

	FY 18-19 Budget	Actual YTD	% of Budget
Revenues			
Offetory Collections	326,000	329,370	101.0%
Other Revenue	102,307	91,992	89.9%
Total Revenue	428,307	421,362	98.4%
Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	258,368	236,563	91.6%
Assessments & Donations	14,000	14,258	101.8%
Program Expenses	94,350	98,628	104.5%
Maintenance & Utilities	39,422	37,150	94.2%
General Administrative	21,706	28,955	133.4%
Total Expense	427,846	415,555	97.1%
Net Income/Expense	461	5,807	

Year-End Finance Report

This table summarizes the financial position of St. Mary's Church at the end of the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019.

The St. Mary's Staff and Finance Council would like to express our gratitude for each and every gift so generously offered by our parishioners. It is thanks to you that we are able to provide for the needs of our parish and community.

As a result of your generous response to our *Caring for our Family, Caring for our Home* stewardship program, our offertory income grew by \$21,218 over last year. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.

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St. Mary's Catholic Church

2019 Annual Stewardship Report

*Caring for our Family,
Caring for our Home*

A Message from Your Pastor

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

It is my pleasure to present to the parish our 2019 Stewardship Report. This is the first time you have received a report like this from the front office since I have been pastor. We have been praying and working hard to be as transparent as possible about how our parish works. We want to demonstrate how we are trying to be good stewards of your kindness and goodness to the parish and good stewards of your financial offertory donations.

Our Caring for our Family, Caring for our Home stewardship program has been a real gift to our parish. I am always amazed at how active our parish is and how so many things happen throughout the year. I was, honestly, a bit nervous about how a stewardship program would be received in the parish. So many times we simply think of "stewardship" as money. Last October we looked at a new way of presenting stewardship. We began with new prayer at mass, sent out brochures to all families and asked for your help with this new vision.

Today, we see how "stewardship" is much more than the financial success of our parish. It is about you taking care of each other and about all of us working to care for our parish "home." Without each other we cannot accomplish the things that make our parish a model of Catholic Christian charity and worship.

As a parish we rely on each other and God the Father, Jesus the Son and Holy Spirit. Our parish is made in the image and likeness of God. This helps us create a new world around us. As a loving parent, God will continue to watch over us. Jesus the Son is our brother and example. He has let the world know what we must do to be kind and caring to one another. The Holy Spirit is the helper and guide that keeps us on track when we seem to go astray from the goodness showered upon us by the Holy Trinity. And so, with Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary at our side we join each other on a new path that will help us with the ministry set before us.

Thanks for your kindness, assistance, presence and generosity to our parish! Enjoy this new report and give thanks to God bringing us to where we are today!

Fr. Joe!

Our Mission

St. Mary's is called to be a prayerful, compassionate community centered in Jesus Christ. As witnesses to Christ's love, we are committed to accept and value each person. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we serve one another as members of the family of God.

Charitable Giving *Caring for our (Extended) Family*

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the parish has been able to donate to a number of charitable causes this year. Additionally, the Children's Stewardship Collection taken up at each weekend Mass has generated \$3,616.45 for charity. The charities we have supported are as follows:

Parish Donations: Palouse Care Network, Moscow Fire Department, St. Vincent de Paul, Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land, Catholic Relief Services, the building of a small church in Nicaragua, assistance for the needs of six of our local parishioners.

Children's Collection: Cross Catholic Outreach, Children of Fallen Patriots, Unicef (for two separate causes), Family Promise of the Palouse, Red Cross Disaster Relief, Palouse Care Network, Idaho National Guard Children's Programs.

Maintenance Report *Caring for our Home*

Since the beginning of our "Caring for Our Family, Caring for Our Home" stewardship program in October of last year, the following items in and around our buildings have broken and needed to be replaced or repaired. Thanks to your generous response, we have been able to afford these unexpected expenses—no problem!

- Church Gutters—replaced after being ripped off by heavy snow
- Vestibule Furnace—replaced after breaking down; the previous furnace had been heating the vestibule, cry room, and bathrooms since the mid-1990s
- Snow Plow Blade—replaced
- Refrigerator—replaced; after many repairs, the approximately 40 year old, double-sized refrigerator in the Family Center broke down beyond repair
- Coffee Machine—repaired
- Office Computers—two of the staff computers died in one year and had to be replaced
- Photo Copier—replaced; the previous copier was producing very low-quality prints, and replacement parts were no longer available to fix it.

For Your Benefit *Caring for our Family*

Your generosity has also made it possible for us to make some "quality of life" upgrades that will benefit you, our parishioners.

