



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves
First Quarter Report July 1, - September 30, 2009

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Highlights July 1—September 30, 2009

First Quarter Statistics

**Sunday & Weekday
Liturgies: over 165**

Parish Families: 3,481

Members: 11,331

**Food to UCM:
12,500 pounds**

**School Supplies:
Filled the backpacks
of over 200 students
through UCM and
Good Shepherd
Housing.**

**Charitable Giving:
\$53,441**



December 13, 2009

Dear Good Shepherd Parishioners,

As part of our commitment to provide information and transparency of parish programs, ministries and operations, we have continued to report to the parish the financial status on a quarterly basis. The information in this report represents the financial activity and highlights through first quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 (July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009.) Through your generous sharing of your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure, our parish family provides the programs and ministries that allow each of us to grow in grace and faith.

Thank you,
Finance Council

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL ~ SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

Following our annual International Festival, Fr. Ricardo shared with me an interesting perspective. Ricardo shared that parishes in the Midwest often have festivals such as ours, but with a much different purpose. Ricardo shared that those parishes depend on their festivals to help them balance their budgets, keep a roof over their heads and keep the lights burning bright inside. Never had he heard of a parish having a festival for the benefit of others. I had never thought of it the way Ricardo did; it was very interesting to hear his perspective and thoughts.

We have had a very successful festival. \$40,000 will go to Shepherd's Gate Grants, which is a \$5,000 increase from last year. The grants will help many people through the various organizations who come to us in need. Thank you everyone who helped to make this a reality.

For some people the International Festival is a 5 ½-hour one-day event. For many others it is more in terms of time well spent and passion poured into it. Thank you to the over 300 volunteers who helped to love and serve everyone who joined us on Labor Day. Sure, a lot of money was raised, but I would like to think more good will, fellowship, and fun were gained than money. God has blessed us as a parish. When we all come together; it helps us to form lasting relationships with other sisters and brothers in Christ that will last a lifetime. It truly is an honor to be here with you and to serve alongside you. Mark your calendars for September 6, 2010 and contact **Joshe Raetz**, raetzj@cox.net to share in the planning and all the fun that the International Festival provides.

Thank you again to everyone who helped with the International Festival – may God continue to bless you and the work of your hands.

Peace.

Parish Pastoral Plan

CHARTING OUR PROGRESS



Our Parish Pastoral Plan was published in October 2008 and officially kicked-off on July 1, 2009 – the first day of Good Shepherd's fiscal year. While we as a parish, should certainly be proud of the hard work and collective effort that went into developing, writing and publishing the Plan, we must recognize that the most important aspects of the Plan are ongoing—its implementation and evaluation. On October 5th and 14th, the Parish Pastoral Council hosted two sessions focused on charting the progress of the plan, discussing the milestones achieved and hearing parishioners thoughts regarding future action items.

During each of the sessions, parishioners asked questions, made observations and offered their assessments of the Plan's progress. Several passionate parishioners provided updates on Plan-inspired initiatives in social justice, fellowship, facilities, finance and volunteering:

- **Karen O'Hern and Paul Maguire** led an enthusiastic discussion of the numerous social justice initiatives that are underway and put out a call for volunteers to at the Hypothermia Shelter during the winter months.
- **Joy McManus** provided an overview of a new training program being developed to foster small group leadership.
- **Renee Fornhill** gave an inspirational account of the Fellowship Committee's vision of welcoming parishioners and holding their hands as they transition through different phases of parish life.
- **Clara Campos** highlighted initiatives connecting cultural communities and talked about her experience as an immigrant. Clara spoke on a number of cross-cultural activities, including the Corpus Christi procession and Via Crucis.
- **Troy Zeigler** gave an update on interim space solutions that are expected to begin in the next 12 months.
- **Kay McQuie** reviewed the annual report and highlighted our impressive donations to UCM and the broader community
- **Peter Kilcullen** presented plans for a bilingual training program called My Parish, My Spirituality, My Ministry, designed to increase active participation in the life of the parish.
- **Lou Volchansky** talked about how volunteering for the International Festival supports the good works of Good Shepherd.
- **The first ever Good Shepherd Pictorial Directory was distributed during September. If you have not received your copy, please stop by the office. The Directory is an excellent resource of our parishioners and parish ministries.**
- **The Communication Committee will publish another newsletter available at all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies. Please take one and enjoy learning more about our parish family.**

Following these updates, PPC and Finance Council members responded to parishioners' questions and concerns. An appeal for increased transparency regarding the facilities improvement fund was made. Issues were raised about parking, space and school. These topics will certainly be discussed in greater detail at future meetings.

The responsibility of implementing the PPP belongs to all of us. Please prayerfully consider adding your time and talent to that of all the passionate parishioners who are already working hard to implement action items of the Plan. To get involved, contact the appropriate ministry director.

If you have questions about which ministry is right for you, contact our Co-Directors of Volunteer Development at Cynthia@gs-cc.org or Rosie@gs-cc.org. For information on the Plan please contact any member of the council. Information on members is on the back page.

