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The Pulse of Sacred Heart Parish, Moline, Illinois

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CELEBRATING OUR PAST, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Dear Parishioners,

The 100th anniversary of the dedication of Sacred Heart Church will be in April of 2023. As I look back at the history of our parish, I am struck by where our parish was financially when our church was dedicated in 1923. The parish leadership wanted to have a “worthy” church where the liturgy could be celebrated, and they borrowed money to achieve that goal. It was the roaring twenties and things were prosperous. Little did they know that the Great Depression would arrive in 1929. The church loan was not paid off for 20 years. I say that to put our present financial situation in context.

The fiscal year 2020 - 2021 was a wonderful year for our finances. Our endowment grew. We collected money from our TTT campaign, and we got money from a government PPP loan. We ended the year by re-roofing the north end of Culemans Memorial Hall, working on the gutters for our church, and updating the parking lot on the east side of our campus. These were projects that could not be deferred.

The bills for these capital improvements came due at the beginning of 2021 - 2022. We knew this would cause our operating budget for 2021-2022 to be in the red. We used money from savings and from our endowment to offset costs. The stock market





SETON FALL FESTIVAL: OCTOBER 22

- 1st Place: \$10,000
- 2nd Place: \$5,000
- 3rd Place: \$3,000

\$50 per ticket or 3 for \$125. Buy your tickets at www.setonschool.com/fall-fest or in person at the school office.

All prizes will be drawn LIVE during the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22!



has been bearish for the last six months, so our endowment lost significant value. But we continued to collect money for the Today Tomorrow Together Campaign and we even surpassed our goal. So, we have a mixed bag of news to present to you this fiscal year.

One thing I would like to emphasize is that parish collections stayed about the same. We need to see that number grow. School assessments continue to rise, and other costs do as well.

I have not given you a lot of numbers. The financial numbers are included in the report elsewhere in this newsletter. We are being as transparent as we can. Like the parishioners of 100 years ago, we face uncertain times. In the coming year, we will dedicate the addition to our church. This is an act of faith. Let's pray that God will

continue to provide for the needs of our parish. I thank you for your continued generosity.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark,
Pastor



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

“Let There Be Peace” is a hymn often chosen by a family when planning the funeral of a loved one. That is our prayer for our deceased relatives and friends and for those who miss them. At our annual Mass of Remembrance, we at Sacred Heart honor those parish members who have died in the past year. This celebration always occurs at a weekend Mass near the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, when the Universal Church remembers those who have died.

On Saturday, November 5, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, a special ritual of naming those who have died in the past year will be held. Family or friends will carry forward the personalized candle to be lit.

Invitations to a family member of the deceased will be mailed in mid-October and are to be shared with others who would wish to attend the special Mass. This Mass will also be livestreamed for those who are not able to attend.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

A very poignant day for many, Veterans Day honors all those who have served our country over the decades. Although Veterans Day, November 11th, falls on a Friday this year, Sacred Heart would like to honor our veterans at our 9:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 13th.

Following Mass, we invite all the veterans and those currently serving, along with their family and friends, to join us at Coffee Café in Culemans Memorial Hall Cafeteria. In fact, we invite all our parishioners to join us as we thank our fellow church members for their service, both in the past and today.

We would ask that any veteran or current service member that plans to attend either the Mass or to join us at Coffee Café, to please complete the sign-up sheet in the bulletin or contact the parish office at (309) 762-2362 no later than Monday, November 7th with your intentions. We would ask that you give us your name, your branch and years of service, your rank along with how many people may be joining you. This will help us to plan for your day.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Parish Pro-life Representatives will be collecting "Pennies For Life" at all the Masses the weekend of October 1 and 2. Each Parishioner is being asked to contribute 1 cent for each year of his/her life in thanksgiving to God for the gift of life He has given them. We thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

CURBSIDE CHILI FOR HAITI

Friday, October 7th, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Culemans Hall, 1400 16th Ave, Moline

Hosted by the Friends of the People of Haiti (FOPH)

Our friends in Haiti are desperately in need of help. Your purchase of a chili dinner will help us to help them. Chili dinner will include 1 Quart of Mild or Spicy Chili, crackers, spoons, and 4 cookies. Suggested donation is \$10. Cash or credit cards may be used upon pickup.

