

Annual Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you our Corpus Christi Annual Stewardship Report, covering the past fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019. It is our custom—and my responsibility to you as your pastor—to share this report with you at the end of each calendar year.

The Annual Stewardship Report is an accounting of the ways that Corpus Christi Parish has benefited from your commitment to stewardship: that Biblical understanding of giving oneself (through the sharing of time, talent, and financial resources) in thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given each of us. In that spirit of stewardship, we assist in the good works of our community for the glory of God, in service to our brothers and sisters within our parish and beyond. This Annual Report is also a way for me to be accountable to—and transparent with—Corpus Christi parishioners, giving you a summary of our parish stewardship and highlighting some of the fruits of your giving.

I am so blessed to be your Pastor and I am greatly appreciative of the generosity of your time, talent, and treasure. I am also thankful for the tremendous parish staff we have. The devoted staff have helped the parish grow in many ways, all while being financially prudent. My gratitude extends to the Finance Council and Pastoral Council who have significantly helped me in being a good steward of the resources you give, while also helping the parish grow, not only in numbers, but more importantly, in the deepening of faith and discipleship.

I also want to use this opportunity to continue to foster an understanding of stewardship—that your time, talent, and treasure is given to you by God, not only for you alone, but also to give back for the good of others. Please keep in mind that Scripture calls us to tithe the first 10% back to God (Deut 26). Giving that way calls us to be intentional and plan what we give, instead of giving what is left over. Remember, this was the purpose of the recent Becoming Disciples Through Stewardship Initiative. In many cases, giving a full 10% also might call us to stretch ourselves, to live more simply, and to increase our trust in God. Thus, a proper attitude of stewardship also fosters gratitude in what God has given. After all, God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor 9:7).

In recent years, we have focused on growing as a community, as a family of families, and have offered many opportunities for your spiritual growth in discipleship. If you have enjoyed the enhanced community of the Parish Picnic, coffee & donuts, Flocknote, etc. or if you have grown in your faith through Discovering Christ, Formed.org, Christmas and Easter books, and the many other faith formation opportunities we've given, then I hope you will show that in how you give back of your time, talent, and treasure. As you will see in this report, we have done a lot, but there is so much more we can and want to do for your good and the good of others who are not yet part of our parish family.

Thank you for continuing to make Corpus Christi Parish a growing, faith-filled community. Please take some time to read this report. Should you have any questions, further details are available to you—just call the Parish Office. As we continue our pilgrimage of discipleship as members of the Corpus Christi Parish community, may God continue to form us into the Body of Christ He wants us to be!

With my gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Chal King

Fr. Chad King Pastor

Financial Report

INCOME	FY 2018-2019	FY 2017-2018	Change
Tithing ¹	\$1,514,740	\$1,489,972	\$24,765
Building Fund (Pink Envelopes)	61,480	73,692	-12,212
Catholic Education Registration	21,367	21,048	319
Votive Candle Donations	14,789	13,942	847
Gift Shop Income	23,367	22,427	940
Miscellaneous ²	66,739	68,047	-1,308
TOTAL INCOME (excluding Together Campaign)	\$1,702,482	\$1,689,128	\$13,354
EXPENSES			
Salaries & Benefits for Staff & Clergy	\$999,887	\$977,343	\$22,544
Conferences & Ongoing Formation for Staff & Clergy	9,455	24,890	-15,435
Hospitality & Faith Formation for Parishioners	115,290	79,677	35,613
Utilities	56,683	61,591	-4,908
Maintenance & Repairs	36,532	27,722	8,810
Printing, Postage & Equipment	22,705	24,335	-1,630
Supplies, Services, & Technology	47,239	42,967	4,272
Liturgy	17,402	15,611	1,791
Charitable Donations	17,050	14,270	2,780
Gift Shop Cost of Goods Sold	23,861	20,921	2,940
Chancery Assessment & Insurance ³	290,517	288,846	1,671
Banking Fees	15,599	14,639	960
Miscellaneous Expenses	10,524	9,715	809
Depreciation Expense	91,971	80,503	11,468
TOTAL EXPENSES ⁴	\$1,754,715	\$1,683,030	\$71,685
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-\$52,233	\$6,098	

1 Includes Plate Offering, Online Giving, and Midweek donations

2 Includes various fees, rental income, ministry income, gain on endowments, etc.

3 Every parish is assessed a scaled percentage to support the diocesan office and larger Church

4 Does not include the cost of the acquisition of depreciable capital assets for the parish

Financial Highlights

<u>Sunday Collection ("tithe/plate") Income</u>: Our overall tithing increased approximately 1.6% from the previous year, not quite keeping up with inflation. We continue to work to grow all aspects of stewardship and offer a variety of ministries and services. Blessed with a competent staff and an active Parish Finance Council that have helped us to effectively manage our budget and control expenses, Corpus Christi Parish continues to operate with no outstanding debt. While we had a small overall deficit on the year, we had some savings to cover this deficit. While we continue to look into ways to minimize expenses, if we intentionally become better stewards of our finances then we would love to do even more for your faith formation and building the mission of the parish.

