



DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT FISCAL 2019

**As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good  
stewards of God's varied grace.**

**1 Peter 4:10**

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### PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION

I read a lot. I like to read. I always have. Lately, as you know because I've reported this in the bulletin time and again, I've been reading a whole bunch of books on church renewal and revitalization.

The main written resource guiding this phase of Renew My Church is Father James Mallon's *Divine Renovation: Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission*. His key insight that informs the entire book is that we can no longer simply maintain what we've been doing. The only way forward toward growth and revitalization is to be mission-oriented. All we are and do as a parish needs to support and encourage us as disciples who make others into disciples who then go out into the world and make a difference based on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This requires a change in the vision we have of ourselves and a change in parish culture. We are only in the very beginning of that reorientation of vision and culture. In this report, you'll be reading some of the steps we've taken to promote this reorientation.

Another book I've just started to digest is newly published by Father Michael White and Mr. Tom Corcoran of Nativity parish in Maryland. Their new book, *churchmoney: Rebuilding the Way We Fund Our Mission*, is excellent.

Their chapter two goes by a nifty title: Christ Is King But Cash Is Crucial. How true! Each chapter starts out with a quote, and the quote that goes along with this chapter is from the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*:

George: I know one way you can help me. You don't happen to have eight thousand bucks on you?

Clarence: Oh no, we don't use money in heaven.

George: Oh yeah, that's right. I keep forgetting. Well, it comes in pretty handy down here, bub.

Money is not a bad thing. Nor is it something we shouldn't discuss as a church or even in church. Jesus talks about money numerous times in the gospels. Money is a subject matter woven throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Money is a tool and a lens. We use it to procure what we need in life. Without the monetary gifts of committed disciples, this parish wouldn't get very far in spreading the Good News of Christ. Thank you for your support. Thank you for being good stewards of God's many blessings.

Thanks also to staff members Cindy Atsaves, Judy Pyke and Michelle Wasielewski, as well as the members of the Finance Council, for their efforts in making this report available to you.

As we have been blessed by God, we share those blessings with others. It's the gospel way and what we do as Christians.



### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

On July 1, 2019, we celebrated our first birthday as a new parish, Divine Mercy. We have accomplished a great deal over the course of this past year, from both an operational and from a ministerial standpoint. Overall, the transition has been a smooth one, and we have overcome some of the unique challenges that naturally present themselves as we have created our new parish. Many of these accomplishments have been behind-the-scenes, and not visible to parishioners, but they have been absolutely critical to our ability to move forward.

Personally, I am most excited by our efforts to "Build a New Reality" for Divine Mercy parish. We have tremendous opportunities before us! Many of you remember Sister Peggy McDonnell, who lived in Winnetka for a number of years and attended Mass at Sacred Heart church. Sr. Peg now resides with the other members of her community in Albany, New York. After a recent visit to Divine Mercy, she sent a thank you note that included the following comments: "I was telling my community about the 'feel' there as the merger continues, Alpha gets off the ground, etc. I was able to tell your story in such a way that the whole group responded to me with faces that were hope-filled for our Church!"

Divine Mercy is a wonderful faith community. We are indeed hope-filled. We are blessed with many parishioners who selflessly share their time and gifts. What can we say in response, but "Thank You!"



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### NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

In past years, we have included a section in our annual stewardship report to the parish that directly addresses the new and noteworthy events/programs that have occurred during the year. As of July 1, 2018, Divine Mercy Parish, our new parish, was formed as a result of the combining of the former Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle parishes. Thus, everything is new and noteworthy! Here are just some of the highlights.

*"To me, the merger of Sacred Heart and St. Philip into Divine Mercy as part of Renew My Church is a blessing, affording us the opportunity to maximize our strength as a faith-filled community. Our active parishioners and staff are enthusiastic, desiring to facilitate Divine Mercy's mission to "Inspire Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love." We have lots of work yet to do but we are making progress as evidenced by the outstanding response to the Fall Alpha sessions. I am encouraged and eager to keep our parish moving forward."*

Jim Dietz, Co-Chair of the Finance Council and Member of the Senior Leadership Team.

