



ECHOES SPECIAL EDITION YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

150 years ago the church proclaimed what it already knew from its lived experience - that St. Joseph is an unfailing patron of the universal church. There are so many things to say about St. Joseph including personal stories of his intercession. I hope to do that in a video later this month. One of the most intriguing things about Joseph is that the gospels do not record anything he said. Joseph may be seen as deeply contemplative, as the strong silent type, as a man who is open to the Word of God when it is spoken to him in his dreams. He is someone willing to take decisive, courageous action. Joseph is a great model for us to follow in the spiritual life. The dynamic of his life was once described as "silence being foster father to the Word." If we desire to nurture the Word in our lives and have the presence of Christ mature in us, then, like Joseph, we should exercise a holy silence that enables us to hear with true humility and openness to God's will. Pope Francis in his apostolic letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) gives keen insights into the life of Joseph and how we benefit from his example. Pope Francis said "in a way, we are all like Joseph, a shadow of the Heavenly Father."

I like the image of Jesus as the sun and Joseph a shadow. Jesus, the only Son of God, through the Incarnation is the sacrament of the merciful Heavenly Father. Jesus comes to remind us of Our Father's love and reconcile us to God. Joseph's life serves as a soft shadow of the Heavenly Father, a representation of what is above. Joseph's life personifies the best of paternal, provident love. God in the fullness of time, placed the Holy Family in the provident care of Joseph and, in the outline of his effort, found their so sorely needed shade of relief. The same is true for us; we can turn to him asking the intercession of one who was so courageous, trusting, chaste, obedient, giving, tender, humble and hard working. It's not enough for us to ask his intercession this year, we should also accept the invitation to imitate Joseph as well. We can accept the challenge, like Joseph, to shadow the care of our Heavenly Father. Ask who in our family or our family of faith needs our tender, paternal, provident care? Who do you know that needs a Joseph in this year of grace? Could that shade, could that rest, could that provident care come from you? God is asking you to help foster this household of God we call Saint Pius.

Sincerely,



Please read the story of our Holy Land olive wood statue of St. Joseph on the back page.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend Masses . March 27-28

5:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM

Daily Masses . March 29-30

Mon 5:15 PM, Tues 8:30 AM

Holy Thursday . April 1

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 PM - 10:00 MIDNIGHT

Good Friday . April 2

Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 PM

Easter Vigil Mass. April 3

8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses . April 4

9:00 AM, 11:30 AM

The theme of the 2021 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) of "Love Thy Neighbor" is a reminder and an opportunity to put our faith into action to help others.

Contributing to the DSA provides funding for Catholic Charities and the multicultural, educational, housing and vocational ministries serving all in western North Carolina.

The DSA provides vital support to Catholic Charities which works to provide services throughout the diocese to strengthen families, build communities and reduce poverty. Catholic Charities services include counseling, food pantries, disaster relief, marriage prep, pregnancy support & adoption, teen & young parent support, elder ministry, refugee services and burial assistance.

When we make our annual contribution to the Diocesan Support Appeal, we join with all our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the diocese to do the Lord's work, works of love and service that no one individual or parish can do alone. The 2021 DSA assessment for St. Pius the Tenth is \$219,244, and we will need the support from all our parish families to meet this goal.

To learn more about the DSA or to donate, please scan the QR code at right or visit www.stpiusxnc.com/dsa.



A LETTER FROM THE FINANCE COUNCIL

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners:

Attached for your review is a consolidated statement of activities for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020.

For the period, Offertory income was \$963,499, which was \$37,499 more than we budgeted. Compared to the first half of fiscal year 2020, our Offertory income was lower by \$50,318 or 5%. The Finance Council budgeted income to be less because of the pandemic and the modified mass schedule.

During the same period, expenses, excluding the interest payments on our debt, were \$1,044,835, versus a budget of \$1,087,881. Actual expenses from July through December 2019 were \$1,064,928 or about \$20,000 more than fiscal year 2020.

Notes on the important variances we saw during the first 6 months:

- Charity and Outreach received a donation that was not budgeted as income.
- Income from a parish trip that was budgeted but did not happen, accounts for the Ministry and Liturgy variance.
- We will receive \$10,000 for the Bulletin rebate this quarter.
- Most all expenses were down due to not conducting the programs and classes because of the pandemic.
- The variance in the General Administrative is staff salaries. There was a change to the payroll schedule from monthly to bi-weekly and an extra pay period happened.
- Because of the pandemic, an additional \$5,000 in postage was spent for communications to parishioners.

As of December 31, 2020, the remaining debt on the Parish Center and Pre-K building was \$1,169,405. For the period, we retired \$347,262 of debt. Using contributions from the Building Fund and the FFHL rebate, we continue to pay down the debt. We expect the outstanding unpaid principal in February will drop below \$1 million. Great Work!

It is the opinion of the Finance Council that the financial health of St. Pius X is strong. We continue to manage variable expenses closely in light of the pandemic and all of the fixed costs the parish has as well.

Thank you for your financial support over the past six months. Please feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions or comments regarding the finances of our parish.

