2018-2019 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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STEWARDSHIP POSITIVELY SHAPES THIS PARISH

My dear parishioners,

Throughout Sacred Scripture, we are called to give of ourselves as faithful Christians and set priorities about how each of us will be involved in spreading the Word of God and teaching the adults and children of our parish community.

Since 2015, we have applied these teachings as Stewardship through the framework of the four pillars – Prayer, Service, Formation and Hospitality – in all we do. It has positively changed the ways in which we develop the parish budget, manage our parish ministries and teach our children and adults the ways of being authentic disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a result, ministry participation has increased. Attendance at parish events has increased. And, our gifts of treasure have increased. These are all wonderful signs that our people have answered the call to Stewardship and will, I believe, continue to do so. I am so very pleased with your positive and generous response.

Fr. Bill Moisant

As you read the following ministry submissions, you will read that they are in need of new volunteers. Our parish could not do this holy work without each one of you working as God's good stewards. A steward at the time of Jesus was someone whom the head of a household put in charge of the functioning of the house. The steward did not do his own work, but the work of his master. Likewise, we are not to simply focus on our own needs and interests, but to take into account the work of God that we are called to do by virtue of our baptism. At the heart of the gospel is the teaching of Jesus calling us to be a resurrected people and dying to self so that others may live.

I encourage you to pay close attention to the following accounts from your fellow parishioners in this annual report and that you listen to the call of the Holy Spirit in terms of your giving of your time, talent and treasure. I ask that you look for opportunities to be involved in the growth and service of this parish and our community, and that you continue to respond positively to the call of the Holy Spirit with a generous and love-filled heart.

May God continue to bless you in many ways! - Fr. Bill

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

Imagine if . . .

Imagine if we dreamed we could have a Faith Formation Center! Now we've begun to dream about what comes next!

In the winter of 2019, parishioners were asked to "Imagine if" our parish eliminated our nearly $6,000 monthly debt payment for the Moisant Faith Formation Center. Parishioners were asked to "dream big" with their recommendations to the parish.

And dream they did! Parishioners suggested nearly 200 dreams, which were published online (see the web address below.) And many parishioners increased their offering to help reduce the remaining Moisant Faith Formation Center debt. The looming nightmare for the parish has been that we may be forced to use funds from our operational budget to pay the mortgage, which would impact our daily operations, our ministries and our community outreach.

A five-year parish plan is in the works, which includes the Center debt elimination and as many Dreams from our "Imagine if" initiative as we have support of time, talent and treasure to complete.

You may continue to offer your "dreams" online. Please listen closely to the Holy Spirit and consider your donation to help eliminate the Center debt as well as contribute to the next Big Dream.

DREAM BIG!

"We should consider helping some of the poorer parish in the archdiocese with money for educators, school supplies, or other assistance such as repairs or basic upgrades – perhaps a challenge for matching funds.."

"Take this opportunity to complete the Moisant Center as designed in the original plans."

"Open a youth center for middle and high schoolers with pool tables and games, etc., but also incorporate classes in abstinence, drug prevention, family issue resolution, etc."

Read the DREAMS submitted by parishioners here: https://rcparish.org/imagine-if/

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.**

Serving behind the scenes

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 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 Father Bill each Thursday for a Mass** at the same above locations. If Father Bill is unavailable, the ministers conduct a communion service to the group. This allows Father Bill also to meet the residents we visit each week, and often the residents request Anointing of the Sick or have other questions/concerns for Father Bill.
- **We have some parishioners who cannot come to Mass due to major illnesses, surgery or permanent disabilities**. When anyone contacts the office that they (or a family member or parishioner) cannot come to Mass regularly, Homebound Ministry is notified 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.
- **Our ministry also connects with the Comforter Companion ministry.** We may already be visiting a parishioner weekly with the Holy Eucharist and discover he or she may be facing end of life during this time. We then tie-in with the Comforter Companion ministry to coordinate our efforts and include other options, such as praying together or just visiting.

This ministry connects those who cannot come to Mass to our parish community

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/disabled and can no longer come 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 to our parish community and makes them valued and not forgotten. The power of the Holy Eucharist brings them spiritual strength and comfort during difficult times and circumstances. Whether it's a retirement facility, adult care home or parishioner's home, we will go to them. The staff people or families present also see that these parishioners' lives matter to us and that their faith matters to them.

We have many wonderful Homebound ministers – both male and female. And their dedication to this ministry is truly inspiring! Please contact us if you are interested in learning more! (Judy Cook)

Lectors share the Word with the parish

"The Word of the Lord." This is the powerful statement we hear at the conclusion of the readings at Mass. What a powerful statement; a powerful proclamation! We, as Catholics, are blessed and hear the Word every time we celebrate the most Holy Mass. The Word teaches us, inspires us, guides us and demonstrates God's endless love for us.

The parishioners who enter the Sanctuary, walk up to the ambo (lectern) and proclaim the Word of the Lord are called Lectors. This is a very special ministry. Those that are called to serve have a love for the Word. We have about 60 people who have answered the call and proclaim the Word every week. These Lectors develop a special relationship with the Holy Spirit as they pray, prepare and ultimately proclaim the Word of the Lord.

Lectors are honored and blessed to share the Word with Resurrection! (Jeff Akin and Patrick McGuire)

Extraordinary service

The role of the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** is to assist Father Bill and serve the parish community the Precious Body and the Precious Blood of Christ during Mass.

