



PASTORAL
& FINANCIAL REPORT
July 2016 - June 2017



St. Louise de Marillac

Parish Community

St. Louise de Marillac is a Roman Catholic community called together as family to worship, to minister, and to evangelize. As true disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to renew His love and spirit by sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

We at St. Louise de Marillac are truly living our faith. As a Catholic faith community, we have so much to be thankful for. St. Louise de Marillac has experienced changes this past year, most notable the refurbishment of the church vestibule. The church vestibule was enlarged and new confessionals were added. At the beginning of the capital campaign, I was reminded of the words of Pope Francis when he said, "We need a Church capable of walking at people's side, of doing more than simply listening to them; a Church which accompanies them on a journey." I sincerely believe we have this here at St. Louise de Marillac.

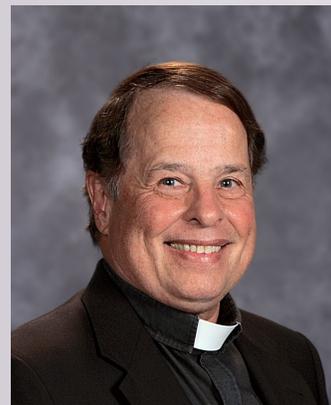
In the ministry of Faith Formation we have added a Children's Liturgy of the Word to our Sunday Mass schedule, a Catholic Men's Fellowship program, and the Women's Biblical group, "Walking with Purpose."

We are thankful for our Parish Pastoral Council who developed a Living Pastoral Plan for St. Louise de Marillac which was approved in June 2017. Moving forward with a direct vision will keep St. Louise de Marillac thriving. A summary of this plan is presented on the next page of this report.

The Pastoral & Financial Report for the fiscal year 2016 - 2017 is a wonderful testament to God's work through you. The information on each page reflects the prayers, work, generosity and faith of so many people. It is amazing to witness the talents, gifts, and financial resources that you so generously give toward achieving our goal of sharing God's love. This report is our way of saying thank you and celebrating all that you have accomplished in the name of Christ!

I thank all of you from my deepest spirit. May God continue to bless you, your families and our Parish Community.

Rev. Robert Fulton
Pastor



PASTORAL PLAN

WHAT OUR FUTURE HOLDS

Our Pastoral Plan as a Parish seeks to enhance the faith journey of all who cross our threshold at St. Louise de Marillac Parish. Success will be evident as the spiritual energy, involvement and numbers increase within our faith community over the next five, ten and fifteen year periods. As a parish, we hope to share our hospitality with all who come, to have new parishioners feel accepted, listened to and comforted, as members embrace their extended family.

Our renewal begins with a Hospitality Ministry which will provide an opportunity for parishioners to greet and welcome new members to the parish. Our youth will be encouraged to become more involved in the life of our community by participating fully at the Mass. A dynamic youth coordinator will be essential to lead the parish in efforts to draw in young Catholics who are looking to be acknowledged and accepted as growing adults. Through our programs that encourage adult groups such as Catholic Men's Fellowship and The Women's Biblical Walking with Purpose, new energy has enlivened the Parish. In addition, adding a variety of talented new singers and soloists has strengthened our music ministry.

We welcome every parishioner to identify their gifts and use them by way of participation in one or more of our fifty-plus ministries. The goals of our Pastoral Plan involve the central elements of community, spirituality, formation, and social justice.

For the details of our Parish Pastoral Plan, please visit our webpage at www.stlouisedm.org/PastoralPlan.

NOW IS THE TIME

THIS IS THE PLACE

The first construction project of the Living Our Faith Campaign kicked off with a ceremonial groundbreaking on Sunday, January 19th after the 12:30 pm Mass. City officials, the campaign committee and the Pastoral Council were on hand in their yellow hard hats as we took a sledge hammer to the vestibule wall to initiate the beginning of this long awaited project. Our parishioners have been patient through the noise, dust, and the inconvenience of having to use our side doors to enter the Church.

Phase One includes restructuring the vestibule of the church, refurbishing the confessionals, adding enlarged restrooms, a canopy over the front entrance to protect parishioners from the weather elements, new custom doors, skylights in the choir loft, and adequate storage. The vestibule re-opening was held on October 8th, 2017. We hope our next project will be the new baptism font.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

This year was filled with anticipation as we excitedly watched the unfolding of our vestibule renovation! The St. Louise community is blessed to bring this long awaited dream to fruition through the commitment of our loyal parishioners.

