

2020 - 2021

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

BE WHO GOD
MEANT YOU TO BE



St. Francis de Sales Parish & School



A Note from Father Dave & the St. Francis Team

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. - St. Catherine of Siena

We have all encountered that person who is fired up. We admire them for their joy, their passion, and maybe even feel a little like, "oh, I wish I had some of that..." The fact is, we are all called by God to live a life that is inspired, one that *is* on fire! We know as Catholic Christians that we were made by a loving and merciful God who wants nothing more than for us to be just as He created us to be and all it takes is a spark to get us going. However, finding who it is God means us to be in this noisy world can pose a challenge. So, we must purposefully seek out His *Divine spark*, the one He has placed within each of us to fulfill our purpose here on earth. Everything we do at St. Francis de Sales is directed towards helping you, our parishioners, our school children, and our whole community develop a personal relationship with Jesus so we can uncover our own *Divine spark*. No matter who you are, God has a plan for you. In big ways or small, you were made to change the world and bring life and a fiery passion to others.

Within these pages you will find testimonies from members of our parish family who have begun to find their *Divine spark* because they have experienced the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in a life-changing, transformative way. You'll see how those transformations radiate throughout our community and set ablaze our church for all to see. These stories are a direct result of your gifts to this parish through the annual offertory.

No matter how large or small your gift, we ask you to join us, and your fellow parishioners, as we work together, to illuminate the path Jesus uses to bring souls to him here at St. Francis, for tomorrow and the many tomorrows yet to come.

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!

2020 - 21 Financial Report

Budget vs. Actuals: Final 2021 Budget - FY21 P&L				
July 2020 - June 2021				
	Actual	Budget	Notes	
Income				
Offertory	\$ 1,258,363.17	\$ 1,175,340.66	Income is comprised of money that we receive from various sources like offertory, tuition and registration fees, gifts, fundraisers and Diocesan grants. We use all of the income to pay for things we need to run the parish and school - from toilet paper to salaries to the electric bill, and everything in between.	
Special Gifts, Bequests & Societies	\$ 66,159.67			
Parish Activities Income Less Ministries, Hospitality, Bereavement, CDs, etc. Expenses	\$ (6,008.13)	\$ (6,800.00)		
Faith Formation Income	\$ 46,787.45	\$ 16,650.00		
Other Parish Income Candles, Miscellaneous Income, Refunds, CD Sales, etc.	\$ 27,445.52	\$ 6,200.00		
Other School Income				
Total School Receipts	\$ 1,126,411.72	\$ 1,155,841.00		
Total Income	\$ 2,519,159.40	\$ 2,347,231.66		
Expenses				
I Adult Programs Supply & Expense	\$ 64,455.04	\$ 34,800.00	Includes Wedding Prep, Baptism Prep, Adult Faith Formation, and RCIA	
II Parish Life	\$ 43,760.63	\$ 28,194.96	Includes Church Supplies and Expenses, Altar Wine and Bread, Liturgy and Altar, Vestments, Candles, Books and Pamphlets, Christmas and Easter Gifts, Lenten and Advent Magnificat's, Music and Stipends.	
III Youth Programs Supply & Expense	\$ 118,369.24	\$ 135,823.72	Includes Summit, Elevate, and Chosen Ministries, Parish School of Religion, Sacramental Prep, and Vacation Bible School.	
IV Parish Operations	\$ 540,314.59	\$ 487,305.44	Includes Priest, Pastoral Life, Payroll Cost of Parish Administration, Music Salaries, Office Supplies, printing, photocopying, communications cost, internet, and banking charges.	
V School Operations Cost	\$ 246,848.67	\$ 221,927.16	Includes School Administrative and Office Salaries and Payroll Cost, Office Supplies, Fees and Subscriptions, Communications, and Professional Development.	
VI School Staffing Cost	\$ 1,065,258.48	\$ 992,957.04	Includes Teaching and other school staff, benefits, and cost.	
VII School Instruction Supply & Expense	\$ 14,563.43	\$ 16,050.00	Includes Teaching materials not covered by Auxiliary Funds, technology, religious instruction supplies and expenses.	
VII School Maintenance, Taxes, Buildings & Utility Costs	\$ 194,695.90	\$ 182,807.92	Includes Inspections and Contracts, Preventative Maintenance Supplies and Repairs, Snow Removal, Utilities, Taxes, and Insurance	
IX School Bad Debts	\$ 56,498.62	\$ -	Bad Debt Expense due to uncollected tuition.	
X Capital Expenditures			Misc. Repairs. Most upgrades and Capital Expenditures were done through Capital Campaign Funds not reflected in this report.	
XI Parish Maintenance, Buildings, Diocesan Assesment, Taxes, & Grounds	\$ 327,549.10	\$ 379,076.62	Includes Maintenance Salaries, Contracts and Inspections, Preventative Maintenance Supplies and Repairs, Snow Removal, Insurance Cost, Diocesan Assessment, Utilities, and Property Taxes.	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,672,313.70	\$ 2,478,942.86		
Total Income	\$ (153,154.30)	\$ (131,711.20)		

