



Faith, Hope & Courage

Dear Members and Friends of Church Name,

I don't have to tell you that this year has been one like no other! The coronavirus pandemic has changed everything, including the way we worship and gather as a community. But during times of trial such as these, Jesus Christ stands firm, and our Church's mission to love God and our neighbor has become even more essential. Now more than ever, our parish is needed to help our communities in **Faith, Hope & Courage**. By working together, we can plan how we can move forward and meet the needs of our people.

FAITH

Scripture tells us that *"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress."* (Ps 46:2). As we face the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic, we stand strong in faith knowing that Christ is with us. And yet there are so many who do not know the Good News of Jesus Christ! There is no better time to share the Gospel message with the world. With your help, our parish can continue to bring the faith we love to others.

HOPE

The prophet Isaiah counsels, *"They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength"* (40:31). Our community has been through hardship, but we are a people of hope! By assisting those in need through our outreach programs, we can extend that hope to others. But the parish can't do it alone. With your help, we can continue to bring the hope we need to others.

COURAGE

Jesus Christ is the prince of peace — the one who can calm the stormy seas. Stormy seas can be scary. As His hands and feet, we must answer the call to actively be Christ to one another. This will take courage from all of us, because we can only embark upon ministries and healing efforts within our communities if we have the means to do so.

With all of this in mind, I invite you to join our parish community by responding to our **Faith, Hope & Courage** recovery effort. Through this time, we have tried to maintain service and ministries to support our community within our means. We are now reopening for Masses and meetings while also striving to ensure your safety to the best of our ability. Now it is time to evaluate where we are as a parish family and make plans for the future!

I ask that you please review our financial report on the back of this page and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help support our ministries, further our mission, and reinforce our future. Keep in mind, this is a snapshot and our annual parish report will be coming later. I know that everyone has been affected differently, and therefore every response will be different. What is important is that we all respond in some way.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Church Name!

Sincerely in Christ,

Signature

Pastor's Name
Pastor



Fr. John Smith
Pastor

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Financial Snapshot

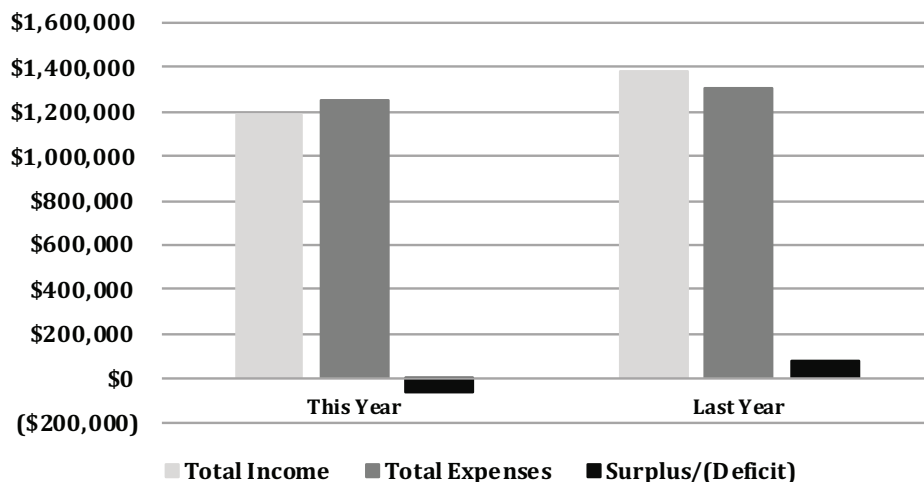
This snapshot is intended to provide a quick comparison look at our finances to help our parish family plan for the future. Please know each expense line item includes the associated salaries and benefits.

Income

	This Year	Last Year
Offertory	\$945,617	\$1,105,471
Ministry & Program Income	41,718	64,553
Donations & Bequests	109,887	98,714
Other Income	84,716	112,343
Total Income	\$1,181,938	\$1,381,081

Expenses

	This Year	Last Year
Pastoral Leadership	\$389,781	\$396,554
Office, Administrative & Benefits	249,872	264,387
Ministry & Program Expenses	297,412	333,612
Maintenance, Utilities & Insurance	311,916	307,998
Total Expenses	\$1,248,981	\$1,302,551
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$67,043)	\$78,530
C.A.R.E.S. Act/PPP	\$65,000	
Small Business Loan*		



*At this time, we are trying to get this loan forgiven.

Ways to Give

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website at www.church.org and follow the instructions. We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory envelopes are still provided as a traditional way to support the parish. They can be shared at Mass during the offertory, dropped off at the church office or mailed in.

IRA & STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS

Donating a portion or all of unused retirement assets or appreciated stock can be an excellent way to make a gift to support our parish. To find out more, please visit www.dosp.org/stock-ira-gifts.

If you have questions, please contact our parish office at XXX-XXX-XXXX or email us at email@parishemailaddress.org.