

OUR LADY *of Joy*
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019

A LETTER FROM FATHER JESS

Dear Family of God,

I am pleased to present the 2018-2019 Stewardship Annual Report. The report highlights the important work accomplished by 550 volunteers whose work spans 63 ministries, committees, programs and services touching the lives of our parishioners and many of those in need in our diocese. I thank you for answering God's call to serve your church by giving unselfishly of your time, talent and treasure. It is by loving one another and acting on this love that we can spread the good news of the Gospel and bring people closer to God.

This year has brought many blessings. We have enjoyed the use of our newly renovated church and office space. We added two religious sisters to the staff and have benefited immensely from their presence and their missionary zeal. In addition, we were able to purchase a convent for the sisters and our generous parishioners worked tirelessly to furnish and decorate the building, as well as move the sisters in. A few new ministries were started; Missionary Disciples, Intercessory Prayer group, MMP Prayer Cenacle, and a new Family Ministry to support our young families and strengthen their bonds to the Church.

The annual report contains a financial report on the health of the parish. You may recall that in 2013, Our Lady of Joy Parish was blessed with a generous monetary gift of over 4 million dollars from the William G. Poortvliet Family Trust. We were able to use the remainder of those funds to renovate the parish offices and begin the renovation of the parish hall, which will be completed in December of 2019. This project will complete our use of the Trust and we will continue to count ourselves blessed by the consistent financial support of our parishioners.

Thank you for continuing to serve the Lord and Our Lady of Joy by your untiring support, your presence and worship-offering. I am grateful for each of you and the generous support you have given the parish and myself, as well as Father Clement and Father Kurt. May the Holy Spirit guide me, and may God bless each of you and your families. Please continue to pray for me.

Yours in Christ and Our Lady,



Fr. Jess Ty

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to build a community of missionary disciples through the Sacraments, prayer, acts of charity, and evangelization and catechesis based on the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.



PASTORAL REPORT

Registered Families	1671
Number of Anointings	445
Number of Communion Calls	1850
Marriages	6
Deaths	20
Baptisms (all ages)	16
Confirmations	22
1st Reconciliation	28
1st Eucharist	19
RCIA	10
Religious Education Students	107
Preschool Students	38
Full Time Employees	15
Part Time Employees	4
Number of Volunteers	630
Number of Ministries	40
Charity and Development Appeal	
Goal: \$285,000 Actual: \$306,125	





FAITH FORMATION

"The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity."
- Saint Pope John Paul II, Catechesis in Our Time

Following the direction of our beloved Saint Pope John Paul II, the Faith Formation Department of Our Lady of Joy aims to help our parishioners experience the love and friendship of Jesus Christ in a wide variety of ways!

During our past year, we have welcomed 20 new infants into the life of the Trinity through baptism. The parents of the baptized infants participate in a baptism class that teaches about the sacrament, the roles of parents and Godparents, and describes resources the parish provides going forward. This past summer, Our Lady of Joy did not hold its annual Vacation Bible Study due to the exciting renovation of our parish hall, but summer programming will return in summers to come.



During the school year, children's Faith Formation meetings took place on Wednesday evenings. During the past year, we had 104 children in this ministry. 22 of those children received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 17 received First Eucharist. We also provided teaching Masses, describing the purpose for every part of the liturgy.



Our Junior High program, EDGE, also meets on Wednesday nights in the Teen Center and is a vibrant and exciting space for youth in 6th, 7th or 8th grade to come to experience Christ while spending time in fellowship. It is a room full of junior high youth who want to be there; who come to share their stories and the way Christ is moving in their lives. EDGE is a wonderful place for youth to come ask life's tough questions and make good relationships centered on Christ.

Life Teen, our program for high school youth, begins with a 4PM Teen Mass that welcomes young people and their families to participate in the Liturgy with serving opportunities, homilies geared toward teens and contemporary music. Life Nights happen every Sunday after the 4:00pm Mass in the Teen Center. Other opportunities included nights of worship, movie nights, a car wash, and community service nights. The high school teens took three trips this year: a fall retreat in northern Arizona where the teens had opportunities to hear testimonies and encounter Christ in the Eucharist. They attended the Diocesan Multi Parish Retreat in the spring, where they got to spend a weekend with other teens from the Diocese all gathered in their love of Christ. They also went to the Steubenville San Diego conference along with thousands of young people from throughout the West.