### RENEW MY CHURCH SUMMIT

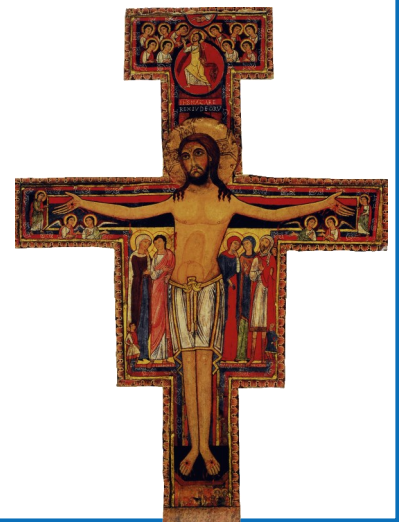
In October of 2018, a cadre of Divine Mercy staff members and parishioners attended the RMC Summit, where approximately 2,600 people gathered for three days to pray, to worship and to hear about the initiatives being embraced by the Archdiocese of Chicago in efforts to revitalize parishes. We heard directly from Fr. James Mallon and his team about their successful efforts to create a vibrant and engaging renewal process at St. Benedict parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We liked what we saw and heard! Fr. Mallon's book *Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission* has been an invaluable resource.



Our group left the summit inspired and excited to apply those principles to Divine Mercy parish, our new faith community. As Claudia Goodrich, one of our parishioners who attended the event and a Member of the Senior Leadership Team says, *"I realize, as I watch church attendance vanish and listen to a secular culture evangelize my friends and family with an anti-religion message, that there is an urgent need to get engaged. For me, sitting in the back of the church and waiting for the fix to happen is no longer an option. It is time to be part of the solution. The Renew My Church Summit was a call to action. It is time for all of us, if we care,*

*to be disciples, share God's love and start transforming our world. Every journey of a thousand miles starts with one step. Let's start the journey."*

After the Summit, Divine Mercy officially segued into the RMC phase called "Building the New Reality." At the same time, we were deeply entrenched in all of the realities we were facing in the operational transition of merging two former parishes. That operational transition continues to this day! As we often find ourselves saying: the transition is a long one, it is slow, it is admittedly frustrating at times, but it is essential that as a parish, and as an Archdiocese, we fully commit ourselves to the vision of parish renewal.



**A FAITH COMMUNITY CENTERED ON PRAYING, SHARING, GROWING AND BELONGING**



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### SOME WORDS FROM FATHER PETER WOJCIK & MARCO OROPEZA: MAKING ALL THINGS NEW IN CHRIST!

*Fr. Peter is the Director of Parish Vitality and Mission for the Building the New Reality cohort of the Archdiocesan Renew My Church Team. Marco serves in that same office as the Chief Program Management Officer.*



For us Christians, Jesus is not just a historical person, but a promised Christ, the one who came to the world to reveal the Father. Christ's work of revelation continued in the Apostolic Church as his own disciples took on the mission of sharing their experience of Christ and their intimate knowledge of who God is. It is in this tradition that we find ourselves constantly on a mission of teaching, sharing and inspiring others to discover who Jesus Christ is for themselves.

Divine Mercy Parish has a long history of proclaiming who Christ is. For many decades both the St. Philip and Sacred Heart communities have been places of encounter, discovery of faith and spiritual engagement. Yet, the world around us has dramatically changed and we have shifted from an "age of Christendom" to a "New Apostolic Age" that calls us to access our methods for the sake of the mission. The way in which we speak about God, communicate his message and witness his love has to constantly evolve in order to speak to the hearts and the minds of the modern person. This is where Renew My Church comes in. Renew My Church calls each parish in Chicagoland area to recognize new forms in which the Holy Spirit inspires our lives and directs our actions. Divine Mercy Parish is approaching this mission of proclaiming Christ in this new reality with a renewed sense of energy, pastoral imagination, and strong leadership. This commitment to examine every aspect of parish life and align it to the mission of proclaiming Jesus Christ is an inspiration and hope to many.

Divine Mercy is an engine of renewal in our local Church and many parishes from across the archdiocese

look up to your Senior Leadership Team and to Fr. Steve for insights, first hand experience and perspective on renewal. We are blessed to have the opportunity to work closely with the Divine Mercy team and look forward to journeying with them in this renewal process.

