

# SAINT JOSEPH RECTORY

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Praise be the Lord Jesus Christ!!

We do hope you were able to witness the Kennedy funeral last week. It was a moment of grace, healing, hope for redemption and the Providence of God. The eulogy of Ted's son melted many of us emotionally. "My dad's name was Ted, I am Ted, and my son is Ted. At times it has been very difficult owning that name...I love my dad...the driveway was steep and I, with my new prosthetic right leg, did not want to take a ride on the flexible flyer because the ice and snow was so slippery going up the hill to the garage....I fell, I can't make it...yes, you can! WE will, I'll be with you if it takes all day...we did, he put me on his back and we coasted down the driveway!!"

The wounded, the fear, the slip, the fall, the discouragement, the higher power coming to one's side, the challenge that together we will make it. It was so poignant! Was it a story about himself, or about his dad's life?

The testimony of the Mass, the letter Kennedy wrote to Pope Benedict XVI (hope you read it) show the power of God working through us clay creatures. It is a blessing to be a Catholic.

"Together we can make it." I guess is the summary of this letter. That includes several items:

- The year's financial report is on the other side of the page
- The Grand Annual was down from \$75,000 in '07 to \$50,000 last year. There were several very legitimate reasons for that. Thank God this is a new era. Would you consider giving 10% more than that you gave in '07. If you gave \$100, maybe give \$110 this year; \$200, maybe \$220, etc., etc.
- The Arise Program starts the first week in October. If you haven't signed up, you will love it.
- Enclosed also is a Volunteer sheet. Consider one or two ministries/services. You'll meet great people.
- Dearest Shut-ins, (as well as "our monks", as we call you in the nursing homes - you are our cloistered parishioners whose prayers we need) and those who are unable to financially help, please say a daily rosary for our children. That is great ministry. Once a week consider putting aside time for a Holy Hour.

That is it. Please help. "Together we can make it!" Praise be our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Patrick J. McLaughlin

Fr. Joseph Diem

**PS: Budget Envelope users! Use the envelope that came in your mail/ or put your "BE" number on this one. Thanks.**

**Saint Joseph Parish  
Income & Expenses 2007/8 & 2008/9**

| <u>Income</u>             | Year ended 6/30/2008  |             | Year ended 6/30/2009  |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|                           | \$'s                  | %           | \$'s                  | %           |
| Offertory Collections     | 403,516               | 67%         | 394,158               | 67%         |
| Grand Annual              | 75,023                | 13%         | 49,544                | 8%          |
| Sacramentals              | 29,856                | 5%          | 72,153 *              | 12%         |
| Religious Education/Youth | 18,510                | 3%          | 21,863                | 4%          |
| Donations                 | 16,170                | 3%          | 16,866                | 3%          |
| 125th related income      | 18,322                | 3%          | 5,305                 | 1%          |
| Other                     | 37,096                | 6%          | 32,658                | 6%          |
| <b>Total income</b>       | <b><u>598,493</u></b> | <b>100%</b> | <b><u>592,547</u></b> | <b>100%</b> |

**Expenses**

|                                   |                       |             |                       |             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Salaries                          | 160,252               | 25%         | 193,210 *             | 29%         |
| Benefits                          | 42,487                | 7%          | 45,637                | 7%          |
| Clergy Stipends & Benefits        | 76,559                | 12%         | 87,179                | 13%         |
| Unassigned Clergy                 | 16,486                | 3%          | 15,090                | 2%          |
| Office Expense, Telephone, etc.   | 33,958                | 5%          | 34,699                | 5%          |
| Pamphlets, Missalettes, Postage   | 25,257                | 4%          | 27,639                | 4%          |
| Heat & Utilities                  | 86,284                | 13%         | 85,182                | 13%         |
| Property Insurance                | 20,018                | 3%          | 19,884                | 3%          |
| Maintenance, Building & Grounds   | 24,145                | 4%          | 26,259                | 4%          |
| Pastoral/Liturgical               | 87,034                | 14%         | 97,800 *              | 15%         |
| 125th related expenses            | 30,353                | 5%          | 0                     | 0%          |
| Other                             | 37,077                | 6%          | 38,532                | 6%          |
| <b>Total operating expenses</b>   | <b><u>639,910</u></b> | <b>100%</b> | <b><u>671,111</u></b> | <b>100%</b> |
| <b>Operating income (deficit)</b> | <b>(41,417)</b>       |             | <b>(78,564)</b>       |             |

\* Payments to musicians & soloists for weddings & funerals are now paid to the parish. The parish pays the musicians & soloists. This change is now required and began in the fiscal year ended 6/30/09. The net cost effect is nearly nil.

Not included in above figures:

|                           |                |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Building Fund Renovations | 207,230        | 141,078        |
| Fundraising costs         | 41,430         | 21,167         |
|                           | <u>248,660</u> | <u>162,245</u> |

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|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Capital Campaign receipts   | 44,638  | 209,732 |
| Loan bal to RCAB as of 6/30 | 150,678 | 140,372 |

Est cost of needed roof repairs to begin in September 2009 \$72,000