Pre-orders can be placed online at <https://fophqc.org/> or by email to luann.polissaint@gmail.com. Please indicate mild or spicy in your order.

We will also be hosting a 50/50 Christmas Raffle where you could win up to \$2,500! Raffle runs from October 7 - December 12, 2022. Donation of \$5 per ticket. You may buy tickets from any FOPH member or contact Louann at the above email address.

COFFEE CAFE

Every month from October to June Sacred Heart offers our parish families the opportunity to gather for social time following the 7:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Masses on the second Sunday of the month. On October 9, Coffee Café will be buzzing with much activity.

At the 9:15 a.m. Mass we will welcome our newest members of the parish who have joined us since January 2020. Due to COVID, we have not been able to offer this event, so we are excited to bring WELCOME SUNDAY back. All are invited to join us at Coffee Cafe to welcome our newest families. Blessings Gift Shop will have a display of items to browse and buy. You won't want to miss out since a different display of items will be offered each month.

Stop by the table of our Prayer Chain Ministry to inquire on how to join this Ministry. The purpose of our Prayer Chain Ministry is to provide spiritual support and healing for parishioners and their families and friends through our daily prayers. We are looking for prayer partners who are willing to set aside a few minutes daily to pray for others. The prayer requests will be emailed, so an active email address is required. Maintaining confidentiality is of the utmost importance while serving as a prayer partner.

So, you see, Coffee Café will be buzzing in October. Come be part of the excitement! Meet our new families, browse and buy at Blessings and sign up for our Prayer Chain.



A CLOSER LOOK: PARISH FINANCES

Our Sacred Heart Finance Committee would like to share with you a summary of our financial performance for the year which ended June 30, 2022. In our continued spirit of transparency, we present this detailed review.

While this year's report does not reflect the financial prosperity we had last year, we remain encouraged. The year ended with a loss, meaning that expenses exceeded income by \$269,949 before accounting for our TTT Capital Campaign donations and expenditures. We will work hard to make sure that next year we return to a financial result that is "in the black." We are incredibly grateful for the continued generosity of our parishioners, the leadership of our pastor, Fr. Mark, and the hard work of our parish staff.

Overall parish income was \$1,070,129 without TTT donations, which is \$61,336 below budget projections. Total income was less than last year by \$21,218 when TTT donations are excluded. Offertory collections were the same as last year. Included in total income is \$61,000 of extraordinary income from the forgiveness of a PPP Small Business Loan. This program has ended. It will be important to replace those funds with other sources, primarily collections from parish members.

Realized parish expenses for the year totaled \$1,116,396. This is \$9,923 less than budget, due to much-needed repairs which were not part of the TTT campaign, return to normal activities, increased utility costs, and inflation. General expenses were up \$41,000 from last year. Details of these expenses are shown in the accompanying report.

Two of Sacred Heart's major expenses are the subsidies we provide to Seton Catholic School and Alleman Catholic High School. Over \$486,000 is dedicated to ensuring our schools remain healthy and continue to provide a quality education program enriched by teaching our Catholic faith.

After a couple of years when many of our ministries have been restricted due to health and safety precautions, we look forward to welcoming volunteers who offer their time and talents to keep our expenses low. Please consider helping with the Garden Committee, the Cleaning Crew, Art and Environment Committee, Facilities Advisory Committee, and the Altar and Rosary Society. We also thank the Catholic Order of Foresters who generously save us thousands of dollars each year. Many thanks to all who graciously volunteer.

Our "Today, Tomorrow, Together" capital campaign raised \$894,598 in 2021-2022. With \$2,924,375 in funds raised in total over the last four years, our campus proudly reflects the improvements made possible by your generous support. Your gifts have allowed us to complete tuck pointing of the church exterior, complete restoration of our beautiful stained-glass windows, replace the HVAC in the Lee Parish Center, relocate the rectory into the Lee Parish Center, and demolish the old rectory. We are now focused on completing the final part of our campaign which will provide an addition to the church to meet current and future needs.

In this time of uncertainty, your continued financial support has been vital to our ability to address the needs of our parish and school. We thank you for your support and your sacrifice.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the parishioners of Sacred Heart. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on our parish.

