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The Pulse of Sacred Heart Parish, Moline, Illinois

**A CLOSER LOOK:
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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: NOV 4



SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF YOU

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.

We have much good news to share in this report. You can see that we had very good year financially in 2016-17. There were any number of reasons for that. A few I could mention are these. First, we have a wonderfully successful Heart to Heart Fund appeal. Second, several people gave us bequests this year that added to our endowment and allowed us to make more physical improvements. The third reason for our financial blessings was that because our endowment fund performed very well this year this allowed us to bring monies into our savings account. Finally, we came in under budget on our expenses. There were many reasons for this. A mild winter meant less heating and snow removal. A cool summer meant less air conditioning for example.





JOIN US AT OUR MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ON NOV. 4

Close to the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, our parish remembers those who died in the past year. The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 4, will have the 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 of the deceased live out of town, but appreciate knowing their loved one will be remembered at this Mass.

I feel several things should be noted. One is that a lot of our capital improvements were not paid for until after the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year. This will impact our bottom line next year.

The second thing I would mention is that we try to put at least 10% of bequests into our endowment funds. We do not want to raid the principle unless there is an absolute need. The principal is now over \$900,000. The names of those who have made bequests to Sacred Heart have an endowment in their name. All the monies are managed by the diocese. The names of major donors through the years are listed in the endowment portion of this report. Please pray for them. We hope that their generosity will continue to support our parish in the future.

Our parish has prospered in many ways the past year. We had more baptisms last year. We had more weddings and more children enrolled in Seton School and religious education. We also started a new leadership program for our parish. Our parish census has grown slightly. We still

have many challenges as we continue to repair our aging buildings and seek to evangelize our neighborhood.

I thank you for your this support this year. I ask you to make Sacred Heart your number one charity going forward. We try to give you more information than any other charitable organizations where you choose to donate your hard earned monies.

I pray that God will bless you for your generosity to Sacred Heart. Your faith and your stewardship is much appreciated. I encourage anyone with questions about finances to approach any of the members of our finance committee that are listed in this report. They are all fully informed about where every dollar goes.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark DeSutter
Pastor

ON THE WAY: LUTHERANS AND CATHOLICS IN DIALOGUE

Ecumenical activity has been an important focus of the Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council. Sometimes there is a misunderstanding concerning what this all means. We might think that this just means that we are tolerant of people who have faith, but are not Catholic. That is part of the story. But ecumenism means something else as well. It means that we attempt to bring all the Christian Churches together through dialogue so that reconciliation may occur and that we all might be one as Jesus wanted (John 17:21).

One of the earliest dialogues that occurred after the council and is ongoing is the dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics. There has been a real attempt to bring our two churches back together. Many Theological agreements have come about between the two churches and documents have been written, but there is ignorance in both churches about all of this. We just have not heard about it.

Last year the Roman Catholic priests of Moline and the Lutheran Pastors of Moline came together and we began to talk about having an observance of the 500th anniversary of beginning of the Reformation. Notice I did not say celebration. This was an upsetting time in the history of Christianity for everyone. The clergy of seven churches in Moline agreed that we would work together to bring about better understanding between Catholics and Lutherans. To that end, we will be having this observance on the weekend of October 14 and 15.

On October 14, there will be a joint work project sponsored by Lutherans and Catholics. Homes will be repaired for the poor under the direction of Habitat for Humanity. This will involve a set number of volunteers from each congregation. If you are interested in participating but have not yet signed up, please contact the parish office at (309) 762-2362.

On October 15, there will be a joint observance of the beginning of the Reformation. It will start at St. Mary's parish (The oldest Catholic Parish in Moline)

at 4 p.m. Pastor Lowell Almen, who is stationed in Phoenix, Arizona, and Fr. Michael Schaab, retired pastor of St. Pius X parish in Rock Island, will make presentations concerning the Catholic and Lutheran dialogue that has happened at the national and international level the past fifty years. Pastor Almen has been intimately involved in this dialogue. Fr. Schaab is known for being very dedicated to ecumenical activities. After these presentations, which will last about an hour, those attending will march to the First Lutheran Church in Moline (The oldest Lutheran congregation in town). There we will have a joint prayer service where we will pray for unity and then there will be light refreshments. This will also take about an hour. This should be a wonderful and historic event in our community. Everyone is invited to attend. I encourage everyone to place the October 15 date on your calendar.