For adults, the opportunities are endless. Monday mornings, parishioners watch and discuss a video from Dr. Brant Pitre that gives them a deeper understanding of the approaching Sunday's readings. On Thursday evenings, RCIA gathers to aid those interested in joining the Catholic Faith or receiving additional sacraments on their journey. On Friday mornings, men of the parish join together for That Man is You! Tuesday nights are the home of our Church History classes that run several times a year. Saturday mornings, a Bible Study that tends to tackle a single book or topic at a time gathers. Additionally, ENDOW groups for women currently have three groups that meet at various times. Finally, we have multiple Small Christian Communities that meet in parishioner's home on a weekly basis. We also provide missions for the parish each Lent and Advent.



PRESCHOOL



Our Lady of Joy Catholic Preschool is located on parish grounds, just west of the church and has been in operation since 1991. We teach children ages 3-5 years old in a faith-filled, caring and safe learning environment. Last school year, 2018-2019, we had 32 students enrolled in preschool and pre-kindergarten classes. Our graduating students were sent off to kindergarten in a beautiful prayer ceremony where each student had a candle lit from the Paschal candle.



Using an integrated thematic approach, weekly themes and daily activities are provided to help foster Catholic identity, social and emotional development, cognitive skills and creativity. Our teachers use the Zoophonics and Handwriting without Tears program to teach literacy and proper handwriting skills. We develop our students to be strong beginning readers, math whizzes and young scientists. Lessons and conversations are extended at home with the great communication from our teachers and preschool parents.

We are very blessed to have the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at Our Lady of Joy Preschool. This unique faith formation program teaches the Catholic faith at a young learner level with small alters, baptismal fonts and parables. The students visit the Atrium once a week for an hour and fifteen minutes. It is truly a wonderful place to learn our faith.

The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Joy have been extremely generous in their financial support of their parish preschool. Their donations have allowed the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund to provide multiple families with tuition assistance. In addition, many generous parishioners have donated funds for classroom activities and supplies.

We are fortunate to have preschool families from the St. Rose, St. Gabriel's and Our Lady of Joy church communities. This unity fosters a strong focus on our Catholic faith and families. Our families have shared with us that OLOJ is not just a preschool, but a preschool family. We are very blessed to have each of our families and are honored to be with them in their journey through early childhood education and faith formation.

Preschool classes start at 9:00 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:15 p.m. On August 16th, 2018 we celebrated the beginning of a new school year with our annual Meet the Teacher Night. We welcomed our new and returning families with great excitement. Each classroom provides a safe and caring surrounding that allows each student to grow confidently, spiritually and academically. Many of our preschools students attend our Catholic feeder schools such as Annunciation Catholic School and St. John XXIII elementary schools.



PARISH OUTREACH

PARISH VISITORS OF MARY IMMACULATE COME TO OUR LADY OF JOY

Sr. Margery Therese Harkin, PVMI and Sr. Mary Eileen Jewell, PVMI began ministry at OLOJ in September 2018. The Sisters' Community charism is to be contemplative-missionaries while carrying out the works of evangelization and catechesis in the parish setting. Here at Our Lady of Joy the Sisters set to work first of all, supporting many existing ministries by bringing the presence of a Religious; something that many said they were missing. Our young people in Religious Education, Edge, and Life Teen, became used to the regular presence of Sisters, knowing that they are always there for them in times of struggles with faith or other needs. Sr. Margery became a needed listening ear in the Ministry of Compassion, guiding many parishioners through the difficult process of grief. Sr. Margery also brings Our Lord in Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, and the encouragement of faith during home visits to families in our Religious Education program. Sr. Margery also visits homes randomly, seeking to find those away from their Catholic Faith in order to invite them home.

Sr. Mary Eileen set to work crafting a seven week missionary disciples training program to better equip parishioners for evangelization. This was well-received with 35 parishioners participating. The Sisters began forming their first Alpha team. Alpha is a tool to evangelize those who are



far from the practice of either their Catholic Faith or any faith. It consists of a shared meal, video, and small group discussion each week for eleven weeks. Many come to initial faith in Christ through the Alpha process and are ready for the next step, whether that be a Bible study, small group, or RCIA. Alpha will be repeated twice a year at Our Lady of Joy, helping fulfill the Church's burning desire to seek and find the lost sheep.

