

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

SACRED HEART CHURCH • ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT FISCAL 2021

*Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life. / Timothy 6: 18-19*

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### DIVINE MERCY'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) convened for the first time on November 5, 2018. Those three years have certainly flown by! Nearly every Monday, we meet for a couple of hours to attend to the issues that we deem most critical to the future of the parish, keeping in mind that our team is given the task of sharing 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.

At the outset of this journey, we focused our attention on:

- developing a parish vision,
- assessing the Mass schedule and discerning what a "new" Mass schedule should look like given the reality of the retirements of Father Solazzo in 2020, Father Dean in 2021 and Father Dan in 2022;
- creating short-term (i.e., six month) plans to move us forward.

Then came the COVID-19 pandemic. As we shared in last year's stewardship report, we quickly needed to shift our focus. PPP (Payroll Protection Program loans), PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), intense safety protocols, school cohorts, Livestream, Podcasts, Daily E-blasts, and meetings via Teams and Zoom became our new reality, all while continuing to keep our vision front and center:

*"Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World."*

As we think back over the past year, we are incredibly proud of the way in which Divine Mercy has risen to the challenges we have faced. As things slowly return to a new normal, we are encouraged to see Mass attendance on the rise and other in-person activities, such as Alpha and parish gatherings, resume.

We continue to give thanks for God's many blessings.

Father Steve, Pastor  
Jim Dietz, Parishioner  
Claudia Goodrich, Parishioner  
Sue Lehocky, Director of Evangelization & Lifelong Formation  
Judy Pyke, Director of Communications  
Michelle Wasielewski, Director of Operations



### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Patience is not necessarily the first word that comes to mind when I describe myself. To be honest, it probably doesn't even make the "top ten list." Whether in my personal or professional life, I like to have a plan, to be organized, to get things done, to move on to other pressing issues.

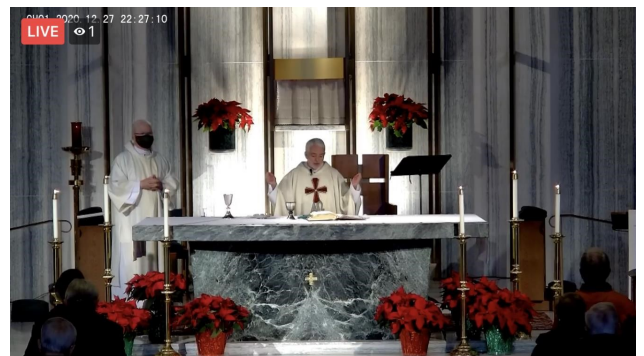
Unfortunately, life is not that neat and tidy. Certainly not these days, with all that is happening in our world, and certainly not with the many capital projects happening recently here at the parish. One of my favorite prayers about patience is from St. Francis of Assisi,

*"Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily. To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently, serenely. To meet others, peacefully, joyously. To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously."*

I hope this prayer also brings you strength, trust, rest, patience, serenity, peace, joy, confidence and courage. I know that is what God wants for each of us and for Divine Mercy Parish.

Blessings,

Michelle Wasielewski





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## A NOTE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Kudos to the entire team at Divine Mercy Parish for the outstanding service you have offered in the area of Building the New Reality! Having been amongst the earliest to experience a union of two parishes, you have continued to be the trend setters or vanguard in creating a culture of evangelization in your parish. With great collective humility of heart, with great focus on providing a home for those disconnected from Jesus and the Parish, and with a transformative vision for deepened discipleship that gives way to Missionary Discipleship, Divine Mercy Parish stands above all our parishes in the Archdiocese. Profound Kudos and gratitude for following the promptings of the Holy Spirit in this time of renewal.

In the service of Jesus,  
Rev. Jason Malave  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Cardinal's Liaison for Renew My Church



## DIVINE MERCY PARISH COUNCIL

As we have articulated in our vision statement,  
*"Divine Mercy Parish is a Welcoming Community that Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's Love and Transform the World."*

That statement is bold. In fact, it is very bold. As disciples, this is exactly what we are called to do! As parish council members, we firmly believe in our vision statement and its importance to our future.