Combining our three Masses, we have approximately 98 women and men serving. We welcome new members at any time. We currently have three ministry team leaders, whose responsibility is to encourage our team to go on line and sign up for the Mass position and date they choose to serve. Our team leaders are: Saturday 4:30 PM Mass: Gloria Camp; Sunday 8:30 AM Mass: Mary Neil; and, Sunday 11:00 AM Mass: Karen Corso.

To join this ministry, just contact the team leader of the Mass in which you would like to

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PARISH CENSUS

Data collected from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

	2017	2018	2019
Total parishioner families	1469	1423	1479
New parishioner families	32	46	56
Baptisms	31	29	22
First Communion Youth	41	31	36
Confirmed	25	42	17
All youth in Formation	n/a	221	222
Life Kids (pre-school - grade 5)	111	99	102
EDGE (grades 6 thru 8)	40	43	25
LIFETEEN (grades 9 thru 12)	62	71	52
Unregistered children/youth	4	8	0
RCIA Candidates/Catechumens	6	9	7
Preschool enrollment	72	72	75
Marriages	5	6	2
Deaths	9	9	10

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serve; also contact the sacristan, Father Bill or the Office. Once you show a desire to serve, you will be given information about the Eucharist to read at your convenience before a formal training session. All those serving now are volunteers and have become Intentional Disciples of Christ by signing up and serving.

Our ministers have voiced their joy and pleasure in seeing prayerful, smiling faces coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Our ministers like the convenience of signing up online and selecting their date and position. Our ministers are humbled and feel privileged to serve the Precious Body and Precious Blood of Christ.

We always welcome more volunteers and encourage you to talk to one of us about becoming our next Intentional Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and an Intentional Disciple of Christ. (Gloria Camp)

Expressing our love of God through music

The **Music Ministry** is primarily represented by a group of parishioners who work together with Father Bill and Music Director Marcus Reynolds to provide music that supports the liturgy and encourages full and active participation by the assembly in worship.

When choosing music for the liturgy, we consider the relevance of our selections to the season, the daily readings and the existing musical culture of the parish. We are interested in selecting music that reflects the rich musical history of the Catholic Church. We look to maintain our essential connection to the past while staying relevant to the needs of a modern parish. We aim to energize and welcome while creating an atmosphere that is also prayerful and reflective. We make music a creative action stemming from the desire of our hearts to express a love for God.

The Music Ministry is currently looking for more people to join us on this journey of service. If you have a musical background of any kind and are interested in contributing to the music ministry we would love to hear from you. Currently we have several opportunities to get involved, including participants in the Sunday 8:30 AM choir and a volunteer willing to learn how to run sound board for the 11:00 AM Contemporary Group.Some of the highlights of our year included a full-house performance December 23rd at the Grotto as part of the "Festival of Lights," our second "Carols with the Choir" concert and the premiere of several new original works. The annual Mass in the Park featured the beginning of our new Parish Karaoke Contest as well as the triumphant return of the RCP Brass. We are proud of all of our ministry members and the many hours they put in to provide quality music that is uplifting and serves the liturgy and the parish! (Marcus Reynolds)

A prayer in your pocket

These small pocket prayers have had a BIG impact. In the last year, close to 3000 have made their way into the hands, pockets and purses of our parish community and even across the globe with pilgrim parishioners! Please consider joining our team as we find good and spirited prayers, procure holy medals, knit, crochet, quilt and assemble these pocket prayers that are blessed by Father Bill, who reminds all of us: "Never underestimate the power of prayer." (Liz Allen)

DURING HOLY WEEK

Parishioners attending the Thursday Night mass during the 2018 Holy Week take part in the annual washing of feet.

Members of the Resurrection choirs performed to a full house December 23, 2018, at the Grotto in Northeast Portland.

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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.*

Walking in brotherhood

Over the past year, **Men's Ministry** has gathered every Second Saturday to walk through the Gospel reading for the Sunday Mass. We read through the Gospel three times and consider how our lives break across and are impacted by the Gospel rather than how we can fit the Gospel to our lives. We spend the time between each meeting responding to the Gospel and applying it in our own lives, in our families, in our church and in the community through which we journey. Founded in prayer, brotherhood and living out the Gospel, we share our challenges and successes with each other and walk together seeking transformation in Christ as we steward the gift of life we have received. All brothers are welcome to walk with us. (Eugene Wallace)

A new study group: Blessed is She

While not necessarily a ministry, a group of women gathered all summer 2019 for fellowship.

Every Monday evening, twelve women/moms gathered at a parishioner's home for fellowship, to learn about the lives of the saints, to study the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and utilize a Blessed is She study guide (www.blessedisshe.net). The women prayed, studied, laughed and shared hospitality, prayer and service with one another.

Some of the materials used by the Blessed is She study group.

"**Blessed is She** is a Catholic women's community committed to deepening a life of prayer starting with daily Scripture devotionals and supportive sisterhood," according to the website. "We begin with the Word of God and grow as sisters as we share our hearts. We believe in beauty pointing toward the Divine, and we strive to live a Eucharistic life."

There are talks of continuing these gatherings throughout the year. (Patricia Mackie)

Bible study that extends into daily lives and friendships

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group continues to be an active and vibrant part of Resurrection Parish!

The ministry began in the fall of 2000. We continue to meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM in the Faith Formation Center, second floor, throughout the year. We have women of all ages 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 12-15 in the summer.

