

Feast of the Holy Family 2014

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend as we celebrate the Holy Family (and come to the end of the calendar year) I want to share with you a brief 'state of the parish' report. Let's begin with a quick 'snapshot' of who we are as a parish right now:

St. Pius X Catholic Church is a parish of 2898 registered individuals, living in 1032 households. Of these households, 47% contribute on average \$10 or more each week through the offertory. (*Sadly, 22 % of our households give no financial support to the parish*). This past May, for Pentecost, I asked each household to consider a slight increase in weekly support for our Restore plan for parish renewal. 16% of our households responded with an increase. Thank you!

Our total offertory **INCOME** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 was **\$1,062,933**. What did we do with your financial support? Like in your home, we paid our bills. Which means we paid salaries, funded all our ministries and programs, made improvements and put some money into reserves. Here is a breakdown of the numbers:

Our total **EXPENSES** as a parish came to **\$988,982**. The majority of this was salary and benefits for staff. We have a very dedicated parish staff, 5 are full time and 16 are part time or stipended employees. Expenses also includes budgets for ministries and programs, upkeep on our buildings and grounds, utilities, supplies, etc.

Church capital improvements last year totaled **\$41,721**. This included projectors and screens for church, new SLAM room for children's worship, our new Kids Ministry (formerly CCD), and improvements to the convent (now called the Faith Center). And after doing all this, the remainder of income (\$73,951) went into **reserves**, though as I write this we are replacing the hall HVAC, the Faith Center roof and will need to repave the entire parking lot next summer.

As you know, 2014 was an amazing year for our parish. We concluded our 50th anniversary year by creating several new ministries and programs (*greeters, ops teams, tech ministry, Pius2U, Cafe Pius, small groups, SLAM, Kids Min, Christ Renews His Parish weekends, weekly adoration*). Parishioners stepped up to give their time and talent to support these new initiatives and all our going strong. **26%** of our parishioners are currently active in at least one ministry or program.

2015 promises to be just as amazing! Our parish is growing. Last year we added **39** new households to the parish. Our Honduras mission, in support of the medical clinic established by St. Paul's in Damascus Maryland, has begun. Next weekend we will invite you to join in this new mission work. In the new year we will expand our tech ministry and social communications, bring more parishioners into ministries and expand our outreach to the de-churched and un-churched in our area (Bowie Bob and Bowie Barb).

All that we've done, and all we plan to do is only possible because of the generous, dedicated support of our parishioners; their financial support, but just as importantly, their gifts of time, talent...and prayer!

In this Christmas season as we rejoice in the gift of God's Son to the world, we renew our commitment to the Savior's command to '*go and make disciples*'. Let us keep building the Kingdom by living and sharing our faith.

Peace! -Fr. Mike Jones

P.S. if you are a numbers person and prefer greater details on income and expenditures, a report with more info is available on the back of this letter and on our website at www.spxchurchbowie.org under the About Us tab (Stewardship and Finances)