



A Letter to Parishioners

Dear Friends in Christ:

How much does God love us?

“Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, my love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the Lord, who has mercy on you.” (*Isaiah 54:10*).

But, perhaps the more important question to reflect upon is: *How are we to respond to God's love?*

That is the essence of our 2011 Stewardship Campaign for Saint John Vianney Parish...*Responding in Love*.

This theme is clearly illustrated in the following pages of this annual report, showing the many ways in which Saint John Vianney Parish and its members respond in love...through monetary contributions, ministry commitments, Catholic education and formation, and vibrant participation in prayer and worship.

This report is our opportunity to thank you for your stewardship response. Your priests, parish staff, and parish leadership are truly grateful for your dedication and generosity during this past year. We are fortunate to have so many parishioners who give of themselves to the variety of ministries available to serve God and others. Our prayer is that the spirit of stewardship will continue to inspire you in service.

We also are blessed for the financial support you have given our parish. As we enter the final year of the *Faith in Our Future* campaign, we thank those who have supported that important commitment. We also thank you for responding to the challenge of last year's stewardship campaign to increase your giving levels, as your increased offerings allowed for continued parish operations, commitment to Christian formation and Catholic education, and human concerns response and outreach efforts, to name just a few.

So how do we *Respond in Love?*

“How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.” (*Psalms 116:12-14*)

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us as we lovingly respond to God's call to stewardship. Many thanks and blessings.

Fr. Ken Knippel

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Pastor

Michael R. Ostrenga

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Chair, Parish Council

Robert W. Scott

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Chair, Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP

You are invited to *Respond in Love* and hear God's call for stewardship. Over 200 active ministries enrich lives and serve various groups of people. We are so thankful for your support and generous gifts. May we as a parish community continue to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material and spiritual gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. By *Responding in Love*, we bring stewardship to life.

The Father Lipscomb Society was formed in 2007 to recognize people who included Saint John Vianney in their wills or estate plans. Since its inception, membership has grown to 35. It is through the generosity of these people that SJV can faithfully promote its mission and vision into the future. This is a powerful sign of love and gratitude. Members of the Father Lipscomb Society truly make stewardship a way of life. They are generously sharing the gifts that have been given to them and are *Responding in Love* to give back.

Parish Mission

Is God in Our Midst or Not? This question was explored for three evenings in March as part of the Saint John Vianney parish mission. Dr. Dan Scholz, head of the theology department at Cardinal Stritch University, led presentations and discussions for 850 parishioners over three evenings in March. Additional presentations during Mission Week were led by Dr. Margaret Schlientz, Fr. Ken Knippel and Mary Janowak. The first parish-wide mission in nearly a decade was a prayerful, joyful experience, and plans are already underway for next year's event.



Members of the Fr. Lipscomb Society meet to share fellowship.



Dr. Dan Scholz offered biblically-rooted encouragement to persevere in our search for God.

Parish Profile

2010-2011

Total Households	2,695	New Households	126
Total Members	8,370	Grade School Enrollment	479
Members over 65	1,086	Christian Formation Enrollment	782
Members under 18	1,941		

WEEKLY ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS JULY 1, 2010—JUNE 30, 2011

Weekly Amount Given	Average Weekly Gift	Number of Households	% of Total Households	Total Amount Given	% of Total Given
>\$50	\$97	151	7%	\$763,648	37%
\$30 - \$50	\$39	222	11%	\$446,130	22%
\$20 - \$29.99	\$24	246	12%	\$312,229	15%
\$10 - \$19.99	\$14	460	23%	\$345,748	17%
<\$10	\$4	953	47%	\$187,334	9%
Total	\$19	2032	100%	\$2,055,089	100%

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Celebrating Mass together builds the community of Saint John Vianney. The excitement and anticipation of 104 second grade students receiving Eucharist for the first time was offered during the weekend liturgies. Sharing this sacrament enlightened parish members of all ages with the contagious anticipation and yearning to receive God and become the body and blood of Christ.

