

St. Mark Catholic Church

2020-2021

Annual Report





FROM FR. JOE

I am happy to present the financial reports for the parish and Small Wonder Preschool. These summarized reports show the actuals for fiscal year 2020-21 and the budgets for fiscal year 2021-22.

It has been an anxiety-filled year due to reduced Mass attendance and no social gatherings. Two things gave the parish a tremendous boost. The first was your **sustained financial support** using the Post Office and electronic giving. Your love for St. Mark came through with flying colors. The second was the availability of loans from the Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Program. We have been granted forgiveness toward repayment of the 1st loan. The loan and reduced staff hours are the main reasons for our being in the black for 2020-21. The pandemic interfered with enrollment at Small Wonder Preschool, but they had a good year and plan to add a classroom this year.

The parish budget for the fiscal year 2021-22 shows a profit. We put this budget together anticipating the forgiveness of the 2nd Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Program Loan. Without this 2nd loan forgiveness we would have a large deficit. On September 3, 2021 we were approved for full forgiveness for the 2nd SBA-PPP loan. This is the time we need those with the means to help support the parish by making an active choice to contribute. When St. Paul encouraged the Christians at Corinth to support a relief effort, he asked people to give according to their means. This is what I ask of everyone as well. Give according to your means but please contribute something.

Your generosity of time, talent and treasure will ensure that St. Mark Parish continues to be One Body united in Christ. Thank you for your generosity and faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Joe Powers

In This Place:

**Find a sense of
Church Community**

**Hear a call to loving Kindness,
Compassion and Unity**

**Know a time for Believing,
Supporting and Upholding**

**Recognize a feeling of
Openness, Integrity and
Truthfulness**

**Expect a movement to
Encourage, Include and
Forgive**

**Experience a house
for Prayer, People, God**

**Inhabit a haven for The Weak,
The Peacemaker and The
Spirit.**



St. Mark Catholic Church

Financial Statement 2020-2021

DESCRIPTION	20-21 ACTUAL YTD	21-22 BUDGET ANNUAL
Contribution Income	\$1,088,876	\$1,103,875
Dev/FundRaising	\$2,735	\$2,285
Operational/Other Income	\$14,243	\$10,131
Education- (PSR, Youth Ministry...)	\$79,739	\$87,900
Ministry- (Mission, Social Justice, Pastoral care...)	\$10,236	\$55,842
Misc. Income	\$2,997	
SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness - (*1 st Loan **2 nd Loan)	*\$175,800	**\$172,855
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,374,626	\$1,432,888
Personnel Expense	(\$735,037)	(\$723,926)
Facilities Expense	(\$193,002)	(\$194,675)
General Operation Expense	(\$249,822)	(\$263,574)
Education Expense	(\$29,958)	(\$29,150)
Ministry Expense	(\$6,058)	(\$16,500)
Mission Expense	(\$121)	(\$38,560)
TOTAL EXPENSE	(\$1,213,999)	(\$1,266,385)
SUB TOTAL	\$160,628	\$166,503
Extraordinary Expenses	\$0	\$90,483
TOTAL NET	\$160,628	\$76,020

Fiscal year 2020-21 (July 1-June 30) certainly brought many challenges to our community at St. Mark. The covid outbreak resulted in a much lower attendance at weekend Masses. This, combined with economic hardships for many, greatly reduced our flow of revenue from contributions. We were not able to hold fundraisers or gather for fellowship. And sadly, family members were lost unexpectedly.

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- ✝ We were able to have **Mass every week**.
- ✝ Your generosity enabled Matthew to retire his cell phone recordings and use new **live streaming equipment**.
- ✝ **Liturgical Ministers and Parishioners** to help with sanitizing the church after every Mass.
- ✝ The **flow of contributions** by mail or electronic banking was (and is) gratifying.
- ✝ Your parish **staff accepted reduced hours without complaining**. They continued to plan for when we could re-open.
- ✝ Becky Talken became our new bookkeeper after we celebrated with **LeVern Lorenz** at her retirement.
- ✝ The loans received through the **Payroll Protection Plan** gave us a huge boost.

- ✝ There was **great cooperation** from everyone in dealing with restrictions and changes.
- ✝ We **replaced the expired organ** with one that was a demo model.
- ✝ Jacob Hofeling became our new Director of Liturgy and Music after **Matthew Baumler** accepted a new position.
- ✝ We will continue offering as **many programs and gatherings** as possible.
- ✝ With **every household helping** according to its means, and the **forgiveness of the 2nd SBA-PPP Loan**, we will be able to address the financial challenges of 2021-22.

Youth Ministry Youth Ministry

Contact Deacon Ken at 816.285.8361 or at

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Check out our monthly newsletter and calendar at
www.stmarksparish.com under Youth Ministry



Despite Covid, we had a terrific past twelve months!