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

One of the keys to moving forward has been the establishment of a Senior Leadership Team (SLT), whose members include:

Fr. Steven Lanza, Pastor  
Jim Dietz  
Kristin Fink  
Claudia Goodrich  
Sue Lehocky  
Judy Pyke  
Michelle Wasielewski

What exactly is the role of the SLT and why is it important? This team is given the task of sharing the responsibility with the pastor to implement the vision of renewal and revitalization. As Father Steve likes to say, the team keeps his feet to the fire as we build our new reality.

The SLT began formal meetings in December of 2018, generally meeting on a weekly basis for 2-3 hours and sometimes longer! Every other week, we participated in a video conference coaching session with our Divine Renovation coach, addressing topics such as healthy culture, the Divine Mercy organization chart, the interaction of the SLT with parish stewardship council, and other relevant issues.

Father Steve also participates in individual coaching and participates in frequent conversations with Fr. James Mallon and a cohort of other pastors around the world who are members of the Divine Renovation network.

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### PARISH VISION STATEMENT

After a fair amount of team-building, time spent developing a healthy level of trust, and discussions about our dreams for Divine Mercy parish going forward, the SLT, in consultation with the Parish Stewardship Council, developed the following vision statement for our parish:

***Divine Mercy parish is a welcoming community that inspires disciples of Jesus to share God's love and transform the world.***

This vision statement, admittedly, is a tall order. However, this is exactly what Jesus commands us, his disciples, to do, "Go make disciples and go to all the nations." Matthew 28: 19-20. Basically, disciples are meant to evangelize, that is to share Good News of Jesus Christ with all others. The Archdiocese of Chicago describes "Evangelization" as follows:

*"We evangelize to share God's love and mercy with those we encounter. We share the good, the hope and the joy that comes from believing in and knowing God.*

*Many of us may think our faith is private, and that we should keep quiet about it. As Christians, however, we are not supposed to hide what we found or have been given. We are not to force our beliefs on others—we are called to witness to who Jesus is and share His grace.*

*Sometimes we share through our actions. We bring Christ to others through our kindness, through our challenges or through our gifts. And whether it's in our homes, our workplaces, our playgrounds, or on the road, we bring Christ with us to every encounter, every experience, everywhere.*

*Sometimes we share through our words. When asked why we go to church, why we are Christian or who Jesus is, we should be prepared to answer in a way that is authentic to our shared faith and our personal experience and in a way that is compassionate and considerate of our audience."*

### PARISH PRIORITIES

In addition to the development of a vision statement, the SLT has also identified the following parish priorities:

- A Communications Strategy
- A New Mass Schedule (daily and weekend)
- Liturgy, including the crossover of music and ministries between both worship sites, consistent liturgical practices, radical hospitality and the introduction of contemporary praise music.
- Alpha & "After Alpha" (more on Alpha to follow)
- Parish Combined Special Events
- Long-Range Facility Planning
- Consolidation Process for Councils and Boards
- Stewardship and Development
- A Leadership Summit

We recognize that this list will be a work in process for many months, even years, and that our priorities will likely evolve. Underlying each of these priorities is a focus on Mission vs. Maintenance, one of the most significant tenets of the Divine Renovation strategy.

### TOWN HALL

By the time you are reading this report, we will have debuted our first Divine Mercy town hall. The goal of this gathering was to share with you, in detail, where we have come from and where we are going as a new parish. Hopefully, the meeting will have answered some of your questions and provided you with an insight to the voluminous behind-the-scenes efforts that we are undertaking.

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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

In conjunction with the launch of To Teach Who Christ is, Sacred Heart conducted an independent capital campaign, with the active solicitation phase beginning in early 2017. We exceeded our goal of \$2.87MM, with actual pledges totaling \$3.1MM. Most pledges were made over a 3- year period, with a portion stretching to 5 years. Collections on those pledges are strong and we are still in year 3 of collection.

Likewise, St. Philip conducted its own TTWCI campaign in 2015, with pledges of over \$1MM, nearly doubling the goal of \$550K. Collections on that campaign are also strong.

