with six to eight other parishioners (three to four individual homes) willing to share a family-style meal about once per month; nothing fancy just a simple family-style meal. Each participant hosts the group only once; the host is responsible for preparing the simple meal to share with new friends.

The emphasis of this ministry is getting to know our parish community. Sharing a meal with friends in your home is a warm welcoming way to grow in our parish community. Feel free to get a babysitter and use these dinners as a date night, this is an adults' ministry. Couples and singles, all are welcome -- or partner with someone. Personally invite someone to participate in Breaking Bread who has not participated recently. Contact either Jeanie Schuldt at [Jeanie.Schuldt83@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanie.Schuldt83@gmail.com) or Gerry McGuire at [cakelady.gm@gmail.com](mailto:cakelady.gm@gmail.com).

## September 2016 Luau



*"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. \**

# HOSPITALITY

# Service as a response to Stewardship

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.\*

## SERVICE

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross Blood Drive has benefited both the Resurrection Parish and the community at large. The Parish has provided hospitality to people from outside the Parish by supporting the Red Cross Blood Drive. In addition the Parish has provided Service to those in need by the precious gift of their blood to the sick throughout the region.

Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteers have donated their time and energy to the cause. We currently have six volunteers who regularly serve at the Drives. The volunteers assist the Red Cross workers and provide hospitality and care to both Parishioners and other community blood donors while serving at the Blood Drive. This is an opportunity to reach out and share with persons inside the Church as well as outside of our Parish.

During the past 12 months the church has hosted three blood drives. Combined these drives had 114 presenting donors from the church membership and the surrounding community. From those presenting donors the Red Cross teams collected 95 whole blood and 10 power red donations. The donations from Resurrection Catholic Parish during the past twelve months went on to serve up to 305 patients in need.

Blood donations help sick individuals within our Parish as well as to those outside of the Parish and we continue to exceed the goals for blood donations set by the Red Cross. This is an outstanding service for which the Red Cross is extremely grateful! I am confident that I can speak for myself and the other Blood Drive Volunteers that I am also grateful to serve both the Resurrection Parish and a worthy organization that is the American Red Cross.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS /

### COMFORTER COMPANIONS

We are a group of parishioners who support our faith community through sharing Catholic healthcare resources that promote wellness for spirit, body and mind. Kim Kiely, Jane Lewis and Miriam Schneider are three nurses trained in faith community nursing who oversee our Health & Wellness Ministry (H&WM) activities. Our ministry was established in 2007. Over the years, a group of parish volunteers and pastoral staff have supported a variety of activities that have included:

- Blood pressure screening (monthly after Sunday masses October-June)
- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training events (2)
- Flu immunization events (2)
- Brown Bag Pharmacy events (1)
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Kit acquisitions for the hall and church
- End-of-life conferences (4)

- Grief Support Session events (2)
- Brochure information on Catholic end-of-life care, specific chronic illnesses, community care resources available in our area, all of which are located in Rossman Hall foyer

The Comforter Companion Ministry of Resurrection Catholic Parish responds to the spiritual needs of those at the end of life through prayerful home visits. Our Comforter Companions currently serve five families in their homes at any given time. In addition, many of our companions are serving in Homebound Ministry bringing Eucharist to those in long term care facilities.

Parishioners have attended Comforter Companion trainings since 2015; 20 Resurrection parishioners received commissioning during mass to be sent to those experiencing serious illness and end of life challenges to bring:

- Prayer
- Eucharistic ministry
- Blessings
- Sharing time
- Referrals for priest visit as family requests
- Funeral planning support
- Bereavement support

We welcome and invite any Resurrection parishioners interested in supporting our ministry to join us. It is a privilege and honor to journey with each other during life's challenging times and the expected deaths of our care receivers. Christ through the Holy Spirit leads and blesses each of us. Thanks be to God our Heavenly Father.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Kim, Jane or Miriam through the Parish Office.

### FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

Over 30 years ago, while still celebrating Mass at St. Anne's Chapel at Marylhurst, a group of parishioners saw the need to offer a reception following a funeral Mass. Sandy Rood, Becky Moore, Catherine Nichols and Martha Munday are the founding members of the Funeral Reception Committee.

Today, one can witness our Catholic faith in action at a funeral reception. Family, friends and fellow parishioners can pay their respects and offer condolences to the grieving family. All aspects of the reception, from set-up to clean-up, are arranged by the committee. Many generous parishioners bring homemade salads the morning of the reception. A simple and elegant buffet of salads, wrap sandwiches, cookies and beverages are offered.