For the past 12 months, the parish council has been meeting, generally two times per month for 2 hours at a time, to take our vision statement and develop a five-year strategic plan for our parish, with the expert guidance of a facilitator from a large parish in Dallas, Texas, that is fully immersed in the Divine Renovation approach to building a new reality.

In doing so, the council has:

- engaged in discussions about what is valued most in our parish;
- defined what each of the five systems of church life (Worship, Evangelization, Discipleship, Fellowship and Community) means to Divine Mercy Parish;
- conducted SWOT analyses (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) of each of these systems in which it was asked what strengths can easily be built upon?, which weakness is easiest to correct?, what is our greatest opportunity?, what is our most immediate short-term threat, and what is the threat that could cause us the most harm?;
- determined which systems should be addressed in order of priority;
- defined goals and action steps to get the parish where it needs to be; and
- established concrete measures to ascertain progress along the way.



## FAREWELL TO FATHER DEAN!

In June 2021, we bid a fond farewell to Father Dean Semmer, who served as Associate Pastor at Divine Mercy Parish for the past five years.

Parishioners arranged for a car parade outside the Sacred Heart Rectory, and fun life-size cardboard cut-outs of Fr. Dean at each campus, so that parishioners could have their picture taken with him!



We wish Father Dean all the best as he relocates to sunny Florida to enjoy his retirement.



Work is not yet complete, but considerable progress has been made, and the parish council is now ready to get down to specifics in mapping out our 5-year plan, which includes an implementation plan.

The members of the Parish Council are named on page 15 of this report and to say that we are incredibly grateful for their hard work, for it is indeed hard and challenging work, is an understatement.



# DIVINE MERCY PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## NEW AND NOTABLE

### LITURGY AND MUSIC

In conjunction with our efforts to build a new reality at Divine Mercy, we have focused significant efforts on “the weekend experience.” We strive to engage in radical hospitality with all who enter our doors, whether they be long-time parishioners, younger families who are just getting to know us, or guests visiting for a weekend. As noted elsewhere in this report, our monthly nametag Sundays and hospitality events after Mass reflect our initial efforts to do just that.

We understand the incredible importance of good liturgy and music and have engaged in quite a bit of experimentation to try to determine what best engages people. Different types of music and instrumentation, homilies that include slide presentations, guest homilists, and witness talks are all examples of our efforts to think outside the box.

More recently, we introduced a “new” type of Sunday 4:30pm Mass, one that is a quieter, reflective and more contemplative liturgy. With the earlier sunset, and the dawn of Advent, we are using lots of candlelight and simpler music to create a liturgy where we can offer a Mass that prayerfully and quietly concludes our weekend and gently leads us into the new week ahead.

We are committed to continuing to be creative and try new things in order to bring a new vitality to Divine Mercy Parish.

### SOME STATISTICS

In the past year, we celebrated the following sacraments, and funeral liturgies across both church sites in addition to our regular weekday/weekend Masses:

Baptisms 30

Weddings 11

Funerals 17

First Eucharist 50

Confirmation 49

*\*\* The First Eucharist and Confirmation numbers exclude the “makeup” sacramental liturgies celebrated in July 2020.*



### PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM

In this report last year, we noted that based upon a directive from the Archdiocese of Chicago to all parishes and schools, both Divine Mercy Parish and Sacred Heart School applied for, and received, payroll protection program (PPP) loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA) in the amounts of \$200,767 and \$307,475, respectively, i.e. Draw 1. Consistent with the intent of this program, we applied for these loans with a goal of retaining our teachers, school administrators, and parish staff members and enabling them to maintain uninterrupted income levels during a period in which we faced tremendous uncertainty. We also shared that we were in the process of applying for forgiveness of these loans, which we strictly used to pay payroll costs, in accordance with the legislation. In February 2021, we received 100% forgiveness of these loans from the SBA.