#### **Sacred Heart Church Legacy of the Heart Campaign**

Pledge Commitment (Donors 285)	
Amount Pledged	\$3,137,640
Cancelled Amount	<u>82,831</u>
Amount Pledged Less Cancelled Amounts	3,054,809
Pledge Amount Paid	2,066,406
Pledge Balance Due	988,403
Campaign Consulting Fees	150,000
Total Obligation to the Archdiocese	632,000

#### Major Projects:

School Boilers	243,756
School Hot Water Heater & Abatement	49,730
Church Windows & Abatement	<u>260,740</u>
Capital Campaign Projects Total	\$554,226

#### **St. Philip the Apostle Church To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign**

Pledge Commitment (Donors 116)	
Amount Pledged	\$1,023,267
Cancelled Amount	<u>25,644</u>
Amount Pledged Less Cancelled Amounts	997,623
Pledge Amount Paid	792,197
Pledge Balance Due	205,426
Total Obligation to the Archdiocese	

220,000

#### Major Projects:

Church Roof	276,917
Vestibule Renovation	55,311
Gym Renovation	119,097
Boiler	12,924
Sewer Work	49,009
Prep Financial Aid	<u>55,000</u>
Capital Campaign Projects Total	\$568,258

Divine Mercy has several capital projects in the wings at both the Sacred Heart and the St. Philip the Apostle campuses: church and rectory roof repairs and church floor repairs at Sacred Heart, as well as additional plumbing repairs at St. Philip.

We continually assess the state of our facilities and make repairs as needed. Some of the more significant projects completed this past year that were not contemplated by the capital campaigns included a new furnace and water heater at the St. Philip rectory, and heating and air conditioning repairs at the Sacred Heart campus, including replacement of the rectory air conditioning system, which was necessitated by a change in building code effective January 2020.

Several other projects voluntarily funded by our generous parishioners include a new sidewalk and ADA accessible ramp at Sacred Heart and replacement of the original windows in the rectory.

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### ALPHA IN THE CATHOLIC CONTEXT

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each session includes a meal, a short high-quality film that looks at a different question around faith, and conversation in small groups. Alpha is run all around the globe. Everyone is welcome. It is designed for those who are not Christian and are looking for more information, but it has also been used quite effectively to re-evangelize practicing members of church communities.

Divine Mercy launched an Alpha pilot program in the spring of 2019 and in September, we introduced “Season 1” of Alpha to the entire parish. We have two sessions running concurrently on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings. We are excited to be hosting approximately 50 guests at each of these two sessions.

As Rita Compton, one of our parishioners says, “Alpha has given me the chance to think about my perspective on all different aspects of life and how I want to thoughtfully approach the future. The connections I’ve made in my small group have created bonds and a wonderful sense of community, which I greatly treasure.” Parishioner Liz Harvey shares “The opportunity to blend our parishes and strengthen my faith was the reason I chose to say yes to the Alpha invitation. The small group conversations, prompted by the short videos, helped me open my heart to Jesus. I enjoyed the camaraderie and made new friendships. I feel like Alpha strengthened me and broadened my community.” The idea of community is reiterated by Cathy Stegich, “The Alpha course has renewed my faith in what church can and should be. I love the feeling of community that it brought.”

Father Steve, Judy Pyke and Sue Lehocky recently attended the Alpha Experience in London, along with several other representatives from the Archdiocese of Chicago. Each year, Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB), an Anglican church and the birthplace of Alpha, hosts this event for about 60 invited leaders from around the world who are already running or about to run Alpha. Both Protestants and Catholics were in attendance. In addition to participating in various discussion sessions, the group witnessed first-hand HTB in action as they welcomed 800 guests to a weekly Alpha session!

### PARISH STORIES

We know that people like stories. As a catechist recently said, “I can be teaching a lesson or talking about my faith, but the minute I say, ‘Let me tell you a story,’ eyes and ears perk up!” Here are just a few stories from the past months that will give you a glimpse of what it means to be a Divine Mercy parishioner.