- Wifi upgrades in the Family Center, which will benefit all of our educational ministries by enabling better use of online resources and videos, as well as benefit the average parishioner who frequents our building.
- Upgraded TVs used by Religious Ed and Youth programs; several of the TVs in the upstairs classrooms and basement Youth Room did not have the ability to connect to a laptop or the internet. The new TVs will permit the use of online resources for our RE and Youth curriculum.
- Paid organists to provide an enhanced musical experience during Mass on a monthly basis.

Upcoming Improvements *Caring for our Family*

We already have some plans in the works for the coming year with the goal of serving you, our parishioners, better, and making St. Mary's a more comfortable place. Coming soon are:

- New High Chairs for small children in the Family Center
- New Tables in the Great Hall of the Family Center; many of the existing tables are beginning to fall apart
- Flocknote—a new communication platform that will help the parish staff and ministry leaders communicate more effectively with the parish community.

What Can We Do For You?

If there are improvements you would like to see made in the facilities and ministries offered by *your* parish, please let us know by filling out a "What can we do for you?" feedback card, available in the Church or Family Center.

Our Parish Community By the Numbers

469	Parishioner Households
17	New Families Registered
15	Baptisms
25	First Communions
25	First Reconciliations
18	Confirmations
1	Profession of Faith (RCIA)
5	Weddings
26	Couples in Marriage Prep
53	Couples in NFP Classes
10	Funerals
329	Masses Celebrated
96	Communion Services
6	Anointing Masses
35	Lectors
57	Eucharistic Ministers
11	Eucharistic Ministers to Sick & Homebound
45	Hospitality Ministers
22	Sacristans
34	Altar Servers
67	Choir/Music Ministry
36	Coffee Social Volunteers
50	Prayer Shawls Distributed
98	Prayer Tree Participants
67	Funeral Dinner Volunteers
57	Catechists (RE, Youth, RCIA)
54	RE Participants
56	Youth Group Participants
9	RCIA Participants
88	School Enrollment
35	School Volunteers
209	Families Receiving Envelopes
35	Families Giving Online

Outreach Numbers:

1,913	People received St. Vincent de Paul Assistance
22	St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers
5,329	Visits to Food Bank
120	Food Bank Volunteers
12	Family Promise Families
42	Family Promise Volunteers

Ministry Snippets

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl ministry got its start after Fr. Joe McDonald was first assigned to our parish in 2014. The first prayer shawl was given out in August of that year, and since then the ministry has distributed 354 shawls to sick and grieving parishioners. The prayer shawl ministers pray for the person who will receive each shawl as they are knitting, and then each shawl receives a special blessing before it is presented to its recipient. The prayer shawls provide warmth and comfort to those who receive them, and they are “hugged” by the prayers of our community each time they wear their shawl.

Catholic Women’s League

The Catholic Women’s League (CWL) is comprised of all the women of the parish. Its objectives are to bring together all Catholic women of St. Mary’s in educational, religious and social opportunities and to assist the pastor when needed. The Catholic Women’s League meets four times a year. Through its fund raising activities, including a Christmas raffle and two rummage sales, CWL purchases liturgical supplies for the church and donates to many charitable causes, both within our parish and in our community.

Ministries Behind the Scenes

Our parish is blessed with many people who share their time and talents to keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes. For example, there are our Sacristans, who make sure that everything is ready before Mass and cleanup afterwards; those who wash the liturgical linens each week; our Art and Environment Committee, who decorate our church for each liturgical season; those who offer to provide miscellaneous help or to make meals for parishioners going through a tough time; our Church Cleaning crew and maintenance crew; those who offer support to the church office for big special projects; those who bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners; and those who support the entire parish through their prayers by way of our email prayer tree.

Moscow Food Bank

For almost 40 years, the Moscow Food Bank has been addressing food insecurity in our local community by distributing food directly to struggling families. The Food Bank has grown over time, having had its start in a closet and now occupying an entire house. It is growing once again, and will be adding on a new storage facility this year.

Knights of Columbus

The most highly visible thing that the Knights of Columbus do each year in our parish is host their annual Sausage Feed and a number of other fundraising breakfasts and dinners. Have you ever wondered where your donations are going when you participate in one of these fundraisers? Each year, our local Knights of Columbus make financial donations to the Moscow Food Bank, the Palouse Care Network/WISH Medical, St. Mary’s School and the St. Mary’s School Foundation, and Pennies from Heaven. They also offer financial support to one or two seminarians each year, act as sponsors for our Boy Scout/Cub Scout pack, provide (and cook!) the burgers, hotdogs, and drinks for our parish picnic, and provide scholarships for college-bound students from our parish. This year, they also raised funds to purchase wheelchairs for disabled people in Mexico, cooked a meal each time our parish hosted Family Promise, and got a crew together to move the playground equipment from St. Rose’s to the Family Promise day center after the convent closed. The Knights of Columbus also serve in the liturgical ministries for several special Masses on Holy Days of Obligation throughout the year.