In January, Sr. Mary Eileen was asked to step in as Coordinator of Religious Education for grades K-5, after Karen Powers moved to another state. Sister focused on keeping the program going as is, with the exception of revamping the sacramental prep component to include separate parent's and student's sessions. This gave Sister the opportunity to reach the parents, the first educators of their children, with adult-level catechesis. Sister also revised the Infant Baptism preparation to have more of a focus on evangelizing parents.

Our Sisters are very grateful for the opportunity to serve at Our Lady of Joy. They sense the Hand of God in providentially leading them to this parish at this time. They seek to move the parish more and more toward becoming an "evangelizing community". They look forward to getting to know more parishioners and continuing to form missionary disciples!

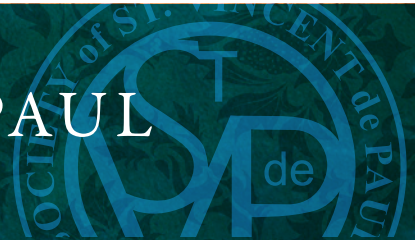


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Peter's Pence	\$1,248.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$26.00
Gospel of Life Appeal	\$2,780.00
Holy Land	\$2,460.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$91.00
Communications	\$130.00
Religious Retirement	\$2,271.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$310.00
Native American & Black Mission	\$748.00
Diocesan Special Collections	\$10,064.00
Advent Project: St. Charles Apache Mission School	\$7,205.00
Advent Project: St. Charles - Back to School	\$4,340.00
Advent Project: St. Agnes Shoe Box Ministry	\$6,240.00
Lenten Project: First Way Pregnancy & Aid to Women	\$2,035.86
Catholic Charities from St. Joseph's Table Proceeds	\$966.72
Donate Church Items	\$630.00
Donate Convent Furnishings	\$19,742.00
Social Outreach	\$12,580.00
Building Fund	\$22,427.41
Memorial Gift	\$5,280.00
Our Lady's Guild Project Donations	\$15,850.00
Other Collections	\$81,446.99
Total Special & Other Collections	\$91,510.99



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Poverty never takes a vacation! That is why at the Our Lady of Joy Conference of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, we are on call every day all year long. We are here to help! Whether it is to give bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty or clothe those who are in need, we bring whatever aid we can to fit whatever need is pressing for those who call on us. We carry on our work through the donations of our very generous parishioners here at Our Lady of Joy Parish. Our corner of the world is a better place because we are here to help when the need arises. **Our parishioners make this all possible!**

In order to be the most effective and preserve every person's dignity we keep our financial assistance confidential. We help pay utility bills during the hot summers when some of our local families can't afford the extra expense. We help with unexpected medical and dental bills that have gotten to be a burden on people living on a fixed income. We help with car repairs and replacing tires to help people who have no financial means to get these things and are dependent on them for transportation to and from work. Sometimes they just need a full tank of gas at the end of their month and their money. Sometimes, people find themselves in a situation where they can't pay their rent for a month or two, usually when they are temporarily out of a job. We pay rents! We have a special food drive the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We call it Turkey Tuesday. This is a whole community project in which St. Vincent De Paul Conferences in the greater Metropolitan area participate. We try to make sure that every family has a turkey for the holiday. We use the food donations and money to fill needy family's pantry in order to supplement them for the next few months. In addition, we pay for some local families to get food supplies at the Foothills Food Bank. We have a back to school project for needy students from ages 5 through 18. We give each child a back pack, two gift cards for Walmart for school supplies and a voucher for the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store for clothes.

Our Founder, Frederic Ozanam stated, "No act of charity is foreign to our society." We abide by this whole-heartedly and do a variety of things to help our people get back on their feet and back in a good place in their lives. But we are so much more than a charity. We are "Christ- bearers" to people who have financial needs beyond their ability to pay. We bear the love, light and message of our Lord and Savior to the people we serve. We pray with them, encourage them and many times leave them with a Bible or a rosary or other religious objects as well as being understanding hearts, feeding hands and friends of the poor financially.



