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A close-up photograph of two gold wedding bands. One band is in the foreground, slightly out of focus, while the other is behind it, more in focus. They are resting on a dark, textured surface with a gold-colored geometric pattern. The lighting is warm, highlighting the metallic sheen of the rings.

**HOW TO BE MARRIED
AND STAY ENGAGED:
OCTOBER 29**

A CLOSER LOOK: PARISH FINANCES



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Dear Parishioners,

Each year our finance committee compiles a report and publishes it in our parish newsletter so that everyone may see how well our parish is managing its monies. We also want to share information about our assets and debts. We do all this in the name of transparency. We want every parishioner to be informed. If any member of Sacred Heart looks at the accounting that is outlined in this issue of the Heartbeat they should be able to tell in a few moments the financial condition of the parish.

The good news is that we collected more monies during the fiscal year that ended June 30th than we spent. This was due to the generosity of you, the parish members, some imaginative fund raising and good financial management. The leadership of the parish takes stewardship of our resources very seriously.

We have continuing work to do. Mostly, the tasks we need to complete revolve around our parish buildings. I, more than anyone else, would like to concentrate on other things, more pastoral programs for example, but when water is dripping because of a leaky roof we cannot ignore it. When asphalt is breaking up or doors are deteriorating, when plumbing is broken, when we have bats in our belfry these problems need to be addressed. Deferred maintenance catches up to us at some point. We are at that point.





JOIN US AT OUR MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ON NOV. 5

Close to the feast of All Saints and All Souls, our parish remembers those who died in the past year. At the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, November 5th, the Mass also will have a ritual for announcing the names of our deceased women and men accompanied by the traditional candle lighting. After the Mass families will gather in Culemans Fellowship Hall for a reception with light refreshments.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-October to a family member of the deceased. The invitation then can be shared with family and friends of their loved one. Often the relatives live out of town but appreciate knowing that the event is happening.

I am glad to report that we have put significant monies into our parish plant and fixed some of the problems. We will need to do more in the future to keep our beautiful campus beautiful. While doing all this we have not ignored the ministries. Our parish mission was a great success. We have had book studies, bible studies and a wonderful RCIA class. A new welcome ministry has begun. A revamped Parish Council is implementing our strategic plan. Various committees and organizations continue their good work. There is a lot going on at Sacred Heart on any given day, too much to list here.

I thank you for your support in the past. I ask you to make Sacred Heart your number one charity going forward. Knowing you donate to many charities, Sacred Heart strives to give you more information than other charities where you share your treasures. May God bless each of you for your generosity and your love of Jesus and His church and especially your great affection for Sacred Heart.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter
Pastor



HOW TO BE MARRIED AND STAY ENGAGED

Sacred Heart will be hosting an event for all married couples in Culemans Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 29, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., with registration beginning at noon. This event will be followed by the 4 p.m. Mass where we'll celebrate a recommitment to marriage vows for all couples.

Early Registration is \$15 per couple or \$7:50/per individual. After Monday, October 17 and day of event (if space is available) the cost will increase to \$20 per couple or \$10 per individual. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Suzie Budde at 309-762-2362.

Our guest presenter will be James Healy PhD, author of a work that features Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* and how it applies to married life. Thirty-five years after Pope John Paul II wrote *Familiaris Consortio*, Pope Francis has built upon his predecessor's wisdom regarding the family and added his own deeply conversational touch and enlightening views in his exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. While the entire work is worth reading, offering various approaches and ways in which to discern its content, the pope himself suggests finding particular topics that resonate with you and starting there. To that end, Mr. Healy hones in on three specific topics; spousal love, care of the family and bending toward mercy while maintaining the relationship between Church teachings and conscience throughout the process of discernment.

Spousal Love

The pontiff offers a very deep message about spousal love and the relation of a man and a woman, comparing it to the love between God and His people in the Old Testament and Christ and His Church in the New Testament. While this comparison might not be new, the way in which Pope Francis approaches it sheds new insight on this age old analogy. He has a profound concern that the Church and its members find sensitivity in approaching those who fall outside of the sacramental and ideal understanding of marriage. The pontiff points out that a key

Catholic insight regarding marriage is that its' purpose is to ultimately tell and demonstrate God's love for us through the couple's commitment to each other; their friendship, passion and intimacy. It was God who said, "It is not good for...man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). To this end, Pope Francis reminds us that often times in today's world, marriage exists in a state far from the ideal laid out for us. However, that is exactly why it needs a great deal of loving care and attention. Marriage cannot be all that it is intended to be, a visible example of God's profound love for us, without such considerations. This reflection leads to the second point, care of the family.