Following all diocesan, Independence, and Jackson County directives, we were able to carry out all of our Faith Formation Nights and Confirmation Preparation.

We were also able to conduct our annual Search Retreat from Friday through Sunday. It was a marvelous retreat, demonstrated by the fact that we added sixteen new peer ministers, committed to serving their fellow community members.

Thanks for your continued support!



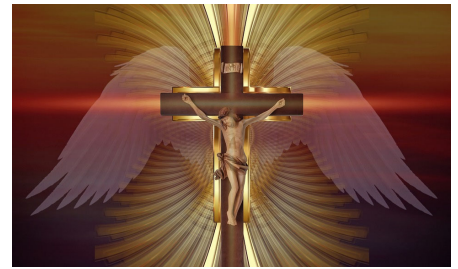
PASTORAL CARE

10 Care Ministers

Bringing communion to over 100 Catholic patients a year at CenterPoint Medical Center

Covering 7 nursing homes and bringing Communion weekly to Catholic residents

Taking weekly Communion to 24 homebound individuals



65 Prayer Chain warriors, praying daily for those requesting prayers

To serve the Poor, Elderly, Homebound, Sick and Grieving. By providing corporal works of mercy and God's unconditional love for his people.

Ambassadors For Christ

In fulfilling our mission, the Ambassadors have been able to serve those in need or those who have requested assistance in the following ways during the past fiscal year:

Ambassadors: 26 members.

Home Visits: 84 visits to provide requested assistance.

Hospital Care Visits: 6 hospital visits took place providing spiritual assistance.

Meals: Over 15 meals were provided to those who were in need of assistance.

Cards: Over 500 cards were sent – Sympathy, Get Well, Special Occasions, Thinking of You, etc.

Care Baskets: 12 care baskets were delivered throughout the year.

Adopted Families: Families were adopted for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sacraments and Rites

49 Baptisms

44 First Communions

24 Confirmations

5 Marriages

24 Funeral Rites

1 Blood Drive with 49 units collected.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped!



Preschool during a Pandemic

It may have looked a little different this year, but the classrooms at Small Wonder Preschool were as **busy and cheerful** as always.

The summer of 2020 was spent preparing and purchasing items to ensure that our school would be a **safe and healthy** place for the little ones.

✦ We purchased **4 new portable** sinks.

✦ Adjusted our daily schedule and routines.

Our efforts paid off and our classes remained full and **in-person** the entire year!

We were able to **stay true to our mission** to nurture our community of learners in a Christ-centered environment with joyful wonderment, playful discoveries and successful school-readiness.

Thank you to all students, families and staff!



Budgeted Financial Statement Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Description	2020-2021 Actual YTD	2021-2022 Budget Annual
Development/Fundraising	\$719.00	\$600.00
Tuition	\$76,413.45	\$83,282.50
Other Income	\$2,906.00	\$2,000.00
Total Income	\$80,038.45	\$85,882.50
Personnel	(\$78,882.53)	(\$74,175.00)
Facilities	(\$1,182.96)	(\$125.00)
Operations	(\$2,540.74)	(\$1,320.00)
Total Expense	(\$82,606.23)	(\$75,620.00)
Total Net	(\$2,567.78)	\$10,262.50





All Are Welcome In This Place!

In the past Fr. Powers has compared Mass to a family meal. Of course, there is the Eucharist, but it's the liturgy itself that brings us together as a family to celebrate. There is a place for everyone at the table! It's because of this that we want to extend our invitation to you to consider involvement as liturgical ministers to help serve our parish family. The following are few examples of how you can share your gifts:



Lectors: Do you like to speak in public? Through this ministry, God's living Word continues to be proclaimed to His people. Persons who can speak distinctly and address the congregation in a convincing manner are eligible to be Lectors. As a Lector you are serving St. Mark Parish by proclaiming the word of God to the people of God.

The Diocese requires a preparation workshop for those interested in this ministry. After a diocesan class is completed, you would be trained here at St. Mark.



Extraordinary Ministers: Are you looking for a way to share the Lord with your parish family. As a Minister of the Eucharist, it is important that you realize that your ministry is not only about what you are giving to the people of the community in the form of bread and wine, it is also about the action of the giving and the way in which that giving is communicated.

The Diocese requires a preparation workshop for those interested in this ministry. After a diocesan class is completed, you would be trained here at St. Mark.



Usher/Greeter: Are you a people person? Ushers/greeters help build a strong sense of community. They are responsible for greeting people, assisting them in being seated, taking up the stewardship collection, distributing parish bulletins, and handling emergencies that may occur during services. Ushers greatly assist the Presider in extending the welcoming hand of Christ to ALL who come here. One training class would be required to become an Usher/Greeter.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister or Usher/Greeter.

