



**Loving as Christ loves, Serving as Christ serves
Amando como Cristo ama, Sirviendo como Cristo sirve**

*One Family, One Faith, One Great Church
Una Familia, Una Fe, Una Gran Parroquia*

**SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2011
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
OCTOBER 1, 2010 - DECEMBER 31, 2010**

**SECOND QUARTER
STATISTICS**

Sunday, Weekdays

Liturgies: 165+

Families: 3,026

Members: 9,747

Sacraments Celebrated:

Baptisms: 256

Weddings: 26

Funerals: 33

Charitable Giving:
\$127,160

Dear Parishioners,

As a parish community we have committed ourselves to communicate Gospel values, spiritual guidance, ministry activities, and reports on our Stewardship initiatives. The mid-year report provides information year to date as well as specific ministry activities that occurred between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010. As you will learn as you review the information is that we have many dynamic and exciting programs with passionate parishioners leading programs that help us to achieve our vision and mission. There are also statistics as well as financial information. As always, I am grateful for your presence and sharing of your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure that are helping Good Shepherd parish and parishioners to become the parish and people God intends us to be.

Peace,

Dear fellow Parishioners:

The start of a new year is a time of reflection and for me that includes reflection about how fortunate I am to be part of such a vibrant community. Once again, the Finance Council remains thankful for the continued generosity of our Parish, and I am pleased to report that your offertory giving exceeded our projections. The extra giving combined with the staff's careful spending means we ended our second financial quarter in very good standing. The details of our financial status are in the enclosed report.

We also welcomed 213 new families last year. I hope you share my joy that new Parishioners found their way to Good Shepherd, and welcome them. We are blessed with a community that welcomes all in our faith journey.

On behalf of the members of the Finance Council, I thank you for your past and future support.

Sincerely,

Lauren Preston

Chairperson, Finance Council

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN

CONTINUING TO MOVE TOWARD OUR VISION

Our Vision and Mission frame our present and future activities. Our Vision is a clear expression of how Good Shepherd carries out its ministries “*loving as Christ loves; serving as Christ serves.*”

The Parish Pastoral Plan is our guide to live our vision. Our Plan is centered on themes that we discerned that God wants us to:

- ◆ Be one, Spirit-filled community, celebrating our diversity
- ◆ Be a lay-led Parish with Christ at our center
- ◆ Invest in a personal, life-long faith journey
- ◆ Strengthen our programs that focus on and include the family
- ◆ Develop a strong, interconnected Community based upon small groups
- ◆ Train and support a vibrant volunteer corps
- ◆ Minister to the Mt. Vernon areas and greater world through social justice



Parishioners are encouraged to allow the Holy Spirit to move them to actions helping guiding us to our Vision.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

- ◆ Early thoughts from the architect about facility upgrade and expansion possibilities were presented during information sessions in December.
- ◆ A survey was offered to parishioners and ministries gathering additional comments on ministry needs and priorities.
- ◆ Want to be involved? Join **Troy Zeigler**, **Bill Cresswell** and other parishioners **now** on the Building Our Future team while plans are still being formed! – bof@gs-cc.org

NEW PARISH FORUM INITIATIVE

- ◆ Father Chuck encouraged us to gather a group of parishioners for a Forum committed to addressing specific parish needs. This “Parish Forum” would address a ministry that needs attention and discernment. The group would establish a commitment from parishioners to a credible and agreed set of actions designed to improve to move us closer to our Vision
- ◆ Parish Forum is envisioned for 2011, concentrating on “Improving our Ability to Work Together as One Community”

SHARED LEADERSHIP – IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING – NEW ROUND-TABLE MEETINGS

- ◆ Shared Leadership is our primary vehicle to help us work together to make our parish all that God intends for us. Based on parishioner recommendations, our Shared Leadership concept was updated and meetings refined to accomplish the following:
 - ◆ By virtue of our baptism, we are **all** called to be parish leaders, thus anyone who steps forward as a servant leader is a part of our Shared Leadership
 - ◆ Label our periodic meetings, a “Shared Leadership Round-Table”
 - ◆ Ensure that **all parishioners and staff** know that they are welcome to attend
 - ◆ While Round-Tables have several purposes, the core purpose is “Communication, Cooperation and Collaboration”