Stewardship ~ Treasure

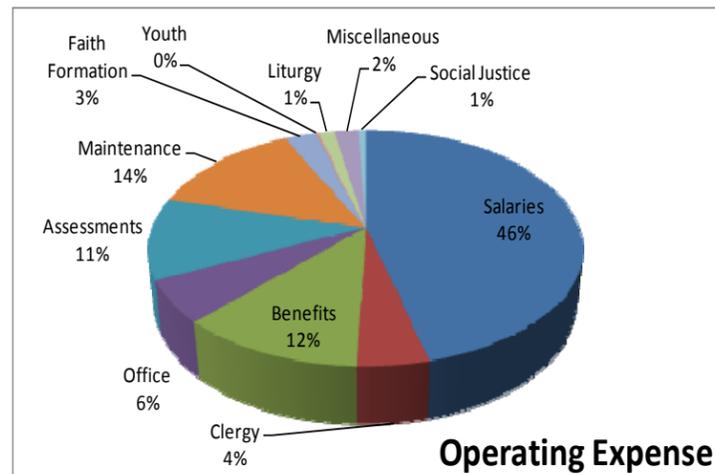
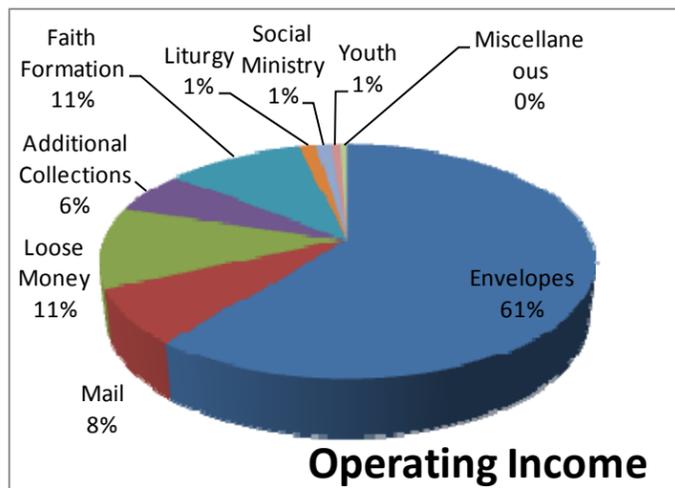
The hallmark of a good steward is the generous sharing of oneself to those less fortunate.

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 **\$53,411**.

Charitable Giving	
Emergency Assistance:	\$ 16,102
Vocational Training	25,475
National and Diocesan Collections: (Second Envelope)	
Catholic University	2,063
Propagation of the Faith	9,801
Total National Diocesan Coll.	11,864
Total Charitable Giving	\$ 53,441

Balance Sheet		
	9/30/2009	9/30/2008
Assets		
Cash	\$ 225,561	\$ 168,576
DIAL Operating	1,376,091	1,285,505
DIAL Cap. Improve & Replace	521,375	540,689
DIAL Social Justice	46,133	44,770
DIAL International Festival	114,506	95,429
DIAL Restricted	209,412	200,815
Total Assets	\$2,493,078	\$ 2,335,784
Liabilities and Equity		
Deferred Tax Annuity	\$ 3,081	\$ 2,579
Mass Stipends & Other Liability.	27,501	16,529
Natl. & Diocesan Collections	21	3,503
Total Liabilities	\$ 30,602	\$ 22,611
Total Equity	\$2,462,476	\$ 2,313,174
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$2,493,078	\$ 2,335,784

	Actual YTD 1Q10	Actual YTD 1Q09	Budget FY 10	% of Budget
Income				0.25%
Offertory	\$ 424,179	\$ 405,947	\$ 1,791,000	23.7%
Additional collections	31,981	32,408	220,200	14.5%
Total Collections	456,159	438,355	2,011,200	22.7%
Other Operating Income	76,699	75,217	229,000	33.5%
Total Operating Income	532,858	513,572	2,240,200	23.8%
Other Income	141,062	330,531	219,200	64.4%
Total Income	\$ 673,920	\$ 844,103	\$ 2,459,400	27.4%
Expenditures				
Operating	\$ 448,972	\$ 432,715	\$ 2,239,710	20.0%
Other Expenses	61,299	253,665	219,200	28.0%
Total Expense	\$ 510,271	\$ 686,380	\$ 2,458,910	20.8%
Total Income/(Loss), Net	\$ 163,648	\$ 157,723	\$ 490	-
Net Operating Income	\$ 83,886	\$ 80,857	\$ 490	-



Looking Ahead

During the second quarter of the fiscal year several new initiatives will be implemented. The annual stewardship renewal is underway. This process includes Ministry Fairs providing information on a variety of volunteer opportunities. New publications are available "Guide to Volunteer Opportunities" and Volunteer Handbook. As part of the renewal process a series of letters and information was mailed to registered parishioners. This information included a discernment process leading to individual parishioner commitments of time and talent. Every household will also be asked to make a treasure commitment to support parish ministries. Your pledge of time, talent, and treasure is important to parish ministries. We rely on your support to provide for our parish ministries and outreach programs. Thank you for taking the time to pray and discern your individual and family commitments.

Electronic Funds Transfers have been setup with Faith Direct, please visit www.faithdirect.net Our parish code is VA208. Please consider using this simple process for your parish giving. Thank you for your support of all parish ministries it is through your sharing of your God-given gifts and talents that we are able to offer a variety of robust ministries for all parishioners.

Fr. Chuck has started a blog, "Straight From the Heart" www.fatherchuck.com. Fr. Chuck says, "I have this insatiable desire to share what I think are wonderful things God places in my mind and heart. Conversations are good. Meetings are good. Homily time is good. But still, believe it or not, there is more in my mind and heart that I want to share! Perhaps it is here in this space called a blog that from time to time you might check back in and allow me to ramble on."

Visit the site and subscribe to the blog in two simple steps, Subscribe and respond to the e-mail you receive.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Masses

* 4:00pm * 6:00pm 8:00pm
10:00pm 12 midnight

* Simulcast in Hall—these Masses often have larger number of children in attendance.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day Masses

9:00am, 10:30am – English – Cantor
2:00pm – Spanish – Choir

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010 New Year's Day Masses Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation
9:00am, 10:30am – English
2:00pm – Spanish

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