The renovations occurred over the course of several months, with its share of unanticipated delays along the way. To date we have spent nearly \$984,000 and estimate the final cost to be close to \$1.2 million. We anticipate the next step in our renovations will be the installation of a baptismal font in the rear of the church.

The Finance Council continues to actively review the financial affairs of the Parish and recommend solutions to insure its financial health. Each year we face new situations and challenges and the Finance Council plays an integral part in advising our Pastor, Fr. Robert Fulton, of possible solutions for the best outcome.

A number of years ago, a very generous parishioner left a property to St. Louise as part of the distribution of her estate. Initially, it was a retirement home for Msgr. Pierce and most recently was used as a rental property to generate income for the parish.

As the vestibule project progressed, we started to look at the condition of the facilities at St. Louise, and the decline of the parking lot quickly rose to the top of the priority list. As the plan for the renovation of the parking lot develops, it is clear that the project will be comprised of several components and the cost will be significant.

The Finance Council considered all available resources of the parish and made a recommendation to Fr. Robert that the rental property be sold with the proceeds being earmarked for the renovation of the parking lot. The proceeds of \$516,502.40 from the sale of the property were placed in our investment account.

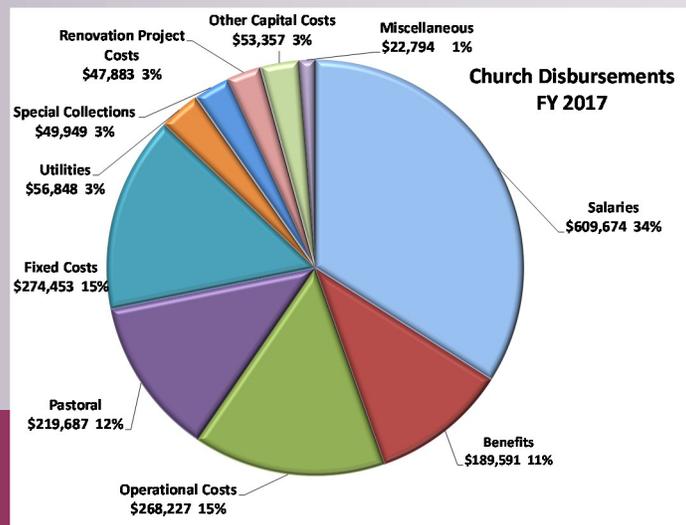
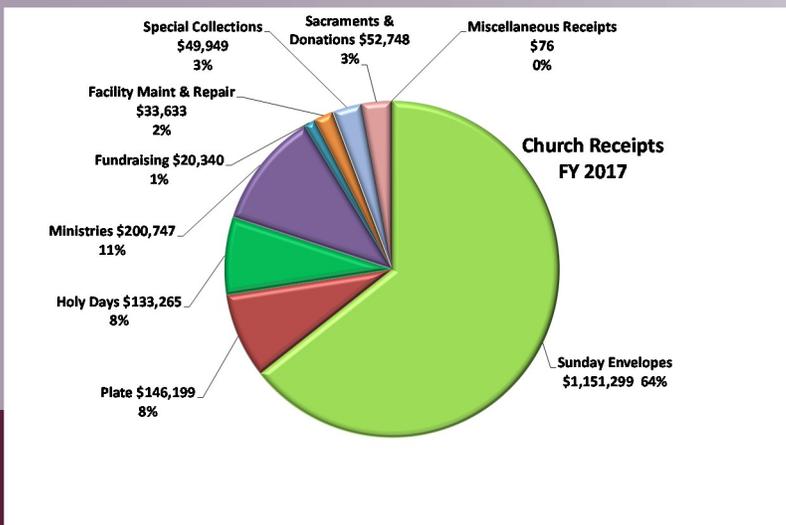
While the plan for the parking lot is being developed, the lot will be resurfaced, repaired and striped to restore it to a state of safety. The repairs are estimated to cost \$30,000.

Some of the other improvements that were made this fiscal year were upgrades to the WiFi infrastructure throughout the property and renovation of classroom 1 and 2, both of which were a shared expense with St. Louise School.

We look forward to keeping the momentum created by the completion of the long awaited vestibule project. The next projects on the horizon for St. Louise are the replacement of the church air conditioning units, the installation of the baptismal font and the complete renovation of the parking lot.

