



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020



To the faithful of St. Catherine's,

While it is true that most will not consider 2020 to be their favorite year, there were some things to celebrate that happened as well. People received sacraments, babies were baptized, students graduated, marriages happened, life went on and some of the joys contained therein. I am reminded of the wisdom of Qoheleth found in the book of Ecclesiastes: "For all things there is a season..." This was, indeed, a season of sickness, but every *season* in the Lord is a season of hope. And we can look forward confidently.

Thanks for reading the parish annual report.

Blessings,

Fr. Patrick
Priest Administrator

Mass times:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am
Streamed Mass Sunday: 9:30 am
Wednesday - Friday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-2020

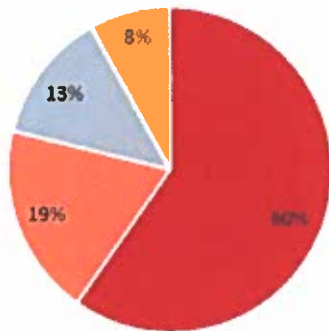
FY20 Financial Summary (7/1/19-6/30/20)

St Catherine of Siena; Financial Summary July '19-June '20		
Combined	Revenue	\$3,021
	Expense	\$2,822
	Net Income	\$199
Parish	Revenue	\$749
	Expense	\$556
	Net Income	\$193
School	Revenue	\$2,272
	Expense	\$2,266
	Net Income	\$7

Financial Highlights:

1. Combined (Parish + School) financials show \$199k Net Income for the fiscal year.
2. Overall Net Income was in-line with the budget, with cost savings offsetting revenue shortfalls

2020 Revenue Composition



■ Tuition ■ Collections ■ Fundraising ■ Misc Revenue

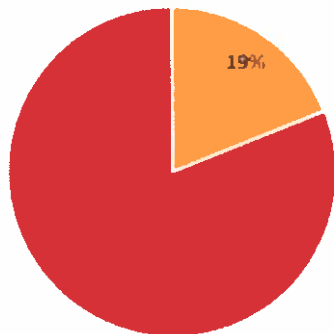


60% of combined revenues came from school tuition

Sunday collections accounted for 19%



2020 Expense Composition



■ Operating Expense ■ Salary & Benefits



13% of revenues were generated by fundraising events like the Auction and Tiger Fund

81% of expenses paid for Salaries & Benefits of our teachers and staff



ST. CATHERINE MINISTRIES AND FAITH GROUPS

OUTREACH

Euch. Minister to Homebound
 Mental Health Ministry Forums
 North Helpline Emergency Foodbank
 St. Francis House Sandwich Makers
 St. Vincent de Paul
 WestSide Baby

PRAYER & STUDY

Bible Study with Fr. Patrick
 Eucharistic Adoration
 Family Faith Group
 Men's Faith Group
 Prayer Chain
 The Rosary Group
 Stations of the Cross
 Women's Faith Group

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

AGAPE—Middle School service trip
 CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
 Children's Sunday Faith Formation
 Esperanza—High School service trip
 North Seattle Catholic Youth
 Vacation Bible School

PARISH STATISTICS:	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
New Families to the Parish:	19	35
Registered Households:	552	561
Baptisms:	8	16
First Reconciliation and First Eucharist:	19	0*
Confirmation:	9	0*
Reception into Full Communion at Easter Vigil:	3	0
Marriages:	6	2
Funerals:	14	3

*Postponed to fall 2020

STAFF

Since last year our parish staff has changed. Our administrative assistant is no longer with us, and Lauren Bergesen, our Faith Formation Coordinator moved back to California. Father is continuing the sacramental preparation for reconciliation and First Eucharist by working with volunteers. When we are able to open up the parish again, we will add staff back.