Children and Youth Programs

The Religious Education (RE) classes for children in PreK (age 4) through grade 5 use *Finding God* from Loyola Press. *Finding God* presents the teachings of the Catholic Church through active-learning techniques that allow children to participate, learn, and grow in faith and discipleship. Rooted in Ignatian spirituality, *Finding God* engages the whole child—mind, heart, body, and soul—uniquely guiding children to practice prayer and reflection, explore scripture, & find God in all things. Parents have the opportunity to gather monthly to grow in their faith and to connect with other Catholic parents.

Preparation for 1st Sacraments: As part of the RE program, children gather as a class to learn and grow in their faith, especially in their knowledge of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parents gather to learn, reflect, and share on their knowledge and experience of the Sacraments. From each other, parents are supported and encouraged in their faith journey with their children.

The St. Mary’s Youth Group program is for Middle School and High School youth (grades 6-12). This year, we will begin by focusing on the Love of God the Father using resources from the Life Teen (High School) and Edge (Middle School) programs. We will also be regularly going out into the community to bring God’s love to others, and preparing our High School youth for a Mission Trip next summer.

Confirmation Prep Our next Confirmation class will run from fall 2020 through spring 2021. We are excited to begin using a new program, *PURPOSE: a transformational plan for Confirmation*. *Purpose* seeks to answer the biggest questions young people have about God, Jesus, the Church, and their ultimate purpose and destiny in life. While preparing youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it also empowers them to become lifelong disciples of Christ.



St. Mary’s School A Way of Life

Providing Faith-Based education to children from Pre-School (age 3) through Grade 8

For over 110 years, St. Mary’s Parish School has been achieving its mission to *Grow Disciples of Christ*. It is here where every child is loved, valued, and encouraged to develop their gifts intellectually, artistically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Spirituality: Students learn about and participate in their Catholic faith throughout the day, with Religion Class taught daily. Religion Class is taught across all grades utilizing the Diocesan approved *Finding God* curriculum by Loyola Press, as well as the *Catholic Handbook for Youth* and *Theology of the Body* for grades 6-8. Once a week, our students attend Mass and are actively engaged in reading the scriptures, singing, serving on the altar, and the presentation of the gifts. Every school day begins with all classes gathering together as a community for an assembly, with announcements, morning prayer, and the pledge of allegiance. Each classroom also engages in a variety of forms of daily prayer.

Academics: The curriculum at St. Mary’s School is well-rounded, and includes music and PE four times a week, and Spanish twice a week for all grade levels. Many of our students in 4th-8th grade have won math honors in national competitions. We use NWEA MAP testing to identify areas of strength and areas for needed growth. Our students’ scores are consistently among the top in the Diocese with 40-60% of students in the upper fourth quartile in reading, math, language arts, and science. Small class sizes and low student-to-teacher ratios facilitate individualized instruction, and assist each student to thrive, grow, and meet challenges. We are accredited through the Western Catholic Education Assoc.

Athletics: For the last two years, our 6-8th grade students have attended the Hallissey Basketball Tournament in Boise and brought home the much-esteemed Sportsmanship Award both times for their display of our School’s core values of *respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness*. Our regular physical education classes teach our students fundamental motor skills, sports skills, dynamic lifestyle activities, health, and wellness, and 6-8 graders have the option to join sports teams at MMS.

Outside of School Hours: St. Mary’s Parish School offers childcare before school starting at 7am, and after school until 5:30pm for all grade levels. The childcare program offers our students time for homework, art, story time, snacks, and playtime. During the summer months, we offer a Summer Program for all of our students from 7am-5:30pm each weekday.

Community: Our students serve others in our local, state, national, and international communities through charity fund raisers and service projects. Within our School community, our older students mentor younger students through our “buddy” system, and our younger students emulate the positive values and behaviors exhibited by their older buddies.

Come Experience our Way of Life

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a program for informing individuals about the Catholic Faith. Weekly sessions explain and clarify the teachings of the Catholic Church. Topics include, but are not limited to, Holy Scripture, core Christian beliefs about God and the Holy Trinity, salvation history, Christian morality, the Sacraments and prayer. RCIA offers the opportunity to learn, reflect and discern about where God is calling us in our faith journey.

Wise Elders The ‘Wise Elders’ get-together for senior members of the parish meets one afternoon a month at the parish center. We alternate activities between learning more about our Catholic faith and playing various games. We share fellowship, coffee and cookies and enjoy wonderful discussions.

Bible Studies St. Mary’s Church partners with Ascension Press to offer a number of Bible Studies throughout the year. These studies include a video, some reading, and meeting to discuss thought-provoking questions about each session. Examples of topics we have covered are Church history, the Mass, how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the New Testament, and a Biblical walk through Christ’s passion. We will offer a lineup of new topics again this year!