Society of St. Vincent De Paul Our Lady of Joy Conference

Donations Received:	\$111,756
Client Aid expended:	\$39,749
Aid to other Phoenix conferences:	\$28,442
Aid to foreign conferences:	\$1,500
District 11 dues:	\$11,035
St. Vincent De Paul endowment fund:	\$5,453
Operational expenses:	\$865
Home visits:	45
Clients served:	123
Total hours of service:	2,518

And most importantly, we are a Vincentian family who grow together spiritually through our work, our fellowship and the Spirituality we put into our meetings. We are always looking for new brothers and sisters to join the family. We meet two Fridays a month at 1:00 PM at the Parish for general meetings. Please feel free to come join us!

OUR LADY'S GUILD

Our Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Joy Catholic Community is dedicated living Catholic values through prayer and action. More than 180 parish women with a myriad of backgrounds become one in their Guild Sisterhood. Several interest groups offer opportunities for personal growth: Book Club, Garden Gals, Hiking Group, and *Kouk Sun Do* (mind/body exercise) classes. Social interaction is also encouraged through our Breakfast Bunch, Finer Diners and Theater groups.

We are united when working together for a charitable cause: Our annual Christmas Bazaar raises money for the OLG Outreach Program which offers grant awards to several worthy causes, particularly organizations that help women and children on a grass-roots level. Our Outreach Program includes the Guild Craft Angels whose activities are also noted below. Through our Sister-to-Sister program our member support each other in times of physical and emotional challenges and celebrate victories together.

The Guild also serves our parish by facilitating OLOJ projects, including *Back-to-School Drive* to students at St. Charles K-6 School on the San Carlos Apache Reservation, the *Annual Lenten Project* providing goods and funds to First Way Pregnancy Center in Phoenix and Aid to Women in Tempe, and the annual *Christmas Mission* when parishioners enjoy sharing their Christmas spirit with St. Charles students.

Our spiritual strength is the result of shared prayer through Mass, monthly General Meetings and programs, the Guild-sponsored OLOJ Prayer e-chain, and our Sister-to-Sister prayer requests as well as other opportunities for individual and communal spiritual growth. Together we work, pray, laugh and even cry.



SUMMARY GUILD CRAFT ANGELS' OUTREACH PROJECTS

July: Handmade scarves & shawls and 49 toiletry bags to SVDP Ozanam Center; 25 crosses painted, 100 bookmarks for children in foster care and NICU scrapbook pages.

August: Volunteered at Arizona Helping Hands folding children's clothes and gift-wrapping books; 25 crosses and 4 handmade shawls and 5 scarves to SVDP Ozanam Ctr, NICU scrapbook pages.

September: Artist led project - Hand-painted bookmarks for OLOJ and Caring Corps shut-ins.

October: NICU scrapbook pages; potpourri and toiletry bags for shelters and homeless.

November: Christmas bags - 100 to Caring Corp and 30 to OLOJ shut-ins; NICU scrapbook, bags of clothing collected for SVDP, toiletry bags to SVDP Ozanam Ctr for 23 men and 40 women.

January: 100 bookmarks for at-risk children in the Gabriel's Angels Therapy Dogs program; NICU scrapbooking; 2 gift bags for our OLOJ Sisters and 15 for the new/potential Guild members.

February: Toiletry bags for 23 men and 29 women to Foothills Caring Corp; NICU scrapbooking.

March: Mini-Easter baskets for Arizona Helping Hands foster children; toiletry bags - 25 to Caring Corps and 25 to SVDP.

April: Prepared and assembled US Veterans' Honor Star Packets; NICU scrapbooking; collected and delivered requested personal items for 11 Welcome Baskets for My Sister's Place, a shelter for battered women and their families.

May: Created US Veterans' Honor Star Packets; collected and distributed 10 Welcome Baskets for United Methodist Outreach Ministry's shelter for homeless women; NICU scrapbooking.

