



ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE PARISH

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Dear Parishioners:

On this Stewardship Sunday, I am so pleased to be able to present to you the very first annual reports for St. André's Parish since its establishment on July 1, 2014.

Such reports, of course, can never fully capture the life of a community of faith, but they do serve in a sense as "vital signs" of how things are going. As usual, the financial reports reveal the great generosity of our parishioners in supporting the mission and ministries of the Catholic Church in Malone. Hopefully, you'll agree that the reports also show the prudence that the parish staff and I try to exercise in making use of our resources. We pledge to you to continue to do our very best!

I thought that, this year, it would be interesting, in addition to giving you the customary figures from the last two fiscal years, to also make some long-range comparisons. I hope that these figures will help us to see trends in religious practice, giving, and spending a little more clearly, as well as to help us make wise plans for the future. When I look at these figures and the trends to which they point, when I see the changing pastoral needs of our community and consider the high cost of caring properly for our many buildings, it's increasingly obvious to me that we will need to make further changes here at St. André's in the not-so-distant future in order for our parish to stay vital and effective.

I hope you'll spend some time carefully reviewing these reports and considering what all these numbers mean. They certainly give us plenty to think and pray about! If you have any questions on what you see, I'll do my best to answer them for you.

In Christ's peace,

Rev. Joseph W. Giroux
Pastor

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT * 2014-2015

	Last Year 2014-2015	1 Year Ago 2013-2014	10 Years Ago 2004-2005
Ordinary Income			
Envelopes	\$508,801.82	\$568,909.28	\$599,592.06
Plate	\$49,645.07	\$55,104.55	\$61,731.75
Stole Fees	\$11,880.00	\$9,800.00	\$11,285.00
Interest	\$37,655.48	\$43,503.39	\$49,022.11
Rental Income	\$14,225.00	\$15,240.00	\$7,760.00
Fundraising	\$55,256.65	\$54,613.26	\$46,721.95
Societies	\$2,841.74	\$12,295.56	\$0.00
Charitable Collections Income	\$82,491.77	\$87,423.67	\$94,622.85
Extraordinary Income			
Donations	\$6,072.20	\$5,002.67	\$23,591.09
Bequests	\$2,000.00	\$33,155.34	\$102,304.03
North Country Catholic Subscriptions	\$2,169.00	\$2,481.00	\$2,605.00
Withdrawn from DLF (Savings)	\$50,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$115,228.37
Other (Sales, Claims, Rebates)	\$98,616.31	\$37,954.19	\$85,217.29
Financial Campaign	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$83,781.19
Borrowed from DLF (Loan)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cemeteries Income	\$123,118.47	\$117,743.20	\$88,512.03
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,044,773.51	\$1,118,226.11	\$1,371,974.72
Ordinary Expenses			
Clergy Compensation	\$48,055.13	\$47,025.86	\$82,112.21
Employee Salaries and Benefits	\$188,987.43	\$166,977.15	\$183,702.58
Utilities	\$81,894.54	\$116,917.81	\$57,623.67
Telephone	\$7,553.19	\$6,738.16	\$5,350.65
Buildings Expense	\$40,614.95	\$38,425.59	\$24,610.74
Table Expense	\$7,373.57	\$6,678.35	\$8,568.84
Insurance	\$27,796.00	\$26,923.00	\$20,366.00
Liturgy Expense	\$43,513.28	\$34,998.50	\$25,785.50
Office Expense	\$26,407.72	\$22,026.29	\$22,433.75
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,180.79
Diocesan Assessment	\$46,389.00	\$47,949.00	\$39,806.08
Social Events	\$6,004.10	\$2,487.55	\$7,624.21
Charitable Donations	\$1,725.00	\$0.00	\$2,110.00
Societies	\$2,130.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$3,178.21	\$8,525.84
Christian Formation			
Employee Salaries and Benefits	\$46,652.94	\$58,961.62	\$72,703.38
Programs and Supplies	\$10,976.07	\$13,305.36	\$10,772.57
Holy Family School Support	\$219,981.40	\$218,168.40	\$215,877.54
Extraordinary Expenses			
Capital Repairs	\$12,921.78	\$0.00	\$19,464.13
Equipment and Furnishings	\$470.00	\$1,389.99	\$3,502.86
North Country Catholic Subscriptions	\$3,922.00	\$2,481.00	\$2,605.00
Deposits to DLF (Savings)	\$71,481.43	\$30,337.13	\$209,469.74
Payments to DLF (Debt)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$207,543.60
Other	\$6,207.54	\$5,887.98	\$3,660.34
Charitable Collections Expenses	\$82,491.77	\$87,423.67	\$94,622.85
Cemeteries Expenses	\$111,129.68	\$113,204.13	\$92,287.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,094,678.84	\$1,051,484.75	\$1,422,310.08
BALANCE: Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$49,905.33)	\$66,741.36	(\$50,335.36)