Receptions take place in Rossman Hall immediately following a funeral Mass or memorial and generally last one to two hours. This last fiscal year seven funeral receptions were arranged by the committee. Currently there are about 60 parishioners who can be called upon to provide a salad and another four to five who are available to host the reception the day of the funeral.

If interested, contact Laura Hamel 503-656-2437 or [lhamel315@hotmail.com](mailto:lhamel315@hotmail.com).

## FINANCE COUNCIL

The Resurrection Parish Finance Council is an advisory board to the Pastor that meets six times a year to approve the parish budget and review our financial operations.

This was the first year as a true Stewardship Parish without the reliance on our yearly auction and many other past fund raisers. This year the Finance Council worked closely with Fr. Bill and the parish staff to develop a budget that could support our growing parish and ministries as parishioners adjusted to the sharing of their Treasure without the push from the fundraisers. By practicing Stewardship, we have shared our time and talents while deepening our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through the work that we do to further the mission of the Church and our parish in concert with God's will.

Our accomplishments this year included:

- Developing solutions to a potential budget shortfall that avoided disruptions of our programs and ministries.
- Restructuring the mortgage on the Faith Formation Center to reflect current and anticipated revenue streams.
- Continuing to assist Fr. Bill and the Parish Council in the Parish's transition to becoming a fiscally stable Stewardship Parish.

One accomplishment that all parishioners should be proud of is the fact that we have paid down the Faith Formation Center loan that originally was over \$2 million to \$569,779 in just under four years. Our goal now is to pay the balance of the loan off in three years or less.

In the new 2017-2018 fiscal year, we will continue to serve the parish and the greater community by insuring that our many varied ministries and outreach programs have the necessary financial resources to carry out their missions within a balanced budget.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Resurrection Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) leads members to grow spiritually while offering person-to-person service to the poor of our community. The Vincentian ministry is an internation-



Volunteers and members of the Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul collected Thanksgiving boxes in November 2016.

al Catholic lay organization of men and women, young and old, which embraces works of charity and justice. We work together in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those we serve because, in them, we see the face of Christ.

Throughout the year, SVdP serves those in need in our community with the home delivery of food boxes. The food boxes contain fresh and non-perishable products. Your contributions to the November Annual Appeal provides for fresh food for our home delivery that goes along with your non-perishable food donations you provide throughout the year.

For 20 years now, the annual Thanksgiving box drives have served the Portland area. Thanksgiving 2016 donations reached 337 boxes, within each included a \$20 gift card for a turkey with dinner.

Keeping those served in-place is critical for stable jobs, schools and the maintenance of their neighborhood and parish connections. Your financial contribution provides funds to pay utility bills, preventing the shut-off of utilities and payments on past due rents, preventing evictions. That support has been especially important this year.

## GARDEN MINISTRY

The Garden Ministry is currently comprised of 18 individuals from the parish who participate in tending some of the gardens around the church grounds. The main focus is the 19 community gardens located behind the church where vegetables are grown for personal consumption and for donations to the needy. Plants in the garden are either purchased by the individuals or donated by the community. Seven plots are designated as food bank gardens and most of that produce is donated. People who have their own gardens also donate some of their food. As of the end of August 2017, we have given over 800 pounds of fruits and vegetables to the Tualatin School House Pantry.

The secondary focus of the ministry is maintaining all of the rosebushes around the church and surrounding buildings. This involves deadheading, fertilizing, cleaning the beds and cutting them back in the fall and spring.

The principle pillar of stewardship is Service. We also strive to raise the awareness of hunger issues in our own parish and the community at large. Those of us in the ministry enjoy the camaraderie of working together and sharing ideas about planting, where to get free plants and working in the gardens themselves.

We are always in need of volunteers to help with this work. Your time commitment can be small or large depending on your time and interest. Usually there are two work parties a year to prepare the gardens in the spring and to clean up in the fall.

NEW!

ELIZABETH

MINISTRY

The Elizabeth Ministry is a response to the needs of women and families during the childbearing years. We are a NEW ministry looking for volunteers who can share personal stories, similar experiences and are able to support, encourage and assist other members of our parish during this unique time in their lives. To learn more about this dynamic ministry or to seek support please contact the parish office.



