

Saint Mary Catholic Church

Finance Council Report to the Parish

Sab·bat·i·cal (n.) \sə-'ba-ti-kəl\ *A rest from work, or a break or change from normal routine.*

Sabbatical is not a word you hear in everyday conversation. If it seems like old school terminology; it is. According to Webster's Dictionary, the first known use of the term sabbatical was as early as 1599. St. Mary's parishioners however, hear this word weekly as we pray at Mass for Father Pat Kalich during his sabbatical from the Parish. While we can understand that this is a time of personal renewal for Father Pat, what does this mean for us parishioners? What should we be doing? Should we just continue on the path of "business as usual" while Father Pat is away? Perhaps by looking a bit further than Webster's Dictionary we can see that we too can participate in Father Pat's period of renewal.

The concept of sabbatical is based on the biblical idea of Sabbath rest. In the book of Genesis, God "rested" upon creating the universe. He placed that idea onto us in the Ten Commandments by referencing observation of the Sabbath. More specifically in the Old Testament, the Book of Leviticus, our Lord declares the seventh day in every week and the seventh month in every year, as well as every seventh year to be consecrated to him.

However, the Sabbath was not intended for simply leisure, but also for religious instruction, reflection and growth. It is this break in your routine, whether it is a day, week, month, or year that allows you to grow in a personal and spiritual way. Just ask the twenty-two members of St. Mary's Church who in June journeyed to an orphanage in Guatemala. If you speak to any of them, they will tell you that this break in their daily routine and service to others less fortunate changed their lives forever.

The work of our Parish is never done. There is no exit strategy involved in spiritual service. It takes a lot of time, talent and treasure to keep up the momentum we have gained toward our mission the past few years. Without all of you, our service to others could not be carried out. So take some time and reflect along with Father Pat. Renew your spirit and resolve to live as a reflection of Christ.

As members of the Finance Council we would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you and ask that you please take a "Sabbatical" and reflect on ways in which you may assist in serving our mission.



Parish Facts

Total Families: 2,427

New Families This Year:
166

Total Weekly Parish

Volunteers: 370

Students educated at St.
Mary School: 545

Children Served Through
Faith Formation: 546

Families Assisted by Food
Pantry: 1,003

Bags of Food Distributed:
3,201

Annual Donations of our 2,427 Parish Households

Finance Council Members

Rev. Pat Kalich
 Cyndi Walsh - Chairman
 Mary Anne Abraham
 John Diederich
 Michael Grant
 Steve Johnson
 Jan Mucha
 Joe O'Keefe

Households	Total Annual Offertory	%of Total Collections
35.56%	No Recorded Gift	0.00%
40.87%	Less than \$500	18.60%
12.98%	\$500 to \$1,000	24.06%
5.77%	\$1,000 to \$1,500	18.47%
3.46%	\$1,500 to \$3,000	18.53%
1.19%	\$3,000 to \$10,000	14.21%
.16%	\$10,000 to \$50,000	6.14%

Some of the Many Gifts of our Mission:

- Guatemala Mission
- God's Groceries Food Pantry
- Theology on Tap
- New Parishioner Welcome Breakfasts
- Marriage Preparation Weekends
- Baptismal Blankets
- Hospital Visits
- Funeral Lunches
- Prayer Blankets for the sick
- Small Christian Communities
- Vacation Bible School
- Ministers of Care

CSA Update - Just Short of our Goal!

As good stewards we have made a considerable commitment to the annual Catholic Services Appeal this year. As of September 20, 2010 pledges have totaled **\$70,023.18** representing 21% of parish families. As a parish our goal for the year is 100% participation or **\$74,131**, leaving a shortfall of **\$4,107.82**. If you haven't already, please consider a donation to the CSA before 2010 comes to a close.

The Total Expense to Advance our Mission

The following lists our budgetary expenses for the fiscal year 2009/2010 as a percentage of total cost.

General Operations	34%
Staff	33%
School Subsidy	23%
Diocese	7%
Development of our Faith	3%

Liturgical Services:

Masses Said at our Parish: 682

Baptisms: 119

1st Communions: 149

Confirmations: 127

Marriages: 20

Funerals: 45

Financial Summary for Our School

Total Tuition Subsidies provided by Saint Mary's Church to our School Parents (2009-10) = \$290,000.00

School Year	Operating Receipts	Operating Expenses	Excess or Deficit
2004-05	\$1,407,685.47	\$1,516,605.82	(\$108,920.35)
2005-06	\$1,615,461.47	\$1,635,896.97	(\$20,435.50)
2006-07	\$1,747,387.32	\$1,785,917.55	(\$38,530.23)
2007-08	\$1,923,283.78	\$1,883,308.80	\$39,974.98
2008-09	\$1,943,668.40	\$1,945,090.11	(\$1,421.71)
2009-10	\$1,976,334.86	\$1,982,928.07	(\$6,592.31)