Understanding the Report

2020-2021 was created with caution considering the pandemic environment. For the Parish, budgeting for both onsite and virtual offerings for faith formation became the norm and we added partial funding needed for ministries such as our audio/visual tech teams, family ministries, and marriage enrichment. We are truly grateful for all that we were able to do and the ability to enrich our parishioners' faith lives even if the pandemic necessitated them to be at home.

Due to the tightness of the budget caused by additional cleaning and operating cost that were incurred, staff members did not receive raises. We also, for the first time in a number of years, realized a large loss in tuition dollars which only added to the loss we incurred due to a large drop in enrollment. We tightened our belt and did everything we could to be fiscally responsible.

Early into the fiscal year we could foresee the need to secure additional funding through gifts and grants to maintain the school without overextending the parish. Though the report expresses a deficit (and one that was even higher than originally anticipated), we were able to cover it with the additional monies gifted to us. One such substantial gift was from the City of Newark to provide support during these unprecedented times. Additionally, we were able to take advantage of several grants offered through the State of Ohio and the Federal Government for our preschool and school. The parish and school as a combined employer received a Paycheck Protection Loan and, by the Grace of God, our loan was used and forgiven according to the guidelines. Without these additional funds we would not have been able to cover the deficit. Any amounts left are in a reserve to help the school to continue operating in the pandemic environment as we work to increase our school enrollment back to pre-pandemic levels.

We want to make it a point to express our gratitude to our missionary, unpaid staff members, and volunteers for all of the work and help that they have done to make the parish and school run. Without them none of this

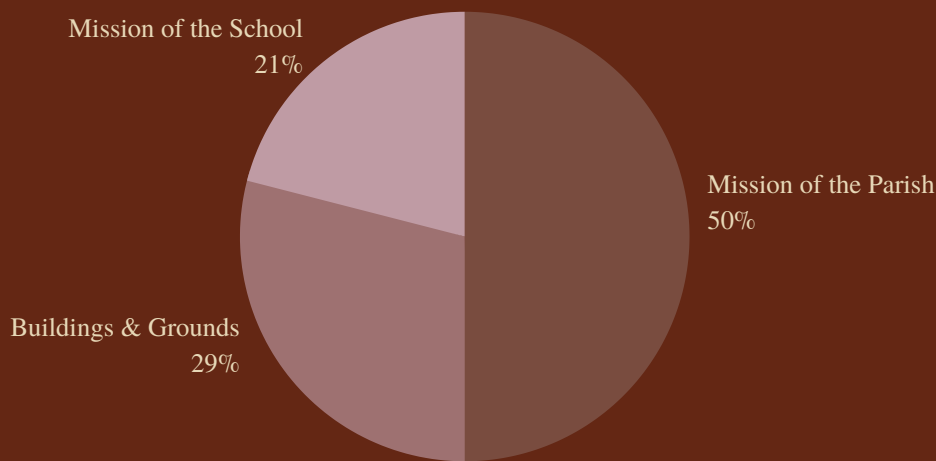


would be possible. Furthermore, the strong commitment and dedication of our parish and school staff helped us stay true and faithful to our mission and day-to-day operations.