PARISH LIFE/ HOSPITALITY

Advent/ Lent Family Nights
 Coffee Hour
 Facilities Committee
 Funeral Receptions
 Holiday Bazaar
 Pie Ladies
 Salmon Dinner
 Senior Luncheons
 Soup Suppers
 Adult Volleyball, Basketball and Softball
 Yard Maintenance

SCHOOL

Annual Family and Gala Auction
 Back to School Barbecue
 Bingo Night
 Harvest Festival
 Irish Pub Night
 Celebration of Learning/ Art Walk
 Grandparents Luncheon
 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
 CYO Sports

COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS

Pastoral Council
 Finance Council
 School Commission

STAFF

Rev. Patrick Sherrard, Priest Administrator
Mark Adrian, Pastoral Asst. for Music & Liturgy
Carolyn Foster, Pastoral Asst. for Administration
Rachel LaRoche, Bookkeeper
Franci Ries, Custodial/Maintenance
Pamela Schwartz, School Principal

MINISTRIES AND PARISH GROUPS

Last year, 292 people from our St. Catherine Parish community committed to over 40 ministries and parish groups. Many parishioners contributed their talents and many hours to bring life to our community and further our mission as a parish.

Before COVID 19 hit, all of our ministries were very active. We did end Teen Feed after a volunteer faithfully led that group for 5 years.

When COVID 19 hit, everything stopped so that we could prioritize the health and safety of all of our parishioners. Since then a few ministries have started again virtually or are able to continue in a safe mode.

These ministries are currently active: Contact the parish office if you would like to participate in any of them:

The Rosary Group – Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Father Patrick's Bible Study – Sundays at 11:00 am

Men's Faith Group – Fridays at 6:00 am

Prayer Group – Prayer requests sent out to this group when requested.

Adoration – Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the church.

Our Pastoral Council, Finance Council and School Commission continue to meet.

At this time, we are planning to support an AGAPE middle school group next summer, the week of July 25 -30, 2021.

Some of your ministry leaders shared a bit of what they have been doing. Please read below:



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Our St. Catherine liturgical ministries consist of adult choir, Saturday ensemble, cantors, instrumentalists, environment, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers/greeters, and sacristans. Ministries started the year with "business as usual" in July, but activities came to a halt in late March as Covid-19 hit the state. From then until late June there were no in-person masses. Parishioners stepped forward to livestream a weekly mass, and lectors, pianists and cantors were invited back to help out. With permission to hold in-person masses granted in June, our weekly schedule now includes a Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:30am Mass with very limited music and no congregational singing, as well as a

pre-recorded mass that airs on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. This latter mass includes lyrics for viewers at home to sing the mass parts and hymns. Attendance at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass averages around 30, while the Sunday morning Mass averages around 45 congregants. Viewers of the streamed mass number approximately 75 families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN)

Pre-pandemic, our Sunday School classes ran in person every Sunday (excluding holidays) from 9:30-10:20. We offered 3 class groups: Pre K- K; 1st grade-2nd grade; and 3rd grade- 5th grade. Overall we had approx. 40 kids participate. Our children enjoyed learning about God and exploring their faith through the use of the "Godly Play" and "Finding God" curriculums. Due to Covid we had to stop our in-person classes, but we continued to offer Sunday School virtually via Zoom throughout the spring and summer, with a group of 15-20 kids each time. Virtual Sunday School was a different kind of Sunday School experience, but a lot of fun!

MINISTRIES AND PARISH GROUPS (cont'd)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

20 children received their First Reconciliation in February. Because of Covid restrictions, their First Communion was put on hold until September. In January/February they attended in-person sacramental preparation classes led by Lauren Bergesen and parent volunteers, using the "We Believe and Celebrate" curriculum from Sadlier publishing. Also during that time, Fr. Patrick led the children in a teaching tour of the church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) was offered at most Sunday Masses from September- February, under the direction of Lauren Bergesen and thanks to the leadership of dedicated adult volunteers. CLOW allows children ages 4-12 the opportunity to gather for age-appropriate prayer and exploration of the day's scriptures. Many thanks to the leaders who made this important experience possible!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2019

Because of COVID we offered a "Virtual VBS" for three days in August, led by Lauren Bergesen. Nine children attended, and although it was a different kind of VBS, we had a great time!