A new “Faith Seeking Healing” ministry provides a series of seminars to prepare laity to develop their gift of healing to minister to individuals in need of spiritual, psychological, or physical healing. The goal of the ministry is to have regular gatherings of individuals who desire to pray for healing together.

We welcomed Vincent LaTona as the new Associate Director of Liturgy and Music. Vince’s responsibilities include accompanying and cantoring daily Mass and directing the children’s choir.

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- † Liturgies: 614
 - † Baptisms: 58
 - † Funerals: 37
 - † Weddings: 15
 - † Instrumentalists: 7
 - † Orders of Worship printed each week: 900



Parish members venerate the cross on Good Friday.



Parishioners and family members welcomed 104 second grade children to the Table of the Lord for the very first time as they celebrated their First Eucharist at our weekend Masses.



Vince LaTona has been working in parish choral ministry for over 25 years.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Preschool, Middle School, High School...faith formation is not just during the school year, but a year-round activity for our young parishioners. And it doesn't stop there. Formative programs and activities create and cultivate an atmosphere of learning, sharing and celebrating God's love for folks of all ages!

Weekday "Sunday School" and "Tiny Tot Time" are new learning and social opportunities for three-year olds and their parents—their first school experience learning about Jesus through story, crafts and snacks.

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) was "PandaMania" where kids learned that God is Wild About Us! Part of learning is service; children in 5th grade decorated backpacks and bookmarks for Prince of Peace students, and all participants helped to collect and ship 176 pairs of new or gently-used shoes for children in Africa as part of Soles for Jesus.

Something Worth Energy, Attention & Time, or S.W.E.A.T. is the theme for the service and work camps offered to parish youth. Forty-four SJV teens traveled to Rochester, New York for Summer S.W.E.A.T. Lil' S.W.E.A.T. gave middle-school students similar opportunities to provide service to others and deepen their spirituality through two days of local projects.

An Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was held at Temple Emanu-El in Waukesha, as part of the Brookfield Elm Grove Interfaith Network (BEGIN). This group also presented a community forum in January, with two evenings of well-attended presentations by leaders of several different faith traditions.

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- † Confirmants: 124
 - † Vacation Bible School participants: 146
 - † Vacation Bible School volunteers: 105
 - † Children's Liturgy of the Word weekly participants: 103



Through stories, skits, songs and videos, parish youth have a full week of faith-filled adventures at VBS.



John Thompson joined the staff as our new Youth Minister this summer.

"Mission experiences are invaluable to our youth. They teach them so much about what it means to be a member of a faith community and what they have to offer."

Beth DeGuire, parent of S.W.E.A.T. participant



SCHOOL

Every other year, parent volunteers organize the *Bids for Kids* auction, a fundraiser to provide updates to the physical structure of the school, improve academic learning tools and help keep tuition affordable. This event enhances the school with much-needed items that would overwhelm the budget.

Revenues from the 2011 auction were used to replace 52 computer work stations in the school computer lab and library, including adding laptops for the Computers on Wheels (a cart of laptops that can be rolled into any classroom for individual student use). Several SMART response systems, a remote handheld device, were purchased for classrooms to enrich the learning environment. The largest upgrade was improving the network infrastructure parish-wide, making overall internet usage faster and more efficient for students, staff and faculty.

New reading program materials were introduced for grades K5-8th grade, offering students and families a technology enriched, comprehensive reading scheme.

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- † New families: 35
 - † Students: 479
 - † Books purchased/donated to the school library: 460
 - † Books checked out of the school library: 16,258



Students in 8th grade science gain an understanding of physical and chemical properties of matter and energy and an appreciation of how they interact.

Students in grade K-8 use technology to enhance learning.



STV
St. John Vianney Catholic School
K4-8th Grade www.stjohnv.org



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The School Board introduced marketing materials to recruit students for the school.