The Finance Council continues to review and advise Fr. Robert on all matters relating to the finances of the parish. We are blessed to have such a qualified and committed group of council members. We also realize that it is through your prayers and continued financial stewardship that all these projects are made possible.

Members of the Parish Finance Council include: Deacon Al Valles, Sandy Verdegem, Bruce Beaumont, Dave Cunningham, Pete Gautreau, Chris Hagerty, Lou Caron along with Ray Elder, Business Manager, and Emily Guzman, our Parish Bookkeeper.



PARISH FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
(Activity from Primary Church Checking Account)
For the Twelve Months Ended June 30th - Fiscal Years (FY) Reported Below

Cash Basis

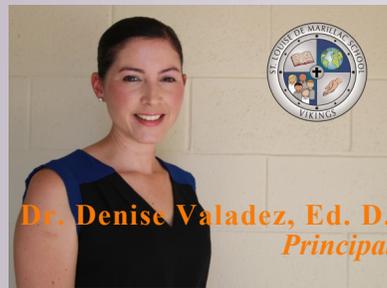
RECEIPTS	FY 2017	FY 2016
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 1,151,299	\$ 1,122,629
Plate (Cash Donations at Sunday Collection)	146,199	145,503
Holy Days (Holy Days, Easter, Christmas)	133,265	138,415
Ministries (Faith Formation, Poor Box, Parish Groups, Etc.)	200,747	196,014
Fundraising (Carnival - Proceeds Less School Allocation)	20,340	24,200
Facility Maint & Repair (Maintenance & Repair Envelope)	33,633	32,272
Special Collections (Human Development, Missions, Retirement, Etc.)	49,949	59,253
Sacraments & Donations (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Bequests)	52,748	51,077
Miscellaneous Receipts (Net Rental and Related Income, Etc.)	76	(4,730)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 1,788,256	\$ 1,764,633
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	\$ 609,674	\$ 601,687
Benefits (Health Insurance, Pension, Employer FICA)	189,591	188,250
Operational Costs (Supplies, Maintenance, Staff Development, Goodwill, Etc.)	268,227	226,483
Pastoral (Education Programs, Donations, Poor Box, Ministries, Etc.)	219,687	214,524
Fixed Costs (Property Tax, Insurance, Diocesan Assessment)	274,453	269,070
Utilities (Water, Natural Gas, Electricity, Telephone)	56,848	54,001
Special Collections (Human Development, Missions, Retirement, Etc.)	49,949	59,253
Renovation Project Costs ¹ (Architectural, Contractor and Inspection Fees, Misc Exp.)	47,883	6,645
Other Capital Costs (Improvements, Equipment Purchases, Etc.)	53,357	17,360
Miscellaneous (Miscellaneous Fees, Etc.)	22,794	29,183
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 1,792,463	\$ 1,666,456
NET RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)	\$ (4,207)	\$ 98,177
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT ON JULY 1	\$ 423,168	\$ 324,991
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	(4,207)	98,177
Transfer to Contingency Reserve	(102,000)	
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT ON JUNE 30	\$ 316,961	\$ 423,168

CHURCH INVESTMENT ACCOUNT ACTIVITY		
BALANCE IN ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH BUILDING FUND ON JULY 1	\$ 1,151,175	\$ 905,142
Living Our Faith Contributions	213,910	242,613
Donated Property Sales Proceeds ²	516,502	-
Payments for Renovation Project ¹	(347,461)	(5,210)
Net Investment Return	18,477	8,630
BALANCE IN ST LOUISE DE MARILLAC CHURCH BUILDING FUND ON JUNE 30	\$ 1,552,603	\$ 1,151,175
BALANCE IN CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND ON JULY 1	\$ 363,364	\$ 362,391
Transfer from checking account	102,000	-
Withdrawals	-	-
Net Investment Return	28,327	973
BALANCE IN CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND ON JUNE 30	\$ 493,691	\$ 363,364

¹ Total Renovation Project Costs FY2017 are \$347,461 paid from the St. Louise de Marillac Church Building Fund and \$47,883 paid from the Primary Church Checking Account for a total of \$395,344.

² Donated Property Sales Proceeds are earmarked for parking lot renovations.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



St. Louise de Marillac School has been offering students a well-rounded education infused with Gospel values and Catholic tradition for over half a century. Our students graduate with a strong academic foundation provided in a faith-filled environment and continue their faith journey by enrolling in our Confirmation program and becoming involved with youth ministry.

