On the expense side, $15,000 of the $17,000 cost overrun for Property is due to HVAC issues in the Parish Center and $1,500 is increased insurance costs. The $16,200 for deferred maintenance addressed unexpected issues for our Lincoln campus. Under fundraising, $16,263 is the actual revenue for both the Mystery Night and Bingo Night and $9,609 is the actual expense. The budget indicated $10,000 in Net Revenue and thus no expenses were projected. So we missed our goal by almost $6,600 and it would have been more except for some generous parishioners who donated goods for both events.

In summary, the $100,000 swing from deficit to surplus last year is due primarily to:

- $50,000 in deferred maintenance on the Weston property not done
- $16,200 in repairs on the Lincoln property covered by a bequest and other donations specified for Lincoln
- $22,000 in bequests or memorials
- $55,000 in additional Archdiocesan Annual Appeal rebate funds

**Capital Campaign**

As of June 30th, our debt to the Archdiocese for the renovations on the Church was $288,990 plus interest. We have $233,221 in collectible pledges plus $17,846 in the bank not yet applied to the loan. This leaves a deficit of $37,923 plus interest. Most of the pledges will be fulfilled in this fiscal with just a few for the following year. In July of 2012 the interest was $2,500 for the month and in June that had been reduced to $1,100. We are very fortunate that our parishioners are pretty much up to date with their pledges, and each month we pay off at least $10,000. Some months it is much more when quarterly or annual pledges come due in that month.

**Deferred Maintenance**

During the past year, we engaged Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger to do a thorough condition survey of the Parish Center and the Rectory. They have given us a list of needed repairs (estimated at between $150,000 and $200,000), with an assignment of priority levels 1 (within the year), 2 (1 to 3 years) and 3 (3 to 5 years). We met with them a second time and they are now preparing a list of what can be accomplished in the next year within our budget of $100,000, ($50,000 from FY 13 and $50,000 for FY 14) for Capital repairs. I will report to the parish as soon as I receive the list.

Sister Mary Anne Doyle, CSJ Parish Business Manager

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**COMMENTARY:** God made us. God is close to us, but God is also so deep and mysterious. Life is busy and our culture is amazingly secular. We can be fooled into thinking that life is all about us, without much attention to our dependence on God. So, in our families and within our daily schedules we have to take deliberate, decisive steps toward God. Prayer, worship, parish activities, wholesome work, good reading and leisure, decisions to love, seeking and offering forgiveness, openness to goodness wherever it is to be found, speaking explicitly about God --- all these ways of living dispose us to be not just vague followers of Christ, but real ones. -- Father Evans

**2012-2013 DEVELOPMENTS:** We welcomed Joan Mattila and Steven Antonio to our Faith Formation (Religious Education) staff. Along with Ann Bere’ and Cathy Capizzi, they have carried forward and enriched our outreach to our parish youth. Now, having been a team together for a year, their work and its effects are poised to deepen.

We introduced EDGE as the curriculum for the middle-school grades, 7 and 8. This coming year, the group will expand to include 6th-graders, and the Sunday time will move to the late afternoon. Steven, Fr. Evans, and our staff will be able to be more present to the students, along with generous parishioners as the EDGE CORE team. Correspondingly, with the Sunday evening Confirmation time and space made more flexible, a mix of large-group and smaller sessions will strengthen our formation efforts with the high-school youth. There, too, the OneEight curriculum will now be followed.

While our archdiocese continued to map out future collaborative links among its parishes, we began our own home-grown parish-planning process, “Building Our Parish Together,” meant to arrive at goals for 2013-16 after consultation with parishioners and
reflection upon feedback they shared. In the end 114 parishioners offered a spate of considerable suggestions. (See the end of this [section] for the 6 aims ultimately formulated.)

Our parish buildings and grounds continued to be improved, and we experienced our first winter in the renewed St. Julia Church.

As our Family Mass continued, our 5 PM Youth Mass picked up momentum. During the coming year, more attention will go to boosting these Masses all the more. Father Evans shared with parishioners that Cardinal Sean has granted him a sabbatical, set for January-April, 2014. He will engage in reading and writing in California, Ireland and Spain, and then will attend a study module in Rome. During Father’s absence, our visiting priests, mostly already familiar to us, will cover our liturgies.

HERE ARE OUR PARISH PLANS FOR 2013-2016:
The Major Goal for the next 3 years: Strengthen, enhance and enliven our parish in order to promote a more vibrant faith community, capable of flourishing amidst change and challenges for many years into the future, and to more fully exemplify our discipleship and love of God.

This major goal leads to a 6-part Action Plan:
I. Strengthen our liturgical life, centering around our Eucharistic liturgies: music, Family Mass, children’s choir, Mass decorum and punctuality, grade-level Masses, outreach to preschooilers during Mass times, recruitment of more liturgical ministers, providing access to Mass readings
II. Enhance our faith-formation programming at all levels, school-age through adult: Increased parental involvement, catechists’ support, family-friendly learning opportunities, availability of handy printed materials for lifelong learning, expanding offerings for Bible Study and adult enrichment, providing overnight retreats for adults
III. Enliven and organize our social, community-building activities: Forming a Social Activities Committee for family and parish-community-building events, regularly recruiting for various ways of parish involvement
IV. Reach out in works of mercy, in ways that bring Christ’s presence to both receivers and givers: Starting a Parishioner Outreach Commission to welcome new residents and registrants, to show concern for the bereaved, to follow up on Baptisms, and to offer support for personal needs; exploring new service opportunities for all ages
V. Communicate in ways that reach all parishioners, to promote participation in parish life and worship: “Welcome” materials, concise financial reporting in bulletin, procedures for parish commissions to report to parishioners, instructive announcements; preparing for collaborating with Good Shepherd Parish, re-working our parish mission statement, faith-witnessing by parishioners.
VI. Be responsible stewards of our parish’s material and financial resources: Promoting means of contributing to our parish, including online giving, working to eliminate annual budget deficit, exploring start-up of Buildings and Grounds Committee, developing a maintenance plan, maintained a parish “wish list” of needed resources.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2013-2014
We began the year with a budgeted deficit of $23,390 and ended the year with a surplus of $77,476. However, $50,000 of that surplus is maintenance that we once again deferred because the budget was so tight. That amount has been reserved to be added to another $50,000 in the FY 14 budget to begin to address issues in the rectory, the parish center and their adjoining walkways that can no longer be deferred. You will also note that the Catholic Appeal rebate is $61,572 over budget while Gifts and Bequests are $34,714 over budget. The latter depends on deceased parishioners leaving us gifts in their will. We are grateful that this past year we received two bequests and that other parishioners stepped up with additional gifts to help manage the budget.

I feel somewhat like the boy who cried “wolf” too many times in that I have for the past three years warned that we cannot depend on the one large gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which generates the large rebate. After the FY 13 budget was completed, that large gift was again made and credited to the parish even though the donor has moved out of state. As you will see in the FY 14 budget, although we have once again received credit for the donation, the donor reduced the gift by 50%.