HUMAN CONCERNS

A new prayer shawl ministry was started by parishioner, Shelagh Roell. These shawls are lovingly made and given to people in difficult situations through the parish, hospitals, and hospice care. While knitting or crocheting, volunteers pray for those who will be receiving them. Each shawl includes a prayer and a note explaining the prayers being offered to them while the shawl was being made.

The Respect Life group highlighted the year with a talk by Vicki Thorn on Sexuality and Reproduction. Some of the special service projects included the annual Coins for Babies and participation in the National Life Chain.

Prince of Peace, our twinning parish, shared their Las Posadas tradition at SJV during Advent. After Mass, children dressed as Joseph and Mary as they sought shelter and were turned away. Eventually, they were welcomed and a feast of tamales, churros, and Mexican chocolate was shared and the piñata was broken open.

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- † Summer Service participants: 260
 - † Holy Land Pilgrimage: 37 from SJV, 59 others
 - † RCIA: 2 adults, 1 child
 - † Adult confirmation: 2
 - † Divorce Recovery Series participants: 17



Las Posadas re-enacts Mary and Joseph's requests for lodging in Bethlehem.



The beauty of the Prayer Shawl ministry is it can be done on your own time, in your home, at your skill level.

ATHLETICS

Saint John Vianney athletics, home of the Shamrocks, welcome over 300 parish youth in the school and Christian formation program in grades 5-8 to participate in the Archdiocesan leagues for volleyball, basketball and track. The athletic program at SJV is regarded as one of the top five programs in the Archdiocese due to the focus of the program being the participation and development of students.

The athletic program is a self-funded ministry. Athletic fees cover the maintenance expense in the Activity Center and surplus funds are returned to the parish.

The athletic program also offers tennis and golf when interest is adequate as well as hosting a high school Catholic Youth Ministry basketball and volleyball team.

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- † Volleyball: 117 students
 - † Basketball: 152 students
 - † Track: 111 students
 - † Fresh baked cookies sold during volleyball season: 1,152
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FAITH IN OUR FUTURE



As we enter the third and final year of accepting the archdiocesan *Faith in Our Future* pledges, we see the fruits every day as the remodeled Parish Center bustles with numerous activities.

New wall coverings and furniture greet parishioners as we gather for meetings and utilize rooms on a daily basis. New signage on Calhoun Road identifies parish center, school and activity center entrances.

The focus now turns to develop the second *Faith in Our Future* priority, funding a \$200,000 immersion/mission trip endowment.



A new sign on Calhoun Road welcomes visitors to celebrate ministries and events together.



The Activity Center floor was resurfaced and painted this summer.



Religious artwork in the parish center engages parish members to reflect on Scripture stories during meetings and activities.

MINISTRY SUMMARY

Last year, each parish member was asked to become involved in at least one ministry. Over 2,779 ministry positions were filled by parishioners who stepped forward to help. These numbers represent your answer to the call:

PRAYER & WORSHIP	678	HUMAN CONCERNS	958
Altar Servers	73	All Saints Meal Program	132
Cantors	12	Angel Tree	58
Choir - Children's	22	Best of Friends	19
Choir – Funeral	34	Christ Child Shower	1
Choir – Parish	45	Grief Ministry	10
Eucharistic Adoration	40	Habitat Cook For the Crew	47
Eucharistic Ministers	183	Habitat For Humanity	26
Faith Seeking Healing	15	Habitat For Humanity-POP	2
Homebound Ministry	40	Human Concerns Committee	16
Hospitality Ministry	73	Medical Mission	12
Instrumentalists	7	New Beginnings	15
Lectors	52	Outreach Committee	8
Liturgical Environment	21	Prayer Shawl	23
Prayer & Worship Committee	19	Prison Fellowship Ministry	2
Prayer Line	21	Repairers of the Breach	33
Sacristans	21	Respect Life	24
		Ronald McDonald House Brunch	31
CHRISTIAN FORMATION	601	SVDP Meal Program	202
Baptism Gowns	4	St. Vincent de Paul Society	25
Baptism Preparation	8	Summer Service Series	260
Catechists K4-5	50	Twinning	12
Catechists - Middle School	19		
CF Volunteers 09-10	114	ADMIN/FINANCE	80
Christian Formation Board	15	Building and Grounds	12
CLOW	17	Finance Committee	15
Elizabeth Ministry	25	Human Resources Committee	5
Library Volunteers - Parish	6	Parish Office Help	30
Men's Ministry	12	Technology Committee	9
Metro Bible Study	40	Weekly Offerings Counters	9
Ministry to Engaged Couples	10		
M.O.M.S.	7	PARISH LIFE	377
(RCIA) Adults	5	Athletic Board	12
Small Group Faith Sharing	118	Athletic Coaches	74
Vacation Bible School	146	Festival Committee	79
Vocations	5	Firm Believers	51
		LINK Office	5
SCHOOL	85	New Member Orientation	11
Communications	22	Novel Idea Book Club	6
Enrichment	11	Photographer/Videographer	8
Resources	15	Scout Leaders	57
Social	8	Stewardship Committee	11
Spiritual	5	Young At Heart	63
Ways & Means	24		

