

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Stewardship Report

November, 16 2014

1st Quarter FY2015 - July 1 - September 30

One of the most important principles of the spiritual life is the counsel to live in the present moment.

At this present moment, however, it is hard for me to resist the temptation to look backward ... and forward as well.

As we present a report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2015, I look back at a summer marked by the fun (and faith as well!) that were at the heart of our Vacation Bible School (VBS).


I recall another International Festival that once again celebrated our unity and our diversity. I rejoice at starting another year packed with activity as our liturgical, faith formation, outreach and fellowship ministries are thriving!

Looking ahead, I see on the horizon the day – and for me the season – of Thanksgiving. Soon we will

begin a season of thanksgiving with the traditional day of gratitude. This day propels us into the seasons of Advent and Christmas in which we give thanks for God's greatest gift - our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please accept this report in the spirit in which it is always offered - with gratitude in the present moment for your generosity offered so abundantly in the past, and with anticipation of a future of unwavering commitment to allowing the love of God's Spirit to continue to animate this community!

Sincerely yours in the Lord



Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Pastor



Youth Ministry Kick-Off Party



Vacation Bible School



*A moment of prayer at the 9/11
Monument*



International Festival Mass

**"Dear young people,
Christ is counting
on you
to be his friends
and witnesses
to his infinite love."**

Pope Francis, October 2014

Financials

| Assets | 9/30/2014 | 9/30/2013 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Accounts | \$ 142,306 | \$ 190,220 |
| DIAL Savings | 1,151,485 | 1,178,703 |
| Other Assets | - | 750 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,293,791 | \$ 1,369,673 |
| Liabilities and Equity | | |
| Funds held for others | \$ 326 | \$ 22 |
| Payroll & Other Liability | 6,723 | 12,715 |
| Capital Loan | 1,280,580 | 1,273,825 |
| Total Equity | 6,162 | 83,110 |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | \$ 1,293,791 | \$ 1,369,673 |

| Income | Actual YTD 9/30/2014 | Actual YTD 9/30/2013 | Budget FY2015 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Total Collection | 454,096 | 452,441 | 1,985,000 |
| Ministry and program income | 110,833 | 113,186 | 332,925 |
| Fundraising and other income | 110,866 | 114,289 | 197,900 |
| Total Income | \$ 675,795 | \$ 679,915 | \$ 2,515,825 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Salary, Benefits, Taxes | \$ 345,221 | \$ 350,388 | \$ 1,357,700 |
| Facility & utility | 52,707 | 52,794 | 229,300 |
| Interest on debt | 18,390 | 15,267 | 75,000 |
| Ministry & Programs | 99,560 | 78,192 | 588,445 |
| Fundraising | 60,873 | 69,604 | 72,750 |
| Assesments | 62,287 | 64,714 | 237,104 |
| Total Expense | \$ 639,038 | \$ 630,960 | \$ 2,560,299 |
| Net ordinary income | \$ 36,757 | \$ 48,956 | \$ (44,474) |
| Extraordinary Income - Capital Campaign Payments & escrow fee | \$ 127,795 | \$ 138,614 | \$ 540,000 |
| Extraordinary Expense - Capital Campaign construction costs | \$ - | \$ 390,822 | \$ 28,840 |
| Other capital expenditures | 17,693 | - | 35,000 |
| Net other income/(loss) | \$ 110,102 | \$ (252,207) | \$ 476,160 |
| Net Income/(loss) | \$ 146,860 | \$ (203,251) | \$ 431,686 |



Frequently Asked Questions

Q--How did we do in the International Festival?

A--The Festival was a success! Thanks to the 300+ volunteers who helped to love and serve those who joined us on Labor Day weekend, we are able to help many organizations in need. Sure, a lot of money was raised. Just as importantly, more good will, fellowship, and fun were had by all.

Q--Did you know we are increasing Emergency Assistance (EA) funds by distributing matching grants?

A--Thanks to your generosity, grants are now being given to both United Community Ministries (UCM) and Good Shepherd Housing to be matched and dispersed through their EA programs. A portion of your donations stay in-house to directly serve walk-in and parish families.

Q--Why Faith Direct?

A--Reason #1: Peace of mind – because you'll be able to support your parish each and every week if you're out of town on a Sunday, or unable to attend. We are grateful for your donations.

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Jubilee Year

A Jubilee Year is celebrated with Christ who fills us with life and grace. We are encouraged to deeper holiness through prayer and worship, strengthening our faith, works of charity and fellowship.

Please mark your calendar now for:

May 30, 2015 – Jubilee Mass with Bishop Loverde

