

Prince of Peace

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



2007 STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

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A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Faith Community,

Sometimes when I am distributing communion, God reminds me that every person who steps up to accept the Eucharist or to receive a blessing is the object of God's TOTAL focus. To God, it is as if that person were the only individual in the universe. And every aspect of that man/woman/child's life, personality, activities, joys and worries is of huge concern to the Creator. No one is left out, left behind or marginalized.

And that also makes me acutely aware that this individual person could change the world. Or the Church. Or Prince of Peace Parish.

It only takes one Catholic Christian to make someone feel welcome at church. Or to make Holy Communion available to a post-surgical patient in the hospital. Or to make faith formation a possibility for every third-grader who wants to come. It takes only one person to speak a difficult truth at Pastoral Council or to collate those last few bulletins or to make music with voice or keyboard at a weekend liturgy. It is because of an individual that sufficient bread and wine are prepared for Mass, the church is readied for a wedding, altar servers are assigned for an important event. It takes one person to pay the bills, another to organize the collection counters, one to lead the translators or compose the bulletin or shop for prayer blanket fabric.

Although we are the Body of Christ, a community, a great mass of people journeying toward the Kingdom, it is the individuals who steer, brake and make a difference.

This means that NO ONE IS UNIMPORTANT in God's plan. Nothing is left out. No one is unaccounted for.

So many of you have given generously to the financial support of our parish and our building program and our many ministries. Beyond that, only when each of us realizes that s/he is important and necessary to this parish will we really be built up into the community that God desires.

What is YOUR place. What does he call you to do or be?

This wonderful parish is about all of us. But it is also – it must be - about you.

Father John Keller

St. Joseph Center



Mary Chapel



Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

Thank you for your generosity in supporting Prince of Peace during this last fiscal year with your prayers, your financial resources, your skills, and your very valuable time. As always, your support makes possible everything this community does.

This year has been a year of construction and some disruption. The addition to the Religious Education Building (newly renamed the St. Joseph Center), the repairs and upgrading of the old wing of that structure, the plaza, fire control system, a second air-conditioning chiller yard and more parking have been completed. The furnishing of the Mary Chapel continues. The cost of these projects is \$7,400,000 which will result in debt of \$2,000,000 once all Capital Campaign pledges have been received by the end of December 2008.

As our community grows, we are in need of *everyone's* continued support in keeping our parish strong and vital in all areas. Our budget for the current fiscal year is \$67,000 a week, which provides for an increase in parish ministries as well as additional operating expenses for our new facilities. The budget also includes \$472,000 to supplement building projects and \$120,000 to meet the Archdiocese's requirement that each parish maintain a reserve for that parish's own facility maintenance. The Finance Council is dedicated to ensure that your offerings are used responsibly in supporting our church and its many ministries.

As we start our new fiscal year, our biggest concern continues to be the shortage in pledges for both the Capital Campaign and the Diocesan Service Fund (DSF). Nearly 6,000 households claim Prince of Peace as their parish church. Sadly, only 1,300 families have contributed to the building campaign for the Mary Chapel and the expansion of the St. Joseph Center. Even fewer have supported DSF. Every contribution will make a difference, so please contact the parish office to make your pledge and assist the parish in reaching our goal and once again to be debt free.

Thank you for your stewardship. The gifts that you entrusted to this community have touched many lives during the past year. **You are Prince of Peace!**

Prince of Peace
Finance Council

P.S. Many are not aware that our parish offers automatic fund transfer from your bank account as well as credit card contributions. If you would like to take advantage of one of these convenient ways to contribute, please phone the parish office at 281-469-2686.