For more information, contact Chris Masuch at emasuch@stmarksparish.com or (816) 285-8351.

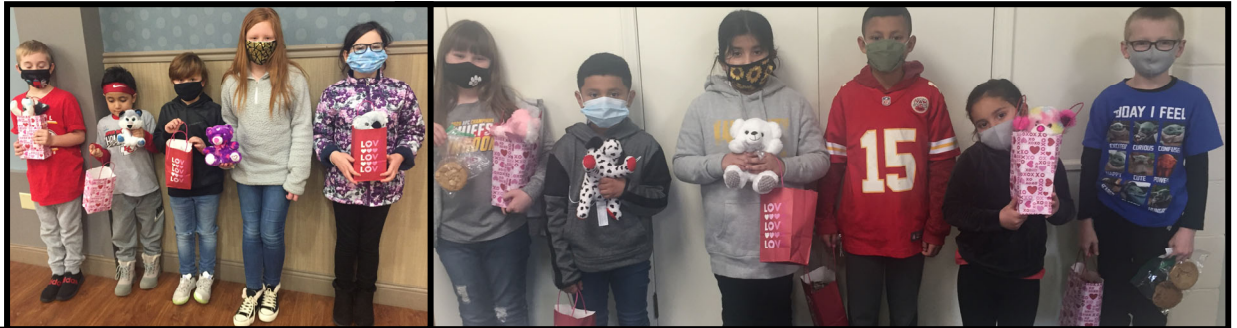
PSR 2020-2021

Coming to
PSR classes
looked
different



Catechist meeting
were different

But our mission was the same!
And our families rose to the occasion!



Mission Casa de la Cruz while on lockdown!



The mission in Anapra shut down with the rest of the world in early 2020 and the community suffered greatly because of it. Many were left with no food for the week, children with no school and the elderly dying in record numbers. By mid 2020 we decided that it was time to reopen and begin the food basket program so that there might be some semblance of normalcy in the community. From August to December of 2020, we gave over 500 food baskets and 4 of our college kids returned to school with full tuition.



By October of 2020, volunteers came out to finish the project we had started in 2019 of remodeling the mission from the inside out! In this picture, you will see the beautiful color of the outside wall and Casa de la Cruz in the background. The new sidewalk has helped the community have better access to the entrance. To date, we have **served over 250 families** and the project cost was \$4000.00. Your contributions in the **"Mission Blue Envelope"** made this possible.

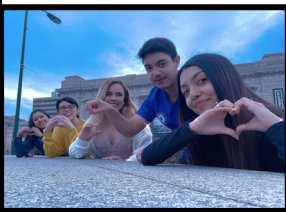


The Hispanic Ministry...

came back after lockdown in August of 2020. Our Youth pictured here, participated in many events at St. Francis Regis with Fr. Emmanuel Lopez and continued with their CCO leadership course here at St. Mark.



The pandemic did not slow them down and they continue to be very active to this day.



Our Spanish Mass saw roughly 130 people per mass during the shutdown and numbers have stayed steady since.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

During this difficult time in our lives, many people were left to figure out how they were going to put food on the table with no employment.

St. Vincent de Paul continued with the emergency assistance program by offering food gift cards to families, lodging people who found themselves without a home and even paid for petro to those living in RV's.

From April thru December of 2020, SVDP spent \$12,936.00 in assistance with contributions received through the **"SVDP Green Envelopes"**.

We continue to assist the homeless and those who still have not found employment.

Our Hillcrest Ministry...

was unable to hold their annual Chili Dinner and Horse races event in 2020, so they did what one does when on lockdown, they put their heads together to figure out a way to raise the money needed for our Sponsored apartment and the result was fabulous! We raised over \$12,000 for the ministry! It was an amazing response from the parish and we are so grateful for you! We will again have our event on November 13, 2021. Please mark your calendars and join us!



Check out our Church App!

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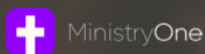
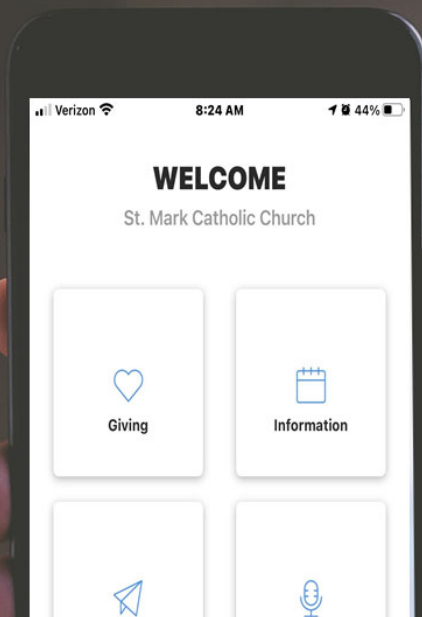
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