In early 2021, the SBA opened up a second round of PPP loans, i.e., Draw 2, stipulating certain requirements that needed to be met in order to apply. Once again, the Archdiocese of Chicago encouraged all parishes and schools meeting those requirements to apply for the second draw. After careful consideration and consultation with the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Divine Mercy Finance Council and the Sacred Heart School Board, paying specific attention to “determination of need” requirements, both Divine Mercy Parish and Sacred Heart School applied for, and received, 2nd draw PPP loans in the amounts of \$176,217 and \$293,825. In September 2021, we received 100% forgiveness of these loans from the SBA.





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## NEW AND NOTABLE

### EVANGELIZATION EFFORTS

Divine Mercy is refocusing its energies and efforts in three key areas of parish life that will serve us better for the future:

- 1) The weekend experience of Saturday/Sunday liturgy, including hospitality;
- 2) Alpha; and
- 3) Continued spiritual formation after Alpha.

### THE WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

To accomplish these efforts, our Evangelization Board is working towards mobilizing our lay leadership to become involved. We want to create a cadre of greeters who will welcome people coming into our churches for Mass, as well as a group of people who will mount the effort for hospitality after Mass.

We already have established Hospitality after our Sunday morning Masses, along with Name Tag Weekend during the second weekend of every month. During the warmer months, hospitality was held after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass as well to utilize the courtyard outside Sacred Heart Church.



### ALPHA

Alpha is a series of interactive gatherings where guests have the opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly and inviting atmosphere where no question is seen as too simple or too complex. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome to participate, Catholic or not, practicing or not, or just plain curious. Each session typically features a meal, a short, high-quality film that looks at an aspect of faith, and conversation in small groups.

We also want to expand efforts to invite more people into Alpha. As of this writing, approximately 170 parishioners have participated in Alpha. With the pandemic, we successfully moved Alpha online, and now that we have returned to in-person sessions, our Alpha team is beyond motivated to invite more and more people to experience Alpha and encounter Jesus in a new and living way.



### AFTER ALPHA EXPERIENCES

Our goal is to further involve people in spiritual formation after they have participated in Alpha, and we have piloted several programs this past year including Grounded in Faith, Ananias, and small faith groups via our Virtual Café. Parishioners were also inspired to start regularly-scheduled Adoration at Sacred Heart Church; while parishioners reinstituted the recitation of the Rosary and Adoration at St. Philip the Apostle Church. A daily online Rosary was also created by a parishioner who has taken our parish vision and evangelization efforts to heart. Our Evangelization Board also arranged for Fr. John Kartje, President of St. Mary of the Lake University and Mundelein Seminary, to host ongoing Bible Study sessions which attracts 50 participants every other week.

### TRI-PARISH EVENTS

Together with the other parishes in our North Shore Grouping, Sts. Faith, Hope and Charity and Sts. Joseph and Francis Xavier, we continue to actively host and participate in "Tri-Parish" events that engage parishioners from all three parishes. Some examples of these events during this past year included:

*"Faith Alive For Justice: The Church as Field Hospital for the Wounded of Society"* featuring Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ and her world-renowned tireless work against the death penalty.

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*"Do Whatever He Tells You."* Mary, Mother and Disciple - at which speakers from each of the three parishes reflected on nine biblical passages about Mary.

*"Crime, Punishment and Human Dignity"* - Sheriff Tom Dart addressed what incarceration means for those accused or convicted of crimes in Cook County, and the issues of human dignity and rights, including programming that helps prisoners develop skills and networks to aid them after release.

*"Living With Hope and Joy, Settling for Nothing Less: A Guide for Making Faith Relevant"* a presentation by Father John Kartje, Rector of Mundelein Seminary & President of University of St. Mary of the Lake.

*"Fatherhood – In the Year of St. Joseph"* at which speakers from each of the three parishes focus on an attribute of St. Joseph from biblical passages.

All of our evangelization efforts require the ongoing time and energy of folks who are laser-focused on our parish vision. It is this vision which propels us forward. We are grateful for their efforts to renew minds, hearts and lives that are centered in Jesus which will inspire us to share the good news of God's love through our words and actions. We believe the vibrant encounters our parishioners experience at our weekend liturgies and hospitality, Alpha and post-Alpha formation will attract others to us and to our parish.