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OPTIONS

- ◆ Our parish study and subsequent attempts to find ways to provide easier and economical access to Catholic education for our parishioners has been a catalyst for our diocese. The diocese has undertaken a broad study of current and projected capacity versus needs
- ◆ Catholic education and formation your passion? We need a small team to focus on this important issue. Please contact **Joan Shepherd**, joan@gs-cc.org

MINISTRY REPORTS

LITURGY AND MUSIC

- ◆ Liturgical Ministers serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Singers/Musicians, and Ushers
- ◆ Greeters and After Mass Fellowship
 - ◆ Coffee and Donuts and *Food Sales*
- ◆ Initiated First Friday *Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*
- ◆ Prayer Group 16th Anniversary Celebration
- ◆ *Legion of Mary sponsored a “Marian Vigil”*
- ◆ Mass of Remembrance for those who have died / *Misa de Recuerdo*
- ◆ Celebrated Christmas with eight parish celebrations
- ◆ Mornings of Reflection for EMHC’s and Lectors
- ◆ Celebrated Marian Feast Days
 - ◆ Queen of Peace, patroness of El Salvador
 - ◆ Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States
 - ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe with *Mañanitas*
- ◆ Posadas with bilingual reflections for participants
- ◆ *Advent Night with a Christmas production by Fundación Huellas*



FAITH FORMATION

- ◆ 1,300 children in faith formation with new schedule and expanded opportunities
- ◆ Special parent/child activities for grades K-6
- ◆ New database tracking system to monitor Safe Environment compliance for volunteers
- ◆ *Revisions in Spanish Sacramental Preparation program*
- ◆ Welcoming and forming Candidates and Catechumens seeking initiation at Easter Vigil
- ◆ Training Opportunities for RCIA/RICA, catechists and assistants
- ◆ Teaching Mass
- ◆ Advent Talk
- ◆ Service Sunday
 - ◆ Greeting cards for deployed
 - ◆ Care Packages for VIC-HOP
 - ◆ Active participation in Sharing Sunday
- ◆ Key Adult Faith Programs:
 - ◆ Fr. Ricardo’s Bible Course
 - ◆ Little Rock Scripture Study
 - ◆ Exploring the Sunday Readings
 - ◆ *Bi-monthly Evangelization Nights with speakers*
- ◆ Christmas Fellowship Night
- ◆ *Youth Leadership Group hosted Movie Discussion Night*



STEWARDSHIP TIME AND TALENT

- ◆ Ministry Fair; increase in parishioner participation and sign-ups
- ◆ Time and Talent Commitment Cards mailed to all parishioners
- ◆ New volunteers were connected to ministries
- ◆ Updated and distributed “Guide to Volunteer Opportunities” and “Volunteer Handbook”
- ◆ Distribution of Fall and Winter 2010 “Volunteer Leader’s Update”
- ◆ Launched GS “Volunteer Leaders Online Community”, a blog for parish leaders

LOOKING AHEAD

SHARED LEADERSHIP – MARCH 7, 7:00PM – SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

All parishioners are invited to participate in the Shared Leadership Roundtable. The Roundtable discussions are opportunities for parishioners to Communicate, Collaborate and Cooperate across all ministries to help our parish achieve our vision.

WHAT CHANGES ARE COMING IN THE MASS? - MARCH 23, 7:30 - 8:30PM

Rev. Paul de Ladurantaye, S.T.D., discusses the Mass changes resulting from the revised translation of the Roman Missal. Many of the words we speak at Mass will be changing - come learn what these changes are all about! The revised translation will be used at Mass beginning in Advent 2011.

PARISH MISSION MARCH – 27, 28 AND 29

Rev. Lawrence Madden, S.J., Director of The Georgetown Center for Liturgy, will present our Parish Mission. This year's theme is "Unpacking Our Experience of the Eucharist: Mystery, Love, Justice." Enrich your Lenten experience by attending all three nights! **Sunday night begins at 7:45pm, Monday and Tuesday nights at 7:30pm.** Reception will follow each night in Creedon Hall.



