

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER!

Every week, the Sacred Heart Sunday offering is tithed for the support of a multitude of charities dedicated to the Hungry and Homeless, Missions, Education, Oppressed and Marginalized, Veterans/Police/Fire, Medical Services and Advancement, Handicapped/Special Needs, Unborn/Pregnancy Help, Etc.

Parish Tithe \$35,000+

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In addition to the parish tithe, we support the mission of the Church beyond Boston throughout the year with special collections that benefit the national and global community.

Special Collections \$35,000+

Holy Father Seminaries Black and Native Americans Missions Home Missions Catholic University Catholic Relief Services Latin America Women Religious Retired Religious Campaign for Human Development National Communication Central and Eastern Europe



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ANNUAL REPORT

SACRED HEART PARISH

SERVING THE FAITH COMMUNITIES OF MIDDLEBOROUGH & ROCHESTER

Autumn 2009

Dear Parishioners,

Each year, since I became Pastor in June, 1998, I have shared a summary financial report with you. This year's report is more than financial, it tries to put forth some of the other aspects of our being good stewards of God's gifts as a parish. Our hope is that you will take note of some of the many good things happening in the parish, and perhaps if you are not currently involved, might say, "I think I'd like to be part of that!"

In regard to our being financial stewards of the gifts God gives us through the generosity of those who support the parish, I want you to know that we work very hard to apply your gifts well to keep the parish financially healthy. One of the facts we struggle with is the declining numbers of people attending Mass regularly which impacts income negatively.

As you read this brochure, you will notice the many good works of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. This organization of many volunteers is financially independent from the parish. Through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of many supporters, they do wonderful work and reach out to hundreds of our fellow parishioners and townspeople who are in various needs. New volunteers are welcomed!

I'd like to pay tribute the hard-working staff, both at Sacred Heart and St. Rose of Lima. There are many behind-the-scenes efforts constantly going on to ensure that our worship, education, and parish properties are working well to help us continue our mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are also grateful to the literally hundreds of volunteers who assist so generously in all the works of the parish.

Please consider this report and brochure also an appeal for your consideration of the Grand Annual Collection which begins on the second weekend of October. This is an important collection to help provide a resource for times throughout the year when ordinary income does not meet expenses. We do not set any specific giving amount as a goal but do ask that you give prayerful consideration to this once-a-year appeal. We know that many people are struggling financially and we understand this. We hope that you will be as generous as your means allow in your response to this request.

In October and November on certain Sundays when the Scripture texts invite us to reflect on stewardship—time, talent, and treasure, we will have parishioners speaking on these topics as they have tried to live them out. We hope many will consider this a personal invitation to say, "Yes, I'd be willing to share my time, talent, treasure, in response to God's amazing goodness to me."

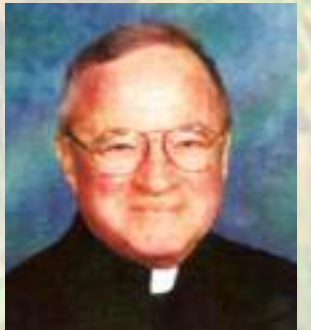
May God bless you.

In Christ,

Rev. Richard P. Crowley

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Pastor





Sacred Heart Parish:

Sacred Heart and St. Rose of Lima

Notes from the Pastor:

One of the major aspects of a parish budget is to provide for the repair, upkeep, and upgrading of the physical property of the parish. We have the following properties and surrounding grounds (parking lots, lawns, walkways, etc.) to provide for: two church buildings, two rectories (attached to the church and office at St. Rose), two parish halls (attached to the church at St. Rose), a religious education center with fourteen classrooms + offices and a parish office building (formerly Sacred Heart's Convent). As you might imagine, there are many things that can and do go wrong, or break, in this number of facilities, usually on a weekend!

Looking ahead and trying to be good stewards of not only the property, but also God's good earth, we have been investigating a geo-thermal heating/cooling system in connection with roof solar photovoltaic panels to replace the very old system in the parish hall in Middleborough, connecting this with the Fr. Shea Religious Education Center in Middleborough which is extremely costly to heat. If any parishioners have any "hands-on" experience with either of these systems we would be happy to hear of your first-hand knowledge.

Ordinary maintenance projects, such as repainting the window frames and trim, and addressing a moisture problem in Rochester; replacing the emergency door exit hardware, and refinishing the Middleborough church doors are projects currently underway.

The big project of repainting the interior and sanctuary of Sacred Heart Church this past year put a big "dent" in the Maintenance Fund, but we feel that it has certainly enhanced the look of the church and will last for many years to come.

