

Saint John Bosco Parish – Parma Heights
State of the Parish – Father Lawrence Jurcak, Pastor
July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018
November 25, 2018

This is my eighth “State of the Parish” report. It is a snapshot of parish life and ministry from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. I trust that by the time you have finished reading this year’s report you will agree that it has been another good year at Saint John Bosco Parish. Know that I am extremely grateful for all that you do for the parish on a regular basis. As you’ve heard me say many times, you are good and very generous people.

Our Parish School of Religion opened in September with 101 students in grades K thru 8, and 28 Catechists and Aides under the direction of Christine Kall, our Director of Religious Education. 20 second graders celebrated First Reconciliation in December and First Eucharist in April. Bishop Nelson Perez made his first pastoral visit to our parish on May 7th to confirm 15 eighth graders and 7 adults.

Throughout the year parishioners participated in a variety of opportunities for adult faith formation offered at the parish. A great number of parishioners attended our cluster parish Lenten Days of Recollection and the “Soup and Conversation” evenings during Lent. Many of you read Matthew Kelly’s *Perfectly Yourself* during Lent, and we had great response to the Lenten “Living Prayer Retreat” that we offered in cooperation with the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma. However, nobody was baptized or received into our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. So, once a month at Sunday Mass a petition for welcome, conversion, and returning to the practice of the Catholic faith has been added to our Universal Prayer.

There are now 60 ministries at Saint John Bosco – including rejuvenated Stewardship and Spiritual Formation Committees. These ministries are evidence of the dedication and goodness of the people of our parish in sharing of their time and talents in service to their brothers and sisters within our parish, our local area and beyond – including our “sister school” in Corinto, El Salvador. All of these ministries are listed in our annual parish Guide Book & Directory – which is mailed to every household in the parish in November. I encourage you to take the time to read through that Guide Book and know that you are welcome to participate in any of the ministries or activities of the parish.

Speaking of parish activities, I encourage you to put the following annual events on your 2019 calendar. Our “Experience of El Salvador,” sponsored by our El Salvador Ministry in support of our sister school in Corinto, El Salvador, is on March 31, 2019. Our “SJB Run with Me” 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk, which enables us to provide financial support to the Parma Heights Food Pantry and our Saint Vincent de Paul Society, is on Saturday, June 15, 2019 – that is two weeks later than usual because our parish trip to the Holy Land will take place in the spring of 2019. Our Annual International Festival is August 15 to 18, 2019. Our “SJB Community Service Day,” where we reach out in service at a number of sites in the Parma, Brook Park and Middleburg Heights area, is on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is a blessing for our parish. I am grateful that so many people regularly stop in to spend time with the Lord. A number of our parishioners have made a commitment of one or more hours in prayer each week. Can you commit to an hour of prayer a week? If so, please call the parish office at 440-886-3500 to sign up.

Since we replaced the HVAC system in the church during the previous fiscal year, we did our best to curtail major capital improvements during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. However, the following improvements were done around the property: sidewalk replacements; asphalt repairs of our parking lots and drives, sealcoating & striping, replacing the parish truck in May, and planting 24 trees throughout the 25 acres of our property. Your generosity in the Capital Improvement Fund envelope, that is found in your monthly envelope packet, coupled with the monies held on reserve and in our Festival Account, enabled the parish to cover the cost of these projects without coming to you for additional money.

In late 2010 we introduced the Capital Improvement Fund and I suggested a monthly donation of \$30.00. I now put \$75.00 in that envelope every month. You will note in the financial report that as of June 30, 2018 the balance in that fund was \$82,053.89. I encourage you to please try to put something in that envelope every month – especially with the need to replace the money taken from our reserved funds to cover the cost of the replacement of the church air-conditioning. The Festival reserve fund has a balance of \$91,692.22. This might seem to be substantial savings, but the boiler for the church and school is original to the 1965 construction – and the projected replacement cost is approximately \$300,000.00.