### A PARISHIONER WHO MADE A PLEDGE FOR HIMSELF AND MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR DIVINE MERCY

The Mother of God appeared at Fatima over 100 years ago and said, "Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world." Pope Pius IX said, "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." Another saint said, "The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results". Given these quotes, it is clear praying the Rosary is important!

My name is John Russell, and my family has been parishioners of Divine Mercy for 32 years. In that time, I have served on the Parish Council, School Board, and Finance Council, among other roles. Divine Mercy has served as the focal point for our family and the growth of our Faith.

Over a year ago, during a period of turmoil, I pledged to pray the Rosary every day. At first, I had a hard time keeping the commitment. At times I would rush through the Rosary to check the box. I confess a few times I missed the entire day. But over time, something changed. I realized it added significant value and it was something that should be a priority. It was not always perfect, distractions were present, but I realized the sheer intent of praying the Rosary was important. As more time passed, it became clear this was no longer something I wanted to do but something I must do. The formulaic process became more meditative. It was a calming time, a centering time, a reflective time, and a spiritual time.



All the while, I was praying by myself, but one day I signed into a community online and listened to others recite the Rosary. Some were on Zoom, some had their cameras off, and others had just called in on their phone. It became clear that praying in a community enhanced the experience. I felt compelled to start a group within Divine Mercy, but also open to others. We have been praying together each morning at 7:30. I have found this to be my most enjoyable service as a parishioner. Each day we have 8 to 14 people. We would love to have more people praying with us. If you have long prayed the Rosary, please join us. We welcome your experience. If you are new to the Rosary, please join us. We would be excited to have you involved. The cost is low – 20 minutes of your time. Hopefully, the benefit is immeasurable – a strengthening in your Faith, a greater peace in your life, and a knowledge that your prayers are shared with and for others. Here is the Zoom link to join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2614957344?> The password is dFpWWmFzK21wcGRFNTNxNGJ5ZHRRUT09

### OUTREACH EFFORTS: *SO MANY NEED OUR HELP*

We realize that so many of our outreach partners need help as of late: St. Moses the Black and Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy; A Just Harvest; New Trier and Northfield Township Food Pantries; the Fr. Paul Foundation, St. Benedict the African, St. Jean Baptiste in Haiti and Connections for the Homeless.

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The “asks” seem constant, and we don’t always know who to help first. But God can help. Prayer helps us discern how God is calling us to act. Many of us have our “favorites”; those charities that garner our attention and our hearts. We know this: every act of kindness and generosity makes a difference.

St. Teresa of Avila once said: “Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which Christ looks out his compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.” All we can do is be the hands and feet of Christ in this moment.

Finally, please know that we are grateful for whatever you can do to help our brothers and sisters in need, where ever they might be. We are amazed at your generosity. Divine Mercy always rises to the occasion, and we cannot thank you enough!

**St Jean Baptiste Parish in Sassier, Haiti** has been the twin parish of Sacred Heart since 1998. A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Saturday, August 14th, damaging the church and many homes of parishioners. A generous donor established the “SassierStrong” Challenge Grant to \$20,000, so any donation to this cause is automatically doubled. How can you give? Visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/3319> or Click [here](#) for our Give Central site for Haiti.

Rev Paul Satkunanayagam, SJ. lived in the Sacred Heart Rectory for 4 years several years ago, while taking graduate level courses at Loyola University and helping out at the Church. **The Father Paul Foundation** supports efforts to make peace in his native Sri Lanka, a country torn apart by civil war and still dealing with the impact of the 2004 Tsunami. He established the world acclaimed Butterfly Peace Garden to restore normalcy in the lives of child soldiers. He built facilities to house orphans and created



programs to help widows become self sufficient. And, as a pastoral counselor and psychologist, he founded a professional counseling center to counsel the displaced victims of war. Currently people are starving in Sri Lanka as they deal with the aftermath of COVID19. To make a donation to the Fr. Paul Foundation, visit: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/205/event/9840> or click [here](#).