Source and Disposition of Funds

	Year Ending	
	6/30/07 Actual	6/30/08 Budget
(In Thousands)		
REVENUE		
Sunday/Holy Day Offerings	3,379	3,617
Other Revenue	40	20
Total Revenue	3,419	3,637
EXPENDITURES		
PARISH OPERATIONS		
Plant Operations/Maintenance	785	896
Parish Administration	549	613
Pastoral General	267	321
Total Parish Operations	1,601	1,830
MINISTRIES (net of user fees)		
Faith Formation	154	189
Worship	211	241
Youth	129	138
Outreach	126	162
Pastoral Care	5	16
Community Life	51	64
Total Ministries	676	810
PAYMENTS ON DEBT		
Building Debt Service	546	472
Land Loan	200	—
Interest	6	—
Total Payments on Debt	752	472
DIOCESAN/OTHER OBLIGATIONS		
Capital Renewal	120	120
Cathedraticum Tax	297	305
DSF Shortfall	55	100
Total Diocesan/Other	472	525
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,501	3,637
NET CASH FLOW	(82)	0

Recorded Special Gifts 2006-2007

Diocesan Services Fund	\$297,000
St. Mary's Seminary	24,000
Other Appeals (15)	58,000
Total Special Gifts	\$379,000

BUILDING FUND STATEMENT

As of June 30, 2007

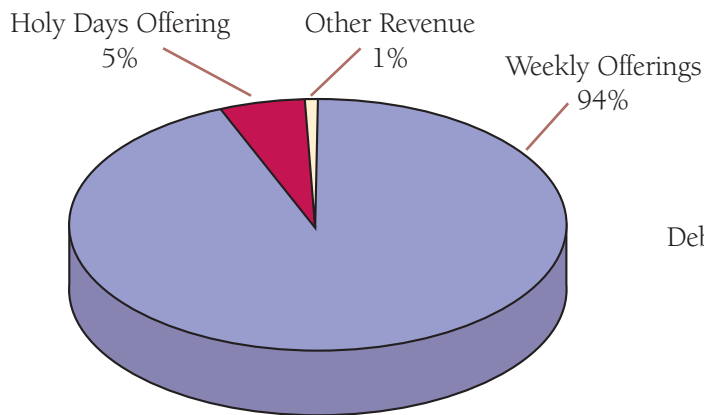
Source of Funds:		Use of Funds:	
Pledges	\$ 3,035,000	Construction	\$ 5,720,000
Memorials	130,000	Diocesan Tax	105,000
Bank Loan	2,260,000	Interest	37,000
Offerings	545,000	Admin/Other	123,000
Interest/Other	80,000	Reserve	65,000
Total	\$ 6,050,000	Total	\$ 6,050,000

Parish Operations

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008

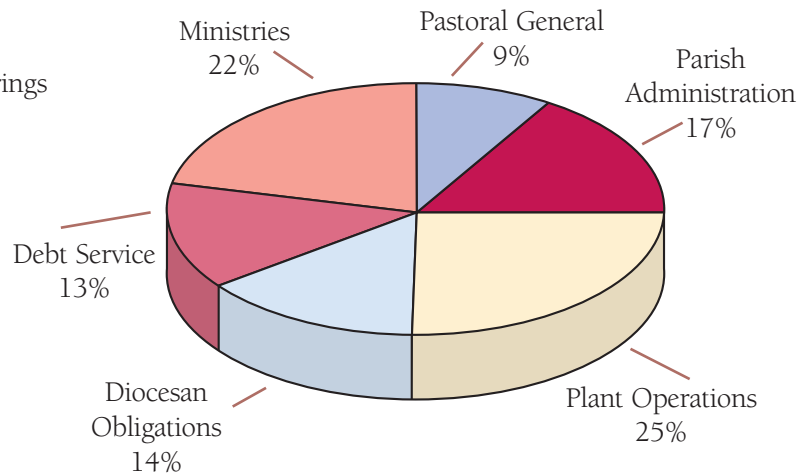
Source of Funds Budgeted for Fiscal Year 2008

Total \$3.6 million



Use of Funds Budgeted for Fiscal Year 2008

Total \$3.6 million



Celebrations & Sacraments

Statistics from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

423 Baptisms (up to 7 years old)
126 Confirmations (Youth)
426 First Penance (Children)
5 Quinceaneras



498 First Eucharist (Children only)
18 Confirmations (Adults)
90 Marriages Celebrated
102 Couples Prepared
62 Funerals

R.C.I.C./R.C.I.A.
31 Baptisms
23 Full Communions

Communion to the sick for the homebound and assisted living and medical facilities.

Stewardship

A Way of Life



Pastoral Care Ministry

Extends love, concern and support of our community to those in the parish who are sick, elderly, homebound, lonely, or whose families need comforting in times of death or illness.

