

St. Benedict Parish
Annual Report
July 1, 2008—June 30, 2009



*Led by the Spirit of God,
St. Benedict Parish is a welcoming Catholic community
Living and sharing the love of Jesus Christ
Through prayer, service, lifelong learning and stewardship.
-St. Benedict Parish Mission Statement*



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

October 25, 2009 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Dear St. Benedict Parishioner,

As you can see from our annual report, once again we have much to be grateful for to God who gives us all, then calls us to share.

What is some of the good news from last year? Let me share a few highlights:

- ◇ We provided a generous subsidy of \$102,474 to St. Benedict School
- ◇ We gave away over \$24,000 to local, national and international needs from our ordinary income and contributed over \$34,000 to special collections and needs beyond our parish
- ◇ We observed the 100th anniversary of our Parish School as we spent time to reflect, inspire and celebrate about the wonderful contribution our school has made in our parish and beyond.
- ◇ We began work on a new parish Five Year Plan to help move us into a future full of hope.

As you will see from the report, last year's budget did not balance. Due to the challenging economic times we were in, we had to take money from our savings to balance our budget. Our Parish Finance Council established a policy several years ago that we would not use our savings to balance our operating budget. But due to this somewhat unique past year, the Finance Council did decide to use savings to balance this past year's budget.

Because of the results of this past year's challenges, the Finance Council recommended decreasing our projected income for this current year. I am hopeful that even in our present economic situation that we will be able to make our financial goals. With everyone's help, we will succeed. Fortunately, so far this year we are about \$5,000 ahead of the Sunday collections that we had budgeted.

I invite you to take the time to read this Annual Report and to enjoy the good news that it represents. We can also provide more details upon request. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office and ask to speak with Marlene Liu, our Pastoral Assistant for Administration and Stewardship or contact Mary Brown, Finance Council Chairperson. Thanks to everyone who assisted in preparing this annual report especially Marlene Liu and other members of the parish staff.

As we prepare to make our annual renewal of stewardship to time, talent and money, I invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to discipleship. Let us rejoice and give thanks for all that God has done for us.

Sincerely yours in the peace of Christ,

Father Steve Sallis, Pastor

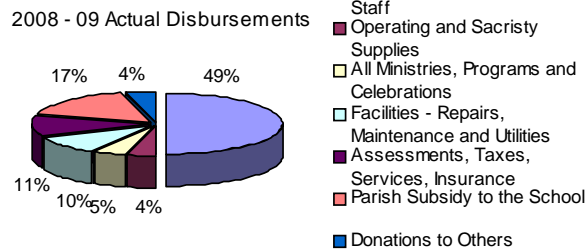
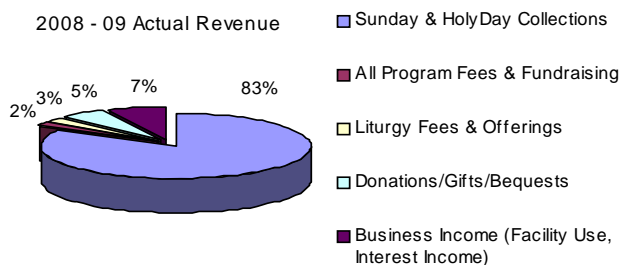
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Revenue	2008 – 09 Actuals	2008 - 09 Budget	2009 - 10 Budget
Sunday & HolyDay Collections	477,708	526,500	472,176
All Program Fees & Fundraising	9,613	3,000	5,200
Liturgy Fees & Offerings	15,825	16,525	15,000
Donations/Gifts/Bequests	30,761	8,200	27,400
Business Income (Facility Use, Interest Income)	40,586	34,600	30,600
Total Receipts	574,493	588,825	550,376

Disbursements			
Clergy, Pastoral and Support Staff	299,439	323,008	306,419
Operating and Sacristy Supplies	23,266	22,000	20,760
All Ministries, Programs and Celebrations	26,999	13,900	26,681
Facilities - Repairs, Maintenance and Utilities	58,496	47,415	50,000
Assessments, Taxes, Services, Insurance	63,890	61,180	66,000
Parish Subsidy to the School	102,474	96,540	56,536
Donations to Others	24,680	25,140	23,580
Total Expenses	599,244	589,183	549,976
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*taken from savings to balance budget



