



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

“loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves”

Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2010 Financial Highlights October 1—December 31, 2009

March 7, 2010

Second Quarter Statistics

Sunday & Weekday Liturgies: over 165

Parish Families: 3,481

Members: 11,331
Baptisms: 252
Weddings: 24
Funerals: 30

Programs to support the needed through the 2nd Quarter:

- Thanksgiving Dinners with Knights of Col.
- Giving Tree
- Cradle Project
- Advent Festival/ Toy Drive
- VIC-HOP
- Shoeboxes for homeless children
- UCM -Sharing Sunday
- Ham collection

Charitable Giving:
2nd Quarter: \$60,712
Year-to-Date: \$114,153

Number of Offertory Pledges: 644

Number families using Faith Direct: 82

Dear Good Shepherd Parishioners,

We are pleased to report our financial status as of the middle of our fiscal year. For the first six months, our Parish Families have consistently supported the needs of our operations and our greater community. Overall, we are just about on target for our goals for offertory income and expenditures this year, which is an accomplishment as many of us struggle through difficult times. The staff have carefully reduced expenses, helping to balance the budget and put us in a strong financial position. Details of our collections and expenses are inside this booklet.

The coming months will have challenges and some positive growth for our Parish. The recent winter storms and continued cold weather put a burden on all in our Parish and requests for Emergency Assistance continue to far exceed our ability to help all who seek help. On a positive note, members of the committee working on Outcome 5 of our Parish Pastoral Plan have developed plans to renovate and improve the physical space of our Church. Those plans are now under discussion with the Diocese, and we hope to use previously collected reserve funds for some of these expenses to grow our church and make it more usable for all.

With further development of Outcome 5 plans, two members of our Finance Council, Bill Cresswell and Troy Ziegler, resigned from the Finance Council to devote their considerable talents to Outcome 5. We are grateful for their contributions and guidance. We ask members of the Parish, particularly those with a background and interest in financial matters, to consider joining the Finance Council. Discernment details for the Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council are available on the website, in the office or contact any member of the Council for information on what it is like to serve with this group.

On behalf of the Father Chuck, the staff, and the members of the Finance Council, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Lauren Preston
Finance Council

Parish Pastoral Plan



Your time, talent and treasure, and that of your fellow parishioners, continues to move us forward toward fulfilling our vision: *Loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves.*

- Peter Kilcullen, Bob Richard, Sylvia Larin and others in their multi-cultural team are preparing a new parish-wide retreat program. Designed to increase parishioner involvement in guiding programs and ministries; attendees will gain an improved common understanding of our parish, and have the opportunity to reflect on their own spirituality and their calling to serve. The first of several sessions is planned for June. Watch for announcements!
- The PPC is closely involved with teams addressing two major PPP initiatives:
 - (1) major facility improvements, and
 - (2) expanding opportunities for Catholic education.

These efforts require close coordination and collaboration in order to ensure that each meets the strategic objectives. PPC members are assisting the parishioners studying alternatives, while ensuring that parishioners are kept informed and involved in the decision-making as these processes proceed.

- Opportunities continue to increase for parishioners with a passion toward specific areas in the Plan. Vickie Schray has been meeting with parishioners and staff, identifying instances where the parish would be better served with a parishioner in the an advocacy role for specific Plan objectives. Advocates do not do the work, but assist parishioners, staff and the PPC to be aware of the efforts of those working in the area. Contact Vickie to share your gifts that will help move the parish in a specific area.
- Vickie is also using her meetings with Advocates to identify and publicize good practices that assist small groups move the parish forward more efficiently and effectively.
- As we applaud new initiatives, we should not lose sight of the wonderful programs that parishioners continue to serve in today as they have for many years;
 - * Providing food at Christ House and ROCK, Mondlock House and the UCM Food Bank,
 - * Funeral planning and reception support,
 - * Participation in VIC and community and inter-denominational activities,
 - * Regular blood bank donations,
 - * Book bags for students and layettes for new babies, just to name a few.