Moving forward into 2022, we are asking all of our parishioners for modest increases to their offertory giving in order to get us back to operating under a balanced budget, which we had been able to achieve for the last 4 years prior to the pandemic.

How do we use the Offertory?

Offertory supports the daily operations of our growing parish and school to support our mission of Making Disciples and Disciple Makers for Jesus Christ. This includes funding our ministries and outreach efforts, faith formation and religious education, spiritual programs and evangelistic efforts, music, staff salaries and benefits, monthly utilities, facilities, grounds and maintenance, taxes and insurance premiums and other administrative costs.



What are Restricted Funds?

Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose they were given. The parish is not legally free to use these funds at will.

Examples of Restricted Funds are:

- Student Tuition
- SPICE Donations
- Donations to Catholic Outreach Ministries
- Maintenance Reserves
- Capital Campaign Donations
- Donations given to the parish by donors for a specific project and/or ministry

Fruits of Our Giving

UNEXPECTED GIFTS OF AN "OBLIGATION"

I joined Walking With Purpose a year ago to fulfill my faith formation obligation as a parishioner and parent at SFDS. I'm not going to lie, I felt it was something I had to do to get my hours in, and felt some resentment. My experience however was the total opposite. Over seven months I not only gained insight and knowledge into my faith, but I gained a group of female women who have truly become a support system. Even after our course concluded in March there isn't a week that has gone by that I haven't heard from our group. We text each other our prayer requests, support each other through tough times, and have met outside of our group for dinners, walks, etc. If you are on the fence about committing to WWP, do it, you won't regret it!!!

- Merissa McKinstry

FOOD, FUN & FAITH

Youth group is a fun and exciting place for us to learn about God. There are so many fun games to choose from including charades, sardines and more. More importantly, it is a place for us to come together with like minded people our age to worship God. Each week we learn more about our faith. We are lucky to have this time together to meet new friends, get to know one another better, and just spend time with Jesus.

- Dallas

This is my first year in youth group and I couldn't wait to join! We have so much fun together playing games, sharing food, and spending time with God. It is fun to get to know new people my age, and I love playing games with everyone. I also get to learn more about God and being Catholic. Every week I look forward to youth group and cant wait to see what more I will learn from it.

- Mackenzie



Capital Campaign Recap

COMPLETED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

We are now beginning year three. We have collected \$3,046,855.31 on pledges and still have an unrealized pledge income of \$447,281.83 to collect over the next three years. We are right on time with all our projects. Below you will find our project list. Year 1 and 2 are completed projects. Year 3 through 5 are projects that are current and/or are scheduled to be completed in this fiscal year. Finally, remember that any monies left after all projects are completed will be placed in the Parish Maintenance Reserves as designated during the pledge drive.

We have been blessed by some businesses and parishioners who have come forward and completed some of our projects with discounts on materials and labor. This has truly helped us to stretch all the funds given to us. In addition, we have some projected projects funded by donors who have come forward asking to fill a specific need.

YEAR 1 PROJECTS - \$2,253,710 - COMPLETED

- Security System Update
- Faith & Family Center Construction
- Lamy Center & School Renovations
- Furniture & Equipment Procurement
- Chimney Caps
- Campus-wide Internal Telephone System Upgrade
- Gym Painting
- School Air Conditioning Installation
- Preschool Heating & Cooling Upgrades

YEAR 2 PROJECTS - \$110, 027- COMPLETED

- New Altar
- Slattery Hall Heating & Cooling Upgrades
- Sanctuary & Adoration Painting
- Worship Seating
- Slattery Hall Tuckpointing
- Renovation of old cafeteria into meeting/storage space

YEARS 3-5 PROJECTS - IN PROCESS

- Tuckpointing - Complete
- Sanctuary Flooring - Complete
- Sacristy & Adoration Chapel Flooring
- Adoration Chapel Handicap Access Installation
- Lighting Protection Upgrade
- School Plumbing Upgrade
- Asbestos Removal
- Church Air Conditioning
- Boiler Repairs and Upgrades

One generation
commends your
works to another;
they tell of your
mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

Fruits of Our Giving

ALPHA OPENS WIDE THE DOORS TO THE CHURCH

Melissa: Who would have thought, an invite to an Alpha event two years ago would end up leading me to do a complete “180” transition from part time Christian into a devoted Catholic?