#### Parish Garden

Last spring, parishioners Bill Doll and Tom Carroll approached Michelle, the Director of Operations, with the idea of creating a parish garden at the St. Philip site. They had obviously been doing their research and had come up with a very organized plan. What a great idea! We discussed what to do with the wonderful vegetables that we would harvest from this garden (actually, two gardens!), sharing ideas such as gifting vegetables to our sharing parishes, to locals in need, to our own parishioners. All wonderful ideas!



Fast forward to the very hot summer, where we found Bill and Tom out watering those beautiful gardens on a particularly hot summer day. With smiles on their faces, they patiently pruned and watered, showing us very clearly what it means to be a good steward of God’s many gifts. A couple of weeks later, they showed up at the parish offices with an array of bountiful treasures from the gardens that they wanted to share with our priests and, for that matter, anyone who wanted something from their harvest. As they were leaving, they quietly asked for the address and phone number of several parishioners who we had been praying for on the list of the sick. They wanted to share with those folks as well. Not a “ministry” with a need for recognition, but simply a desire to do something nice for someone in need, a beautiful sharing of God’s great garden of mercy!

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### **Tutoring at St. Columbanus**

For many years, I would come across the same tiny blurb in our church bulletin, offering an opportunity to become a volunteer tutor at our sharing parish's small Catholic school, now known as Augustus Tolton Academy. It was always both intriguing and impressive to me that our parish so actively participated in the life of another parish community nearly thirty miles away. It wasn't only the volunteer tutoring program that struck me as remarkable, but there were so many activities throughout the year that were not centered around our own parish, but on another. Throughout the year, it was impossible to miss hearing about our active Christmas sharing program, year-round donation of clothing and home essentials, reciprocal masses, collections and Sacred Heart School/Religious Education projects where St Columbanus was the sole beneficiary, large number of parish families who regularly worked the food pantries, and on and on. Wow, did Glen and I choose the right parish, or what? So, in August of 2014, as my time was becoming more of my own, I finally took the plunge and answered that little ad in the bulletin that promised time with other parishioners and a chance to spend meaningful time with young children again. It was a double win. Tutoring is one of the highlights of our week for so many of us. We can't say enough what an honor it is to be welcomed into another parish community with such unrivaled hospitality and love.

Before I go any further, I have to say that my fellow tutors and I feel extremely fortunate to all of the men and women of our parish who have kept this tutoring program going for all of us. It has been nearly fifteen years now since its origination and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to those who have continued to foster this beautiful ministry. We should all feel an enormous sense of pride to have collectively, through our countless coordinated and sustained efforts throughout the years, lovingly and generously embraced our sharing parish in so many ways. The love we have shown has, in turn, been graciously returned to us by our dear friends at St. Columbanus. Not a day goes when I am not grateful that I finally answered that ad in the bulletin that had eluded me for so many years. - Submitted by Parishioner Kathleen Clarke

### **Small Heroes – A Story About Putting Our Faith into Action**

During the last days of summer, a group of Sacred Heart School families organized and hosted "Splash N' Dash for Small Heros – a Car Wash Fundraiser." What a success! Over \$8,000 was raised to benefit a parish family, William and Allison Small and their sons. Two of their sons, Hunter (age 4) and Noah (age 3) were diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

Small Heroes Foundation is a not-for profit organization create by the Small family to find a cure for this disease. This wonderful event included not only car washes, but also hot dogs, lemonade, an ice cream truck, bake sale, and more! Kimberly Doucas, a Sacred Heart School parent said it best, "The Small Heroes Fundraiser was a huge success! Not only did the parents and students of Sacred Heart School do an amazing job working the event, but there was an enormous turnout of customers from in and around the community!"

