



ST. MARY
CATHOLIC PARISH
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2022

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

EUCCHARIST, SOURCE OF CONCORD

A year to unfold the hidden power of the Holy Mass



Fr. Jose Noriega, DCJM
Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Like the farmers, who at the beginning of the autumn harvest offer the fruit of the trees, we too synthesize and offer in this brief report the fruit of a year's work. In union with the priests of the DCJM, the St. Mary Parish & School Faculty and Staff, ministry leaders, and councils, I give thanks to the Lord and to all of you for having made possible another year in the life of the parish.

The fruit speaks of the work that has been accomplished. In the following pages, I want to highlight how the theme of fatherhood accompanied us last year. Through our programs and ministries, we were able to know better the Father, from whom all fatherhood descends, and to appreciate better the gift that every father participates in.

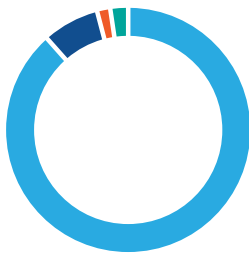
And the fruit also speaks of the future. The seed we have harvested is also the promise of greater gifts. We will dedicate this new year to unfolding the hidden power of the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, a new concord is born among us, which moves us to build the future together and to act in common, giving the best of ourselves. We are all called this year to better appreciate how our lives, our vocations, and our mission in the Church and in society, have their source in the Eucharist. Finally, this year we will bring our family and our friends to the Eucharist. The Mass will thus open us to the mission.

If you have any questions about this report, do not hesitate to let us know. I entrust your family to Mary, certain that she will show herself to be Mother to each one of us.

Fiscal Year 2021—2022

INCOME

Total \$2,772,882

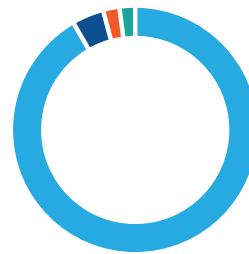


- Offertory/Contributions
\$2,466,087
- Ministry & Programs
\$204,678
- Investments
\$36,132
- Other
\$65,985

Fiscal Year 2020—2021

INCOME

Total \$2,675,994



- Offertory/Contributions
\$2,413,225
- Ministry & Programs
\$170,017
- Investments
\$47,737
- Other
\$45,015

EXPENSES

Total \$2,696,209



- Salaries/Benefits
\$1,290,252
- Ministry & Programs
\$246,672
- Charitable Gifts*
\$235,629
- Operating Expenses
\$429,451
- Facilities/Maintenance
\$494,205

EXPENSES

Total \$2,686,714



- Salaries/Benefits
\$1,348,532
- Ministry & Programs
\$199,103
- Charitable Gifts*
\$226,677
- Operating Expenses
\$435,281
- Facilities/Maintenance
\$477,121

NET

\$76,673

NET

\$(10,720)

NOTABLE PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION	FYE 2022	FYE 2021
CASH AND INVESTMENTS	\$2,715,347	\$3,091,962
UNREALIZED INVESTMENT GAIN (LOSS)	\$(135,624)	\$315,927
NUMBER OF FAMILIES REGISTERED	1762	1805



Fr. James de Cendra, DCJM
School Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Mary Community,

Last year we began at St. Mary a journey with a 5-year plan, setting our eyes on excellence. Excellence is a very broad concept for a school. Is it about academics? Perhaps about character and values? Excellence embraces everything that a school is doing. But where does excellence start? With virtue! The path and the goal share the same nature: we walk with virtue to achieve a virtuous life. Academics cannot reach excellence without the necessary character built on virtue. The intelligent person has to be virtuous to be wise. In that manner, not only will that person be intelligent, but also holy.

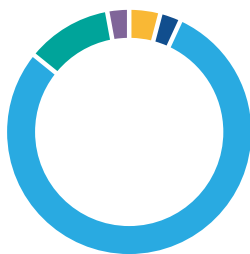
St. Mary is committed to becoming a “virtue School” where the character of our students is forged and their desires transformed so they strive to become the saints, heroes and geniuses God calls them to be and our society needs. In that manner, “our children will be capable both of resisting the debilitating influence of relativism and of living up to the demands made on them by their Baptism [...] equipping them to make their own positive contribution, in a spirit of cooperation, to the building up of the secular society” (The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education)

In this report you can see the progress we are making toward this goal. The path ahead of us is filled with much work, but our faculty and families are determined to make St. Mary the sanctuary where our children will be made ready to build a culture centered in Christ.