Stewardship - Donations to Others

Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal	8,196
Archdiocesan Criminal Justice Ministry	2,079
Coalition Against Assisted Suicide	2,500
Columbia Lutheran / Cabrini Ministries	940
Cozier Society	1,000
Fulcrum Foundation	1,750
Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center	500
Misc. gifts to various non-profit organizations	1,362
St. Lawrence of Brindisi Parish in Zambia	3,000
St. Benedict Parishioner's Economic Relief Fund	628
St. Benedict School Auction	1,000
St. Mary Food Bank, Seattle	1,000
Youth Migrant Project	725
Totals	24,680

Special Collections

Black & Indian Missions	1,768
Build Hope	1,621
Catholic Community Serv.	1,147
Catholic Relief Service	2,990
Mission Sunday	2,492
Operation Rice Bowl	5,183
Peter's Pence	3,833
St. Lawrence of Brindisi Scholarships (Giving Tree)	5,094
St. Martin de Porres Shelter	4,852
St. Vincent de Paul Society	5,449
Totals	34, 429

2008 — 2009 In Brief



Sacraments: During the past year we baptized 42 infants & children and 1 adult, and we celebrated 3 Profession of Faith. We celebrated 16 Confirmations and 19 children received Eucharist for the first time. Three couples held their weddings here. The lives of 5 people were celebrated with Masses of Christian Burial. Special celebrations included Simbang Gabi, Flores de Mayo, the Blessing of Animals, Veterans' Day, All Saints & All Souls, Day of the Dead, special school observances, and Novenas for Mothers, Fathers, and All Souls.

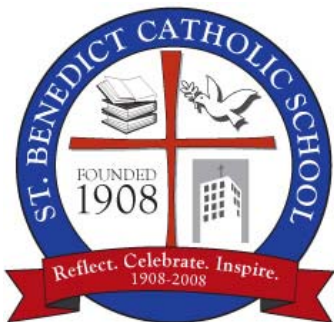


St. Benedict celebrated many events during the year including:

Parish Picnic in July, Esperanza Retreat in August, The Great Wallingford Wurst Fest in September, Ministry Fair in October, Jr. High Cruise in November, School Auction in March, Tea Party in May and Health & Fitness Fair in June. Val Keller joined the parish staff as Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation and Charles Hiestand as Pastoral Assistant for Music.



St. Benedict School celebrated its 100th Anniversary with many activities including: a Gala reunion for all alumni, former staff, present staff and parishioners; adopting a new school logo and selling centennial milk glasses and commemorative medals. Archbishop Brunett, Suzie Burke, Dorothy Schuler and the Dominican Sisters who formerly taught at St. Benedict School were all special honorees during the Centennial Year. All students at the school participated in a variety of service projects for the local & world communities: collecting Halloween outfits for St. Francis House, making Thanksgiving & Easter baskets for local families, raising over \$1400 for the Rice Bowl collections and assisting in the making of sandwiches for the St. Martin de Porres shelter twice monthly.



Faith Formation at St. Benedict continued to grow in programs. Wednesday sessions took place twice monthly for grades 1,3,4 and 5 with child care and a discussion group for the parents during their sessions. An Advent potluck, Epiphany potluck with a visit from the Three Kings and a Mardi Gras potluck were celebrated by over 150 people of all ages. Lenten Retreats for Men & Women were attended by 75 parishioners. Each Sunday, we held Sunday School for an average of ten 4 & 5 year olds, Child Care for an average of twelve children under the age of 3 and Children's Liturgy of the Word for an average of twenty children in grades 1-5.



The Pastoral Council established a Long Range Steering Committee which helped to develop a five year plan to be presented to the parish in the fall of 2009. The committee looked at significant events in the past that have established the foundations of our parish, identified core values and beliefs and utilized current demographics and trends to continue our pastoral planning for the future.