



St. Mary's Church

September 24, 2013

Dear St. Mary Parishioner,

The St. Mary's Finance Council is pleased to present this report for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2012 and ended June 30, 2013. You will find a pie chart and totals for expenses and revenue for said fiscal year on the other side of this page. I am grateful to God for the members of the Finance Council and all who generously contribute to St. Mary's Parish on a weekly basis throughout the year—thank you! Your financial contribution demonstrates your commitment to St. Mary's Parish and the blessings we share as a community.

In accord with Canon Law, each parish must have a finance council. The council is required to make an annual financial report to parish members. The Members of the St. Mary's Finance Council review parish income and expense and how these align with the budget for each fiscal year. Finance council members observe the financial trends of parish income and expense. They recommend best practices to keep St. Mary Parish fiscally sound.

Presently, members of the finance council have recommended that I encourage you to increase your financial commitment to St. Mary's. It would mean a great deal to me if you would consider prayerfully a percentage of your annual income as a sacrificial gift to your parish. After carefully considering this percentage, please complete the commitment card enclosed with this letter, and state your financial commitment for this fiscal year. Please return it with your donation at Mass on Commitment Sunday September 28 and 29. Your sacrificial gift of 4 or 5% of your annual income contributed over the course of a year will allow us to anticipate parish income and meet our expenses.

Stewardship is essential to our way of life as Catholics. As defined by the USCCB, a steward is "*one who receives God's gifts gracefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner; shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord.*" Finance Council Members strive to be good stewards by anticipating our financial need such as the roof replacement on the Church. Additionally, we prepare for unexpected needs when they arise such as the new heating and air-conditioning in the Church. These expenses have diminished our reserves, so we need to increase our income in order to cover future depreciation costs and fund the maintenance, repair, or replacement of assets that have outlived their usefulness.

Again, we are grateful for all that you do, have done, and will do. May the blessings of God remain with you and be forever a source of grace and lasting peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Rick Rodoni, Pastor

Ron Pelzel, Finance Chair

Finance council members: Paul Beaupre, John Bertolotti, Tom Connelly, Kevin Cuccias, Paul Gentzkow, Dana Duncheon, Tony Zadel and Teri Shepherd Tucci

Summary of Operations

2012-2013

(in thousands)