<u>Building Fund (Pink Envelopes)/Campus Improvements</u>: The Pink Envelopes you receive in your envelope packets are designated for campus improvements. Highlights in the fiscal year 2018-19 include the following: replacement of an HVAC unit on the Parish Office building, replacement of flooring throughout the Parish Office, refinishing of the Church pews, and refinishing of the main doors of the Church and the Adoration Chapel. We spent \$46,147 for all those projects to beautify and improve our campus.

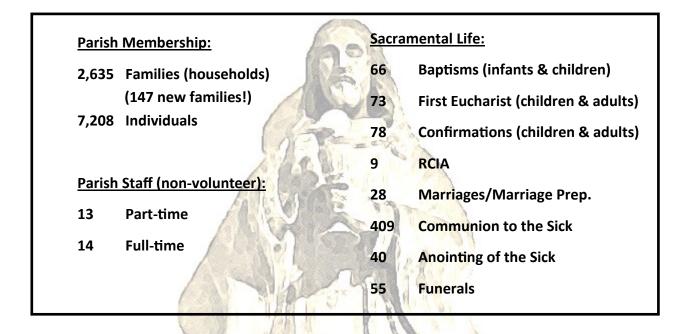
Together Let Us Go Forth Campaign/Parish Center Renovations: This Diocesan capital campaign is for many Diocesan enhancements including: building the St. John Paul II High School in the West Valley, building a new St. Vincent de Paul facility, and renovating our Newman Centers at three universities. Your generosity pledged a total of: \$1,732,343 (3% above goal!) The parish bi-annually receives 35% of the amount received by the diocese from the donations you make (not included in the operating financial report on opposite page). Thanks for the \$128,000 we received in this fiscal year! At year-end we had a balance of \$262,024 to go towards the renovation of the Parish Center. We are working closely with our architect, the diocesan building department, and our design committee on the renovation plans. If all goes well, renovations should be completed before Christmas 2020! Stay tuned for more information to come!

Parish Outreach: One of the signs of a healthy Christian community is that the community reaches beyond its own borders in response to the needs of our brothers and sisters who are not necessarily parishioners of Corpus Christi. It pleases me to share with you that our community has continued to be generous and responsive to the needs of others. In 2019, parishioners contributed \$317,309 to the annual Diocesan Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) and \$78,427 to the various special collections throughout the year. In addition, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference volunteers contributed more than 3,504 hours of service, provided more than \$52,504 to assist those in need of rental assistance or utilities, and another \$23,020 worth of food boxes to more than 1,049 adults and children. Not to mention the other incredible services beyond our parish offered by the Knights of Columbus, St. Gerard Circle, and other ministries of our parish.

<u>Salaries/Benefits for the Lay and Clergy</u>: Every non-profit relies on people, both paid employees and volunteers, to fulfill its mission. Our increase of \$22,544 from the previous year (2017-18) consisted of increased benefit costs including: retirement benefits, medical/dental benefit premiums, FICA taxes, and some modest, merit-based pay increases.

Catholic Education/Hospitality/Faith Formation: This year our children's Catholic Education program shared the love of God and the Catholic Faith with 200 children. More than 30 active Junior High and 30 active High School students in our Youth Ministry programs encounter our Lord and learn how to be faithful to Him in this culture. Nine adults received the Sacraments of Initiation and are now full members of our Catholic Church through the RCIA process. This past year, 66 adults participated in Discovering Christ (our fourth year), and 54 of those adults, who have gone through Discovering Christ over the years, are thoroughly enjoying the new Encounter Groups that continue to enrich their faith and community. Furthermore, many adults who are part of the 25 other ministries have also grown in community and faith. We continue to grow our parish mission and build community by offering new opportunities such as our quarterly Parish Game Nights, annual Parish Cardinals/Tailgating game, adult retreats, and more.

Parish Statistics (Fiscal Year 2018-2019)



"Corpus Christi Catholic Church strives to be a welcoming community proclaiming the love of God and fostering a life-long personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through Scripture, Sacraments, and service."

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