350 Volunteers support the following programs:

- Funeral Ministry
- Care Givers (relief to family members caring for loved ones at home)
- Mass at Healthcare and Retirement Facilities
- Eucharistic Ministers to homebound, hospitals, and nursing homes
- Prayer Blanket Ministry
- Health Care Activities/Blood Drives
- Transportation

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is a place for junior high and high school teens to encounter Christ and His Church through community, Sacrament, and personal prayer experiences.

Currently 1,400 people are involved in Youth Ministry Programs.

- Junior High and High School Faith Formation Programs
- Confirmation Preparation
- Youth Retreats
- Servant Leader Team
- Bible Study
- Praise & Worship Band
- Social Functions throughout the year
- Sunday Night Live



Faith Formation Ministry

Our Faith Formation Ministry continues to expand offering programs for children and adults. **Currently we have 6,000 people attending our various programs during the year.**

Children Faith Formation

- Elementary Faith Formation
- First Eucharist Preparation
- Awakenings
- Vacation Bible School/Sonshine Days
- RCIA

Adult Faith Formation

- RCIA/Adult Confirmation Preparation
- Baptism Preparation
- Parish Lenten Mission / Guest Speakers
- Bible Study Groups
- Retreats
- Parish Library



“Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now.”

— St. Teresa of Avila



Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry helps approximately 20,000 people each year with the following programs:

- Food Pantry/Monthly Food Distribution
- Thanksgiving Loaves and Fishes Program
- Easter Brunch Program
- Christmas Adopt a Family
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Meals on Wheels
- Gabriel Project (Crisis Pregnancy Support)
- Sister Parish Relationship Committee

Worship Ministry

Each weekend we celebrate 8 Masses at Prince of Peace and **need 381 volunteers each weekend** to share their time and talent to make our liturgies function smoothly as well as spiritually uplifting for all.

Liturgical Ministers

- 106 Altar Servers
- 297 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)
- 67 Lectors
- 31 Masters of Ceremonies (MC)
- 34 Sacristans
- 165 Ushers/Hospitality Ministers
- 250 Music Ministers/Choirs
- 30 Children's Liturgy



Community Life Ministry

105 volunteers in the Community Life Ministry help bring our large diverse community together by offering social, spiritual, and educational opportunities to parishioners including:

- Welcoming Weekends & Receptions
- Open Wide the Door Ministry
- Special Events (Seder, Christmas Tree Blessing, Festival of Ministries)
- Facilitate Small Group Parish Involvement





Prince of Peace Catholic Community

Rev. John T. Keller – *Pastor*

Rev. Alfonso Delgado – *Parochial Vicar*

Rev. Joseph Son Thanh Phan – *Parochial Vicar*

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Jerry Bazan ~ Deacon Chuck Butler

Deacon Fred Dinges ~ Deacon C.J. Mangano ~ Deacon Al Prescott

Parish Admin./Business Manager

Mark Threlkeld

Assistant to Pastor

Tricia Spring

Pastoral Associate

Deacon Chuck Butler

Administration

Paula Reed

Pastoral Care

Deacon Al Prescott

Blessed Beginnings

Stella Brooks

Child Care Ministry

Samantha Kramr

Community Life

Sue Hofmeister

Faith Formation

Domenica Weir

Mary Camarata

Angelica Gil

Maggie Ragusa

Outreach Ministry

Susan Gallagher

Spanish Ministry

Eva Berrones

Worship

Katherine Raniowski

Susan Feller

Youth Ministry

Matt Regitz

David Regitz

Monica Lopez

Pastoral Council

Michael Barrueta ~ Joyce Blackburn ~ Hank Dentler ~ Chris Doherty ~ Sue Fogarty ~ Roberto Galdamez
Ricardo Gonzalez ~ Simon Lataquin ~ Ruth Ann Lattin ~ Jimm Lubenow ~ Sandy Przybyla ~ Otto Windholz

Finance Council

Ann Bourque ~ Thanh Dinh ~ Ralph Ellis, Jr. ~ Bob Henricksen
Ron Jones ~ Chester Nowak ~ Jim Schulist ~ Mary Schulist ~ Olga Villasenor