Craig: My wife and I had been searching for more meaningful relationship with God and Christ. We had been away from the church (Methodist) except for going through the motions on Christmas and Easter.

Melissa: We owe so much to our friends, Heather and Jim Stasel. They simply asked us if we would be interested in going to an Alpha class with them. Not being Catholic, we were hesitant, but since it was open to anyone who wanted to learn more about Jesus and his love, we said yes. We had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Craig: As we progressed through the subsequent weeks, it started having a very positive impact on us (me especially because I believe my wife is a better Christian than me. She prays every day and is a much kinder, gentler person than me). I am praying daily, and I seem to be more calm inside and happier!

Melissa: Let me tell you, from that first moment I entered the doors of Johnson Hall, I felt something special, it was the warmth, the smiles, the love of all the people of the parish. We both felt so welcomed and felt, well, at home! It was a very distinct “WOW” moment that I will never forget.

Craig: I’m not sure what week it was but I got to experience Adoration for the first time in my life. It had the most



profound spiritual impact on me I have ever experienced! I was completely immersed in the presence of the Holy Spirit, overwhelmed with humility and joy to the point that all I could do is bow my head and pray and cry. I cried the entire Adoration. Part of the time kneeling on the tile floor with 60-year-old, bad knees, but I believe because of the holy spirit it was effortless to kneel on the hard floor.

Melissa: As time went on, we attended more events, seminars, bible studies, and Mass. We knew something amazing was happening. As God was calling us near, we knew it was St. Francis parish and the loving spirit of the Lord that we had been missing for so many years.

Craig: I feel my Alpha experience has ignited the Holy Spirit in me that will continue to burn brighter and brighter as time goes on.

Melissa: Craig and I made one of the most important decisions of our life the day we accepted the invite and walked into Alpha. Praise God!!! We discovered what we have been longing for, the Everlasting Passion for the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

- Melissa & Craig Davis



Fruits of Our Giving

It was during our 2019 preschool tour, interacting with the staff and hearing what every parent longs to hear: St. Francis uses a Christ-centered curriculum, putting Christ first in every subject and situation. My husband and I made eye contact and without a doubt knew THIS is exactly where we wanted our children to be. Since that day, not once have we failed to be amazed by the staff helping our children grow a deeper relationship with Christ. It speaks volumes to see the teachers and staff at Mass on Sundays growing their faith as we are.

It was in January 2020 when I attended my first ever woman's retreat with the parish that I recognized our family was attending mass now more than we had ever in the last 14 years of us being together. There has never been a priest, who has connected with us like Father Dave Sizemore. He brings us closer to Christ, and has continued to find new avenues for each of us to grow deeper in love with Christ.

During the summer, my husband and I had our marriage blessed and recognized in the church by Father Dave Sizemore. A month later I made the decision to renew my Baptismal promises and complete the Sacrament of Confirmation. That was the moment everything clicked and my relationship with Christ blossomed.

The evangelization and resources within the parish are top notch. My husband and I have found ourselves indulging in faith formation programs and companionship with fellow parishioners, aiding in our journey to become closer to Christ. My husband made the decision to begin RCIA and the best is yet to come! Thanks be to God!

- The Dickson Family

PARISH SCHOOL LEADS FAMILY TO A RENEWED PRACTICE OF THEIR FAITH

I have never written or spoke entirely our story, but there is a first time for everything, so here it goes!