June: Veteran's Honor Star packets, NICU scrapbook pages, toiletry bags



OLOJ OUTREACH GRANT AWARDS	
St Charles Apache Mission	\$1,000
OLOJ Sisters' Convent Home	\$500
Adopt-A-Family	\$450
Ministry of Compassion	\$500
St Agnes School - OLOJ Christmas Project	\$2,000
Ryan's Case - hospitalized kids	\$1,500
Foothills Foodbank	\$329
Rosaries of Our Military	\$500
Foothills Caring Corp	\$2,000
AZ Helping Hands - foster children	\$2,000
United Methodist Outreach Ministry homeless shelters	\$2,000
San Carlos - storage program	\$1,000
St Agnes School - teacher supplies	\$1,000
AZ Sunshine Angels	\$2,000
Tithing/vestment and altar cloths	\$1,500
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit scrapbook program supplies	\$500
St Joseph's Shrine, Yarnell	\$400
Infinite Finds Community Ctr	\$1,000
St Agnes - OLOJ Christmas projects	\$1,000
St Charles School - uniforms	\$1,000
Craft Angels - supplies	\$506
Total Our Lady's Guild Financial Outreach 2018-2019	\$22,685

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are an organization of Catholic men dedicated to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney and a small group of laymen in New Haven, CT the Knights have grown to be one of the largest fraternal beneficial organizations in the world. They are now known as “The Strong Right Arm of the Church” for their spirited defense of the faith and their numerous acts to support the church and those less fortunate.

The Knights at Our Lady of Joy are an active, visible group who are involved in every area of parish life. Many of the Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, choir members and parish committee members proudly call themselves Knights.

Perhaps nothing is more important to the Knights at Our Lady of Joy than their service work that supports local religious and youth organizations, Catholic Education, vocations, veterans, first responders, feeding the poor, and providing aid to the disabled. Our Golf Fore Charity event, Lenten fish dinners, Tootsie Roll sale and other events improve the lives of others.

All practical Catholic men over the age of 18 are welcome to become one of “These Men We Call Knights.”



OUR GOOD WORKS 2017-2018	
Culture of Life	\$4,795
Catholic Education	\$16,515
Aid to Disabled	\$4,000
Religious	\$17,000
Vocations	\$9,342
Food for the Poor	\$4,000
Youth	\$3,751
Veterans & Military Support	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$64,403



PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES

PARISH CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Church Renovation

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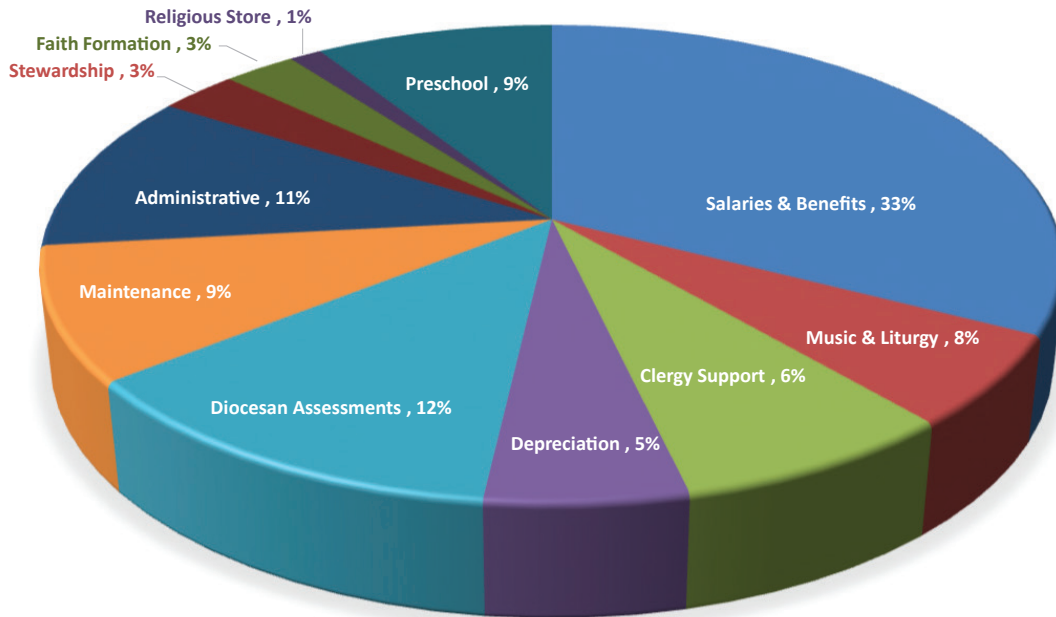
units and, most recently
the renovation of the
church.