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL – SEPTEMBER 5

Mark your calendars now for September 5, for a day of wonderful fellowship, great food, and fun for the whole family. Please contact: **Joshe Raetz** or **Barry Holland** to volunteer.

RAFFLE

Each year during the Festival a Raffle is held. The Raffle proceeds are used to fund Shepherd's Gate Grant outreach efforts. Each year many prizes are awarded including a \$10,000 grand prize. Parishioners are needed to help support this effort to ensure that we have a Raffle and fund the grant process. Please contact **Katie Esser**, katie@gs-cc.org

NEWCOMERS

More than 200 new families joined Good Shepherd during 2010. We would like to form a parish ministry to welcome Newcomers to our parish. The purpose of a Newcomers Ministry is to welcome new parishioners to our parish family and to inform them about the various ministries and programs. Please contact **Rosie Driscoll**, rosie@gs-cc.org

GET INVOLVED

For more information on how to become involved in a parish ministry contact: **Rosie Driscoll**, rosie@gs-cc.org or visit <http://gs-cc.org/files/ministries-stewardship/volunteeropportunities.pdf>



STEWARDSHIP ~ TREASURE

SUCCESSFUL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

- ◆ 661 Households Pledging
- ◆ Faith Direct participation increased to 200 households
- ◆ \$1,268,423 pledged

TREASURE

The hallmark of a good steward is the generous sharing of oneself to those less fortunate. The following organizations received funds through your giving to provide food, clothing, shelter and basic human needs around our community and the world. Thank you for sharing your treasure in the amount of **\$127,160**.

As Lent quickly approaches, we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. Many of our parishioners have been using *Faith Direct* to give their gifts of treasure. *Faith Direct* is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes and saving our wonderful staff and volunteers' precious time. To enroll in the *Faith Direct* program you may pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **VA208**. We hope you will consider participating in this great program as we enter Lent as it has been a wonderful means of support for our parish family. *Again, thank you for your generosity!*



12/31/10 Year-to-date Charitable Giving	
Emergency Assistance:	\$ 53,995
Vocational Training	9,281
National and Diocesan Collections:	
Archdiocese of Military	4,503
Catholic Charities	21,728
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	5,526
Catholic University	2,800
Propagation of the Faith	15,644
Retired Religious	9,224
World Mission	4,194
Other Collections	<u>265</u>
Total National Diocesan Coll.	<u>63,884</u>
Total Charitable Giving	<u>\$ 127,160</u>

Assets	12/31/10	12/31/09
Cash	\$ 330,457	\$ 346,680
DIAL Operating	994,919	1,384,782
DIAL Capital Improv. & Replace	1,029,111	524,667
DIAL Social Justice	47,598	46,424
DIAL International Festival	130,054	115,229
DIAL Restricted	216,779	210,906
Total Assets	\$ 2,748,918	\$ 2,628,688
Liabilities and Equity		
Deferred Tax Annuity	\$ 3,471	\$ 3,081
Mass Stipends & Other Liab.	10,983	32,061
Natl. & Diocesan Collections	26,803	45,056
Total Liabilities	41,257	80,198
Total Equity	2,707,661	2,548,490
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 2,748,918	\$ 2,628,688

	Actual YTD 12/31/10	Actual YTD 12/31/09	Budget FY11	% of Budget
Income				50%
Offertory	\$ 998,707	884,919	1,985,600	50.3%
Additional Collections	147,435	136,990	220,900	66.7%
Total Collections	1,146,142	1,021,909	2,206,500	51.9%
Other Operating Income	173,980	152,314	257,955	67.4%
Total Operating Income	1,320,122	1,174,223	2,464,455	57.6%
Other Income	196,128	174,837	183,171	107.1%
Total Income	\$ 1,516,250	\$1,349,060	\$2,647,626	57.3%
Expenditures				
Operating	\$ 1,138,615	\$1,019,510	\$2,464,441	46.2%
Other Expenses	126,002	79,888	182,100	69.2%
Total Expense	\$ 1,264,617	\$1,099,398	\$2,646,541	47.8%
Total Income/ (Loss), Net	\$ 251,633	\$249,662	\$1,085	-
Net Operating Income	\$ 181,507	\$154,713	\$ 14	-

