



Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to present the St. Anne Catholic Community 2019-2020 Annual Report. This is a good time to reflect on all that has happened this past year and to envision what we hope to achieve in the future.



This past year has been challenging, yet our faith has been strengthened as we rose to meet the challenges set before us. We began the fiscal year full of excitement as construction on our new buildings and athletic fields was underway and our *Generations of Faith* capital campaign was in full swing. Everything changed in ways we could not have imagined as the COVID-19 pandemic emerged. We went from a full Mass schedule and hosting several ministry activities each week, along with weddings, baptisms and other joyous celebrations, to suspending Mass on March 18, then completely closing our campus from March 25-May 2. We filled the void by providing daily messages each morning and producing recordings of the Liturgy of the Word, Evening Prayers, and The Weeping Tree, to name a few. We dispensed palms on Palm Sunday and celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi via drive-thru, following socially distant protocols. We hosted no-contact drive-thru food drives, and the Care Team and SAYA collaborated to provide assistance to parishioners in need. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues to assist those in need. We resumed in-person Mass on May 3, and began livestreaming Mass on July 26. Religious Education and sacramental preparation classes are being held virtually. St. Anne Catholic School has also risen to the challenge and is serving both in-person and virtual students to ensure they continue to learn in the light of the Basilian tradition of *Goodness, Discipline, and Knowledge*. It is uplifting to see how our parish has come together in so many ways to help each other through these unforeseen times. We are St. Anne Catholic Community.

Fr. Al was a victim of assault at the end of May, sustaining serious injuries. He has persevered, relying on his faith and our continued prayers and support, to make a tremendous recovery. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. As a result, I was named Pastor and newly ordained Eduardo Rivera was assigned here as a parochial vicar. Fr. Al and Fr. Jay are also parochial vicars. While I have been a parochial vicar at St. Anne since 2016, many of you may not know much about me. I am from Angleton, due south of Houston. I was originally posted at St. Anne from 1994-1999. I then served as Pastor of Holy Family in Missouri City, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Manvel and Most Holy Trinity in Angleton, returning to St. Anne in 2016. In my free time, I enjoy jigsaw puzzles and going to the movies. I look forward to getting to know you all better as our situation improves.

Construction of the Basilian Building (parking garage with ministry space), Budinger Building (gymnasium and community center) and athletic fields is nearly complete. Our *Generations of Faith* Campaign has raised nearly \$18 million, 85.5% of our goal of \$20.8 million. This is a remarkable achievement and a sign of the generosity of the people of St. Anne. We suspended our campaign efforts for a few months to allow everyone to focus on their immediate needs. We are now in the final push to reach our goal, hoping to raise the remaining \$3 million before the end of the year. With your help, we can achieve this goal.

St. Anne remained fiscally healthy in 2019-2020. Though offertory gifts were impacted in 2020 as a result of COVID-19, the parish has also prudently reduced expenses during this challenging period. Offertory gifts are our number one source of funding and we continue to be humble custodians of our finances. It is this giving that allows St. Anne to fund our liturgical, worship, and pastoral expenses, support our educational, spiritual, sacramental ministries, and maintenance of our campus. We are grateful for the steady, ongoing support by our parishioners that has sustained our ministries and allows us to care for each other.

While we are fiscally healthy, we fell short of our revenue goals for the Parish. Offertory gifts were reduced due to the pandemic. We were also \$70,000 short of our Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) parishioner donation goal to the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and offset the gap from our parish funds. Such shortfalls ultimately limit our ability to fully support existing campus ministries. Please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your weekly and annual giving to help us support the needs of our active and growing parish.

Thank you to all who have joined in online giving through Faith Direct. Online contributions have increased from 42 percent of total giving in 2017 to 54 percent in 2020. The preferred method of receiving weekly offertory gifts and donations is through FaithDirect.net. Online giving saves St. Anne money by eliminating expenditures on postage and envelopes. It allows our business administration to better plan and budget. It is also the most convenient method for our parishioners to give.

To conclude, I am humbled by all that has happened this past fiscal year. We continue to weather a great storm and are fiscally sound, yet we are below where we were. I am thankful to our administration and staff for their dedication, hard work and flexibility. I am grateful to the Pastoral and Finance Councils for their knowledgeable, steadfast guidance, to the *Generations of Faith* chairs and Steering Committee, as well as our ministry leaders and many dedicated volunteers. I thank our parishioners, whose support allows us to fulfill our mission *to follow the example of Christ and witness His living presence as we welcome in love and respect all who walk on our journey of faith*.