Our goal is to be open and inviting to all women of the parish: to allow for learning the bible together and sharing our 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 that 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! Our ability to discuss the Bible, what it means to our lives today and how to grow with the new knowledge that we obtain, carries into our daily living in our families, parish and outside into our communities. Having a group with whom we discuss our faith truly helps us all to grow. We especially hope to always have all age groups represented: the perspectives of the different ages really add to our discussions. We have also enjoyed planning visits to local religious sites, such as Mt Angel and the Grotto. We go as a group at least once a year.

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 hope to continue growing and welcoming new women to our ministry. Women can join at any time of the year, even if we have already started a study. No experience required! (Judy Cook)

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A JOYFUL WEEK FOR VBS THIS SUMMER

Our 2019 ROAR-themed Vacation Bible School was a joyful week-long celebration of learning all about and experiencing God's goodness. Thanks to our 30+ volunteers, over 60 children from our parish and community had the opportunity to hear, see and feel God's love through singing, dancing, games, activities and fellowship. Old friendships grew deeper and new friendships were formed. Each VBS crew felt like a little family by the end of the week. We left with full hearts knowing that we are loved and that throughout all of life's ups and downs, GOD IS GOOD! (Sarah Hoffman)

NEARLY 80 CHILDREN EMPOWERED, GUIDED BY GOD

Resurrection Catholic Preschool & Kindergarten celebrated our sixth year as a vibrant ministry of Resurrection Catholic Parish. With over 60 families and 80 students, the 2018 - 2019 school year was filled with numerous blessings.

Our children enjoyed breaking in our new nature playground - getting dirty, creating, climbing, splashing and having fun! As educators, we recognize that natural playgrounds provide our children with more opportunities than typical pre-formed playgrounds to develop gross-motor skills. In addition, we know from research that contact with nature has been associated with a number of health benefits for children, such as improved cognitive function, increased creativity, improved interaction with adults, reduced attention deficit hyperactivity disorder symptoms and reduced rates of aggression.

Our children were blessed this past year to have time learning in our Atrium with Teacher Amanda. Amanda has been trained in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is passionate about sharing the richness of the Catholic faith with our children, who are uniquely capable of accepting the beauty of God's love. This sacred space has become a favorite among the children, as CGS emphasizes quiet contemplation and the "enjoyment of God." We have witnessed our children's desire to draw nearer to God with sensitive guidance from their teacher, as well as the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to the continuation and growth of this program at RCPK.

Outreach at RCPK included several events that brought families into our community. In the fall we had a Wine & Appetizer night for parents, pumpkin patch field trips, SVdP food drive and a special day for Dad's & Donuts. Winter brought a family sing-along, Christmas Pageant and Grandparent's Day Celebration. In the spring, we celebrated Mother's Day with a tea and ended our year with our annual Art Show. This latter event has become a tradition that school and parish families look forward to each year.

Last spring and through the summer, we have had many hours of good discussion about how staff and families can work together to ensure that our students are receiving a developmentally appropriate education that supports and empowers them in reaching their full potential as children of promise, intelligence and goodness.

We have spent the summer working hard to strengthen and enrich our programs, fortifying our identity as a Catholic school and exploring ways in which our parish and school can work together as one community. We are proud and excited to launch the 2019-2020 school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership! (Tresa Rast)

Youth from EDGE and LIFE TEEN posed before their Christmas Cheer Project.

Members of Confirmation Prep pose with Fr. Bill and Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny.

LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN, our High School Ministry, meets on Sundays after the 11:00 Mass. We support, inspire and encourage one another and grow as faithful disciples of Jesus. Teens from between eight and ten high schools come together to form wonderful friendships based on our common faith. We grow together by participating in the annual Fall Retreat, Thursday night "Nightstrike" service opportunities, serving the elderly and suffering of our parish on our winter retreat, growing deeper on our Junior/Senior Spring Retreat, and joining in the Summer Mission Trip. We also serve the parish through our participation as Mass lectors, Eucharistic ministers, VBS volunteers, putting on a "LIVE" Stations of the Cross during Lent, etc.

Preschoolers enter the church for a Christmas Pageant.

Confirmation Prep

Confirmation Prep flows out of LIFE TEEN. Teens who wish to be confirmed added these extra CP sessions to dig deeper into their Catholic faith. Teens participate in LIFE TEEN retreats, study sessions and activities. We had a group of 17 who were confirmed in May by Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny.

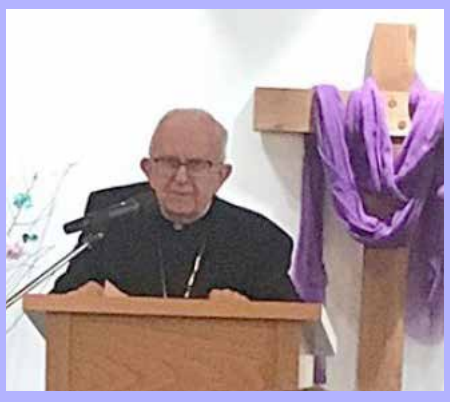
EDGE

Our Middle School Ministry meets on Sundays between the Masses. We focused on the Actions of Jesus this past year: how we could be like him as we walk our journey of being a Disciple of Christ together. We made a LOT of blankets, which we were able to give as gifts at Christmas time to residents of many assisted living homes we visited. During our Sunday sessions, we grew in our relationships with one another and with Jesus.

Brown Bag Bible Study

This faithful group of men and women study scripture together on Thursdays from September through May or June at noon in the Fireside Room. Each session lasts about an hour during which the group participates in the discussions and facilitation. We have been meeting for 12 years, supporting, encouraging and inspiring one another! In the past the group has studied Acts of the Apostles, all the Letters of Saint Paul, many of the books of the Old Testament, including the life of David, The Psalms, the Gospel of John, the book of Hebrews and Revelation.