A group of volunteers gathered for breakfast last month and discussed their ministry. They marveled at the sheer number of excellent, on-going programs at Good Shepherd. Take a look at our Stewardship Handbook to see the impressive breadth of activities and opportunities to serve in the ; Mount Vernon area, Route One Corridor, as well as parish ministries. Thank you for sharing of your time and talent with our parish and community. Join in. The rewards are great!

We applaud those parishioners who have indicated an interest in joining the PPC. The PPC welcomes people who would like to help move Good Shepherd forward toward its vision. We need people with open minds and hearts, who would like to help us collectively identify issues worthy of pastoral attention, learn more about the issues, ponder them and formulate practical solutions for consideration.

For information on the discernment process for the PPC, please contact a member of the Council or: www.gs-cc.org/php.

Thanks to you, Good Shepherd is a Great Parish. Let's continue to collaborate to move Good Shepherd closer to our vision!

Stewardship ~ Treasure

Definition of Catholic Stewardship:

The word "stewardship" refers to the Catholic approach to the gifts that God has given us. Stewardship is living a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. Everything that God has given us is meant to serve the divine plan. In a variety of ways, we as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, share our time, talent and treasure to build up the Church and make our world a better place.

The Good Shepherd community has given back generously to God's people by contributing to the following programs:

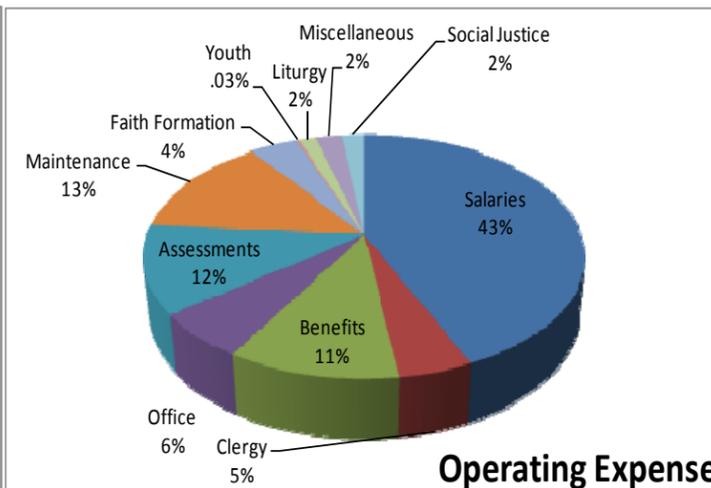
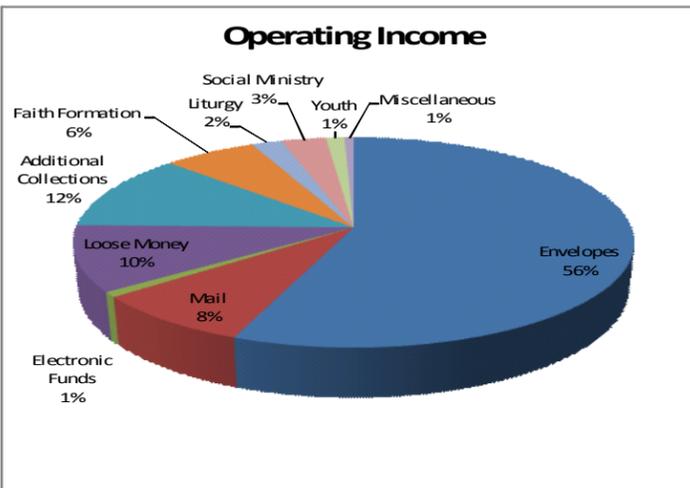
Charitable Giving

Emergency Assistance:	\$ 30,500
National and Diocesan Collections: (Second Envelope)	
Campaign for Human Development	5,747
Retired Religious	6,722
Catholic Charities	17,743
Total National Diocesan Coll.	30,212
Total Charitable Giving	\$ 60,712

Thank you for sharing your treasure!