Each month, Divine Mercy conducts a collection for one of the pantries we serve: A Just Harvest Community Kitchen in Rogers Park, Northfield Township Food Pantry, St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus) Food Pantry or the New Trier Township Food Pantry. Our Children’s Ministry program has also supported Connections for the

Homeless in Evanston. We are ever so grateful for all your donations!

We continue our efforts with our two sharing parishes, St. Benedict the African, under the leadership of Fr. David Jones, and St. Moses the Black (formerly St. Columbanus), led by Fr. Matt O’Donnell. Last Christmas, we collected approximately \$9,000 in gift cards for each parish, helping to make a holiday gripped by the pandemic a little bit brighter.

Our outreach efforts reached beyond our typical partners this past year. We coordinated collections for Bethany House of Hospitality, the Women’s Center, Catholic Relief Services, Connections for the Homeless and Catholic Charities.



**Divine Mercy Parish**



**Food Donations**



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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children, parents and catechists are so grateful to be back in person this fall. In fact, we have nearly 250 students enrolled, up significantly from last year, and we are particularly grateful to welcome several new families. Families have the option of choosing either our traditional Sunday morning sessions or our Family Faith sessions, which meet once a month on Sunday evening, followed by parent-led home lessons during the following weeks.

### Highlights of 2020-2021

- Father Steve Lanza celebrated three Rites of Confirmation, conferring the sacrament on approximately 50 candidates. We are grateful that even a pandemic could not stop this special spring sacrament .
- We held three First Communion Masses and also enjoyed celebrating this sacrament at regular Sunday Masses where the First Communicant was widely recognized by the whole assembly.
- We held our first Bible Blessing Prayer Service for our 7th graders and their families. Led by Father Dan Cassidy, the children received their Bibles and an enthusiastic lesson on how to read the scriptures.



### New This Year

Our ministry has nearly 30 dedicated catechists, who truly go above and beyond to “engage the hearts and minds of our children,” which is our mission.

- We have 13 teen catechist aides, up from five last year and four the year before. These are all high school students, many who were confirmed at Divine Mercy Parish. They are a blessing to our program, inspiring younger children and lending a helping hand. In turn, we are able to offer them a meaningful service opportunity. It is a win-win for the teens and our ministry.
- We have built service into each month of our ministry this year. Following the Corporal Works of Mercy, we provide the children hands-on experiences to serve and meet the needs of others. The children created nearly 200 “notes of remembrance” for parishioners who lost loved ones (Bury the Dead); they provided turkeys and canned goods for the St. Moses the Black Food Pantry (Feed the Hungry); and next month we will offer “Cards and Candy Canes to Caregivers.” (Visit the Sick).



### Our year also features:

- 3 Family Masses — these are joyous, community-building family-focused Masses;
- Grade level masses, offering our children and families an opportunity to more fully engage in the liturgy;
- Youth Alpha for our 7th graders as a way to prepare for Confirmation;
- 1 Saints Fair and monthly hands-on service projects for all of our Confirmation candidates;
- Our 2nd graders are using a special curriculum designed to help them better understand and engage in the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.
- Our Christmas Pageant, with more than 30 3rd and 4th graders, is returning this year at our St. Philip campus. Seeing the children act out the birth of Jesus is one of the most magical moments of the year.

We are grateful for the opportunity to walk with our families on this faith journey. There is nothing more important than being given the opportunity to instill the beliefs and teachings of our Catholic faith with our children and families.





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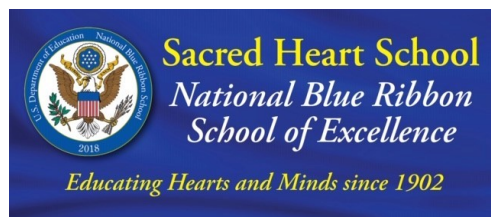


## SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Like the world around us, Sacred Heart School has been going through some change. From a new principal this summer, to updated facilities, to additional faculty & staff, the school is moving forward in new and positive directions. Even with the inevitable change, the core of what we do here at Sacred Heart School remains consistently excellent: We are dedicated to educating the hearts and minds of children. The School is open to all who prioritize a faith-based, academically focused approach for the education of their children.