PARISHIONERS MEET FOR THE ENCOUNTER AT LENT



Parishioners attended "The Encounter" during Lent 2019, featuring a discussion led by Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny in April 2019.

SERVICE

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.*

Nourishing the soul at Father's Heart Ministry

Each month more than 30 parish volunteers prepare hot meals and sack lunches for **Father's Heart Street Ministry** (FHM), a Christian-based day facility for those in need in the Clackamas County / Oregon City area. FHM provides a safe refuge where those in need shower, sleep, eat a warm meal and rest in the peaceful presence of the Lord.

The FHM mission is to "share the love of Christ as demonstrated in the Word of God to transform the lives of hurting, lonely, hopeless and addicted people to be His Hands and Feet Extended in Love."

In the past year, parishioners of all ages have served in an accessible and organized way between Sunday masses. Importantly, the ministry involves children who pack sack lunches and decorate bags. Families can work together and discuss the importance of mercy and giving to the visitors.

One visitor said the "bags that are hand-painted by the children are just amazing." The visitors look at the bags, see the characters and then have to decide if they want a horse picture or a flower or a cross on their bags. They often have a hard time choosing which one they want for the day! These bags are sometimes the only positive thing that these visitors see; this kind action is hopefully helping them in their struggles.

Parish volunteers have made everything from homemade enchiladas and beans and rice, to handmade ice cream sandwiches to a pizza party that got a standing ovation. Parish volunteers are not only sharing 60 sack lunches a month that are taken home as dinner by visitors, but we are also sharing warm lunches to more than 150 a month. These meals mean more than nourishment of the body: parishioners go out of their way to share special family recipes and treats that also demonstrate our love and care for those who may feel alone. We seek to nourish the soul through our contributions.

Contributions by our parishioners have far exceeded our expectations. Every month, nearly all the food for 60 sack lunches and a hot lunch meal for about 150 is donated. Teams of people coordinate to prepare special sides, like homemade potato salad and desserts. Individuals have decorated bags that are filled to the brim with sandwiches made by parishioners, snacks, homemade cookies, a pocket prayer, fruit and more. We've coordinated with Life Kids and Edge to make the effort an opportunity for learning about giving and mercy as well as integrating the event into religious education. We've fed more than 1,000 people since the beginning of the year, and received applause by shelter visitors for our contributions, including homemade pulled pork, which took more than a day to cook, and a pizza truck visit.

We will continue these efforts and continue to look for bigger opportunities to lead the monthly event. Bigger jobs include: clean up after kitchen prep, bag decorating, leading the hot meal kitchen team, recipe selection, sandwich making and delivery support. Many of the same volunteers are coordinating these bigger responsibilities, but we could always use regular backups. Additionally, we ask that parishioners look for the date each month in the church bulletin to fill sack lunches between masses, usually the last Sunday of the month.

We take donations at the church office for regular sack lunch items: non-perishable packaged chips, applesauce, sweets and individually packaged hand wipes, napkins, mayonnaise and bottled water. When you see the bags out during coffee and donuts, come join us to support those in need and learn more! (Holly Tichenor)

Elizabeth Ministry supports families who have lost infants

Elizabeth Ministry has spent the 2019 year focusing directly on our pregnancy loss support mission. We continue to offer support and prayer for couples who may be experiencing miscarriage, stillbirth or loss of an infant. In 2019, we supported a family in their loss journey.

We also met with the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Lake Oswego to discuss how best we can support families who have lost their babies including burying their babies remains.

We now have procedures, burial vessels and connections with Sacred Heart Cemetery to ensure that every baby gets a proper burial.

We also connected with the Nora Madelyn Fund to gather information for their annual butterfly release in honor of all miscarried and stillborn babies that occurs every October.

We encourage families to reach out if they are faced with the pain of pregnancy loss, and one of our ministers will sit, pray, talk and support you in whatever way we can. Feel free to reach out to Makindra Fitton or Patricia Mackie to find out more, receive support or become involved in Elizabeth Ministry. (Patricia Mackie)

Celebrate Life Community

The "First Right" is the Right to Life; Pope John Paul, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have all confirmed that Right…. Pope Francis said: "I greet the participants of the March for Life which took place this morning in Rome and invite everyone to stay focused on the important issue of respect for human life, from the moment of conception." (Pope Francis Addressing a huge pro-life rally in Rome on May 13, 2013.)

During 2018-19, we saw a helter-skelter year of legislation regarding Life of a Baby: states worked to protect and states worked to abort living babies. A secular part of society put idealistic rights ahead of a child's right, which is so contrary to the teachings of the church.

The **Celebrate Life Community** follows the direction of the Pope and the teaching of the church that every life has dignity. Through Stewardship, we have been called to focus our time and talents to educate, pray and volunteer.

Twice a year, we are involved with the "40 Days for Life" campaign; in the fall of 2019 (September 5 to November 3, 2019), prayer services will be led by Archbishop Sample. We will be joined by hundreds of parishioners from the Archdiocese.

The effort of those who pray and hand out literature outside Lovejoy Abortion Center has helped many women rethink their actions; those who have had a change of heart are offered financial and medical support. (See the website: https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/portland/)

We make several runs each year to Mother & Child Education Center; our presence brings smiles from the staff when we drop off bags donated with blankets, quilts and socks.

This year we hope to offer a series of informative videos on how to talk about respecting life; it so important to not offend another person whose family member may have been affected by abortion.

