



Annual Report 2015 – 2016
St. Cecilia Parish
Father James Zakowicz, O.C.D., Pastor

Dear Friends,

As we begin our Stewardship Campaign for this year, we want to inform you of the financial condition of our parish. As you are deciding what your Stewardship commitment to the parish will be for the coming year, I hope the information from this report will help to inform your decision. This report details some activities and ministries made possible by your support, along with the dollars and cents.

Our Life as a Parish

We are maintaining our family count at 593. This translates to 1202 persons included within those families.

- We have 5 daily Masses and 3 weekend Masses, Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 9:30 am with Benediction at 5:45 pm.
- We baptized 12 infants
- 10 children received First Communion
- 13 Confirmations
- 4 people completed their journey in the RCIA program
- 21 Funerals
- 5 Weddings were celebrated
- 110 received the Anointing of the Sick

Pastoral Care & Outreach

This was supported with \$41,522.93.

We also contributed to the Carmelite Mission in Uganda, the Mary Bloom Center in Peru, the Maryknoll Fathers and the Benedictine Sisters in India and the Philippine's in the amount of \$9300.00. As a parish family, we get together for Bingo, K of C Breakfasts and dinners, Parish Picnic, Halloween party, Lenten soup suppers and the Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

We also have fellowship through several different groups:

- Faithful Moms Group (young mothers meeting once a month)
- Wisdom Generation of our senior group who meet monthly for Mass, potluck luncheon and education/entertainment
- Knights of Columbus (Council #8476 & Assembly #3223) meet 3rd Thursday and 3rd Tuesday respectfully
- Women's Guild meets bi-monthly with luncheons and meetings. The ladies also support linen washing/pressing, serve funeral receptions and support several charitable organizations.

All this is made possible by generous support from parishioners throughout the year.

Music

Music plays an integral part of our liturgy by leading the faithful in active participation of God's Word sung through prayer. Our cantors & choirs lead the music for weekend liturgies and holy days of obligation including Christmas and Holy Week. Our parish has three choirs including traditional, contemporary and funeral choir; including weekly practices from September --May. Each Spring, St. Cecilia's is host to the Housing for Hope Benefit Concert in which area church choirs come together to sing for our community's housing outreach program, generating \$10,000 plus. For more information about joining one of our choirs, you can submit an email to kim.m@stcecilianwood.org.

Faith Formation, RCIA/RCIC and Adult Education

Throughout the 2015-16 faith formation year, there were 87 students (pre-school through 5th grade) with the following volunteers: 8 adult catechists, 7 adult aides, 7 adult hall monitors, and 5 adults as Child Care sitters. Middle School students showed 34 students attending with 6 adult volunteers as catechists and aides. The High School students showed 20 students registered and a team of 4 adult volunteers as catechists. With two years of preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation by 4 adult catechists, 13 students were confirmed in April, 2016 by Archbishop Sartain. RCIA/RCIC process of bringing adults and children over the age of seven into the fullness of the Catholic Church had 5 adults and 4 youth at the Easter Vigil.

Adult Education offered an Advent Family Retreat in November with approximately 30 participants. This included a talk presented by Father James, a family rosary prayed and homemade Advent wreaths. St. Cecilia's hosted Deacon Gene Vanderzanden who opened up helpful keys to explore the gospels, especially the Gospel of Mark on January 21st. Our parish experienced a powerful Lenten Mission with Father Paul Nicholson in the middle of February. His talks were after morning Mass and in the evening. On June 16th we had the return of Father Carlos Martins and over 150 relics of saints displayed in our Parish Hall. And monthly, the magazine *The Word Among Us* is offered at a reduced price of \$2.00 to parishioners.

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Total Income: \$662,558.44

Sunday and holy day collections:	\$608,492.62
2014-15 Annual Catholic Appeal:	\$4,858.93
Gifts, grants and bequests:	\$13,434.00
Business Income:	\$28,609.42
Faith Formation Income:	\$7,163.47

Total Expenses: \$563,173.88

Salaries and benefits:	\$289,127.16
Supplies and programs:	\$73,825.21
Parish Assessment:	\$38,485.12
Support of ICRS	\$22,091.70
Outreach-local and global:	\$41,522.93
Faith Formation expense:	\$11,414.99
Building and Grounds:	\$86,706.77