Fiscal Year 2021—2022

INCOME

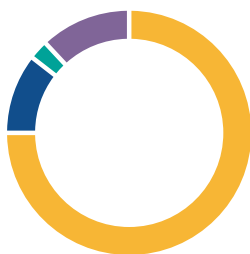
Total \$3,436,759



- Parish Contribution to School \$147,680
- Fundraising/Sales/Rental \$93,450
- Tuition & Related \$2,725,816
- Grants/Scholarships \$381,794
- Other \$88,019

EXPENSES

Total \$3,363,572



- Salaries/Benefits \$2,520,170
- Program Expenses \$351,236
- Operating Expenses \$87,237
- Facilities/Maintenance \$404,929

NET

\$73,187

Fiscal Year 2020—2021

INCOME

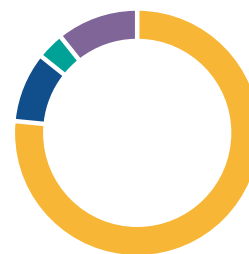
Total \$2,984,969



- Parish Contribution to School \$93,000
- Fundraising/Sales/Rental \$209,938
- Tuition & Related \$2,362,436
- Grants/Scholarships \$193,129
- Other \$126,466

EXPENSES

Total \$3,043,600



- Salaries/Benefits \$2,331,252
- Program Expenses \$283,539
- Operating Expenses \$108,668
- Facilities/Maintenance \$320,141

NET

\$(58,631)

NOTABLE SCHOOL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	FYE 2022	FYE 2021
NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN OCTOBER	469	436
AFFILIATED TUITION RATE (1 CHILD GRADES 1-8)	\$6,490	\$6,290
TUITION ASSISTANCE	\$(291,727)	\$(243,651)

2021 – 2022 RECAP



YEAR OF FATHERHOOD

The year of fatherhood invited our parishioners to explore how being a father is an answer to a divine vocation, to see that becoming a father is the fruit of a bigger decision in love and self-sacrifice. Through monthly preaching topics, book studies, and Adoration we learned how being a father makes men sharers in the fatherhood of the heavenly Father. **SAVE THE DATE for the new Fatherhood Series sponsored by TMIY starting Feb 3, 2023. We will explore a wide range of topics that men face in their vocations as fathers.**



MARRIAGE: THE GIFT

In the Fall of 2021 we kicked off this new ministry offering a date night for married couples to experience the gifts and fruits of their marriage. The night emphasized excellence with fine spirits, delicious appetizers, and lively conversations, followed by time for prayer. The couples learned how to obtain (create) excellence in their lives, their marriage, and their families with a theological teaching from Fr. Jose Noriega and a practical application from Madeleine Paolucci. Throughout the year, a community came together encouraging, uplifting, and inviting excellence in our marriage and family life, a foretaste of the excellence of Heaven and our good Father.



CARDINAL MÜLLER VISIT

On October 31, 2021, St. Mary Parish hosted Cardinal Gerhard Müller for the celebration of the Sunday 9:30 Mass, followed by a Q&A session in Ave Maria Hall. Cardinal Müller is the prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. For over an hour, Cardinal Müller fielded questions from about 100 gathered in Ave Maria Hall, on topics ranging from his friendship with Pope St. John Paul II to the possibility of schism initiated by the German bishops. Cardinal Müller's visit helped St. Mary Parish better appreciate its special place in the global church and deepen its relationship with a Church leader who is courageously defending truth.

ALL YEAR 2021

FALL 2021

OCTOBER 2021

MARCH 2022

FESTIVAL OF FORGIVENESS

In March, we hosted the first annual Festival of Forgiveness! The purpose of this exciting new opportunity was to celebrate with our parishioners the grace of forgiveness as a new beginning. The parish responded with great enthusiasm – we hosted over 350 individuals and experienced with them beautiful personal testimonies about forgiveness, an opportunity for confession, as well as special moments of shared prayers and songs. This special celebration culminated in a joyful gathering in Marian Hall complete with dancing, good food, and great fellowship.