Our members are committed to helping women who are most in need of help for themselves and their babies; we do not judge.

If you would like to be a member, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Fireside Room at 6:30 PM. Come and learn how you can offer a loving and helping hand. Please contact Andy Bergman at tomphilly349@yahoo.com or 503-639-1785.

Stewards of the budget: The Finance Council

The Archdiocese describes a **Parish Finance Council** as the principal consultative body for the business affairs of the parish. It assists and supports the Pastor in his Stewardship of parish resources. The Parish Finance Council is a key element for promoting the financial health of the parish, assuring accountability and assisting the pastor with his business/temporal responsibilities.

The Finance Council at Resurrection Parish is made up of five members of the parish who are appointed by Father Bill. The council also includes the business manager, bookkeeper and Father Bill. A member of the Parish Council acts as liaison, but is not a voting member of the Finance Council. Currently, the parish members include Tony Orlandini (chairperson), Judy Cook, Dominick Corso, Mike Kane and Joe Monahan. The council meets six times a year, approving the budget and then reviewing the financial progress of the parish in line with the budget. The appointed members serve three-year terms. Parishioners interested in serving on the Finance Council should contact the parish office. Any openings are normally filled in January each year.

During the last few years, the parish has operated within the budget and has funded a reserve account to be used as needed when emergency or unexpected expenses occur. We have also funded some significant projects outside of the operational budget due to generous contributions from individual parishioners.

A lot of excitement has been built around the "Dream Big" campaign with many parishioners increasing their contributions of time and treasure.

The Finance Council would like to thank all parishioners for their stewardship and support of Resurrection Parish.

Good and plenty

The **Garden Ministry** is currently comprised of 14 individuals from the parish who participate in tending some of the gardens around the church grounds. The main focus of the ministry is the 18 community gardens located behind the church where vegetables are grown for personal consumption and donated to the needy. Plants in the garden are either purchased by the individuals or donated by the community.

Ten plots are designated as food bank gardens and most of that produce is donated. Some of the parishioners who have their own gardens also donate some of their produce. As of August 28, 2019, we have given over 600 pounds of fruits and vegetables to the Tualatin School House Pantry. There is a 19th plot that is used by the preschool for the children's enjoyment and education.

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 the roses back in the fall and spring.

The grape arbor behind the church sign on Ek Road is a work-in-progrress. We were able to run some wires between the posts to wrap the grape vines around and it looks much better. We are actually getting grapes from the arbor. More work remains to be done, such as installing vinyl boards between the posts to make it look more attractive when there are no vines in the winter. This year, a grant was

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PUT MEN'S FAITH INTO ACTION

The **Knights of Columbus**, like all groups, changes over time: we have been influenced by Stewardship and a more religious-directed initiative called, "Faith in Action."

In June, the Knights presented a Men's Retreat open to men of the parish. Going forward, we hope to present more spiritual opportunities for men. Through the Men's Ministry on the second Saturday of each month, men have the chance to share their religious life experiences and to pray for one another. Even the toughest of men, especially today, seek a commonality and grounding about their faith.

When at Mass, look around you; there you will find a welcoming smile and a hand shake as you enter the church. Up on the pulpit and altar, Knights are serving the church by making announcements, lecturing and serving as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

Our baptismal program proves to be something special to mothers and fathers: the simple gift of a pin, rose and blanket at each baptism brings many smiles to families.

To a Knight, family and children are especially important; a father can best help their children by example, which is why you will see Knights involved in faith formation programs.

Of course, there will always be Oktoberfest, Spaghetti Dinners and the Mass / Picnic in the Park, but charity plays a bigger part of the Knights. The Knights have given over 3000 sleeping bags to the poor over the past 10 years. Several Knights spend a Friday cooking for the homeless that look to St. Andre's Café for a hot meal.

Whether it is coffee and donuts, wine & cheese, game day at the Wilsonville Senior center or Bible Study at the Women's Correction Center, Knights are working behind the scenes.

If you want to join a diverse group of Catholic men, please contact Grand Knight Andy Bergman at: andybergs60@yahoo.com or membership Director Craig Cooley at craig@craigcooley.com.

Listening to the parish and advising Father Bill

The **Parish Council** meets monthly in the Moisant Center. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Joe Amato. Our main duty is to advise Father Bill on Parish matters and assist both he and the staff in any way. The Stewardship Committee disbanded in September and has become part of the Council. Father didn't want this group to be a subsidiary or affiliate, so the members are now on this Council. The combined Council membership is now Joe Amato (chair), Linda and Ken Beko, George Coleman, Karen Cook, Don Dravis, Jeff Hjelte, Irene Jones, Patricia Mackie, Sherry Miller, Marilyn Ogorzaly, Paula Smith, Tom Scheideman, Holly Tichenor and Father Bill.

Our main concern is that all council members are fully aware of what is going on in our parish so they will be able to answer any questions that come from members of Resurrection. We recently had listening sessions after each Mass and Father answered most of the questions that came up in the bulletin and email. We are also scheduled to have "ministry commissioning" during Masses to acknowledge the awesome work our ministries do for our parish and the community. We will also have "witness talks" again from parishioners. We will begin these after the Labor Day holiday. (Joe Amato)

LOVE IN EACH SQUARE: RESURRECTION QUILTERS

In this past year, Resurrection Quilters made and donated 31 handmade quilts to local charities, foster children, new mothers and senior citizens who have all received warm and cozy gift made with love. We have a core group of about a dozen quilters of all experience levels and welcome anyone interested in quilting. (Laura Manske)

Garden Ministry

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written to Helping Hands to permanently run cables between the posts to more effectively grow the grapes.