Garden Ministry's handiwork in full bloom during the summer of 2017.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Knights of Columbus Council has received the gift of the membership of over one hundred adult male parishioners. We receive support, guidance, direction and inspiration from the larger Knights of Columbus organization, which is the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society with 2 million members in 15,000 councils throughout the United States and in a dozen other countries. We cherish the ongoing support of our pastor, who is a Fourth Degree member of our order. Our Catholic faith is central to everything we do. We share our love of God and of our great country with a commitment to putting that faith into action with works of service and charity.

Stewardship has refocused the purpose of many activities undertaken by our local council. Many of the dinner events were described in the past as fundraising events for worthy causes. Now the emphasis upon Stewardship has directed our attention to other values such as hospitality and service, which accompanied the community aspect of those events.

Look no further then when attending mass: the Knights are in the choir, acting as Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers. In 2016, the Knights added a Baptismal Program to welcome the families of newborns into our church. The Men's Ministry, which is held on the second Saturday of the month, is open to all parishioners and visitors and is conducted by one of our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights.

Coupled with this new sense of Stewardship is the Knights' commitment to "Building the Domestic Church" through its "The Family Fully Alive" program. This program is designed to enrich family life through prayers, meditations and activities. Our first endeavor

was an evening of Adoration and Reflection for "Marriage and the Family."

Reflecting upon the guiding principles of the order, which are *charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism*, we have reinvigorated our sense of purpose. The Knights have been a prominent presence and participation at the annual Mass and Summer Picnic in the Park. What would the fall be without the Annual "Knight's Oktoberfest," which is a night of good food, music and of course BINGO.

Several years ago our council initiated a program that provides sleeping bags for the homeless each winter. This program continues to grow through the substantial donations of other organizations. Our enthusiastic involvement in food assistance like the "40 Cans for Lent" program was successful last year, collecting food and financial donations that supported the Bridgeport Backpack program and local food banks.

Much can be said about the Knights' charitable contributions to the church and community, but even more, the Knights are a *Fraternal Organization* dedicated to building spiritually strong Catholic men. Our Council has been active for 12 years; we aspire to grow in faith and membership with the goal of being leaders in our church and communities. If you have the time, talents and the desire to live a more active *Catholic Faith*, we welcome you to join our Council; your energy and new ideas will continue our presence for future generations.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Knights of Columbus ministry, please contact: Andy Bergman, Grand Knight, at [kofc.13851.gk@gmail.com](mailto:kofc.13851.gk@gmail.com) or 503-639-1785, or contact Craig Cooley, Membership Director, at [craig@craigcooley.com](mailto:craig@craigcooley.com).



**Annual Picnic at Willamette Park in West Linn, held Aug. 28, 2016.**

## MARY'S COUSINS (KNITTING)

**"Man may work from sun to sun, but woman's work is never done."**

Over 12 years ago in their spare time, four ladies gathered to knit and crochet baby blankets for mothers in need. While deciding a name for the group, Mother Mary and her prominence in our Catholic faith came to mind. Mary's spirit is always guiding us: the ladies who knit and crochet are her cousins using time and talent for good works. Thank you to Delores Maloney, Janie Burns, Becky Moore and Jane Mize for starting Mary's Cousins Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Mary's Cousins knit and crochet four main projects throughout the year. Prayer shawls are presented to those in medical, mental or emotional need. The shawl provides comfort, warmth, peace and a visible sign of God's love. Baby blankets, hats and booties are made and donated to Catholic Charities mother and baby programs. Warm winter hats for men, women and children are made and donated to various shelters and food pantries in our area. Finally, small, white baptismal shawls are made and presented to parents for their infant's baptism.

To date, over 600 prayer shawls have been presented to those seeking comfort, an average of 50 a year. Last spring, 158 baby blankets were donated to Catholic Charities. And this past winter, approximately 1000 knitted and crocheted hats were donated to shelters

and pantries in the surrounding community.

Currently about a dozen ladies try to gather weekly to knit, crochet and enjoy each other's company. If interested in receiving a prayer shawl, donating yarn or joining the group, please contact Laura Hamel at 503-656-2437 or [lhamel315@hotmail.com](mailto:lhamel315@hotmail.com).

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is a group of parishioners who 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 visions into reality.

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

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

The Parish council also solicits input from the Parish through the Listening Sessions. **CONTINUED**

**NEW!**

**VOLUNTEER**

**CONNECTION**

Volunteer Connections is a new Resurrection Parish ministry focused on connecting those who can help with those in need. At times in our lives, all of us need help. We are a parish family and should be there for each other.