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and School have impacted our family immensely. It all started with the discernment of where to send our oldest of three daughters to school. As a cradle Catholic, my heart pointed toward St. Francis de Sales. I knew this was a joint decision between my (non-Catholic) husband and I along with the many secular influences, financial strain thrown our way, filling me with doubt. More than once, our faith in God has brought us through difficult times of financial hardship and blessed our family in more ways than I can count. I'm reminded that perfect love drives out fear. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

SUSTAINING CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME (AND SAVING THE WORLD AT THE SAME TIME)

Education in the 21st Century is undergoing a significant transformation as our culture continues down a path of fragmentation caused by secularism—i.e. the attempt to build a society independent of public discourse and commitment to God. For example, secularism’s fragmentation of thought caused by its denial of Truth—replacing it with relativism’s ‘each one’s truth’, destroys the basis of human reason’s search to know—ultimately, to know the one God in which all creation is synthesized in one Truth.

This cultural fragmentation has similarly fragmented the purpose of modern education into that of ‘equipping’ the child with particular knowledge and skills used to perform a specific task. Education thus becomes methodized and measured, with curricular texts, pedagogy, assessments, and grading being characterized by the principle that knowledge is a means to an end. In the 21st Century when Truth is valued for what it does over what it is, education becomes mechanized and so does the learning child.

And yet the Catholic Church has always been the source of a revolutionary leaven that challenges our world. And so it is with education today. Drawing from centuries of wisdom, learning, educating and informing culture—thus the term classical—the Church today offers an alternative to 21st-century principles of education.

As Catholic, a Catholic education is not merely religious instruction, or the availability of the sacraments, nor an environment of children with a shared Catholic heritage. A Catholic education is in its essence a worldview that understands learning as the development of a relationship between the child, the created world, and God. This relationship is nothing less than what a child was created for—their soul is meant to learn in an environment where their unity with the world and with God is continually spoken, demonstrated, encountered and explored throughout the school day. Without a Catholic worldview, education quickly becomes a means to an end, and Truth, Beauty, and Goodness simply relative to the learner. In a classical Catholic education, learning is an end in itself. It is a relationship of wonder and awe of Truth, Goodness and Beauty, and a vulnerability to being changed and inspired by them—an inspiration that will lead a child to God.

In a truly Catholic education of mathematics, of reading and literature, of nature studies and history, of each of the arts, of socialization and service, the revelation of an eternal unity in the temporal is always on the horizon. Its curriculum, pedagogy, spoken and visual environment, and organization

are all intentionally dedicated to bringing a child into an ever-growing awareness, experience, and appreciation of the holy unity of their self, the world, and God. Creation is sacramental, and education is meant to lead a child to participate in this unity, through disciplined thought, creative imagination, and a courageous heart, a child can become who they truly are: Human. This is the relevance of a classical Catholic education in the 21st century.

Learn more about our school at stfrancisnewark.org.



Make a Forever Gift

What we have, we do not own. We are the caretakers of what God has entrusted to us. That makes it easier to see and understand our responsibility to cultivate, manage, multiply and share what we have. We will want to leave something for the next generation – our children, our community, our parish. So how do we do this? How do we provide for the next generation of our parish? The Saint Jane de Chantal Society can help.

The St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society is comprised of St. Francis de Sales parishioners and other community members who give, or make provision for future giving, to memorialize God's incredible goodness in their own lives. Remember, everything we have is a gift from God. The Giving Society provides a vehicle to offer future perpetual support of our parish. We, in turn, are given the opportunity to recognize, honor and thank all who show their gratitude to God in this extraordinary way.

IT'S EASY TO INVEST IN OUR FUTURE:

- Make provision in your will or living trust, setting aside a specific amount or percentage of your estate for St. Francis de Sales Parish.
- Make a gift of real estate or other appreciated property (stocks, bonds, etc.).
- Purchase a charitable gift annuity. Name the parish or school as a beneficiary of all or a portion of a life insurance policy, IRA or other retirement plan, or charitable remainder or lead trust.
- Contribute to one of our endowments for the St. Francis de Sales Parish and School.

As you consider any plans to give to St. Francis de Sales Parish and School, you should consult with a financial planner and/or attorney to discuss your specific situation.

KEY BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Your family will be remembered perpetually in an annual Mass
- You will receive a personal invitation to attend the annual St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society Dinner
- Recognition in our annual Stewardship of Treasure publication
- Recognition on the St. Jane de Chantal Giving Society plaque in our Faith & Family Center
- Tax and estate planning advantages

The amount and details of your legacy gift will never be publicly disclosed.