Yours in Christ,

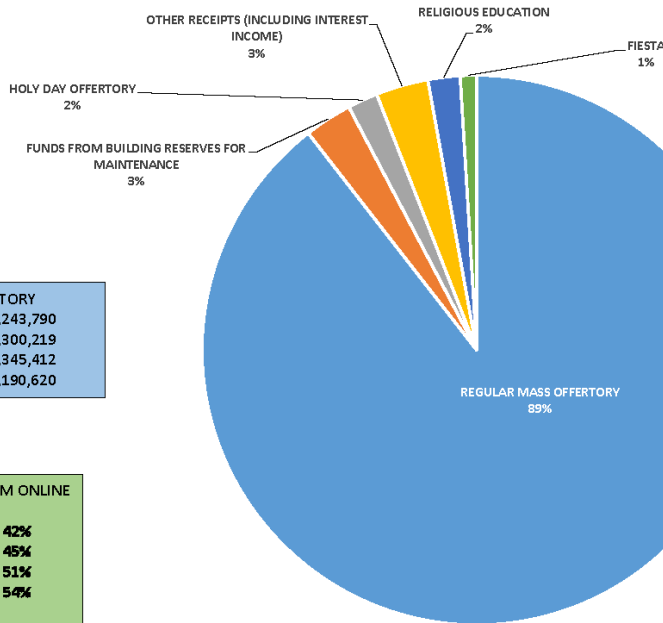
Rev. David Zapalac, CSB
Pastor, St. Anne Catholic Community

Finances



Sources of Funds \$3.5 million

Fiscal Year is July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



OFFERTORY HISTORY

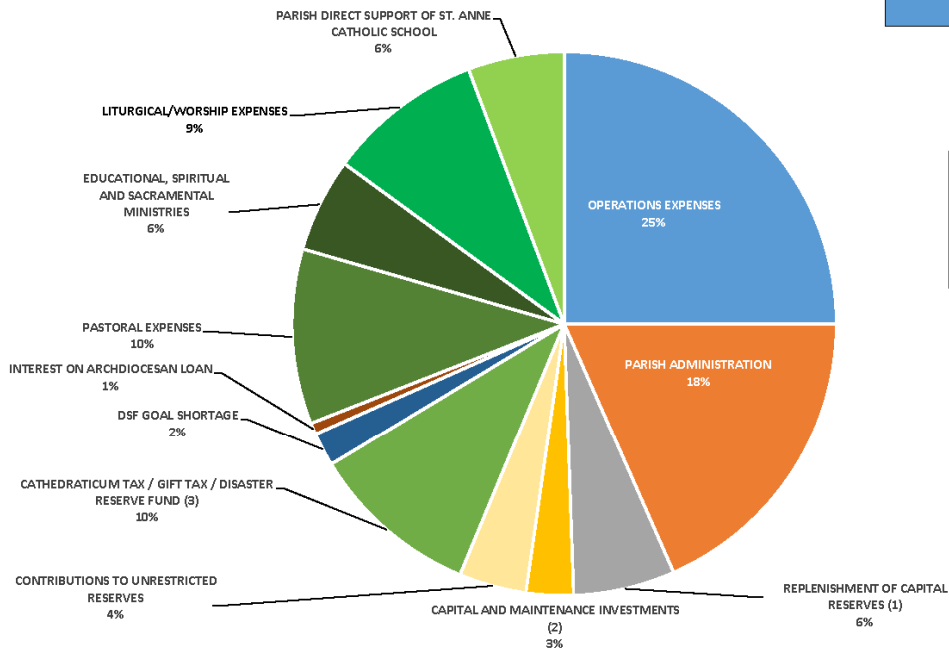
2017	\$3,243,790
2018	\$3,300,219
2019	\$3,345,412
2020	\$3,190,620

% OF OFFERTORY FROM ONLINE GIVING

2017	42%
2018	45%
2019	51%
2020	54%

Uses of Funds \$3.5 million

Operations Expenses includes utilities, insurance, building and grounds maintenance and repairs, and related personnel expenses.



Parish Administration includes the cost of running the church offices, communications costs, professional services, bank and credit card fees, and printing costs (collection envelopes, stationery, etc.).

(1) The Cathedraticum tax is required from all Archdiocese Parishes to support Archdiocese level expenses and activities undertaken in support of all the parishioners in the Archdiocese. The Disaster Reserve Fund was set up by the Archdiocese after Hurricane Harvey to cover any future natural disasters. It was discontinued in March 2020 due to the pandemic.

(2) Capital projects includes: fencing for the garage, church lighting upgrade, concrete slab for the garage, and furniture for the garage meeting space.

(3) Capital reserves are required to be held by the Archdiocese to cover major repairs or improvements to church buildings and property.