Our parish council is once again implementing a part of our strategic plan. In that document, which we are implementing piece by piece, there was a desire expressed for greater interaction with other churches and the community at large. No one has to tell us how divided our country is. This event should be a sign of unity among Christians who seek mutual understanding. I encourage all people of good will to come and participate.

Blessings,
Fr. Mark

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 13: Mercado on Fifth - Farmers Market with food and entertainment in downtown Moline near St. Mary's Church.

Saturday, October 14: A service project will take place in the Floreciente neighborhood of building porches and ramps on Habitat homes.

Sunday, October 15: A joint educational and religious service is planned beginning at 4:00pm at St. Mary's Church in Moline and then process to First Lutheran Church. Afterwards a light meal will follow at First Lutheran Church in Moline.



Past and present altar servers and acolytes were honored on Sept. 10

ANOTHER GREAT SEPTEMBER FEST

This year's September Fest, held on September 10, was a day to honor our current and past Altar Servers and Acolytes. The day started with the 11:00 a.m. Mass that had the servers processing into Mass with Fr. Mark and celebrating the Eucharist together as a group. The festivities continued on the parish lawn with food, drink and a variety of games led by Boy Scouts Troop #109. The scouts even had a small Altar Server obstacle course that included trying to keep a candle lit in the wind. That was a challenge!

The highlight of the afternoon of honoring the servers was the Archive Display that was put together by Marie Grigsby and others in the Archive Ministry. This display included memorabilia and many pictures of the servers and acolytes from over the years at many different liturgies and celebrations, along with notes and memories from some of the different servers. We even

had memories of men that had served as Altar Servers several years ago and went on to serve as Funeral Acolytes today. Once a server, always a server.

We appreciate the servers that no longer live in the area, but still took the time to include their memories of their days serving Mass at Sacred Heart. A memory book will be put together from the different pictures at Mass and the Fest itself and will be available in the near future for the servers and acolytes.

A CLOSER LOOK: PARISH FINANCES

Sacred Heart recently wrapped up the finances for our parish fiscal year July 2016 - June 2017. We present the following summary for your review. Our parish financial health continues to improve. Sunday collections were below budget. Fortunately, we had a few very generous donors for bequests and our Heart to Heart fund. Overall our total income exceeded our budget by \$165,000.

There were 857 families that have contributed to the parish. Of these 181 have signed up for electronic giving. Many contribute monthly, others were more sporadic in giving. A financially healthy parish is one where all parishioners consistently provide for the parish expenses and growth in parish programs. We are very grateful for the significant increase in our Heart to Heart Fund. The generosity of parishioners who target their contributions to specific initiatives allows us to meet needs of our campus facilities without using valuable operating resources. See the recap on the next page for a listing of capital improvements.

Our Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) pledges continue to move closer to our Diocesan goal. We will need to spend less of our ordinary collections to make up for the shortfall. We also continued to benefit from the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity. This program matches pledges on behalf of Sacred Heart with a 5% or higher match.

Our parish youth education programs are growing. The number of participants in youth religious education has doubled compared to last year. We continue to share in the related costs by funding administrative expenses. Families of the programs contribute to the cost of the supplies.

We were able to save on our facilities expense this year due to several factors. A mild winter helped our utility bills to be almost \$13,000 under budget. Repair and maintenance items for all buildings were also under budget by \$17,000 not including capital items. Ministries and outreach tend to be self-sustaining groups that have allowed this expense area to be under budget. Our parish staff continues to exercise efficiency within the budget, keeping expenses as low as possible. Salaries and benefits ended up below budget since we did not have a second priest for the last few months of our fiscal year.

A major expense for our parish are the subsidies we provide Seton and Alleman. Over \$456,000 is dedicated to ensuring these schools remain healthy and continue to provide quality education programs enriched by the teachings of the Catholic faith.

Many generous groups donate their time and treasure to maintain our facilities and improve our parish environment.

Collectively they save us thousands of dollars each year. Sincere appreciation to all members of Pew Pals, Garden Committee, the cleaning crew, Art and Environment Committee, Facilities Advisory Committee, Alter 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, we have a cash reserve, operate within a balanced budget and have a parish endowment fund of over \$900,000.

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 the 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 see Fr. Mark to discuss.

A sincere thank-you to everyone who supports our parish. With your continued support Sacred Heart can grow and help each of us to enrich our spirit and spread the love we have for our faith.