Sacred Heart Finance Committee:

Linda Wolbers/Chair

DeAnn Gandia

John DeCock

Aaron Graf

Bill Rector

Mary Vrombaut

Fr. Mark

Bill Cornelis

Dave DeJaegher

Connie Morris/Trustee

Jim Watson/Trustee

THE ELIZABETH ANN SETON ENDOWMENT

July 1, 2022 Beginning Balance	\$1,041,820.00
Additions	\$0
Interest	\$30,280.00
Depreciation on Endowment	\$(118,397.00)
Distributions	\$(49,674.00)
June 30, 2022 Ending Balance	\$904,029.00

**Helen E. Maes | Curly & Margaret Van Raes | Starr Family
| In Honor of Monsignor Dale Wellman | Albert & Suzanne
Aubry Family | Gladys Kohler Family | Rosemary Spaeth
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 generosity.

YEAR-END REPORT FOR JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

INCOME

ORDINARY INCOME	2021/22 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2020/21 Actual
Collections	\$912,802.29	\$1,007,500.00	\$913,429.76
Endowment Investment Income	\$30,280.48	\$20,000.00	\$42,710.28
Interest on Parish Accounts	\$2,347.56	\$915.00	\$2,035.73
Other Income	\$9,908.34	\$6,500.00	\$8,070.06
	\$955,338.67	\$1,034,915.00	\$966,245.83

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME

Memorials/Bequests	\$16,585.00	\$35,000.00	\$3,653.84
Birdies of Charity	\$13,159.80	\$10,000.00	\$13,772.75
Fundraising	\$17,120.38	\$44,300.00	\$34,975.10
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$61,000.00	\$ -	\$65,400.00
	\$107,865.18	\$89,300.00	\$117,801.69

CCD / Youth Ministry Income	\$6,925.00	\$7,250.00	\$7,300.00
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Total Income	\$1,070,128.85	\$1,131,465.00	\$1,091,347.52
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EXPENSES

PARISH EXPENSES	2021/22 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2020/21 Actual
Salaries & Benefit Expense	\$372,448.50	\$409,792.04	\$384,824.63
Parish Office & Supply Expenses	\$100,601.92	\$100,675.00	\$98,486.27
Religious Education Expenses	\$6,175.92	\$5,000.00	\$3,015.64
	\$479,226.34	\$515,467.04	\$486,326.54

PARISH ASSESSMENTS

Seton Assessment	\$370,236.20	\$368,981.00	\$368,850.85
Alleman Assessment	\$116,352.96	\$116,353.00	\$101,082.50
Vicariate / ADA	\$2,870.54	\$1,200.00	\$941.18
	\$489,459.70	\$486,534.00	\$470,874.53

FACILITY EXPENSES

Property / Liability Insurance	\$37,334.64	\$40,000.00	\$39,994.92
Utilities	\$54,562.70	\$48,685.00	\$45,757.47
Repairs & Maintenance	\$55,812.90	\$35,635.00	\$32,245.77
	\$147,710.24	\$124,320.00	\$117,998.16

Total Expenses	\$1,116,396.28	\$1,126,321.04	\$1,075,199.23
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Parish Income Less Expenses	\$(46,267.43)		\$16,148.29
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

2020/21 Actual

Church	\$152,878.00
Lee Parish Center/Rectory	\$397,521.25
Total	\$550,399.25

2021/22 Actual

Church	\$16,585.00
Fellowship Hall	\$88,700.00
Total	\$105,285.00

TTT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

2020/21

Income

TTT Donations	\$633,631.46
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Capital Expenditures

Rectory Demo/ Asbestos Abatement	\$(40,750.00)
Total	\$592,881.46

2021/22

Income

TTT Donations	\$824,598.49
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Capital Expenditures

Gathering Center Const. Costs	\$(82,848.86)
Rectory Demo/ Asbestos Abate.	\$(29,590.31)
Total	\$712,159.32

ENDOWMENTS

Unrealized Gains/Losses

2020/21	\$193,558.84
2021/22	\$(118,396.89)

FY CHANGE TO NET ASSETS

2020/21	\$252,189.34
2021/22	\$442,210.00

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
MOLINE, ILLINOIS

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MOLINE, IL 61265

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Please check the bulletin for any updates.

Mass:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
Monday - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday:
8:00 a.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. School Mass

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in church.

Adoration:

Wednesday and First Fridays:
7:00 - 11:30 a.m.