OUR APPEAL TO YOU

We invite you to help prepare for the future of St. Francis de Sales by prayerfully considering a one-time or recurring gift to one of our parish endowments. The endowment funds, managed by The Catholic Foundation, are meant to provide support for our parish and its ministries for future generations. Endowments are important because they can provide a steady source of revenue each year. We do not draw from the principle of the endowments, only 5% of the interest.

Our current endowment funds include:

- Twylah & Charles Grunewald Memorial Endowment Fund - \$18,408.42
- Thomas McGann Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund - \$32,074.39
- The Brady Hempleman Memorial Scholarship - \$25,259.18
- The Licking County Catholic Schools SPICE Endowment Fund - \$151,238.18
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic Outreach Ministries Fund - \$2,500.00
- St. Francis de Sales General Needs & Infrastructure Fund - \$7,791.90
- St. Francis de Sales Mission, Ministries, & Evangelization Fund - 7,791.90
- St. Francis de Sales School Fund - \$729,299.15
- Mount Cavalry Cemetery Endowment Fund - \$53,054.07
- St. Joseph Cemetery Endowment Fund - \$129,144.78

As of September 2021, we have **\$1,156,561.97** in our endowments. It's important to remember that we have been blessed with gifts from God and when we return to Him we need to pass those gifts on to future generations. Wouldn't it be nice to know where those gifts are going and who they will be helping? Please consider how these gifts can support the future of St. Francis de Sales and your Catholic faith through planned giving. What can you do to support our parish and ensure our future?

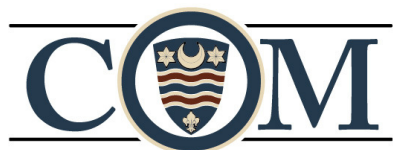
Gifts can be made from a variety of assets and can occur during your life or as a bequest in your will or trust. We work with The Catholic Foundation as our trusted partner because they assure peace of mind that our endowments are invested in alignment with our Catholic teachings and values and the investments are made conservatively. You can help us grow the endowments by contributing to them at any time and in any amount. Your gift is a tangible way to express unending gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings. It provides an opportunity to perpetually resource our Catholic faith in our parish.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CURRENT SOCIETY MEMBERS:

- Edward and Laura Lewis
- Helen Sage
- Anonymous Donors
- Richard and Kathleen Gummer
- Judith Marshall

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

Our parish partner for charitable planning! Giving can be a lifelong journey that includes your entire family and creates a legacy of giving that lasts for generations. Talk with our team today! Contact Maggie Wright, OFS Director of Finance and Development at 740.345.9874 x204 or mwright@stfrancisparish.net.



CATHOLIC OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Catholic Outreach Ministries has had an incredible year and would like to convey a heartfelt thank you to the over 150 volunteers who have put their time and treasure into this call to action. We have been busy with our Ministry of the Poor where we are helping fill the gap with our neighbors- financially, materially and spiritually, as well as running our established ministries like; Respect Life, The Turban Project, The Giving Tree, Golf Cart Ministry, and our Video Evangelization Series.

New Ministries Added

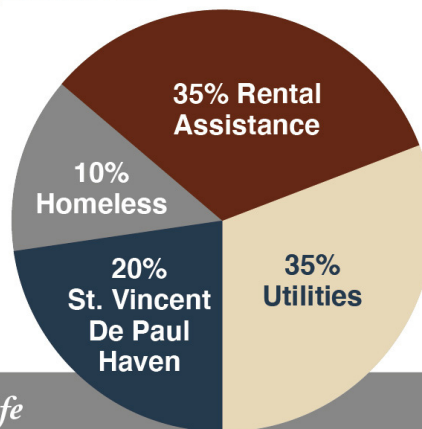
- 4 Hymn-a music driven evangelization project. We loved creating our first ever Carpool Karaoke and hope it brought joy to all, look for more videos this fall as well as catching us at Alpha and Adoration services.
- Back in His Arms Again @ SFDS - honors life from conception until death, an organization of collaborative resources providing education, care, guidance and financial services for families in need who are experiencing the loss of a child as well as those providing care.