A principle pillar of stewardship is service. We also strive to raise awareness of hunger issues in our own parish and 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 clean up in the fall. (Jack Michaels)

Handmade love: Mary's Cousins Prayer Shawl Ministry

Throughout the year, the members of **Mary's Cousins** crochet and knit beautiful prayer shawls, winter hats, baby blankets and infant baptismal shawls. This past year was very productive.

- Over 54 prayer shawls were given to those suffering loss or for emotional support
- 1000 warm winter hats were donated to homeless shelters, food pantries and PTA clothes closets
- 147 baby blankets, some with matching hats and sweaters, were donated to Catholic Charities

Prayer shawls are a visible sign of God's love: made from our hands and lovingly given to another. Prayer shawls are healing, as this grateful parishioner said so eloquently in a thank you card:

> *Dear Wonderful Knitters and Crocheters of Resurrection Catholic Parish,*
>
> *I wish to thank you for the snuggly prayer shawl given to me after my husband's funeral. It has been used many times and I can tell you how loved I feel when it is around my shoulders. Thank you to all of you who spend those many selfless hours creating the wonderful shawls. I will never forget this kindness and sharing of love to someone in great need.*

If you would like to be part of this giving ministry or to donate yarn, please contact Laura Hamel at 503-656-2437.

Blood, sweat and hospitality

The **Red Cross Blood Drive** has provided many benefits to the Resurrection parish and to 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 seven 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 107 presenting donors from the church membership and the surrounding community. There were three first time donors among this group. From those presenting donors, the Red Cross teams collected 105 units of whole blood donations. The donations from Resurrection Catholic Parish during the past twelve months went on to serve up to 315 patients in need. Blood donations help sick individuals within our parish as well as to those outside of the parish.

Our donations increased by 12 percent over last year, continuing 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; we hope to improve on the goal in the coming year! I am confident that I can speak for myself and the other Blood Drive volunteers that we are also grateful to serve both the Resurrection parish and a worthy organization such as the American Red Cross. (Don Love)

Seeing Christ in the poor and hungry

The **Peace and Justice** ministry's mission is to provide opportunities for our parishioners to live out Catholic social teaching and to see Christ in the distressing disguise of the poor. Highlights of our involvement in 2018-2019 include:

- **St André Bessette Parish Friday Evening Hospitality** (ongoing support): Peace and Justice facilitated our parishioners to prepare and serve six meals to hundreds of people living on the streets and provide a Christmas party for people that may not have had another opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth. This year included facilitating background checks of people volunteering with meals.
- **Catholic Campaign for Human Development/World Day of the Poor** (November): Building on Pope Francis's call to help "the poor find the way to be poor no longer," we promoted Catholic Social Teaching and helped our parish raise $4,200, a 150 percent increase over what we raised in 2017 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This money supported programs to help the poor address the root causes of their poverty.
- **Giving Tree** (December): Planned, collected and distributed the gifts our parishioners brought in for the Woodburn Head Start Preschools, Compassion in Action, Bridges to Change and parishioners with urgent needs.

A parishioner spruces up the paint during a ReBuilidng Portland event in April 2019.

- **40 Cans for 40 Days** (Lent): Working with St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights, Peace and Justice helped collect and distribute food for the Tualatin Backpack program and food pantries.
- **Rebuilding Together** (April): This year our parish helped a disabled woman by repairing slip hazards, painting, performing yard maintenance and cleaning out the basement, as well as painting another individual's home.
- **Offering of Letters** (May): In response to Pope Francis' reminder "We need to participate for the common good ... Good Catholics immerse themselves in politics..." our parishioners wrote about 80 letters to our representatives supporting global nutrition initiatives. (Gary Corgan)

Donations from 40 Cans For Lent are brought to the alter during Mass.

Over 2000 served with food, rent and utility support

Among the members of the Resurrection Conference of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**, the pillar of Service reinforces why we volunteer our time and talents to humbly offer food and support to help those in need. Our members always recognize we are able to serve only from the generosity of the parish members. For those gifts we are deeply appreciative.

Distributing emergency food, rent and utility assistance to those in need is the heart of this SVdP conference. During 2018-19, 25,572 pounds of fresh and non-perishable food were distributed, serving 2,174 people. Rent and utility support of $39,231 (up from $25,293 in 2018) allowed 122 families in our community to remain in-place and kept their heat and lights on.

For over 20 years the parish has supported the Thanksgiving food box collection, donating 409 boxes in 2018, of which 125 boxes were delivered by parishioners into our parish area this past Thanksgiving season. The boxes are filled by parishioners with a traditional Thanksgiving meal and supplemented with a gift card for the main entre. We pray that we may continue the tradition in the years to come.

This year the outreach of our ministry again witnessed significant increases in food, rent and utility requests, as well as volunteer time. The support and cooperation of the many ministries of Resurrection Catholic Parish has made the service even a greater blessing. The Knights of Columbus and the Peace and Justice Committee in the 40 Cans of Lent Food Drive brought 5,559 pounds of much needed food into the SVdP pantry and the backpack program at Bridgeport Elementary. We also appreciated the Welcome Committee who helped make the 40 Cans for Lent a success. Sharing with parishioners, whether on the fourth Sunday of each month for Coffee and Donuts, the annual Lenten Soup Supper or the Pancake Breakfasts, are opportunities that can bring us all together. Finally, we thank the parishioners for their personal involvement, whether by spiritual and financial contributions, food donation or attending the parish pancake breakfasts. It all brings us together to serve God and to serve those in need. Thank you for joining us.