ANNUAL SPIRITUAL LIFE REPORT * 2014-2015

	Last Year 2014-2015	1 Year Ago 2013-2014	10 Years Ago 2004-2005	25 Years Ago 1989-1990
PARISH CENSUS				
Registered Households	1870	1961	2208	N/A
Registered Individuals	4979	5196	5289	N/A
Envelope Users	643	657	976	N/A
SACRAMENTAL LIFE				
Baptisms				
Infants	7	26	59	123
Older Children	1	3	9	0
Adults	2	1	14	1
First Holy Communions	32	40	66	112
Confirmations				
Youth	30	24	69	32*
Adults	2	3	9	2
Marriages	12	11	27	43
Sick/Shut-Ins	80	73	150	N/A
Funerals	120	106	117	145
LITURGICAL MINISTRY				
Altar Servers				
Youth	21	23	58	N/A
Adult	10	16	22	N/A
Readers	29	43	51	N/A
Extr. Ministers of Holy Communion				
For Mass	53	75	104	N/A
For Hospital/NH/Homebound	24	30	71	N/A
Cantors/Choir Members	30	32	N/A	N/A
CHRISTIAN FORMATION				
Students in Parish Program	159	191	314	N/A
Catechists in Parish Program	26	15	35	N/A
Students at Holy Family School	79	100	N/A	N/A
MASS ATTENDANCE (Approximate)				
4:00pm at St. Joseph's / Notre Dame	300	325	Seating Capacity 700 / 550	
8:00am at St. John Bosco	200	150	300	
9:30am at St. Helen's	140	75	210	
11:00am at Notre Dame	200	225	550	
Total Sunday Attendance	840	775		

*At that time, three of the four parishes celebrated Confirmation only on alternating years. For a more equitable comparison, 142 youth and 2 adults were confirmed in 1988-1989.

Unfortunately, detailed financial figures for 25 years ago were unavailable. For those who might still wish to do a more general comparison, in 1989-1990 the combined ordinary income of the Catholic churches in Malone was \$813,300.22, the extraordinary income was \$75,165.00, the ordinary expenses were \$824,002.39, and the extraordinary expenses were \$95,098.72. It must be noted that two of the four parishes were operating their own parish schools at the time, and the incomes and expenses of those schools are included in these figures.

For it is in giving that we receive...

The Prayer of St. Francis



The economy of spiritual goods is different from the economy of material goods. The more you give away material goods—money, land, houses, clothing, and food—the less you have. You become poorer and poorer until you end up in want. When very rich people spend lavishly and wastefully, they come to a miserable end.

The economy of spiritual goods is quite the reverse. The more we give, the more we receive; the more we surrender, the more we have. The more we love, show solidarity, spread good will, and practice forgiveness, the more we gain as human persons and the greater the esteem we receive. Spiritual goods are like love: they multiply by dividing; like fire, they increase by spreading.

Leonardo Boff



ST. ANDRÉ'S PARISH

We're opening doors!