Sacred Heart Finance Committee:

Aaron Graf - Chair

Connie Morris - Trustee

Jim Watson - Trustee

Kerry Stoudt

Linda Wolbers

Bill Cornelis

Dan David

Bill Rector

Carolyn Wilson

THE ELIZABETH ANN SETON ENDOWMENT

July 1, 2016 Beginning Balance	\$794,857.00
Additions	\$78,131.00
Interest	\$12,287.00
Withdrawal of Interest & Appreciation	\$(37,391.00)
Appreciation of Endowment	\$87,993.00
June 30, 2017 Balance	\$935,877.00

**Helen E. Maes | Curl & Margaret Van Raes | Starr Family
In Honor of Monsignor Dale Wellman
Albert & Suzanne Aubry Family**

The Diocese of Peoria holds the endowment account.

The above families have family accounts in the endowment. These accounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$400,000 and we appreciate their great generosity.

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR JULY 2016 - JUNE 2017

INCOME	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Collections	\$1,070,451	\$1,024,942	\$(45,509)
Extraordinary Income	\$112,260	\$321,281	\$209,021
CCD/Youth Ministry Fees	\$5,655	\$8,004	\$2,349
Total Income	\$1,188,366	\$1,354,227	\$165,861

PARISH EXPENSES	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Salaries and Benefits	\$407,076	\$393,339	\$(13,737)
General Office Exp.	\$38,350	\$36,125	\$(2,225)
Liturgy Expense	\$21,000	\$17,978	\$(3,022)
Religious Education	\$17,815	\$24,022	\$6,207
School Assessments	\$456,864	\$456,733	\$(131)
Vicariate/ADA Assessment	\$28,000	\$23,920	\$(4,080)
Ministries & Outreach	\$37,025	\$23,317	\$(13,709)
Parish Expense Totals	\$1,006,130	\$975,433	\$(30,698)

FACILITIES EXPENSE	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Difference
Property Insurance	\$34,167	\$34,166	\$(1)
Utilities	\$59,055	\$46,310	\$(12,745)
Repair and Maintenance	\$56,500	\$39,444	\$(17,056)
Capital Improvements	\$50,000	\$113,204	\$63,204
Total Facility Expense	\$199,722	\$233,124	\$33,402

Total Expense **\$1,205,852** **\$1,120,564** **\$(85,288)**

Income - Expense: **\$(17,486)** **\$233,663** **\$251,149**

Unrealized Appreciation on Endowment **\$(87,993)** **\$87,993**

CASH RESERVES	7/1/16	6/30/17
Total Cash Accounts	\$360,944	\$463,365
Accounts Payable	\$30,852	\$27,365
Net Cash available	\$330,092	\$436,000
Increase in Net Cash		\$105,908

ASSESSMENTS FROM ALLEMAN AND SETON

Alleman Assessment	\$120,980	68 students
Seton Assessment	\$335,753	199 students

PARISH LIFE 2017

Baptisms - 58	Confirmation - 60
Weddings - 20	New Catholics RCIA - 7
Funerals - 52	

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Religious Education	135 Students
Bible Study - Friday Morning Sharing	10 Persons
Bible Study - Thursday A.M & P.M.	94 Persons

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Goal	\$127,817	\$131,168	\$133,754	\$137,070
Pledges	\$93,019	\$99,445	\$109,243	\$115,384
Contributors	398	443	471	475

HEART TO HEART FUND

	2016	2017
Goal	\$50,000	\$75,000
Amount Raised	\$109,461	\$130,984
Contributors	200	201

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

	2016	2017
Goal	\$7,000	\$7,000
Amount Raised	\$10,970	\$12,118
<i>Does Not Include John Deere Classic Match</i>		

SACRED HEART CONTRIBUTION TO FOOD PANTRY

2016	\$25,491
2017	\$24,963

CAPITAL PROJECTS OVER \$500

- \$60,190 - Tuckpointing side of church steeple
- \$15,000 - Organ renovations
- \$9,300 - Concrete repair front of church and Lee Center
- \$8,571 - Culeman's Hall rooftop HVAC unit
- \$5,875 - Lee Parish Center rooftop HVAC unit
- \$5,425 - Seal, coat and stripe parking lot
- \$4,319 - John Deere lawn mower
- \$2,446 - Steeple roof drains
- \$1,920 - Rectory environmental inspection

HEART TO HEART FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS CARRIED OVER TO FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

- \$23,865 - Culeman's Hall - there rooftop HVAC units
- \$11,470 - Steeple repair

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- Fr. Mark



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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.
- Our Friday Mass, when school students are present is at 9:00 a.m. instead of 8:30am, unless otherwise noted in the parish bulletin
- 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 4 p.m.
- First Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