Care of the Family

Using the cornerstone of accompaniment, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all, the Church as a whole, called to guide and support families on their journey to fulfill God's vision of a loving relationship. It is without question a journey that will encounter mistakes and missteps along the way and one that will need the entire Christian community to assist by listening, careful discernment and sharing of affection and experience during those times of trouble. Pope Francis moves us to be aware of where families exist in all areas of life, not just physically but also existentially and spiritually. In fact, he points out that often times, couples and families face diverse experiences, some of which might not align with the clear definition of a Christian marriage or family, but that they should still be given "respectful pastoral guidance".

While we are called to walk with those who face imperfect situations, he does caution us that we are not called to replace consciences or Church teachings. Rather, we are to use them to help bring all toward a closer and deeper devotion and relationship with God, His will and His teachings and wisdom. We can only attain this through humility and respect for the "wonderfully complicated" experience of life by listening, honest prayer and sincerity of striving to be examples of God's love. These attempts at connecting Church teachings and conscience with the process of discernment are where we are challenged to bend toward mercy, the third and final topic.



Bending Toward Mercy

As Christians we are called to balance empathy and clarity, to speak and live the truth, in love. If when we look at the previous topics we think that Pope Francis is telling us to let individuals “off the hook” for their choices, some of which are linked to circumstances and others which are of an individual’s own choosing, we have fundamentally misjudged his message. He encourages us to bend toward mercy by reaching out in a special way to those who are trying to love in difficult situations. The Church does make clear our structure of beliefs and we are to strive to attain those ideals but not at the cost of leaving those who struggle in the periphery. We are reminded by Pope Francis that in the end, as the saying goes, “Love without truth is sentimentality. But truth with out love is arrogance.”

In summary, as the pontiff has stated, “The Church turns with love to those who participate in her life in an

imperfect manner; she seeks the grace of conversion for them; she encourages them to do good, to take loving care of each other and to serve the community in which they live and work. Although she constantly holds up the call to perfection and asks for a fuller response to God, the church must accompany with attention and care the weakest of her children, who show signs of a wounded and troubled love, by restoring in them hope and confidence, like the beacon of a lighthouse in a port or a torch carried among the people to enlighten those who have lost their way or who are in the midst of a storm.”

A CLOSER LOOK: PARISH FINANCES

We recently concluded our parish budget cycle for the fiscal year July 2015 - June 2016. You will see in the following information our parish financial health improved slightly in the last year. While our Sunday collections were below budget, our extraordinary income exceeded budget. Extraordinary income is defined as income that is derived from special appeals and unplanned gifts to the parish.

There were 865 unique parishioners who used their Sunday envelope. Many contribute monthly, others were more sporadic in giving. A financially healthy parish is one where all parishioners consistently provide for parish expenses and growth in parish programs.

This year our Heart to Heart fund increased through the generosity of those parishioners that targeted their contributions to specific initiatives. We also had an increase in our Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) giving this year. While we fell short of the Diocesan goal; we had a 10% increase in giving.

We continued to benefit from an increased level of giving to our parish through the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity. This program matches contributions to Sacred Heart with a 5% or higher match. Our parish youth education programs continue to evolve. We share in the related costs by funding administrative expense while families in the programs contribute to the costs of supplies.

Our parish staff has contributed through a diligent effort to reduce parish expenses. In the chart that follows you will see that in almost all categories our parish staff reduced costs ensuring we receive value for each dollar contributed.

A major expense for our parish are the subsidies we provide Seton and Alleman. Over \$441,000 is dedicated to ensuring these schools remain healthy and continue to provide quality education programs enriched by the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Within the parish there are several groups that contribute their time and skills to maintain our facilities and improve our parish environment. This past year their efforts reduced expenses in excess of \$20,000.

We owe a huge THANK YOU to members of the Pew Pals, Garden Committee, Facilities Advisory Committee, Martha's Marimads, Art and Environment Committee, Altar and Rosary Society and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

As we begin a new fiscal year we have a solid financial base to build upon. We are debt free, have a cash reserve, operate within a balanced budget and have a parish endowment of \$792,000.

Looking ahead our financial challenges remain. Our campus buildings are older and require on-going maintenance. We need to provide a more suitable handicap accessible entrance to the church and incorporate a gathering space attached to church.

We have an aging, expensive rectory that will need replacing. We look to continue to grow our parish through new programs that provide current and future parishioners opportunities to strengthen their faith and increase their involvement in parish life. All of these efforts will require your continued financial support.

Periodically we are blessed with a larger monetary gift or bequest. Those gifts always provide opportunities to increase our savings, tackle a larger project or support a new program. If you have an interest in funding a specific need please contact Fr. Mark to discuss.