This summer, we opened an extra section of Junior Kindergarten to accommodate the waiting list as demand for our Early Childhood Program continues to grow. The school office was updated with new carpet and renovated by our dedicated maintenance staff to make more open space. And important classroom features that were removed last year due to Covid restrictions, such as maker space carts and comfortable furnishings, were updated and brought back into the classrooms.



While Sacred Heart School is still operating with pandemic precautions in place, the rigid regulations have eased. We adhere to the Archdiocese of Chicago's guidelines, which include masks for all inside the building, frequent sanitizing, and keeping a bit of distance...all of which help us stay safe and open to continue another year of in-person school. And while following the strict regulations of the 2020-21 school year was difficult at times, in-person teaching - all day, every day - has proven to be the right choice for our students' academic success and social and emotional well-being.



The dedicated teaching staff worked tirelessly last year to ensure continued conveyance of the curriculum, as reflected in Sacred Heart School's test scores, which remain above the national average and were not affected by the pandemic. We are also happy to report that students have returned to small group activities for collaborative learning where they share ideas, offer solutions to real world problems, and create projects to show their learning outcomes.

## SACRED HEART SCHOOL PRINCIPAL TRANSITION

At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, with heavy hearts, we bid farewell to Kristen Fink, Sacred Heart's school principal for the past six years, wishing her all the best in her new role as principal of St. Clement School in Chicago. In keeping with one of our school's root beliefs, "Challenges are Opportunities," we conducted a thorough search and eagerly welcomed our new principal, Margaret Webb at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Margaret is a welcome addition to our team, bringing a wealth of energy and experiences to our school, and moving us forward in this ever-changing world of education.

Sacred Heart offers academic enrichment through differentiation in teaching, such as a higher track for Math classes to provide students the opportunity to take Algebra and participate in Loyola Academy's math program. Further, through our robust Student Services Department, students can receive additional academic support from our Reading and Math Specialists.

In addition to the core curriculum, all students attend classes with our certified teachers in Music, Art, PE, and Spanish, as well as integrative Technology through our STEAM lab. Our highly engaged drama troupe, school band, active enrichment programming, homework lab, and no-cut competitive teams fill our students' after school hours. Overall, we work with each student to achieve his/her individual potential and to build confidence in becoming who God made them to be.

We are led by our mission: Educating children's hearts and minds in a faith-filled, caring community. We are proud of our school community, successful students, and innovative faculty.

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS THROUGH 9/30/21

In conjunction with the launch of To Teach Who Christ Is (TTWCI), Sacred Heart Church conducted an independent capital campaign, Legacy of the Heart, with the active solicitation phase beginning in early 2017. Likewise, St. Philip the Apostle Church conducted its own TTWCI campaign in 2015. As off September 30, 2021, we have completed, or are in the process of completing, the following projects at both church sites.

## Sacred Heart Church Legacy of the Heart Campaign

Pledge Amounts Collected , including Interest	\$2,575,823
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### Major Projects:

School Boilers	243,756
School Hot Water Heater & Abatement	49,730
Church Windows & Abatement	260,871
Church & Rectory Roof <sup>1</sup>	23,246
Church Flooring & Paint	334,707
Church Flooring Demo	36,843
Parish Office & Gathering Space Windows	230,000
Parish Office Building Boiler	217,235
Other Miscellaneous	<u>1,324</u>
Capital Campaign Projects Total	\$1,397,712
Campaign Consulting Fees	\$150,000
Total Obligation to the Archdiocese	<u>\$558,800</u>

Remaining Balance	\$469,311
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## St. Philip the Apostle Church TTWCI Campaign

Pledge Amounts Collected, Including Interest	942,607
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### 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
Total Obligation to the Archdiocese	<u>\$220,000</u>

Remaining Balance	\$154,349
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“For it is  
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giving  
that  
we  
receive.”  
- St. Francis of Assisi

<sup>1</sup> As previously reported to the parish, the original Sacred Heart campaign case statement provided for complete replacement of the church and rectory roofs. Based on assessments from professional roofing companies, we learned that complete replacement is not warranted at this time. We will, however, continue to inspect the roofs on an annual basis and make repairs as necessary, using funds remaining in the Legacy of the Heart account.