Church Renovation Project Details

- The church had 11 different types of tile flooring, making them impossible to replace. There were also two major cracks running north to south and east to west. The cracks were filled in and leveled and a new, unified tile floor was installed.
- The church's previous sound system was installed 15 years ago and was embedded

Parish Operating Expenses

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019



Parish Operating Income

Salaries & Benefits	690,797	33%
Clergy Support	129,268	6%
Music & Liturgy	161,610	8%
Depreciation	114,478	5%
Diocesan Assessments	263,469	12%
Maintenance	190,547	9%
Administrative	229,984	11%
Stewardship	62,542	3%
Faith Formation	57,686	3%
Religious Store	26,054	1%
Preschool	189,921	9%
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	2,116,355	

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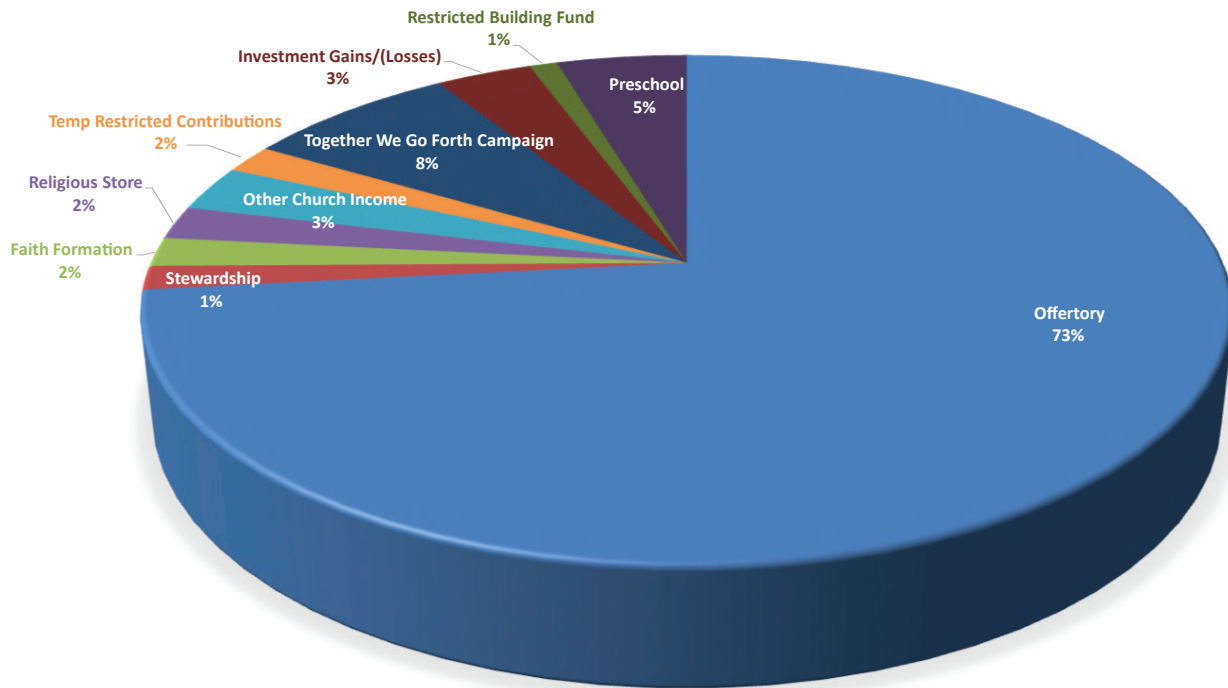
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The existing Stations were transferred to another church.

PARISH INCOME

Parish Income

Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019



Parish Operating Income

Offertory	1,665,851	73%
Stewardship	33,925	1%
Faith Formation	41,822	2%
Religious Store	47,971	2%
Other Church Income	66,133	3%
Temp Restricted Contributions	41,108	2%
Together We Go Forth Campaign	171,000	8%
Investment Gains/(Losses)	77,205	3%
Restricted Building Fund	22,427	1%
Preschool	104,867	5%
Total Income	2,272,309	

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