Collaborations with other Community Partners in the service of the Poor

Habitat for Humanity, Licking County Coalition of Care, Heartbeats of Licking County, Catholic Social Services, Freedom Wheels Bicycle Ministry, Hanna's Socks and our continued partnership with the SVDP Haven, Pantry and Thrift Store ministries.

Without the generosity of this parish, not only financially but your prayers and goodwill, our incredible staff and the commitment and support of Father Sizemore we would not have been able to do all the mighty things the Lord has lit the path for us to do. Please see our new website Com4us.life or our Facebook page for more information on how to get involved.

Thank you and God Bless You.



Would you like to get involved? Visit Com4us.life

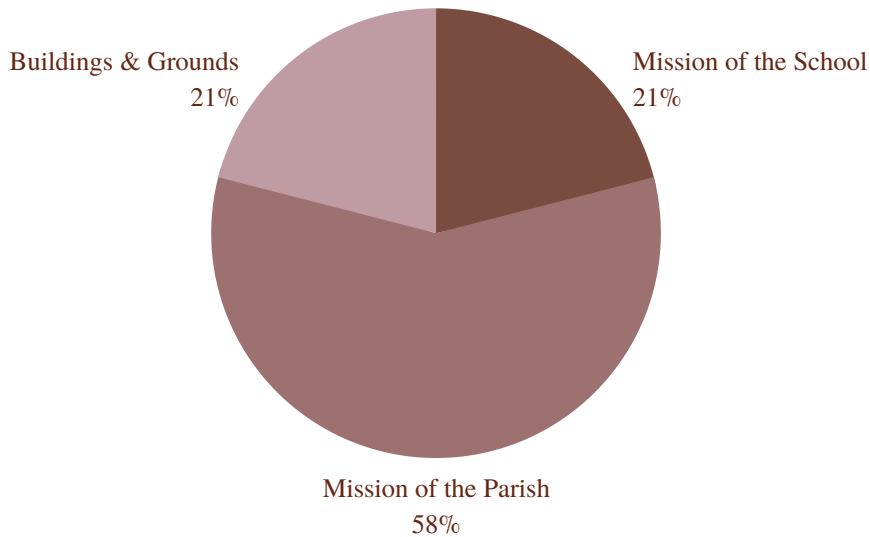
2021-22 Budget Plan

The budget for the coming year presupposes that offertory increases by 10% over the current year. It allows for a modest increase in staff wages. We are projecting that the offertory income will match the following expenses:

2021-22 Budget Plan

Mission of the School	
School and Preschool Expenses (this is net cost to parish)	\$ 296,742.00
Mission of the Church	
Faith Formation: Adult and Youth	\$ 198,579.00
Secondary School Support Paid (Newark Catholic Parishioner Sponsorship)	\$ 18,910.00
Church Supplies, Music, Ministry/Administrative Salaries, Admin Costs	\$ 589,652.00
Total Mission of the Church	\$ 807,141.00

Buildings and Grounds	
Building and Grounds (Parish Side Only)	\$ 212,475.12
Assessment	\$ 85,160.51
Capital Improvements	
Total Buildings and Grounds	\$ 297,635.63
Total Expenses	\$ 1,401,518.63



Our basic cost to run the parish increases with inflation and growth. Although we have a very large staff, only half of our staff is paid. The others are volunteer/unpaid staff who graciously give their time to the mission of our parish. Of the staff that is paid, only some are paid at full salary. The others work on a smaller missionary salary so that we can fill much needed positions at a fraction of the cost.

Please remember that Capital Expenditures are covered by our Foundations Campaign Funds.

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ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

In your nature, eternal Godhead, I shall come to know my nature.

And what is my nature, boundless love?

It is fire, because you are nothing but a fire of love.

And you have given humankind a share in this nature,
for by the fire of love you created us.

And so with all other people and every created thing;
you made them out of love.

O ungrateful people!

What nature has your God given you?