APRIL 2022

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

As we started Holy Week in April 2022, we asked ourselves "What is the role we play in this drama of the Passion and Death of our Lord?" A new tradition began this year as we re-created the procession of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. Parishioners received large palms and lined the trail while Fr. Luis rode the donkey to the entrance of the church. By participating in this procession, we understand that we have a part in the passion of Christ.



JUNE 2022

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On June 19, 2022, we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi with a procession into our community. For the first time in many years, we processed off campus and into the neighborhood surrounding St. Mary. Along the mile-long route we invited Jesus up to the homes of three families, where we adored the love of Jesus Christ in the presence of the Eucharist. We invited Jesus to bless us and to strengthen our own love for our neighbors. As it happened, June 19th was also Father's Day! The procession was also a beautiful way to bless and pray for our fathers, to wrap up a year devoted to Fatherhood, and begin the transition into a year devoted to the Eucharist. We are so grateful for the hundreds of people that were able to join us and we look forward to another amazing procession in 2023.



SOURCE OF CONCORD

WHY CONCORD?

Concord, although an English word, sounds strange to us and we may be tempted to substitute the word “harmony”. Concord, however, refers to the source of that harmony: a common heart. Discord, the opposite of concord, is a word that we all understand the meaning of. We suffer when we experience discord in our relationships. Discord separates us, paralyzes us and we end up acting alone.

Acting in concord then is when we no longer see the other as someone opposed to us and we realize that we have common interests and can act together on great projects. And the source of this wonderful gift is the Body who has been given up for us.

This year we want to focus on the challenge of our lives to act together as couples, as families, as friends, as workers.



My friends, if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle Paul speaking to the faithful: “You are the body of Christ, member for member.” [1 Cor. 12.27] If you, therefore, are Christ’s body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord’s table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying “Amen” to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear “The body of Christ”, you reply “Amen.” Be a member of Christ’s body, then, so that your “Amen” may ring true!

Saint Augustine, Sermon 272

UPCOMING MONTHLY TOPICS

SEPTEMBER

Eucharist, Source of Concord:
The Newness To Act Together

OCTOBER

Eucharist, Memorial of Christ’s Sacrifice:
The Action That Changed History

NOVEMBER

Eucharist, Origin of the Creative Minority:
An Overflowing Fullness

DECEMBER

Eucharist, Accompanying Presence:
Emmanuel

JANUARY

Eucharist, Meal That Regenerates:
Become What You Receive

FEBRUARY

Eucharist and Education:
Communicating Excellence

MARCH

Eucharist and Family:
Generating Self-Givers

APRIL

Eucharist and Leisure:
The Beauty We Cannot Live Without

MAY

Eucharist and Work:
Sharing God’s Glory

JUNE

Eucharist and Martyrdom:
The Seed of a New Society

MASS & MISSION

The name Mass comes from the concluding Latin words of the Mass: “Ite, Missa est”. With these words, the one who has received the Body of Christ is sent out into the world to communicate what he has received. This year we will propose to the families of the parish to invite their relatives, colleagues, and friends to the following celebrations:

- † To Christmas, Easter, and Ash Wednesday High Masses.
- † To Masses with blessings for specific groups of people: pregnant women, mothers, fathers, grandparents, people in need, newly married couples, and the sick.

Additionally, the parish will invite those who have recently received a sacrament to come for a Mass of thanksgiving and a special blessing.

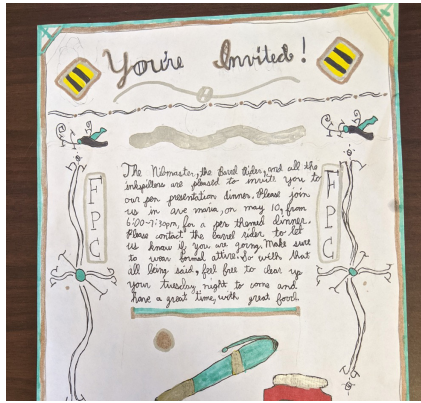
NEW YOUTH PROGRAM

Middle and High school students will enjoy a new program this year focused on common practices. We want to show them that Christ makes their lives great and beautiful in a very concrete way: by doing great things together. In this way we will join mind, heart, and hands, showing them how the Lord makes their family, their friendships, their studies, and their leisure great and beautiful.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

FOUNTAIN PEN CLUB

The Fountain Pen Club provides a place for students to practice from the best writers of our Western Tradition, learn the art of calligraphy and create their own publication.