Mark P. Painley
Finance Council Chairman

**ST. PIUS THE TENTH CATHOLIC CHURCH . REPORT TO PARISHIONERS
JULY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**

PARISH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & CASH FLOWS

	Fiscal YTD Actual \$	Fiscal YTD Budget \$		End of Period	Beginning of Fiscal Year
Operating Revenue			PARISH STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
Offeratory	963,499	926,000	Assets		
CVS Rent	40,112	40,112	Checking Acct. Balance - Operating	385,024	344,418
Unrestricted & Ministry	12,161	24,175	Savings Accts. - Operating Reserves	113,866	112,009
Religious Formation Fees	25,923	28,750	Savings Accts. - Restricted	35,928	1,620
Charity & Outreach	15,349	9,500	Endowment Accts.	1,571,962	1,450,589
Bulletin Rebate	0	10,000	Receivables and other Current Assets	26,649	25,037
Interest & Miscellaneous	3,521	5,000	Property, Plant, & Equipment	24,889,738	24,875,738
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$1,060,565</u>	<u>\$1,043,537</u>	Total Assets	<u>\$27,023,167</u>	<u>\$26,809,411</u>
Operating Expenses			Liabilities & Net Assets		
Ministry & Liturgy	57,187	95,997	Accts. Payable & Accrued Expenses	404	950
Religious Formation	18,059	37,900	Custodial Obligations	54,367	37,237
Charity & Outreach	47,175	36,350	Notes Payable	1,169,405	1,790,528
School Subsidy	199,861	199,143	Other Liabilities	238,150	240,400
Columbarium	1,076	250	Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,462,326</u>	<u>\$2,069,115</u>
Facilities	152,117	153,252	Net Assets	<u>\$25,560,841</u>	<u>\$24,740,295</u>
Diocesan Assessments	97,554	112,549	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$27,023,167</u>	<u>\$26,809,410</u>
General & Administrative Expenses	298,706	278,889			
Principal Payments on Debt	173,100	173,551			
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,044,835</u>	<u>\$1,087,881</u>			
Operating Surplus (Income minus Expenses)	<u>\$15,730</u>	<u>\$44,344</u>	SUMMARY OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	Fiscal YTD Actual \$	Fiscal YTD Budget \$

CAPITAL ACTIVITY

Receipts from Forward in Faith, Hope, & Love Campaign	37,455	30,000	School Tuition, Fees, & Other Income	2,641,234	2,272,435
Restricted Contributions for the Building Fund	69,649	0	School Expenses, Other than Depreciation	(1,930,586)	(1,996,065)
Receipts from School Debt Payments	99,168	99,173	Operating Surplus (Income minus Expenses)	<u>\$710,648</u>	<u>\$276,370</u>
Interest Expenses on Debt	(29,260)	(28,827)			
Net Capital Activity	<u>\$177,012</u>	<u>\$100,346</u>			

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” **Matthew 13:44-46**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

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ST. JOSEPH: A PILGRIM'S PERSPECTIVE

You may have noticed the olive wood statue of St. Joseph that stands in our church baptistery. This particular statue came to us directly from the Holy Land when we went on pilgrimage to Israel in January 2020. That year, Bishop Jugis declared to be the "Year of St. Joseph" in the Diocese of Charlotte, and we are fortunate that this year the Holy Father Pope Francis has also declared a "Year of St. Joseph" in the Catholic Church. We have kept this special statue in a prominent place in our own church to help remind us of St. Joseph and all that he represents. Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, which extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Olive wood is a typical material that is used in the Holy Land, and some of the trees are even hundreds of years old, like the one Monsignor is next to in the photo. This statue was carved by a single craftsman, an expert in his trade. The people in the Holy Land are suffering tremendously right now because of the effects of the pandemic. Tourism is something that they rely on heavily for their economy, and without the typical pilgrimages, their lives have been drastically affected.

Our St. Joseph in the church at St. Pius X is a way of keeping a piece of the Holy Land with us always. Please keep the men, women, and children of the Holy Land in your prayers during this Lenten season.

PARISH INFORMATION

Newcomers - Welcome

Zan LICCIONE children Adrianna, Dante	27405
Christina RUBERTI	27358
Michael & Caitlin BRAXTON child Kinley	27405
Albano BARJAMI & Daniela CEPELE child Kate	27455
Errol & Francine BRITTO	27455
Ralph & Iris CABALLERO	27244
June FULTON	27410
Rick & Kristin GAMBELLA child Dominick	27455
Ian & Kristi CASTRO child Carolina	27358
Trip & Donna HALE	27265
Tarek Khatib ROCHE GAMBOA & Roche GUTIERREZ	27455
Lizbeth RAMIREZ GONZALEZ child Jacqueline	27405
Chinedu NZEKINE & Peace OKAFOR	27401

Baptisms - Many Blessings

Tess Crocker
Easton King
Ava Heaney

Wedding - Congratulations

Brieanna Lingao & Deryk Dionne

Funerals - Our Sympathy

Ryan Perez
Jean Murray
Joseph Guhin

Timothy Lingard
Maureen Schaftlein