### **Sharing with St. Benedict the African**

Our commitment to St. Benedict began when (we were) asked to be the liaison between the two parishes about 12 years ago. We were immediately hooked the first time we went down there for Mass. Their radical hospitality from the minute you walk through the door, take a seat at Mass, the sharing of the peace & fellowship after Mass is truly heart warming. The enthusiasm of Sr. Mary & Sr. Joanne. who have been at St. Benedict for over 30 years, for their mission of service to the people of Englewood can do nothing but inspire. We are very blessed to have formed many friendships with the St. Benedict community. - Submitted by Parishioners John and Judy Meade

### **How is Reese?**

When Reese Felderman was a preschooler at Sacred Heart School, she was diagnosed with leukemia. Her incredible battle took her to San Francisco for a dangerous bone marrow transplant. Throughout her journey to wellness, Reese was supported by her Divine Mercy Parish family. It started with a meal train upon diagnosis. Food is love, and love was sent every week. When Reese was hospitalized, care packages arrived from each grade level. These packages brought Reese joy during her long days as an inpatient. The community of moms rallied around her mom, Jen, and sent love in so many different ways; letters, visits, and thoughtful gifts. Father Dan, or "God's Helper" as Reese lovingly calls him, flew to California to be bedside with the family not once, but twice. This loving parish wrapped their arms around the entire Felderman family with prayer and kindness. Reese's parents, Jen and Chris say that this constant expression of love and faith gave them strength in the hardest of times and they are overjoyed and filled with gratitude that today, Reese is in remission and thriving.

- Submitted by Parishioners Jennifer and Chris Felderman



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### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

At Sacred Heart School, we believe:

- We are made in the image & likeness of God;
- We are a family;
- Our time together matters;
- We are always learning; and
- Challenges are opportunities.

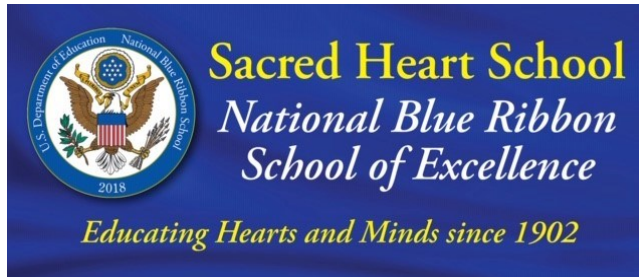
With these newly defined beliefs at the root of everything we do, we are growing as a faith community focused on educating the hearts and minds of our students. Our core values of Love, Serve, Engage, Discover, and Persevere help us to consistently live out our root beliefs.

Each day begins with Kristen Fink, our principal, personally welcoming each child by name into the building. Studies show that when students are greeted, or “seen” by multiple people at the start of their school day, engagement in school increases, test scores go up, and students feel valued. This year the school day was extended by ten minutes to provide time for us to come together as a school community to start our day. In Morning Assembly, we pray together and focus on a variety of topics during Mindfulness Monday, Teach It Tuesday, Worship Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, and Fun Friday.

In addition to personalized in-classroom learning, our STEAM lab offers opportunities to explore and innovate with circuitry, coding, robotics, and software engineering, all while collaborating with peers. Since 2009, Sacred Heart has continuously been named an Apple Distinguished School for successful integration of technology. Apple Distinguished Schools are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence that use Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Recently receiving the Apple Distinguished Award for the **seventh time** has been so exciting, especially after we were named a National Blue Ribbon School for Academic Excellence last year.

We are also very excited about our growing Early Childhood program. Five years ago, Sacred Heart introduced its first three-year-old Preschool class. Today, Sacred Heart School has two Preschool classes and three Junior Kindergarten classes, including one full-day program. Our popular Parent Tot class is a wonderful opportunity for parents of young children to connect with other parents while their children socialize, learn, and make new friends. The class is offered to children ages three months through three years old with a caregiver and held every other Thursday from 9-10am in the school. Our goal is to welcome and connect the youngest children and their families into our larger Sacred Heart Community.

Educating children’s hearts and minds in a faith-filled, Catholic community, teaching 21st Century skills is our mission. We are proud of our growing school, personally successful students, and innovative faculty.



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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In January of 2019, the Religious Education Boards of Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle came together as one Board and created a plan for the future to help our children become lifelong followers of Jesus. Recognizing that parents, technology and church play important roles in the faith formation of children, the Boards envisioned creative changes to the program. We believe these changes will enable us to better engage the hearts and minds of our children.

Our new program is called **Children's Ministry**. It includes Sunday morning sessions on both the Sacred Heart and St. Philip the Apostle sites and our Family Faith Connection program at the Sacred Heart site.

