

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners

I can't believe that two years have already gone by since my assignment as pastor of the Catholic Community of St. Nicholas & St. William. To this day, I continue to reflect on an email that I received from a friend saying, "*Congratulations Fr. John, God saw that you were ready to have twins!*" At first I laughed but this continues to be a daily reflection on the Pastoral responsibilities and duties of being a "Father" of "twins", that is, Pastor of two wonderful Parishes with a vibrant school community. This duty as Pastor challenges me, first and foremost, to *live the example of Christ the Good Shepherd, caring for the souls of the faithful entrusted to my care; to teach, to sanctify and to govern the faithful.* (cf. 529 CCL)

The past two years have been a time of growth in my role as Pastor to ensure both the temporal health of the parish community and the spiritual health--helping you grow and thrive in your relationship with Christ. This is a task that I cannot do alone. Due to your generosity we have been able to hire a competent Pastoral Staff whose help is instrumental in our success. Some of the highlights of the past year have been:

- ◆ Last summer, we were challenged to fill three important pastoral positions. Through prayer and diligence, **God has blessed us** with a new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Anthony Uytingco, a new Principal, Jan Popolizio, and a new Director of Faith Formation, Sarah Landers.
- ◆ Our Youth Ministry, 'The Intersection' continues to thrive as we have seen **record numbers** of youth attending. Our Junior High Ministry, 'The Edge', is **steadily growing** as we prepare 7th & 8th graders for confirmation.
- ◆ We have reached and exceeded our goals for the **Parish Legacy Endowments** netting an additional \$20,000 in matching funds for both parishes. Our endowment accounts now total **\$130,022** for St. Nicholas and **\$63,739** for St. William. I want to extend a sincere **Thank you** to all who were able to participate.

Lastly, as you can see from the Financials Report on the adjacent page, we managed our budgets very well last year; keeping our expenses in line with our expected revenues. While both parishes did achieve a sizable profit, this is only due to the **unexpected** and sizable **bequests** of \$369K and \$100K for St. Nicholas and St. William, respectively. Had we not received these bequests, we would have had a modest positive variance at St. Nicholas offset by a modest negative one at St. William resulting in, effectively, **a break-even year.**

We have definitely been **blessed with a generous community**, however, we cannot plan around receiving bequests. In order for us to just maintain our spiritual ministries and our facilities, in order for us to pay our Pastoral Staff a fair living wage, our revenues must stay in line with the cost-of-living. I ask that you please take a look at what you gave to the regular collection this past year. Can you **increase your weekly giving by 3%** so that we can **stay even?** Can you do **more?** For the sake of the two wonderful parishes that we are all a part of, please take these questions to prayer!

Peace in Christ,
Fr. John Poncini

St. Nicholas & St. William - Statement of Income and Expenses

	St. Nicholas		St William	
	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Budget	FY2017 Actuals	FY2018 Budget
Income				
Collections	\$746,617	\$735,000	\$529,834	\$530,000
Sacramental Stipends	\$30,480	\$19,600	\$8,599	\$5,900
Gifts	\$79,438	\$63,000	\$21,486	\$15,000
Bequests	\$368,954	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
ADA Rebate	\$91,414	\$99,000	\$58,023	\$62,000
Catechetical Income	\$15,063	\$14,000	\$15,063	\$14,000
Youth Ministry	\$28,435	\$23,275	\$27,983	\$23,275
Earnings from deposits and Investments	\$12,585	\$5,000	\$21,819	\$18,100
Other (Rummage Sale, Hospitality, Misc.)	\$5,847	\$5,005	\$28,924	\$25,344
Earnings from use of Facilities	\$2,600	\$1,000	\$14,508	\$10,000
Gain on investments (realized & unrealized)	\$0	\$0	\$164,497	\$0
Income Total	\$1,381,433	\$964,880	\$990,736	\$703,619
Expenses				
Pastoral	\$145,067	\$154,533	\$69,406	\$90,013
Administration	\$161,868	\$205,823	\$99,507	\$80,392
Catechetical Income	\$99,096	\$69,456	\$95,413	\$58,276
Liturgy	\$155,150	\$161,513	\$105,455	\$121,889
Youth Ministry	\$35,406	\$70,343	\$35,035	\$58,463
Parish Programs	\$22,118	\$27,050	\$24,079	\$28,850
School Subsidy	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Rectory	\$12,278	\$14,900	\$6,358	\$11,300
Diocesan Assessments	\$73,260	\$72,494	\$48,444	\$49,596
Facilities (excludes depreciation)	\$124,393	\$158,768	\$196,309	\$204,840
Depreciation	\$137,371	\$0	\$220,243	\$0
Expenses Total	\$996,007	\$964,880	\$900,248	\$703,619
Net Income	\$385,426	\$0	\$90,488	\$0



*“I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.”*

Philippians 4:13