September of 2016 ushered in another successful golf tournament, chaired by Andrea Batista. This tournament was nearly sold out and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. One hundred percent of the proceeds from this tournament go directly to the school. This year's tournament raised \$30,000 and allowed us to renovate the third grade classroom. This tournament is a wonderful annual event that is open to the entire Parish community and it is our hope to be able to continue the success of the tournament for many years to come.

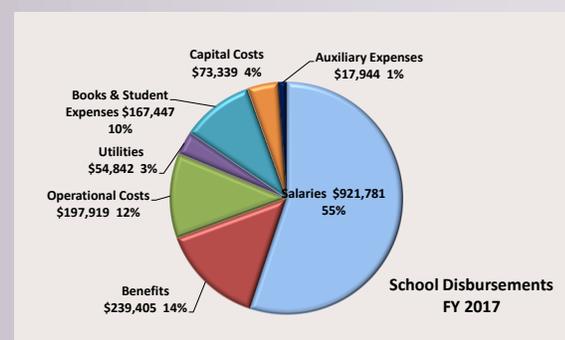
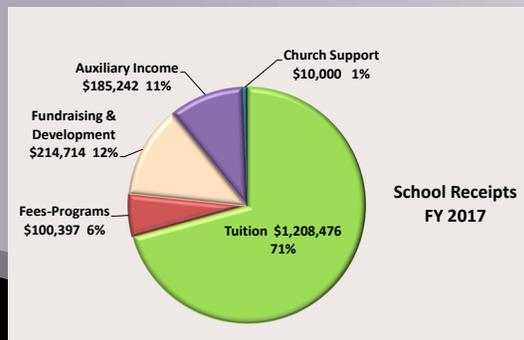
Last year, the teachers implemented the use of Thinking Maps in their classrooms, which is a language of eight visual patterns, each based on a fundamental thought process. These patterns are used individually and in combination across every grade level and curriculum area as an integrated set of tools for life-long learning. Each thinking map is designed to answer guiding questions that are related to a specific thought process. These maps have lent themselves to our new writing program "Write From the Beginning and Beyond."

Our students continue to make academic improvements and significant academic growth, especially in the area of math. We have seen marked improvements in our STAR math and reading scores. In addition, we saw a 700% increase in the number of graduates who tested into higher level math courses as freshmen. Our teaching staff is and remains committed to academic excellence and together, we have spent countless hours analyzing data in order to affect positive change in our academic program.

St. Louise de Marillac School values its partnership with the parish. We recognize that we are the largest ministry of the parish and we strive to meet particular needs of various ministries. Our students participate in annual food and clothing drives and also volunteer in various outreach activities in the local community. Our expectation is for students to live by the words of St. Louise de Marillac and "...serve with hearts filled with the pure love of God."

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to thank the parish community for their continued support of the school. I ask for your continued prayers as we strive to advance to higher levels of learning in a faith-filled environment.

Peace and Blessings,
Denise Valadez, Ed.D.



- 700% Increase in number of students who tested into advanced math courses in high school.
- School restrooms and two classrooms were renovated in June 2017



SCHOOL FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
(Activity from Primary School Checking Account)
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Cash Basis

RECEIPTS		<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
Tuition		\$ 1,208,476	\$ 1,160,615
Fees-Programs	(Testing Fees, Late Fees, Service Hours)	100,397	93,693
Fundraising & Development	(Carnival, Bingo, Scrip, Endowment, Etc.) ¹	214,714	225,016
Auxiliary Income	(Registration, Hot Lunch, Day Care, Yearbook, Student Activities)	174,407	173,273
Church Support ²		10,000	10,000
Total Receipts		\$ 1,707,994	\$ 1,662,597
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries		\$ 921,781	\$ 968,826
Benefits	(Health Insurance, Pension, Employer FICA)	239,405	234,291
Operational Costs	(Building Supplies, Maintenance, Etc.)	197,919	193,220
Utilities	(Water, Natural Gas, Electricity, Telephone)	54,842	53,111
Books & Student Expenses	(Books, Software, Food Services, Classroom Supplies, Etc.)	167,447	178,312
Capital Costs	(Classroom Equip., Computers, Capital Improvements)	73,339	61,179
Auxiliary Expenses	(Fundraising Expenses, Misc Reimbursements)	17,944	27,127
Total Disbursements		\$ 1,672,677	\$ 1,716,066
NET RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)		\$ 35,317	\$ (53,469)
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT ON JULY 1		\$ 207,599	\$ 261,068
Transfer From Technology Reserve		10,835	-
Net Receipts (Disbursements)		35,317	(53,469)
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT ON JUNE 30		\$ 253,751	\$ 207,599