The Sunday morning program features a variety of sessions – with less time in the classroom and more time connecting faith to everyday life. It seeks to engage our families in more robust ways as we partner in our children's faith formation. Families from St. Philip's and Sacred Heart will join together for the Masses, Service and Prayer sessions. The unique and innovative sessions include:

#### 3 Family Masses

An integral part of the program, these Masses will focus on special teaching moments with children and feature contemporary music.

#### 2 Family Service Sessions

These onsite gatherings, one at each worship site, will focus on projects that serve others as we learn about the call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

#### 2 Family Prayer Sessions

These onsite gatherings, one at each worship site, will focus on practical ways that families can deepen their relationship with God through prayer.

#### 11 Child Sessions, two of which will include a parent

The parent/child sessions will begin in the Gym with shared prayer and an activity. Children will then join their Catechists as parents stay to discuss topics relating to children's faith formation and completing lessons at home.

#### 6 Home Sessions

Using parent-friendly materials, we will help our parents share lessons in faith with their children at home. Guidance will be provided to parents.

**Family Faith Connection** features monthly gatherings of both parents and children, with parents guiding their children through lessons in the weeks in between gatherings.

Total enrollment in our program is at approximately 300 children.



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## JULY 1, 2018—JUNE 30, 2019

	CHURCH	REL ED	2019 SCHOOL	TOTAL	2018 TOTAL
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>					
Sunday Collections <sup>1</sup>	1,099,361	-	-	<b>1,099,361</b>	1,082,425
Christmas Collection <sup>1</sup>	242,194	-	-	<b>242,194</b>	251,938
Easter Collection <sup>1</sup>	90,414	-	-	<b>90,414</b>	77,915
Tuition <sup>2</sup>	-	115,243	1,187,044	<b>1,302,287</b>	1,198,793
Fees <sup>2</sup>	-	586	143,384	<b>143,970</b>	143,051
Fundraising <sup>3</sup>	1,062	-	250,000	<b>251,062</b>	321,480
Rental Income <sup>4</sup>	267,717	-	23,500	<b>291,217</b>	266,612
Miscellaneous <sup>5</sup>	126,733	2,635	56,682	<b>186,050</b>	266,790
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,827,481</b>	<b>118,464</b>	<b>1,660,610</b>	<b>3,606,555</b>	<b>3,609,004</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>					
Salaries & Benefits <sup>6</sup>	685,847	168,442	1,529,383	<b>2,383,672</b>	2,679,161
Administrative	85,990	10,742	47,574	<b>144,306</b>	129,786
Books, Supplies & Technology	854	11,878	95,149	<b>107,881</b>	56,486
Utilities	165,546	340	74,320	<b>240,206</b>	208,886
Maintenance <sup>7</sup>	130,464	818	129,936	<b>261,218</b>	206,159
Liturgical Supplies	32,224	-	-	<b>32,224</b>	56,239
Insurance <sup>8</sup>	79,843	-	46,808	<b>126,651</b>	127,913
Archdiocesan Assessment <sup>9</sup>	239,860	-	5,771	<b>245,631</b>	258,726
Miscellaneous <sup>10</sup>	81,161	8,111	36,222	<b>125,494</b>	59,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,501,789</b>	<b>200,331</b>	<b>1,965,163</b>	<b>3,667,283</b>	<b>3,782,569</b>
<b>BEFORE SUPPORT OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>325,692</b>	<b>(81,867)</b>	<b>(304,553)</b>	<b>(60,728)</b>	<b>(173,565)</b>
Endowment Withdrawal	-	-	124,553	124,553	127,917
Parish Support of Education	(180,000)	-	180,000	-	-
<b>FINAL OPERATING RESULTS</b>	<b>145,692</b>	<b>(81,867)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,825</b>	<b>(45,648)</b>

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOOTNOTES

1) Collections – The combined Sunday, Christmas and Easter collection totals for Divine Mercy pre- and post-merger reflect a slight uptick. This is positive news, especially considering the fact that both former parishes, Sacred Heart and St. Philip, continue to collect on capital campaigns conducted well before our merger in July 2018. Our professional consultants advised us that it is fairly common to see a decline in Sunday collections during a capital campaign collection period, and we are happy to report that this has not been our experience. It is important to note that of the total collections, \$187,000 was donated by our three most significant donors.