Jesus said, "It is in giving that we receive." Ministries at Saint John Vianney always have room for one more and invite you to come and see what their program is about. To learn more about these ministries, review the 2011 Ministry Booklet www.stjohnv.org/ministries.asp on the parish website.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenue	Actual FY10-11	Budget FY10-11
Weekly Envelopes	\$2,055,089	\$2,042,165
Offertory Collection	78,434	87,835
School Tuition/Fees	1,237,313	1,319,037
Other School Revenue	240,664	226,838
Christian Formation Fees	120,610	131,665
Other CF Revenue	40,439	39,000
Liturgy Revenue	11,071	12,000
Other Revenue	54,872	42,450
Festival Revenue	95,919	95,000
Investment Income	121,056	18,133
Bequests & Memorials	10,655	0
Athletics Revenues	90,000	78,850
Home & School Revenues	211,436	192,330
Special Collections for Others	32,191	32,191
Total Revenues	\$4,399,749	\$4,317,494

Expenditures	Actual	Budget
Parish Salaries & Benefits	\$869,902	\$874,303
School Salaries & Benefits	1,686,534	1,723,383
Maintenance Salaries & Benefits	251,292	246,591
Church Operations	284,218	253,320
School Operations	341,067	329,135
Other School Expenses	124,759	116,199
Liturgy Operations	36,165	43,640
Christian Formation Operations	43,640	61,720
CF Workcamp, Retreats, Social Activities	43,617	54,662
Maintenance Expenses	209,065	175,200
Other Expenses	15,506	13,220
Outreach	106,676	106,500
Capital Expenditures	3,145	20,000
Athletics Expenses	58,159	55,100
Home & School Expenses	266,590	192,330
Special Collections for Others	32,191	32,191
Total Expenditures	\$4,372,526	\$4,297,494

Net Surplus **\$27,223**

Financial Summary

Despite lingering economic challenges, overall revenues were slightly ahead of budget, and we were fortunate to end our 2011 fiscal year with a \$27,233 surplus.

Stewardship offerings, which include weekly envelopes and offertory collections, increased 3% over last year. Our parish festival met budget projections, and investment income far exceeded its budgeted amount, a welcome rebound.

Salaries and benefits continue to be a major expense, more than 66% of our overall budget. Through prudent planning, we decreased staffing expenses by 1.2%. Additionally, diligent monitoring of expenses continues, balanced by an ongoing commitment of offering quality services.

Faith In Our Future Update

For Fiscal Year 2011, SJV parishioners contributed \$465,129.85 of which \$277,483.05 was disbursed to the parish and \$187,646.80 was retained by the FIOF Trust. Since the beginning of the campaign, your generous contribution total through June 30, 2011 is \$1,364,641.92. Of that total, \$817,390.29 was disbursed to the parish and \$547,251.63 was retained by the trust.

Everything we have is a gift from God.

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