NORTH HELPLINE FOODBANK

As of March of this year we discontinued our group participation with the Food Bank. This was due the hazards caused by the pandemic. Current members were told that we are no longer volunteering at the food bank as a group but that everyone is encouraged to volunteer on their own. The North Helpline has also stopped accepting volunteers over the age of 60 for the time being. On a more cheerful note, the North Helpline had a fund raising campaign during the year. They had a goal of raising \$25,000. They surpassed their goal and raised over \$26,000!

FAMILY FAITH SHARING GROUP

Once again this year parents and their children enjoyed Christmas caroling for the residents at a memory care facility in December, 2019.

PARISH COUNCIL

In fall 2019 Fr. Patrick re-formed the parish council with a focus on creating and forming disciples of Christ. This work led us through a number of active discussions related to faith in America and how best to engage the St. Catherine congregation. With the onset of COVID the council pivoted its work to aid Fr. Patrick in supporting the community. This work took the form of engaging the community, providing positive messages, and reaching out to those who needed help throughout the spring and summer. The council is now engaged in activities to outreach to new members and implement remote faith gatherings.



ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

St. Catherine has a faithful group of members who provide sandwiches to St. Francis House regularly. Unfortunately, they have been on hiatus due to COVID since March and are unlikely to resume soon. This group looks forward to being able to provide this ministry again in 2021.

MINISTRIES AND PARISH GROUPS (cont'd)

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL – ST. CATHERINE CONFERENCE

Since March when the COVID pandemic curtailed our regular operations, the 22 members of our parish's St. Vincent De Paul conference have responded to requests primarily by phone calls instead of in-person home visits. We continue to hold our twice-monthly meetings via Zoom, and invite anyone to attend our meetings.

We respond to any type of need, but most of our work is assisting people with rent, utilities, food, furniture, baby and children's needs and occasionally with services such as medical treatment, eyeglasses, driver's licenses, telephone service. While the overall number of requests we received since March has been lower than in typical years, we saw more requests for higher rent amounts. In our fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 the total amount of rent assistance we provided was \$29,060. Parish support was extremely generous, particularly since March: Parish contributions totaled \$65,000, compared with about \$41,000 in the previous year.

We expect to see a spike in requests for rent and utility help when the state and city rent moratoriums expire, and consequently we are keeping about \$15,000 in reserve. Besides our typical work within our parish boundaries, in the past six months we contributed \$10,000 for rent assistance to SVDP groups in South King County where the need is much greater than here in North Seattle.

Our SVDP members stay informed about special pandemic-related assistance, and we regularly refer and assist our neighbors to apply for unemployment claims, and government-sponsored rental assistance; and help them work with their landlords and utility companies on making repayment plans.

Last spring, we were able to provide special help to one family. Freddie, who is married and has two children, previously worked as an engineer, but a few years ago he was laid off and became a Lyft driver. In March, the demand for Lyft rides dried up and he could no longer afford the car he had been renting. Freddie's family fell behind in their rent and he approached us for rent assistance. We agreed to pay a portion of the family's overdue rent, but we also saw that if Freddie could obtain another car, he could resume driving, doing food deliveries and eventually resuming as a Lyft driver. Freddie hopes to return to work in the engineering field once the economy gets going again.

We contacted another neighbor we helped years ago, who is an auto mechanic, and with his help an acceptable car was found for Freddie. We applied to the King County SVDP Council for a special grant to help purchase the car, and with \$5,000 in Council funds plus \$1,500 of our conference funds, we bought the car for Freddie. Since June he has been supporting his family doing food deliveries and hasn't needed our assistance again.

The St. Vincent De Paul conference thanks the parish community for their financial support and prayers.