2) Tuition and Fees – The increase between years reflects an increase in school enrollment from 191 students in the 2017-18 school year, to 205 students in the 2018-19 school year. Both Sacred Heart School and the Children's Ministry programs at both sites also experienced a slight increase in the amount of tuition charged.

3) The most significant fundraising undertaking in the parish is Sacred Heart School's Nite Lites event. This contribution to operating results remains fairly consistent from year to year at approximately \$250,000. Generally speaking, any funds raised in excess of this amount are "saved" for future school projects in a balance sheet operating reserve account.

The year-to-year decline in total fundraising income reflects the discontinuation of a parish directory at the St. Philip site due to the merger (future directory efforts are in the works), as well as a discontinuation of Mass in the Meadow and Moveable Feast at the St. Philip site. Efforts continue to determine how these events will occur in the future.

4) Rental income increased slightly year-to-year, reflecting increases set forth in the lease from the rental of the school at St. Philip to Hyde Park Day School (HPDS) and the six-week summer rental of the Sacred Heart School site to Galileo Learning for a STEAM camp.

5) Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous income includes Mass stipends, stole fees (donations for the sacraments of baptism and marriage, bulletin ad income, Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, donations for scholarships and estates/bequests. In 2018 the parish recognized \$7,500 in bulletin ad revenue that was not received in fiscal 2019. There were no other significant reasons for the year-to-year decline.

6) Salaries and Benefits have decreased significantly from FY 2018 to FY2019, reflecting a right-sizing of staffing at the new parish, offset slightly by severance payouts to a few individuals who are no longer employed at Divine Mercy parish.

7) Maintenance Expense is higher year-to-year, reflecting our efforts to remedy a number of deferred maintenance issues at both sites. Maintenance expense also includes the cost of outsourcing the cleaning of both school locations. The decision to outsource this work at the HPDS somewhat offsets the decrease in salaries above, but allows for the redeployment of maintenance resources at the St. Philip campus.

8) Insurance – This represents the amount charged the parish by the Archdiocese of Chicago to cover property and casualty coverage for the parish, as well as priests' automobile insurance.

9) Archdiocesan Assessment – This represents the amount charged the parish by the Archdiocese of Chicago based on a multiplier of church collection income and the number of students enrolled at Sacred Heart School.

10) Miscellaneous – The increase is attributable to some of the administrative costs associated with the merger, as well as costs to fund the pilot season of Alpha.



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### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

Cash	\$	1,001,327
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Operating Savings at Arch Bank	\$	877,835
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<i>Legacy of the Heart Funds/TTWCI</i>	\$	1,527,599
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Total Checking/Savings	\$	3,406,761
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School Endowment	\$	3,276,635
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Total Current Assets	\$	6,683,396
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,683,396</b>
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	29,703
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Credit Card	\$	13,754
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##### Other Current Liabilities

Prepaid Tuition/Fees	\$	75,430
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Other Current Liabilities	\$	221,467
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Unspent Auxiliary Group Funds	\$	493,697
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Total Other Current Liabilities	\$	790,594
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Total Current Liabilities	\$	834,051
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Total Equity	\$	5,849,345
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,683,396</b>
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Outreach and sharing are greatly valued by Divine Mercy Parish.

### ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	8,318
Campaign for Human Development	1,020
Catholic Charities	8,260
Peter's Pence	4,017
Propagation of the Faith	1,899
Retired Religious	11,372
Seminary Collection	1,516
Summer Mission Appeal	7,842
Churches in Central Europe	963
Annual Catholic Appeal	90,314
Operation Rice Bowl-CRS	812
Total Archdiocesan Required Collections	<b>\$136,333</b>

### OTHER CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

Latin America	1,328
St. Benedict the African	18,466
St. Columbanus Parish	26,679
Fr. Paul Foundation	4,466
Haiti	28,000
Total Other Charitable Collections	<b>\$78,939</b>

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### Key Facts

	Children	Adults
		0
Baptisms	50	
Received into the Faith	0	1
First Communions	42	1
Confirmations	57	1
Marriages	N/A	9
Funerals	0	21



School  
Religious



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