CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

2012/2013 ANNUAL REPORT

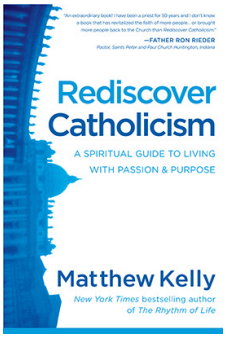
Dear Parishioners,

Accompanying this letter, you will find the Annual Parish Financial Report for the year which ended on June 30, 2013. This report was prepared by the Parish Finance Council which provides financial oversight and advice to the Pastor on fiscal matters for the Parish. As you read the report I hope you sense the vitality, faith and growth of our parish.

First of all, I want to tell you how proud I am of our parish family for your generous contributions to the Catholic Charities Appeal which surpassed all prior years with a record amount of $120,794.30. This generous gift of charity will help to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister to the sick and needy brothers and sisters of our diocesan family. The world asks: "What does a person own?" God asks, "How does a person use what he or she has been given?" Well done good and faithful servants!

The Staff, the various committees and organizations, and the many volunteers in our parish, enable us to serve our parishioners and reach out to the larger community. Our Religious Education Program, due to the dedication and commitment of many Catechists and volunteers, provides support and education to almost 800 children and their parents as they grow in their faith and learn what it means to be a member of the Church and follow Jesus Christ. While we have a large Religious Education Program, one goal of our parish is to increase the number of families that attend Mass regularly.

I would like to strongly recommend a book to all of our parishioners and especially to those who have lost the motivation to remain active members of the parish. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE consider reading the book entitled: "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. I promise you that if you read this book, you will look at your Catholic Faith through a new set of lenses and your life will never be the same. You can obtain a free copy of this book by contacting me at frgharrison@corpuschristiparish.org or call 508-888-0209, x103.



We are very proud of our parish organizations such as the Women's Guild, St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus and the Parish Food Pantry which serves the needs of many of our parishioners and members of the community each week. We are also blessed to have Mary's Closet and Helping Hands Thrift Shop ministries sponsored by the parish which provide outreach to our community, benefit to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and valuable financial assistance to our parish family.

Last Fall, our Holy Father, Benedict XVI, called for a Year of Faith. Our parish continues to celebrate this special year with great enthusiasm. In addition to many special programs and activities, last June we celebrated a week long Faith Festival Mission led by Deacon Ralph Poyo that was attended by over three hundred persons each night. This Faith Festival Mission has given birth to a Faith on Fire Small Group Ministry which presently consists of seventeen groups meeting weekly in the homes of our parish neighborhoods. If you are interested in participating in one of these small faith sharing groups, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me.

One of the highlights of our parish celebration of the Year of Faith was our parish participation in the Town of Sandwich Fourth of July Parade. Our parish youth sponsored a Fourth of July Float in the parade and the very popular red, white and blue tee-shirts, designed by our parish youth with the words "One Nation under God" printed on them, were worn proudly by over a hundred Corpus Christi parishioners who participated in the Parade. It was a great day to celebrate our freedom and to demonstrate our parish spirit and unity.

Town of Sandwich July 4th Parade

In addition to the hundreds of parishioners who received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Matrimony and the Anointing of the Sick during the past year, it has been inspiring to see a dramatic increase in the number of people who attend daily Mass and celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Our parish Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, which is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, continues to be an oasis of peace for so many and a quiet place to find comfort and strength in time of trouble. It is also a powerhouse of prayer resulting from the prayers of the almost three hundred people who have made the commitment to spend at least one hour a week with our Lord in this holy place.

On August 30th we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful church with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all our benefactors. A debt of $3,481,132 remains for the construction of the church and because of your generosity and a series of cost cutting measures this past year we were able to reduce the debt by $200,000. The challenge of the year ahead is to provide maintenance on the aging buildings and grounds of our parish property. As all property owners know, maintenance is critical, costly and needed. We will meet these challenges because of the generosity of time, talent and treasure of so many good and generous people.

Our Parish Community will remain healthy only by your participation in and support of our Parish ministries and programs. We are especially grateful to those who regularly support our Parish financially. The ability of our Parish to function in its ministries is due to our parishioners who faithfully support the Parish through regular weekly Offertory Collections as well as the Annual Collection.

Faith Festival Mission

While the parish has many goals this upcoming year, encouraging a greater number of parishioners to contribute to our weekly collections, to participate in our Annual Collection and to become more involved in our activities and parish ministries are three goals that will not only assist us with nearing some level of fiscal stability, but also assist with the continued vitality and well-being of our beloved parish.

The weekly Sunday Collection is of particular importance to the parish's fiscal viability. This Collection funds the day-to-day operation of our parish and the many ministries that exist at Corpus Christi Parish. If, after reviewing the percentage of your income that you currently contribute to the parish each week, you determine that you can increase it by even a small amount, it would be most sincerely appreciated and a tremendous help in carrying on God's mission in the vineyard entrusted to our pastoral care. Close to 80% of our ordinary income is received from those who use the budget envelope system or some other means of regularly transmitting a financial contribution to the parish. If you are not currently contributing financially to the parish in a regular identifiable manner (through electronic giving or envelopes), please consider joining your many fellow parishioners who are currently doing so. You may contact the Parish Office to receive budget envelopes or you many sign up for electronic giving by visiting our parish webpage: www.corpuschristiparish.org. Your financial support is vital to the material and spiritual well being of our parish. It has been said, "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

The Annual Collection remains an important source of financial support to our Parish. While we rely on your continued support of the Offertory Collection which is the lifeline for parish ministries, programs and activities, the Annual Collection provides both the funding for future capital needs and a safety net to cover shortfalls. The date for the Annual Collection is the weekend of August 17 & 18th, but your contribution to this important collection is welcome any time. A pledge card is enclosed for your 2013 Annual Collection contribution. Your generosity will be most appreciated.

May God bless your generosity, and may he continue to bless you and your loved ones with every grace you need to live faithfully and joyfully in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. George E. Harrison

(Rev.) George E. Harrison
Pastor

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Financial Report

Years ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013

	7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012		7/1/2012 to 6/30/2013	
Operating Receipts				
Weekly Offertory	766,192		762,387	
Other Donations	260,227		277,982	
Fees	54,943		69,869	
Offerings for Specific Activities	137,321		116,249	
Total Operating Receipts		1,218,683		1,226,487
Operating Expenses				
Tithing	51,765		50,786	
Salaries	340,729		287,119	
Mortgage Interest	89,050		63,279	
Administration	143,803		152,352	
Utilities	89,946		101,428	
Insurance	113,276		109,937	
Maintenance	63,230		55,848	
Specific Activities	306,451		122,887	
Total Operating Expenses		1,198,250		943,636
Operating Gain / (Deficit)		**20,433**		**282,851**
Capital Receipts				
Debt Reduction Campaigns	37,409		14,604	
Borrowed from Chancery	0		0	
Bequests	7,788		14,943	
Total Capital Receipts		45,197		29,547
Available for Debt Reduction		**65,630**		**312,398**
Capital Expenses				
Principal Reduction	97,416		200,000	
Debt Reduction Campaign Expense	0		0	
Building Expense	9,390		4,697	
Total Capital Expense		106,806		204,697
Savings Added (Used)		**-41,176**		**107,701**

DEBT POSITION

Beginning Debt July 1	3,778,548	3,681,132
New Borrowing	0	0
Payment of Principal	(97,416)	(200,000)
Ending Debt June 30	3,681,132	3,481,132