Speaking of contribution envelopes, I thank all who tithe for your generosity. I am again asking every family to take the time to prayerfully review your weekly tithe to Saint John Bosco. Is it a fair response to God’s generosity to you?

Is it possible for you to increase your tithe a little each week? My weekly tithe is \$35.00. What is your tithe? To all who are not regularly making a tithe to Saint John Bosco – I urge you to please begin making a regular tithe to your parish. The financial report lists the income received in the offertory collections and other venues.

Here are some key parish statistics. We are a parish of 1,742 registered families and approximately 4,473 parishioners. During this fiscal year there were: 10 baptisms; 20 first communions; 22 confirmations; 9 marriages; and 55 funerals. We had a communal celebration of the Anointing of the Sick in November and May. Every month Mass is celebrated at East Park, Park Creek, and Greenbrier Nursing Homes, in addition to taking Holy Communion to the residents of these facilities, and to our homebound parishioners.

As you review the financial report for the 2017-2018 fiscal year – you are able to compare it with the budget prepared for that fiscal year, as well as the financial report for prior fiscal year (2016-2017) and the budget prepared for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$90,880.82. The budget for the current fiscal year is tight, with a small surplus. We will be doing our best to keep capital improvements to a minimum in the current fiscal year.

On this year's summary financial report, you notice that there are a few additional lines in the Parish Assets & Liabilities report. The new lines appear because the parish has changed from a cash basis to a modified accrual basis of accounting. What this means is that the revenue and expenses will be recorded when they are earned or incurred, not when the cash is received or spent. The \$27,302.90 reflects the balance of loan on the new truck that was purchased during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

I believe that we are in good shape financially. The debt to the diocese is for past due assessments, and is an obligation that we continue to address. We paid just under \$13,000.00 toward that debt in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We will stay current on the payment of our \$10,945.00 monthly assessment to the diocese – and continue making payments toward our past due amount. Any parishioner who would like to come in and review the detailed financial report that was submitted to the diocese in August, or to discuss the administration of our parish, is welcome to contact me at the parish office (440-886-3500 or ljurcak@sjbparmaheights.org) and I will set up a time to meet personally with you. Mr. Gerald Arnold, Diocesan Controller, recently wrote to me, "The Diocesan Finance Office has completed the review of your parish annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Based on the results of our review, your parish report is accepted. . . . The Diocese appreciates your efforts and the work of your parish staff in managing the finances of your parish."

It is appropriate to comment on your generosity not found on the financial report. In addition to the \$29,777.40 in designated collections, you donated \$33,458.00 in collections taken up during the year (St. Vincent de Paul, K of C. Alhambra, Baby Bottles for Life, 5K Run, etc.) – as well as your generous response to Catholic Charities (exceeding our diocesan goal for the fourth year in a row), the Advent Giving Tree, the Lenten food collection, the Community Service Prison Ministry collection, and other needed items during the year. Never let it be said that you are not generous people!

As you read this "State of the Parish" report remember that balances and budgets, as necessary as they are for good stewardship, are not the most important things contained in it. Our parish is a place where God is glorified, all are welcome as brothers and sisters in the Lord, the hungry are fed, the naked are clothed, the ill and elderly are comforted, children and adults grow in the knowledge of the faith, Christian fellowship is nurtured, and so much more. God has blessed our parish so much in these and so many other ways. You, and your faith in the Lord Jesus, are an essential part of this community!

Thank you for you all do as a community of believers. Thanks to you, Saint John Bosco is in sound financial shape and, more important, sound spiritual shape. I know that underlying those words are the sacrifices and generosity of all of you. You support the parish faithfully and generously with your time, talent and money – as so many who have gone before us have done. Our job as disciples is to continue to embrace, live and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. That happens here every day. For that, I am grateful, and lift you up in my prayers daily. Please say a prayer for me.