To each of you that support our parish - Thank You! Your on-going support ensures that Sacred Heart can continue to help each of us grow in our spirit and spread the love we have for our faith.

Sacred Heart Finance Committee:

Jim Harl - Past Chair

Bill Cornelis

Bill Rector

Connie Morris

Carolyn Wilson

Aaron Graf - Current Chair

Dan David

Kerry Stoudt

Jim Watson

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR JULY 2015 - JUNE 2016

INCOME	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Collections	\$1,075,668	\$1,018,199	\$(57,469)
Extraordinary Income	\$88,218	\$242,916	\$154,699
CCD/Youth Ministry Fees	\$7,250	\$3,960	\$(3,290)
Total Income	\$1,171,136	\$1,265,076	\$93,940

PARISH EXPENSES	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Salaries and Benefits	\$396,597	\$386,417	\$(10,180)
General Office Exp.	\$54,550	\$50,222	\$(4,328)
Liturgy Expense	\$19,500	\$18,133	\$(1,367)
Religious Education	\$12,200	\$8,079	\$(4,121)
School Assessments	\$441,441	\$441,555	\$114
Vicariate/ADA Assessment	\$44,142	\$39,081	\$(5,061)
Ministries & Outreach	\$18,950	\$17,062	\$(1,888)
Parish Expense Totals	\$987,380	\$960,549	\$(26,831)

FACILITIES EXPENSE	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Property Insurance	\$31,250	\$31,157	\$(93)
Utilities	\$57,900	\$47,373	\$(10,527)
Repair and Maintenance	\$49,950	\$39,402	\$(10,548)
Capital Improvements	\$41,332	\$123,970	\$82,638
Total Facility Expense	\$180,432	\$241,903	\$61,471

Total Expense \$1,167,812 \$1,202,451 \$34,640

Income - Expense: \$3,324 \$62,624 \$59,300

THE ELIZABETH ANN SETON ENDOWMENT

July 1, 2015 Beginning Balance	\$823,349.41
Additions	\$1,360.92
Interest	\$5,528.03
Withdrawal of Interest	(\$13,611.21)
Depreciation of Endowment	(\$23,992.38)
December 31, 2015 Balance	\$792,634.77

The Diocese of Peoria holds the endowment account. The balance is as of 12/31/15 because they are in the process of changing custodians and have not issued any statement since then. New statements are expected in October.

CASH RESERVES	7/1/15	6/30/16
Total Cash Accounts	\$318,895	\$360,944
Accounts Payable	\$14,066	\$30,852
Net Cash available	\$304,829	\$330,092
Increase in Net Cash		\$25,263

ASSESSMENTS FROM ALLEMAN AND SETON

Alleman Assessment	\$139,514	91 students
Seton Assessment	\$307,041	179 students

PARISH LIFE

Baptisms - 42	Confirmation - 37
Weddings - 17	New Catholics RCIA - 9
Funerals - 43	

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Religious Education	66 Students
Bible Study - Friday Morning Sharing	12 Persons
Bible Study - Thursday A.M & P.M.	105 Persons

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

	2014	2015	2016
Goal	\$127,817	\$131,168	\$133,754
Pledges	\$93,019	\$99,445	\$109,243
Contributors	398	443	471

2015 HEART TO HEART FUND

Goal	\$50,000
Amount Raised	\$109,461
Contributors	200

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY 2016

Goal	\$7,000
Amount Raised	\$10,970

Does Not Include John Deere Classic Match

SACRED HEART CONTRIBUTION TO FOOD PANTRY

July 2015 - June 2016 \$25,490.56

EXAMPLES OF COST REDUCTION

- Improved content and reduced newsletter expense by sourcing locally
- Reduced waste removal expense by reducing seasonal pick-ups
- Reduced copier/printing expense by eliminating most bulletin inserts
- Lowered candle expense by shopping for better price
- Reduced Payroll processing service by sharing the Diocese service vs. our own contract
- Reduced janitorial supplies through price shopping

CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER \$500

- \$23,339 - 2 rooftop A/C units on Culemans Hall
- \$20,831 - Tuck pointing side of church
- \$53,250 - East & West Side Bell Tower restoration
- \$18,327 - Doors on campus buildings
- \$5,000 - Waterproofing to fix roof on LPC
- \$1,392 - Materials to fix roof on the rectory
- \$1,000 - Resurface and stripe church parking lot



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Mass Times

- Sundays: 7, 9, 11 a.m.
- Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
- Daily Masses (M-F): 6:30, 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. and by
appointment, call 762-2362.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (St. Francis Chapel)

- Wednesday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED SEPTEMBERFEST!