4TH GRADE BANQUET

Throughout the year, the 4th grade classes grew in the virtue of temperance, learning about good taste and manners. The journey culminated in preparing a formal banquet for their parents.



ST. MARY'S BAND

A band was started to help our students see the beauty and greatness music can bring to their lives. The band forms the students' sensibilities while also accompanying big school events throughout the year.



5TH GRADE THEATER

Through the Polaris project, the 5th grade students exercised the virtue of fortitude by rehearsing and performing the play "Sir Gareth of Orkney." In the process, they also learned much about the virtue of humility.



2021—2022 ACHIEVEMENTS

M. S. LIBRARY

A new library was built in the Middle School building to provide our students with the great books that will accompany them on their journey and help to shape their character.



6TH GRADE MUSICAL

What do people do when they want to celebrate their friendship? They sing! Our 6th grade students worked on building true friendship by preparing together and delivering a musical performance for fellow students and parents.



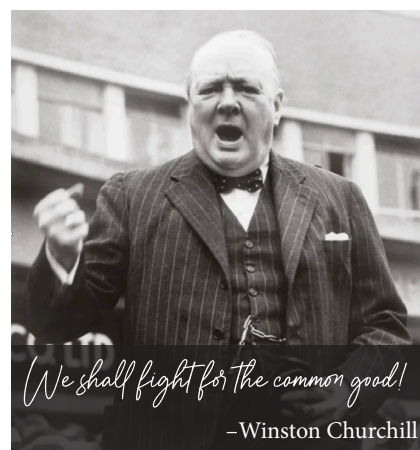
NIÑA MARÍA

Have you ever wondered what our Mother Mary was like as a young girl? The Pre-Kindergarten students grew in wonder at the Niña María celebration, contemplating the girl Mary and how she gave herself to God; they then consecrated themselves to the Virgin Mary.



7TH GRADE LIFE STAR PROGRAM

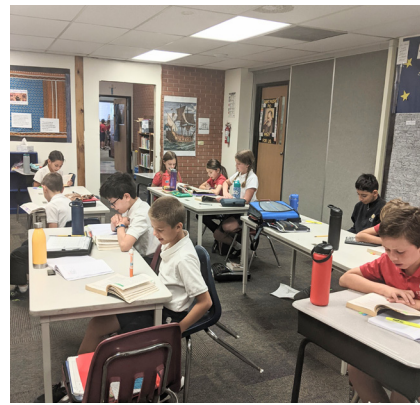
Our boys learned what it means to be a man for the common good through a new practice called "Manliness." They learned about great male figures who made a difference in the world by standing up in moments of need.



A VIRTUE SCHOOL

- VIRTUE
- IMAGINATION
- RELIGION
- TRADITION
- UNITY
- EXCELLENCE

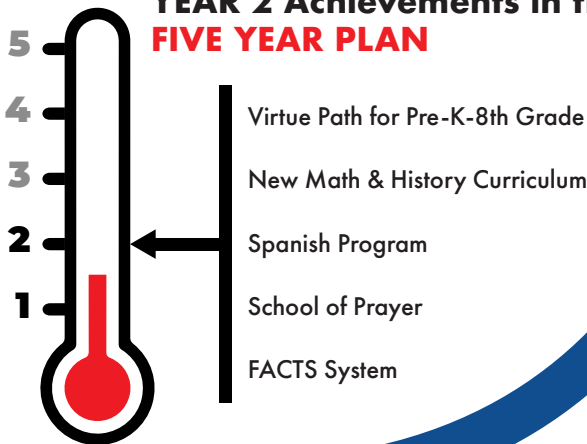
The goal of a “Virtue School” is to forge the desires and the intelligence of our students so they will achieve wisdom and always act toward the flourishing of their lives. In this way, students can live an excellent life and become either the saint, the genius, or the hero that God has called them to be.



GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

The new St. Mary Gifted and Talented program challenges our students in different subjects so they can grow the talents that they have received from God.

YEAR 2 Achievements in the FIVE YEAR PLAN



FOCUS RETREATS

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students participate in a Focus Retreat at Annunciation Heights each Fall. At these retreats, the students set a path for growing in leadership by creating a classroom commitment for the sake of the common good.

NEW 2022—2023 VIRTUE SCHOOL

SMARTS

St. Mary Catholic virtue school is committed to the flourishing of our students in a story of friendship with Christ. The academic curriculum has been enriched with a set of activities that will foster the achievement of virtues. These activities, under the program called SMARTS, are aligned with the school vision to form the desires, imagination and sensibility of our students.

Enrichment activities currently offered include:

- Art Club
- Band and Orchestra
- Chess Club
- Culinary Club
- Golf Instruction
- Lego League
- Nazareth
- Science Club
- SMEED/Study Hall
- Soccer Shots
- Spanish Enrichment
- Jump Bunch



GREENHOUSE

Our students will learn the connection between science and faith in our new Growing Dome. In this experiential classroom students will grow in their love for God's creation while growing vegetables to help others.

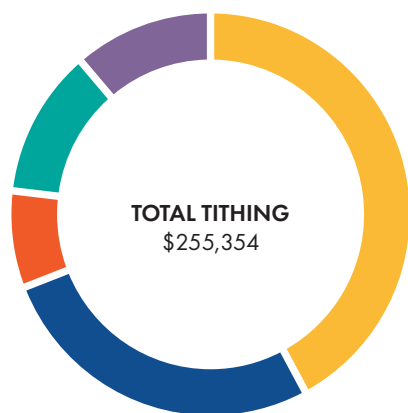


LIVING OUT THE EUCHARIST

SACRAMENTS ADMINISTERED

BAPTISMS	91
CONFIRMATION	88
FIRST COMMUNION	82
CONFESSIONS/WEEK	~360
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	260
MARRIAGES	9
FUNERALS	67

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS



- EDUCATION \$107,000
- OUTREACH/SOCIAL \$69,996
- MISSION \$19,916
- VOCATIONS & RELIGIOUS \$29,942
- MINISTRY SUPPORT/ PARISHES IN NEED \$28,500

Charitable Gifts Given (Charity Tithe) is based on 10% of *projected* offertory

OUTREACH

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 215 ADULTS | 176 CHILDREN

With the current rate of inflation and high rents, neighbors in need are finding it hard to meet their everyday living expenses. The St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Council does our best with our limited funds to help as many as we can. Recently a single mom with four teenage children called and asked if we could help her with a portion of her rent because she had to have her vehicle repaired in the previous month. In our home visit we listened to how she is working two jobs to make ends meet but feels blessed that she has two jobs and four incredible children. We helped cover the portion of her rent she didn't have along with some extra to help cover a portion of her vehicle repair costs. We all cried tears of joy after praying together.



PARISH PANTRY 354 HOUSEHOLDS | 1,107 INDIVIDUALS

Our parish food pantry ministers to the community with fellowship, in addition to food. New client R.H. registered at the pantry as homeless. R.H. is a humble, grateful young man who recently arrived in Colorado from Texas. Along his journey he was robbed of all his belongings, including his identification. A rep from Society of St. Vincent de Paul approached R.H. to offer additional assistance. Through this outreach, R.H. connected with an old friend, who provided low-cost housing, and a job referral. We were privileged to share fellowship with R.H. at just two food distributions, and trust that by God's grace he is safe and thriving.



PRAYER QUILTS 232 INDIVIDUALS

The Prayer Quilt Ministry provides prayer quilts or prayer squares for all those in need. We have expanded our ministry and for the past year have provided a quilt for all the babies baptized at St. Mary. It is a special ministry that gives emotional, spiritual and physical comfort to so many and we get dozens of cards from recipients thanking us. We ask the family of St. Mary to continue praying for all who have received a quilt.



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