His very own nature!

Are you not ashamed to cut yourself off from such a noble thing
through the guilt of deadly sin?

O eternal Trinity, my sweet love!

You, light, give us light.

You, wisdom, give us wisdom.

You, supreme strength, strengthen us.

Today, eternal God,

let our cloud be dissipated so that we may perfectly know
and follow your Truth in truth, with a free and simple heart.

God, come to our assistance! Lord, make haste to help us!

Amen.

-St. Catherine of Siena



OFFERTORY COMMITMENT FORM

Dear Fr. Dave,

Please accept this pledge as my commitment to support the daily operations and the many ministries of St. Francis de Sales Parish and School. My total annual financial commitment is \$ _____ in thanksgiving for God's blessings in my life.

I will give a:

- Weekly Offering of \$ ____ x 52 weeks = Annual \$ _____
- Monthly Offering of \$ ____ x 12 months = Annual \$ _____
- One-time gift of \$ _____ in _____ (month)

I will give using:

- Option One – Envelopes
- Option Two* – Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Complete the account authorization for an Electronic Funds Transfer on the next page.

- Option Three* – Electronic Check from bank

Use your bank's 'Bill Pay' feature to designate "St. Francis de Sales Offertory" as the payee and note envelope #.

**Please note that parishioners who elect EFT, send Electronic Checks from their bank, or elect reminder statements, will receive quarterly envelope packets for special collections such as Endowments, Outreach to the Poor, Altar Flowers and Diocesan collections. If you rather not receive these envelopes, initial here: _____.*

I understand that the determination of my ability to fulfill this commitment shall rest with me and my good conscience. I reserve the right to alter this commitment in the event of unforeseen circumstances. I will communicate any updates with the parish office.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Print Name (s): _____

Street: _____ City, State Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office or just drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions or concerns, call Kathryn Sardini at 740-345-9874 x 257. We are very grateful for your support in helping to make disciples and disciple makers!

St. Francis de Sales Parish
Offertory Committee
45 Granville Street
Newark, OH 43055

If you have any particular prayer requests that you would like to share with Fr. Dave and our team, please list them here:

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER - MAKING GIVING EASIER

Many parishes offer the option of electronic funds transfer (EFT) for those parishioners who are comfortable with transactions such as debits from one's bank account, charges to one's credit card, or banking by computer. For the past few years St. Francis de Sales has been offering the option of EFT, which has proven to be a safe, easy, and beneficial method of fulfilling annual offertory commitments for both the church and parish families for several reasons, including:

- There are no checks to write, no checks to remember, and no checks to lose.
- The parish saves money because EFT reduces bank costs and parish office administrative work.
- Offertory record keeping is more accurate because we get monthly EFT bank statements.
- Even the best intentioned parishioners can forget their envelopes now and then. EFT means your parish receives your commitment regularly, including the times you are away for vacations or work.
- EFT allows you to plan the amount you will give monthly and annually, rather than giving cash in the collection basket. Plus, EFT tracks your giving for tax deduction purposes.

The use of EFT stabilizes our income so we can succeed with our mission.

Complete the information below for your selected method of payment and account authorization:

Note that if you are using EFT for your Building Fund/Endowments or Outreach to the Poor Pledge, you may use different accounts for each transaction. You may also choose different payment dates for each pledge.

Automatic Withdrawal from Checking or Savings

I hereby authorize St. Francis de Sales to establish automatic withdrawals.

My annual offertory commitment is \$ _____ in monthly withdrawal amounts of \$ _____ on 5th or 20th (circle one) of each month from my:

- Checking account (attach voided check) Savings account (attach voided deposit slip)

Signature(s) _____

If you would prefer to have a different date or have weekly, or bimonthly payments please call the accounting offices at 740.345.9874 ext 223.

Automatic Credit Card Charges

I hereby authorize St. Francis de Sales to automatically charge my annual offertory commitment of \$ _____ in monthly installment of \$ _____ on the 5th or 20th (circle one) of each month to my:

- Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Signature(s) _____

Name

on Card _____ Card Number _____

Expiration

Date _____



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