

FINANCES, MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PRACTICAL STUFF

Our year end was June 30, and the synopsis below is the year end report. The detailed financial statement is posted on the bulletin boards for your information.

Bank Balance:	15.71
DDF balance	175,432.11
<u>Accounts receivable</u>	<u>4,027.79</u>
Total Assets	179,475.61



INCOME	
Donations	207,844.78
Fees	6,185.00
Programs	2,780.00
Other	9,200.67
<u>Rentals</u>	<u>44,525.00</u>
Total Income	270,535.45

EXPENSES	
Administration	164,724.54
Programs	13,299.73
Operation/Maint.	121,057.26
<u>Rental Operation</u>	<u>24,564.40</u>
Total Expense	323,645.93
Net Income	-53,110.48

We ran a deficit for the last fiscal year, mainly because of the extensive maintenance that was done – new doors in the church, painting of the church, new floor, new windows for the church and the school (the parish contributed half the cost of the school windows). We also had had expenses of nearly \$6000 in preparation for the Mission. This money will be refunded after the Mission is complete. Normally we would pay for capital projects (windows, floors, etc.) out of our DDF account, but we were able to cover a good portion of the expense from our operating account and used only about \$30,000 from our DDF savings account. The good news is that some of the maintenance projects will not have to be repeated (windows, floors) because of the materials used.

Our donations in the past fiscal year increased by about \$12,000 over the previous year, which is great news for all of us. The income from other charities dropped by almost \$10,000, which means that we took care of our own needs in the parish, and that is even greater news.

During the past summer, we assisted the school with the replacement of four exterior doors, and we will continue to do regular maintenance in the church and our other buildings. We do not anticipate any major expenses this year, so should be able to start putting money back into our DDF savings account.

Richard and Giselle's "Home" Page

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WELCOME TO OUR "HOME" PAGE

This publication is part of our effort to facilitate and improve communication between the Pastoral Team and the parish community. We will be publishing on a regular basis (frequency is still under discussion) and the contents can also be found on the Internet at <http://www.geocities.com/saintmaryspg/>.



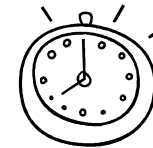
MASS TIMES SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the survey over the past two weekends. There were 339 surveys completed, and the breakdown is as follows:

Option A: 238

Option B: 60

Option C: 41



In the Option C category, there was a great variety of suggestions. Thank you for your creative suggestions. Given the overwhelming number who opted for Option A, we will retain the present Mass times – NO CHANGE IN MASS TIMES!

From the comments, there is a strong reminder that this whole issue of Mass schedules needs to be discussed and co-ordinated at the regional level. We will be sure to raise it at our regional meeting.

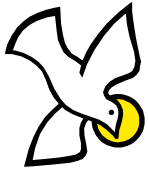
PASTORAL COUNCIL

The new Pastoral Council for St. Mary's has begun its mandate. We thank the new members for their generosity in responding to this call for service. The members are: Pat Finn, Shelley Stang, Andrew Ross, Paul Cote and Terry Hawkes. Members of the parish are always welcome to pass along their ideas and suggestions, questions and needs to the Pastoral Council through the members or through the parish office.

PASTORAL TEAM

As of September, Giselle is now engaged in full-time ministry at St. Mary's Parish. Up until this point, she had been half-time at Sacred Heart Cathedral and half-time at St. Mary's Parish. Expect to see more of her this year... except on Lay Formation weekends! Giselle will be coordinating the Lay Formation programme in Terrace this fall and winter while Susan Campbell is on sabbatical.

For Richard, too, there has been a change in ministry. No longer serving at Sacred Heart means more time for ministry at St. Mary's. He continues to minister to the Diocese as a whole as Vicar General, and that means time spent at the Diocesan Centre each week as well as other duties around the diocese at times. During the month of October, Bishop Gerry is in Rome for the Synod on the Eucharist, so Richard will be spending more time at the Diocesan Centre during this month. McBride does not have a resident priest, and Richard generally celebrates Eucharist there the first Sunday (or Saturday) of the month.



ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

In order to accommodate those who wish to celebrate Eucharist on these two feast days, there will be Mass at 7:00 p.m. on November 1 and 2 in addition to the morning Mass at 7:20. Watch for an announcement about a celebration of blessing the graves of our loved ones around the time of All Souls.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

It was extremely popular several years ago, and now we're finally getting it up and running again! And "No", it's not because the lectors or Fr. Richard are distracted by children during the Liturgy of the Word! This is a chance for children to hear the Word proclaimed and explained in a language they can understand more easily. These little people are the church of tomorrow, and we hope to instill in them a thirst for, and an appreciation of, God's Word to them.



We are going to begin the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 Sunday Mass in early November. All children aged 5-8 are invited to attend. There will be volunteers and sign-up forms (bright pink) at the back of the church after the 11:00 a.m. Mass for parents to fill out. This gives us an idea of how many children we can expect and lets us prepare resources. Any parents or others, who are willing to assist are invited to contact Giselle at the parish office. Thanks!!



BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN

We will be having baptism preparation sessions for older children (5 and up) in a few weeks. If your child would like to be baptized, please phone Giselle at the parish office for more information.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

This fall, we are continuing our RCIA sessions for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. If you know of someone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith or has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, please give us a call! Our regular RCIA meetings are held Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in the Conference Room (Freeman Street Entrance). Please phone Giselle at the parish office for more information.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Do you know someone who has drifted away from the Catholic Church? Sometimes all that is needed to draw these people back is a listening ear and a chance to talk about their experiences. This fall, probably after the OMI Parish Mission in November, St. Mary's Parish and Sacred Heart Cathedral will be hosting a series of gatherings to Welcome Home all inactive Catholics. These sessions will be held in a warm, non-judgmental atmosphere and will give participants a chance to develop relationships and to reconnect with their Catholic faith. Please phone Giselle at the parish office for more information.

BITS OF NEWS

THE DIOCESE HAS SEMINARIANS! In August, Rectorino Tolentino and Venerando Sabacan arrived from the Philippines to enter into a year of discernment. It is their (and our) hope to complete their studies here in Canada and be ordained for the Prince George Diocese. They are currently completing a six-week enculturation program at Newman Theological College in Edmonton and will return on October 15 to do a Pastoral Year in various parishes in the diocese. We keep them in our prayers.

BISHOP GERRY IN ROME. Bishop Wiesner was elected by the Canadian bishops to be one of the delegates to the Synod of Bishops in Rome during the month of October. The bishops are reflecting on the Eucharist at this Synod.