For information, please contact Sally Eglund, Outreach Coordinator, at [reach@rcparish.org](mailto:reach@rcparish.org) or 503-482-6877.

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The information is reviewed by the Parish Council and when appropriate referred to the affected Ministry.

The Parish council currently meets in the Moisant Center on the third Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Current members include: Marilyn Ogorzaly, Jeff Hjelte, Karen Cook, Joe Amato, Joe Monahan, Bettina Jacobs, Scott Wolff and Molly Hoeflich. Our meetings are open to all parishioners and we welcome those who feel a calling to become members of this important ministry. Contact Molly Hoeflich, Parish Council Chairperson, at 503 655-4247.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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

In the previous 12 months, the Stewardship Commission has focused its efforts on the pillar of Service. Shortly after Lent, the Stewardship Commission spearheaded a group of people who organized a service project around making sack lunches for a local food bank and service organization. Parishioners were invited to come over to Rossman Hall after Mass to put together components of the lunches that were then delivered to the food bank.

Along with this specific project, the Stewardship Commission also continued its efforts with Lenten Prayer Partners, Commitment Sunday, and the Ministry Fairs. In the fall of 2016 the Stewardship Commission made available to parishioners a small group faith sharing effort that was 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.

The Stewardship Commission is comprised of fellow parishioners who are spiritually motivated and 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.

Commission members are visionary and are not afraid to ask, "what if"? They do not tell parishioners what to do, rather they invite them to participate in stewardship opportunities and to take their faith seriously.

Commission members are a diverse group, with differing talents and abilities, but 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.

## PEACE AND JUSTICE

Inspired by the Gospel and the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, the Peace & Justice Ministry serves Resurrection Parish by providing opportunities for parishioners to personally experience Christian

service and become more aware of the needs of our entire human family and God's creation in deed, thought and prayer.

Our current projects include -

- Meals at St. Andre Bessette Parish in downtown Portland: Resurrection parishioners prepare and serve a soup and sandwich meal for the marginalized and homeless at St. Andre's seven times a year.
- Christmas Giving Tree: the annual collection and distribution of gifts for needy children and families occurs during Advent.
- Caring for God's Creation Environmental Fair: the Church calls everyone to take part in caring for the Earth. This event provides information and advice on being ecologically responsible.
- 40 Cans for 40 Days Lenten Food Collection: our Ministry joins St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus to gather food for distribution to food pantries and the Tualatin Backpack Program. The Backpack Program provides food for school children who often lack food on the weekends.
- Bread for the World Letter Writing Campaign: one weekend every year, parishioners are asked to write letters to their Congressional members requesting that they vote for legislation to provide assistance to those in poverty in the U.S. and countries throughout the world that are afflicted by drought, famine, war and other atrocities.
- Rebuilding Together: Resurrection joins Rebuilding Together one Saturday a year to help low income, physically challenged, elderly and other homeowners make necessary repairs and clean up their homes.

Our ministry is a member of the Archdiocese Office of Life, Justice & Peace.

Please prayerfully consider joining us in service to others! We meet in the Moisant Center the second Wednesdays of September through June at 7:00 PM. For further information, contact Penny McArdle at 503-636-1272, or penny@mcardle.us.



## QUILTERS' MINISTRY

The Quilter's Ministry has changed from an auction fundraising-focused group to providing quilts to a wide variety of people in need. This has been an interesting year in that we received several donations from parishioners of supplies, including a number of partially finished quilt projects. We have been able to finish the work of these donors and give a completed quilt to someone who will love it.

We have donated 30 quilts in the past 12 months to three organizations:

- Good Neighbor House, which houses homeless families in transition;
- Cares NW, which gives quilts to children entering foster care;
- The McDonald Center, which houses low income elderly. We donated quite a few lap quilts to be used as prizes during the annual LIFETEEN-hosted Christmas party at the center.

We feel that wrapping someone in a handmade quilt, made in love, is our way of being Jesus for others.

The group also provides fellowship and friendship in the Parish, and is open to anyone interested in learning this craft.