The 31 members of Resurrection Conference volunteered 5,508 hours (5,020 in 2018) and drove 6,258 miles to serve those in need in our community. During those hours members are often allowed access to individuals and families in a time of their need. We provide food, financial assistance and support to become witnesses for God's graces as demonstrated by the support provided by our parishioners.

We will continue expanding our ministry to help those in need in our community with the blessings of God and the support of our parishioners. (Roger Mason)

SVdP hosted a Pancake Breakfast for parishioners October 21, 2019.

SVdP volunteers collected Thanksgiving food boxes in November.

SVdP members show their appreciation for Ken O'Conner before his move to Florida.

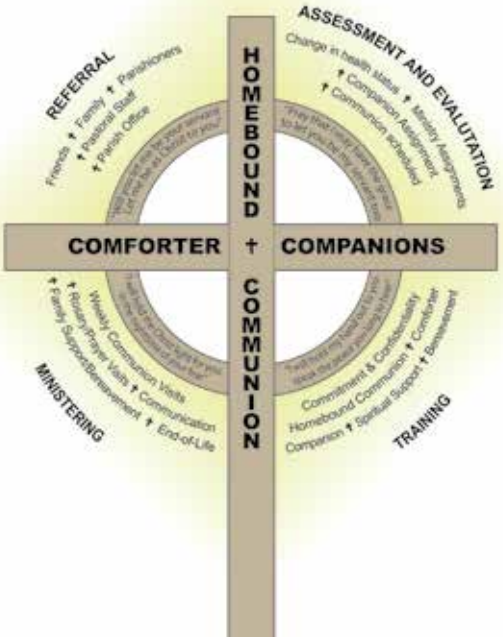
Health & Wellness Ministry provides body and spiritual wellness

The **Health and Wellness Ministry** is a group of parishioners who support our faith community through sharing Catholic healthcare resources promoting wellness for spirit, body and mind. Kim Kiely, Jane Lewis and Miriam Schneider are three registered nurses trained in faith community nursing who oversee our Health & Wellness Ministry (H&WM) activities. Additional information is available through our online Resurrection's webpage (http://rcparish.org/ministries/health-and-wellness-team/).

Training for the nurses is provided by Faith Community Nursing/Health Ministries Northwest, a non-profit organization, which educates and supports Faith Community Nurses and Health Ministers throughout the Pacific Northwest to advance wellness and wholeness of faith communities. (http://faithcommunitynursingnw.org/)

The Resurrection H&WM, established in 2007, supports optimal health and wellness through a variety of services that include: health education and advice; referral suggestions; development and oversight of support groups; and, volunteer coordination and spiritual care. Over the years, our group of parish volunteers and pastoral staff supported, delivered and managed a variety of events. Our 2019 events included:

- Blood pressure screening (monthly after Sunday masses October-June)
- Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation training event
- Management of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and First Aid Kits (located in the Moisant Center, Rossman Hall and Church)
- Grief Support Session events
- Brochure information on Catholic end of life care, specific chronic illnesses, community care resources available in our area, Comforter Companion Ministry, etc—all located in Rossman Hall foyer (also available through online webpage—http://rcparish.org/ministries/health-and-wellness-team/)
- **Comforter Companion** Ministry of Resurrection Catholic Parish, which responds to the spiritual needs of those at the end of life through prayerful home visits. At the time of this report, our Comforter Companions (CC) currently serve five families in their homes at any given time. In addition, many of our CCs are serving in Homebound Ministry bringing Eucharist to those in long-term care facilities. Parishioners have attended CC trainings since 2015. Each companion is 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



A graphic depicting our Comforter Companion and Homebound Communion ministry service to Resurrection parishioners is shown here. The graphic represents the service provided jointly through Comforter Companion and Homebound Communion ministries. (Miriam Schneider RN, MSN)

MASS IN THE PARK HELD AUGUST 25, 2019, AT WILLAMETTE PARK, WEST LINN

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. We seek to see the face of Christ in one another, and welcome each other as special.**

Our intentional outreach to new parishioners

The Welcome Committee offers a nice welcome to new parishioners through two or more personal phone calls or email, answering questions and explaining ministries in which they show interest. We ask these new parishioners to serve the church with their time and talents. We encourage them to be intentional ministers and be hospitable to all they greet.

We need people who can join the Welcoming Committee to help make others feel comfortable, confident and loved at Resurrection Parish. We need people who are socially comfortable reaching out to newcomers by both phone and e-mail.

- Asking questions about their interest, past experiences and needs in order to suggest ministries for them.
- Sharing joy of all the opportunities at Resurrection.
- Making contacts on a flexible schedule but completing them in a timely fashion.
- Closing 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.

Interested volunteers may contact: Linda Beko: lb.notin@gmail.com 503-935-6161.

More than greeting: Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a way to serve God's people at one of the weekend Masses? Are you friendly and like to meet people? Then the **Hospitality Ministry** is just where God may be calling you to serve His people!

The Hospitality Ministry team is comprised of approximately 50 parish members who each weekend greet parishioners before

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COMMUNITY AND SHARING AT HOME: BREAKING BREAD

The main focus of the **Breaking Bread** ministry is fellowship: getting to know other parish members, forming new friendships and strengthening the church community.

Breaking Bread is groups of six to nine people, a mix of couples and singles who gather at each other's homes for a simple dinner. When it is your turn to host, the host home is responsible for the meal – the payoff is two to three dinners out (depending on the size of your group) with NOTHING to do except arrive with a smile and enjoy an evening of laughter, stories and a simple meal. Hospitality and the Holy Spirit are the cornerstones.