SACRED HEART PARISH PROFIT & LOSS JULY 2008 THROUGH JUNE 2009

	Parish Total	St. Rose of Lima	Sacred Heart
Income			
Offertory	416,786	82,985	333,801
Grand Annual	31,180	3,812	27,368
Flower/Sacramental Offer	26,235	3,364	22,871
Gifts/Bequests/Donations	9,081	294	8,787
Religious Education	67,562	7,376	60,186
Interest/Dividend	11,615	16	11,599
Rental	18,847	0	18,847
Ministry/Fundraising/Other	48,734	4,626	44,108
Total Income	630,040	102,473	527,567
Expenses			
Salaries	306,647	50,158	256,489
Benefits	45,794	7,852	37,942
Employer Expenses	18,283	3,542	14,741
Office/Administrative	40,907	9,474	31,433
Religious Ed. Supplies	25,493	2,648	22,845
Rectory	7,030	0	7,030
Utilities (heat/electric/W&S)	42,262	10,975	31,287
Property Insurance	15,638	4,649	10,989
Maintenance	43,157	9,825	33,332
Charitable Works	35,478	535	34,943
Pastoral/Liturgical	34,543	6,587	27,956
School/Chaplaincy Tax/Cath	38,581	9,456	29,125
Other	364	100	264
Total Expenses	654,177	115,801	558,376
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(24,137)	(13,328)	(10,809)
Non-operating Income and Expense			
SH-Maintenance Fund Income			45,566
Capital Improvements			(90,854)

Including: new ADA bathroom in church, new foyer floor in church, interior painting of church new stair treads, stage wall and draperies in parish hall. These improvements were completed with savings from restricted funds in our Promise for Tomorrow Account and Maintenance Account.

St. Mary's Cemetery

Many of you may have noticed that the developed area of the cemetery is rapidly dwindling. A master plan for future development has been drawn, and we have budgeted \$20,000 per year for the next three years for expansion.

Anticipating expansion costs, we have been running promotions for the last two years to boost revenues. Lot sales have nearly doubled thanks to these efforts, but it is unrealistic to imagine these numbers are sustainable. Therefore, sales projections for 2010 are more conservative. The projection for openings is also very conservative and reflects a trend toward cremations. - PBM

Notes from the Pastor:

We believe that our new system of lawn care and maintenance has resulted in an improvement in the overall look of the cemetery. We thank the many Boy Scouts, leaders, and family members who participated in Eagle Candidate, Andrew Chiapetta's project of cleaning up tons of debris in the wooded section of the cemetery this past spring. Vandalism, illegal fires, and other activities continue to be a problem in the wooded area. We would appreciate the help of those who visit the cemetery regularly being on the look-out for any suspicious activity and notifying the police or the parish.

Those who have graves at St. Mary's are asked to be aware that the bi-annual general clean-up will be posted late in the fall to forewarn you that all summer plantings and decorations must be removed by the date stated or they will be removed by the landscaping crew.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY PROFIT & LOSS JULY 2008 THROUGH JUNE 2009

Income	FY 08	FY 09	Budget 10
Sale of Lots	32,550	40,480	25,000
Openings	23,450	25,050	20,000
Foundations	2,568	6,726	4,000
Interest/Dividend	4,314	1,805	1,275
Miscellaneous	5,765	0	0
Total Income	68,647	74,061	50,275
Expenses			
Salaries	32,558	9,300	11,500
Benefits	7,002	3,659	5,000
Office	1,291	2,226	2,000
Facilities	8,131	20,144	20,000
Operations	7,612	15,799	18,000
Vehicle	200	0	0
Capital Improvements	7,312	3,840	20,000
Total Expenses	64,106	54,968	76,500
Net Operating Income(Loss)	4,541	19,093	(26,225)

Non-Operating Income and Expense

Perpetual Care Fund

Market Value Gain/(Loss) (8,611) (14,620)

Sacred Heart Food Pantry: Mid-Year Report

In the first six months of their fiscal year, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society through the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, distributed over \$118,700.00 worth of food to families living in Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester and Carver. Money from donations and fundraisers also allows SVDP to provide temporary shelter for the homeless, help with rent, utilities, travel aid, and many other needs.

Food Distribution

2245 adults
1151 children
385 senior citizens

Holiday Meals Program

206 Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets
197 Christmas Dinner Baskets
96 Kids' Christmas gifts
98 Kids' Easter Baskets

Clothing Needs

Clothing donated by parishioners distributed via Sacred Heart Thrift Shop; during summer distributed via Food Pantry during winter.