# Financial Summary

For the year ending June 30, 2017

INCOME	July 2015 to June 2016	July 2016 to June 2017	2016-17 Budget	Budget Variance (over/short)	2017-18 Budget
<b>4100 · OFFERTORY</b> <i>Mass collections &amp; online general donations</i>	745,990	733,179	782,190	(49,011)	754,225
<b>4200 · COLLECTIONS &amp; DONATIONS</b> <i>Red envelope collections &amp; donations for specific programs</i>	140,961	30,067	50,000	(19,933)	38,200
<b>4300 · BEQUESTS, GIFTS &amp; GRANTS</b> <i>Stock sales, retirement donations, special donations from groups</i>	1,316	49,022	15,800	33,222	2,475
<b>4400 · FEES FOR SERVICES</b> <i>Wedding fees, mass intentions, hospitality income</i>	15,322	8,049	9,550	(1,501)	5,480
<b>4500 · SALES REVENUES</b> <i>Votive lights, Hawaiian Luau, womens' luncheon</i>	37,029	16,145	2,170	13,975	11,375
<b>4600 · TUITION/ PROGRAM FEES</b> <i>Preschool &amp; Faith Formation income: registration, tuition, retreat fees</i>	268,238	292,143	289,300	2,843	363,180
<b>4700 · OTHER REVENUE</b> <i>Bank interest income, insurance proceeds</i>	538	36	120	(84)	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,209,394</b>	<b>1,128,641</b>	<b>1,149,130</b>	<b>(20,489)</b>	<b>1,174,935</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>5100 · PERSONNEL COSTS</b> <i>Employee salaries, temporary worker salaries</i>	510,041	542,520	543,228	(708)	555,660
<b>5200 · PAYROLL TAXES</b> <i>Payroll taxes for employees</i>	46,578	38,419	40,670	(2,251)	41,360
<b>5300 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b> <i>Health insurance, retirement, priest housing &amp; meal allowance</i>	113,786	127,399	140,712	(13,313)	130,575
<b>5400 · EMPLOYEE TRAVEL</b> <i>Mileage reimbursement, food &amp; lodging for employees</i>	1,653	54	325	(271)	90
<b>5500 · CONFERENCES &amp; CONVENTIONS</b> <i>Registration fees, travel, food &amp; lodging for attendees</i>	457	1,222	400	822	400
<b>5600 · ASSESSMENTS &amp; DONATIONS</b> <i>Archdiocese assessment, clergy pension shortfall, assorted donations to other groups</i>	71,038	70,975	77,824	(6,849)	74,600
<b>5700 · SERVICES TO PARISHIONERS</b> <i>Offertory envelopes, books, coffee &amp; donuts, hall &amp; kitchen supplies, special events</i>	27,431	34,074	24,750	9,324	31,965
<b>5800 · EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES</b> <i>Preschool &amp; Faith Formation expenses - classroom supplies, curriculum, out of parish school subsidy, tuition assistance</i>	80,105	73,062	89,260	(16,198)	90,275
<b>5900 · LITURGICAL EXPENSES</b> <i>Church music, decorations, mass supplies, missalettes</i>	6,008	9,359	10,284	(925)	8,985
<b>6000 · COMPUTER EXPENSES</b> <i>Software subscriptions, computer supplies &amp; maintenance</i>	6,119	4,611	3,330	1,281	4,130
<b>6100 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES &amp; EQUIP.</b> <i>Maintenance, purchase, &amp; rental of furniture, fixtures, &amp; equipment</i>	10,395	13,919	3,860	10,059	5,125
<b>6200 · PHYSICAL PLANT COSTS</b> <i>Father's house rent, security costs</i>	30,174	32,861	35,675	(2,814)	33,580
<b>6300 · MAINTENANCE &amp; REPAIRS</b> <i>Building, landscaping, all maintenance and repairs for facilities</i>	61,148	49,334	52,200	(2,866)	43,515
<b>6400 · UTILITIES</b> <i>Garbage, gas, electric, water and sewer</i>	46,880	50,344	47,100	3,244	51,515
<b>6600 · GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b> <i>General administration costs: advertising, insurance, copy machine leases, postage, etc.</i>	70,446	70,143	68,847	1,296	69,775
<b>6700 · OTHER EXPENSES</b> <i>Bank and credit card charges, fees for use of online giving programs</i>	56,283	13,595	10,380	3,215	10,720
<b>7100 · CAPITAL OUTLAY</b> <i>Repairs or purchases of items that cost more than \$3500, where expense will be recorded over several years</i>	0	0	0	0	22,662
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,138,542</b>	<b>1,131,891</b>	<b>1,148,845</b>	<b>(16,954)</b>	<b>1,174,932</b>
<b>BUDGET OVER (SHORT)</b>	<b>70,852</b>	<b>(3,250)</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>(3,535)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Moisant Center Loan Balance</b>	<b>732,466</b>	<b>569,779</b>		<b>162,687</b>	