SCHOOL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

BALANCE IN CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND ON JULY 1	\$ 91,998	\$ 91,895
Contributions	-	-
Withdrawals	-	-
Net Investment Return	8,737	103
BALANCE IN CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND ON JUNE 30	\$ 100,735	\$ 91,998
BALANCE IN TECHNOLOGY & TEXTBOOK RESERVE ACCOUNTS ON JULY 1	\$ 33,387	\$ 33,431
Contributions	-	-
Transfer to Primary School Checking Account	(10,835)	-
Net Investment Return	3,218	(44)
BALANCE IN TECHNOLOGY & TEXTBOOK RESERVE ACCOUNTS ON JUNE 30	\$ 25,770	\$ 33,387
BALANCE IN ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS ON JULY 1	\$ 414,308	\$ 414,858
Contributions	-	-
Withdrawals	-	-
Net Investment Return	51,697	(550)
BALANCE IN ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS ON JUNE 30	\$ 466,005	\$ 414,308

¹ Parish gives the school all Bingo revenue and shares in the Carnival revenue.

² Church support reflects cash subsidy only and does not reflect support of operational expenses.



FAITH FORMATION

26
PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

162
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

48
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

180
CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

“God has worked such signs and great wonders...” Est 10:3f

The Spirit of God has been moving through the Faith Formation Office, flourishing with new initiatives and events. The start of 2017 saw the successful development of two new ministries under the auspice of Faith Formation: Catholic Men’s Fellowship and Walking With Purpose—Women’s Bible Study.

In addition to the weekly catechesis classes to 400 plus parishioners, the Faith Formation Office is responsible for the following special events/ministries:

- Summer Bible Camp
- Soup and Scripture
- Mardi Gras
- Advent Wreath Making
- Family Catechesis
- Theology on Tap
- Summer Outdoor Movie Nights
- Catholic Men’s Fellowship
- The Midnight Mission *new*
- 30 Hour Famine
- Walking With Purpose *new*
- Women’s Bible Study
- Stations of the Cross
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Trunk or Treat
- Youth Recognition Night
- Confirmation
- First Reconciliation
- First Holy Communion Retreats
- 130 Students
- Summer Bible Camp
- 138 Participants
- 30 Hour Famine
- 89 Women
- “Walking with Purpose” Bible Study
- 70 Men
- Catholic Men’s Fellowship

St. John Paul II’s call to the youth was a reminder that they are the future and hope of our Church, a great gift and a huge task to fulfill. For this reason, it is of fundamental importance that the directives of the Faith Formation Office ensure that our youth and young adults are nurtured, supported and encouraged to assist them in becoming the men/women they are created to be. For example, a new young adult program has been initiated, and a new revamping of our Confirmation program implemented.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parishioners who so generously volunteer their time by assisting the works/programs associated with the Faith Formation Office. Our catechetical ministry alone has in excess of 90 volunteers. A special grace of service rests upon the hearts of our parishioners, most likely bestowed by our parish patroness, St. Louise de Marillac. Let us continue to work in this spirit of service and continue to build the new civilization of love!

ST. LOUISE MINISTRIES



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

St. Louise has over 50 plus active ministries which encompass Community Life, Liturgical Life, Social Outreach, Spiritual and Prayer Life and Faith Formation.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Sociedad Guadalupana

Filipino Ministry

Respect Life Ministry

Homebound Ministry

Legion of Mary

Knights of Columbus

Prison & Detention Ministry

St. Louise Social Club

Altar Society Ministry

Adult/Senior Bible Study

Altar Linens Society

Altar Server

American Heroes Project Ministry

Angel Couples

Annual Weekend Men's Retreat

Blessed Sacrament Rosary

Children's Eucharistic Adoration

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Environment Committee

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Funeral Intake Coordinator

Lector Ministry

Morning Prayer Group

Music Ministry

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Rosary Making Group

Safeguard the Children Committee

Usher Ministry

Women's Bowling League

Plus many more.

FULFILLING



A DREAM





St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church

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