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## FISCAL 2021 INCOME STATEMENT 7/1/2020-6/30/2021

	CHURCH	REL ED	2021 SCHOOL	TOTAL	2020 TOTAL
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>					
Sunday Collections <sup>1</sup>	939,661	-	-	<b>939,661</b>	1,000,780
Christmas Collection <sup>1</sup>	224,218	-	-	<b>224,218</b>	231,135
Easter Collection <sup>1</sup>	87,548	-	-	<b>87,548</b>	97,334
Tuition <sup>2</sup>	-	59,043	1,371,308	<b>1,430,351</b>	1,379,053
Fees <sup>2</sup>	-	7,657	140,853	<b>148,510</b>	130,691
Fundraising <sup>3</sup>	-	-	250,000	<b>250,000</b>	250,089
Rental Income <sup>4</sup>	269,944	-	-	<b>269,944</b>	291,061
Miscellaneous <sup>5</sup>	112,563	5,485	68,996	<b>187,044</b>	175,030
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,633,934</b>	<b>72,185</b>	<b>1,831,157</b>	<b>3,537,276</b>	<b>3,555,173</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>					
Salaries & Benefits <sup>6</sup>	804,232	76,838	1,461,330	<b>2,342,400</b>	2,398,557
Administrative	76,994	6,741	48,263	<b>131,998</b>	142,425
Books, Supplies & Technology	8,720	6,567	54,788	<b>70,075</b>	48,482
Utilities	141,569	-	85,467	<b>227,036</b>	208,688
Maintenance <sup>7</sup>	175,521	622	211,690	<b>387,833</b>	296,775
Liturgical Supplies	25,520	2,512	-	<b>28,032</b>	23,479
Insurance <sup>8</sup>	114,928	-	37,453	<b>152,381</b>	103,498
Archdiocesan Assessment <sup>9</sup>	210,918	-	9,585	<b>220,503</b>	224,360
Miscellaneous <sup>10</sup>	14,450	4,720	62,731	<b>81,901</b>	98,917
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,572,852</b>	<b>98,000</b>	<b>1,971,307</b>	<b>3,642,159</b>	<b>3,545,181</b>
<b>NET OPERATING RESULTS</b>	<b>61,082</b>	<b>(25,815)</b>	<b>(140,150)</b>	<b>(104,883)</b>	<b>9,992</b>
Endowment Withdrawal <sup>11</sup>		-	-	-	-
Parish Support of Education		25,815		-	-
PPP Loan Proceeds <sup>12</sup>	200,767	-	307,475	508,242	
<b>FINAL OPERATING RESULTS</b>	<b>236,034</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167,325</b>	<b>403,359</b>	<b>9,992</b>



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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOOTNOTES

- 1) Collections – Total Sunday, Christmas, and Easter Collections for Divine Mercy reflect a decline of approximately \$77K, or 6%, from the prior year. The limitations on in-person Mass attendance undoubtedly played a factor in this decline for the second consecutive year even though we continued to highlight our parishioners' ability to donate online. As another reference point, the FY 2021 total represents 87% of pre-Covid levels (i.e. FY 2019). We have been fortunate to experience a gradual transition from traditional "envelope" giving to on-line giving, which creates incredibly financial stability and predictability for us.
- 2) Tuition and Fees – The increase between years reflects the fact that both Sacred Heart School and the Children's Ministry programs experienced a slight increase in the amount of tuition charged. Fortunately, Sacred Heart School was successful in maintaining in-person classes throughout the FY 2021 school year, unlike neighboring public schools.
- 3) The most significant annual fundraising undertaking in the parish is Sacred Heart School's Nite Lites event. The net income from Nite Lites in a given year is recognized in the following year's operating budget; thus, the operating income recognized in FY 2021 is from the very successful virtual Nite Lites event that took place in April 2020. 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.
- 4) Rental income originates from the lease 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. The rent from HPDS is stipulated in the lease agreement and increases on an annual basis. The income from the Galileo Learning Camp for a given summer is recognized, upon receipt, in August of the next fiscal year. The FY 2020 income includes rent from the camp during the summer of 2019 and unfortunately, the camp did not take place during the summer of 2020, thus resulting in a decline in income. We are in the process of negotiating terms for Galileo's return in the summer of 2022.
- 5) Miscellaneous - Miscellaneous income includes Mass stipends, stole fees (donations for the sacraments of baptism and marriage), Annual Catholic Appeal rebates, donations for scholarships and estates/bequests.
- 6) Salaries and Benefits declined by a modest 2% from FY 2020 to FY 2021. Divine Mercy received PPP loans of \$508,242 as part of the PPP 1st draw, and given our ability to meet forgiveness requirements established by the Small Business Administration, those loans were 100% forgiven during FY 2021. The 2nd draw loans of \$470,042 that Divine Mercy received in the spring of 2021 are reflected on the balance sheet as of 6/30/21, and were 100% forgiven in September of 2021, subsequent to our fiscal year end. This Income Statement reflects the true cost associated with retaining all employees through the forgiveness period stipulated by the SBA.
- 7) Maintenance expenses in FY 2021 reflect a significant increase in snow removal costs.
- 8) Insurance – This represents the amount charged the parish by the Archdiocese of Chicago to cover the cost of property and casualty coverage, as charged to Divine Mercy by the Archdiocese. The overall cost to the Archdiocese increased significantly due to a large number of claims resulting from the polar vortex in the winter of 2019.
- 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 – \$20K of the year-to-year decline is attributable to a \$20K donation to offset livestream costs.
- 11) Endowment Withdrawal—Note that Sacred Heart School did not require a withdrawal from the endowment in neither fiscal 2020 nor fiscal 2021.
- 12) Payroll Protection Extraordinary Income—Represents the PPP loans received by Divine Mercy Parish to maintain operations during the COVID - 19 pandemic. These loans were 100% forgiven by the SBA prior to FY 2021 year end, based upon Divine Mercy's ability to provide evidence certifying that it successfully met all of the criteria for forgiveness as established by the PPP legislation.

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## BALANCE SHEET 6/30/2021

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

Cash	\$	2,818,686
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Operating Savings at Arch Bank	\$	1,010,870
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<i>Legacy of the Heart Funds/TTWCI*</i>	\$	926,266
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Total Checking/Savings	\$	4,755,822
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School Endowment	\$	4,066,765
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Total Current Assets	\$	8,822,587
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,822,587</b>
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### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$	15,696
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Credit Card	\$	11,610
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##### Other Current Liabilities

Prepaid Tuition/Fees/Lease	\$	427,425
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Other Current Liabilities	\$	1,009,099
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PPP Proceeds-Church/School	\$	470,042
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Total Other Current Liabilities	\$	1,906,566
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Total Current Liabilities	\$	1,933,872
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Total Equity	\$	6,888,715
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,822,587</b>
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**Outreach and sharing are greatly valued by Divine Mercy Parish.**

### **ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS**

Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	2,630
Campaign for Human Development	805
Catholic Charities	140
Peter's Pence	1,655
Propagation of the Faith	1,935
Retired Religious	1,675
Seminary Collection	1,180
Latin America	1,050
Churches in Central Europe	850
Annual Catholic Appeal	146,943
Holy Land	2,325
Total Archdiocesan Required Collections	<b>161,188</b>

### **OTHER CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS**

A Just Harvest	18,443
St. Benedict the African	29,241
St. Columbanus Parish	26,875
Fr. Paul Foundation	15,250
Haiti	40,535
Total Other Charitable Collections	<b>\$130,344</b>



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