For the 12 month period ending June 2019, Breaking Bread had both a fall session and a spring session including 40 dinners in parishioner's homes with 69 parishoiner diners partaking. (Jeanie Schuldt)

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Mass, take up the collection, run the lift for those who experience physical challenges, choose a family to bring up the gifts, process the offertory, pass out bulletins at the end of Mass and tidy up the pews before leaving the sanctuary. Sometimes, we may be the only smiling face the visitor or parishioner has seen! We also help parents locate the bathroom for a small child or answer questions about becoming a parishioner.

Each week ministers "sign up" for a Mass time and position online through the parish website. They choose when they serve. Led by their team lead, (Joe Amato-4:30 pm, Mary Neil-8:30 am and Colette de Jonge and Jennifer Jordan-11:00 am) these intentional ministers make a commitment to the parish week in and week out. Many of these ministers not only find fulfillment in service to their fellow parishioners, but often socialize and become friends with those with whom they minister.

We are always interested in attracting more parishioners to this ministry and we would love to have you join us. We especially encourage families to serve. Children of all ages are welcome to serve on their own or with their parent. All that is required is for you to give people a warm welcome as they arrive and depart from Mass!

Contact Mary Neil at 503-349-6252 or hrdneil@gmail.com for more information and to specify which Mass you wish to serve at. Training will be provided. Come join us and serve God's people.

ANNUAL DINNER FEATURES LEBANESE-THEMED FOOD AND DANCE

It was festive evening for the 120 parishioners who dined and danced September 29, 2018. Local bellydancer Maia performed and then lead bellydancing lessons for men and women, young and old, followed by a line dance around Rossman Hall.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

	Jul '17 to Jun '18	Jul '18 to Jun '19	2018-19 Budget	$ Over Budget	Percent of Budget
Income					
4100 · OFFERTORY Mass collections & online general donations	772,944	770,098	795,675	-25,577	96.8%
4200 · COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS Red envelope collections & donations for specific programs	28,873	40,798	25,000	15,798	163.2%
4300 · BEQUESTS, GIFTS & GRANTS Stock sales, retirement donations, special donations from groups	24,951	46,708	17,450	29,258	100.0%
4400 · FEES FOR SERVICES Wedding fees, mass intentions, hospitality income	13,303	8,687	9,440	-753	92.0%
4500 · SALES REVENUES Votive lights, annual dinner, womens' luncheon	13,043	12,802	7,725	5,077	165.7%
4600 · TUITION/ PROGRAM FEES Preschool & Faith Formation income: registration, tuition, retreat fees	359,336	381,628	370,545	11,083	103.0%
4700 · OTHER REVENUE Bank interest income, insurance proceeds	22	585	0	585	
Total Income	1,212,472	1,261,306	1,225,835	35,471	102.9%
Expense					
5100 · PERSONNEL COSTS Employee salaries, temporary worker salaries	533,266	568,430	565,018	3,412	100.6%
5200 · PAYROLL TAXES Payroll taxes for employees	36,924	39,128	42,070	-2,942	93.0%
5300 · EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Health insurance, retirement, priest housing & meal allowance	138,132	167,573	162,778	4,795	102.9%
5400 · EMPLOYEE TRAVEL Mileage reimbursement, food & lodging for employees	159	490	170	320	288.2%
5500 · CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS Registration fees, travel, food & lodging for attendees	256	353	8,990	-8,637	3.9%
5600 · ASSESSMENTS & DONATIONS Archdiocese assessment, clergy pension shortfall, assorted donations to other groups	83,329	75,183	76,986	-1,803	97.7%
5700 · SERVICES TO PARISHIONERS Offertory envelopes, books, coffee & donuts, hall & kitchen supplies, special events	29,200	31,385	-2,185	93.0%	
5800 · EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES Preschool & Faith Formation expenses - classroom supplies, curriculum, out of parish school subsidy, tuition assistance	65,813	71,815	73,215	-1,400	98.1%
5900 · LITURGICAL EXPENSES Church music, decorations, mass supplies, missalettes	9,784	12,413	10,650	1,763	116.6%
6000 · COMPUTER EXPENSES Software subscriptions, computer supplies & maintenance	5,976	4,009	5,385	-1,376	74.4%
6100 · FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIP. Maintenance, purchase, & rental of furniture, fixtures, & equipment	10,848	12,248	10,160	2,088	120.6%
6200 · PHYSICAL PLANT COSTS Father's house rent, security costs	33,558	35,458	34,844	614	101.8%
6300 · MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS Building, landscaping, all maintenance and repairs for facilities	49,339	53,110	46,680	6,430	113.8%
6400 · UTILITIES Garbage, gas, electric, water/sewer	50,906	49,397	50,945	-1,548	97.0%
6600 · GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE General admin costs: advertising, insurance, copy machine leases, postage, etc	74,745	76,264	75,103	1,161	101.5%
6700 · OTHER EXPENSES Bank and credit card charges, fees for use of online giving programs	15,837	11,051	11,550	-499	95.7%
7100 · CAPITAL OUTLAY Repairs or purchases of items that cost more than $3500, where expense will be recorded over several years	73,672	15,864	19,906	-4,042	79.7%
Total Expense	1,212,372	1,221,986	1,225,835	-3,849	99.7%
Net Ordinary Income	100	39,320	0	39,320	
Moisant Center Loan Balance	529,549	493,506			