Finally, I thank the members of our Parish Finance Council – Kenneth Akstens, Joseph Dubovec, Renee Estremera, Thomas Halloran, Doug Hill, Teri Ingleright, Tracy Ols, Mark Palko, Ronald Vojacek, and Kevin Zupancic; and the members of our Parish Pastoral Council – Jan Bacher, Sue Ballas, Marianne Brooks, Kathi DiVincenzo, Mary Fackler, Andrea Flowers, Richelle Gnezda, Jack McLaughlin, Michael Scheutzow, Barbara Sekerak, Dan Zawadzki, and Keith Zupancic for their knowledge, skill and wisdom.



**ST. JOHN BOSCO SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

	Actual 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Actual 2017-18	Budget 2018-19
Parish Receipts:				
Offertery Collections	795,964.28	792,000.00	827,781.09	798,000.00
Other Collections	61,236.27	49,600.00	55,112.00	56,600.00
Donations & Bequests	9,364.00	5,000.00	17,610.83	5,000.00
Net Fund Raising Income	64,540.37	54,700.00	90,786.18	73,745.00
Religious Education	32,621.75	22,400.00	5,834.93	16,000.00
Investment & Endowment Income (Loss)	28,797.79	500.00	14,125.05	10,500.00
Net Rental Income	243,990.25	254,720.00	182,404.75	220,518.96
Miscellaneous Receipts	45,029.89	21,100.00	16,954.86	6,100.00
Designated Collections	20,097.50	13,500.00	29,777.40	20,000.00
Extraordinary Receipts	7,303.20	-	12,000.00	0.00
Total Parish Receipts	1,308,945.30	1,213,520.00	1,252,387.09	1,206,463.96
Parish Disbursements:				
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	392,528.40	391,780.70	405,397.48	350,017.12
Rectory & Household	4,665.50	6,000.00	5,525.42	7,000.00
Parish Office & Administration	60,960.76	44,500.00	54,246.36	75,200.00
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	16,561.64	17,050.00	15,879.75	15,950.00
Community Outreach	17,390.12	20,650.00	23,947.17	22,450.00
Religious Education	11,043.21	9,550.00	10,978.70	8,600.00
Stewardship & Evangelization	12,483.40	17,400.00	14,215.21	16,900.00
Utilities	117,956.09	123,000.00	83,622.32	123,000.00
Insurance & Property Taxes	54,324.57	58,000.00	49,977.96	53,000.00
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	262,079.38	268,350.00	245,032.79	269,132.64
Diocesan Assessments	132,960.00	144,000.00	132,252.00	144,000.00
Designated Collections	20,097.50	13,500.00	29,777.40	20,000.00
Capital Expenditures	504,898.51	81,500.00	87,346.71	62,500.00
Tuition Assistance	4,604.00	6,000.00	3,307.00	3,100.00
Extraordinary Expenses	0	10,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Parish Disbursements	1,612,553.08	1,211,280.70	1,161,506.27	1,175,849.76
TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-303,607.78	2,239.30	90,880.82	30,614.20

Capital Improvement Expenditures of \$62,500.00 are anticipated in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Parish Assets & Liabilities

	Fiscal Year 2016-2017	Fiscal Year 2017-18
Checking Accounts	107,854.59	150,611.21
Savings & Investments	481,979.17	592,389.07
Accounts Receivable & Prepaid Expenses	0.00	11,648.93
Total Assets*	589,833.76	754,649.21
Accounts Payable & Other Liabilities	300.00	27,958.11
Income Received in Advance	0.00	16,253.00
Accrued Payroll & Related Liabilities	0.00	12,253.13
Deferred Restricted Support	0.00	3,415.00
Diocesan Assessments Payable	314,549.93	301,603.00
Loans, Notes & Mortgages Payable	0.58	27,302.90
Total Liabilities	314,850.51	388,785.14

*Capital Improvement Fund as of June 30, 2018

82,053.89

*Festival profits held for capital improvement as of June 30, 2018

91,692.22