Balance Sheet		12/31/2009	12/31/2008
Assets			
Cash	\$	346,680	\$ 178,157
DIAL Operating		1,384,781	1,350,625
DIAL Cap. Improve & Replace		524,667	503,397
DIAL Social Justice		46,423	42,279
DIAL International Festival		115,229	147,037
DIAL Restricted		210,906	203,519
Total Assets		\$ 2,628,688	\$ 2,428,014
Liabilities and Equity			
Deferred Tax Annuity	\$	3,081	\$ 2,677
Mass Stipends & Other Liability.		32,061	15,569
Natl. & Diocesan Collections		45,055	28,692
Total Liabilities	\$	80,197	\$ 46,938
Total Equity		\$ 2,548,499	\$ 2,381,075
Total Liabilities & Equity		\$ 2,628,688	\$ 2,428,014

	Actual YTD 2Q10	Actual YTD 2Q09	Budget FY 10	% of Budget
Income				50%
Offertory	\$ 884,919	\$ 860,870	\$ 1,791,000	49.4%
Additional collections	136,990	133,771	220,200	62.2%
Total Collections	1,021,909	994,641	2,011,200	50.8%
Other Operating Income	152,314	140,142	229,000	66.5%
Total Operating Income	1,174,223	1,134,783	2,240,200	52.4%
Other Income	174,837	388,012	219,200	79.8%
Total Income	\$ 1,349,060	\$ 1,522,795	\$ 2,459,400	54.9%
Expenditures				
Operating	\$ 1,019,510	\$ 1,030,080	\$ 2,239,710	45.5%
Other Expenses	79,888	310,759	219,200	36.4%
Total Expense	\$ 1,099,397	\$ 1,340,839	\$ 2,458,910	44.7%
Total Income/(Loss), Net	\$ 249,663	\$ 181,956	\$ 490	
Net Operating Income	\$ 154,714	\$ 104,703	\$ 490	



Looking Ahead **Faith Direct** is a convenient and secure way to contribute to Good Shepherd. Through *Faith Direct*, you can contribute to Good Shepherd, as you may do now with mortgage payments, utilities and other expenses. *Faith Direct* offers a secure way for you to send and our parish to receive, your regular contributions while on vacation, business trips or an illness prevents you from attending Mass. Visit the *Faith Direct* website, www.faithdirect.net, for information or securely enroll online using our parish code **VA208**. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Fiscal Year 2011. The Finance Council has begun developing the FY11 budget. The Stewardship Committee collaborates with the Council, all parish committees and staff to build a budget that is aligned with the goals and objectives in the Parish Pastoral Plan. The Finance Council will review and make a recommendation to Fr. Chuck in the coming months. The budget is dependant upon the support of all parishioners recognizing their God-gifts and sharing them with the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, committees, and staff strive to be good stewards of your stewardship throughout the planning and execution of the budget.

In addition to the budget development process, committees and staff will begin developing the calendar of ministries, programs, and events will begin soon. The demand for space continues to grow along with the number of parishioners and ministry programs. Every effort is made to accommodate ministry activities and programs. A web-based calendar will be available this summer.



Parish Penance Service
March 22
4:00pm and 7:00pm

Palm Sunday ~ March 28
5:00pm—Vigil (English)
6:30pm—(Spanish)
7:30, 9:00 and 10:30am—(English)
12:00pm—Bilingual
2:00pm—Procession and mass (Spanish)

Holy Thursday—April 1
9:00am—Moring Prayer
7:30pm—Bilingual Mass
8:30pm—Adoration

Good Friday—April 2
9:00am—Morning Prayer
3:00pm—Stations of the Cross
6:00—Live Via Crucis
7:30pm—Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday - April 3
9:00am—Morning Prayer and Blessing of the Easter Food
7:30pm—Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday—April 4
7:30, 9:00, 10:30am, 12:00pm
English masses *
2:00pm—Spanish mass *
* Simulcast in Creedon Hall
No 6:30pm Mass On Easter Sunday

First Communion
May 8 ~ English
10:30am, 12:30, 2:30pm
May 15 ~ Spanish
2:30pm

Confirmation
May 29
10:30am and 2:30pm

Please pray for the children, youth and their families as they prepare for these Sacraments.

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