

# *Church of St. John the Evangelist*

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Dear faithful parishioners,

In November 2011, we closed our parish Year of Thanksgiving during which we prayed each Sunday thanking God for the many gifts He has given us and asking that He “encourage us as we work to build His Kingdom.”

During the year since the last Annual Report to the Faithful in August 2011, I believe that together we have indeed worked to build God’s Kingdom. Much has been done – and much has yet to be done.

Our parish’s efforts in Evangelization continue to be evident in the fine work done by the dedicated staff and energetic students in our parish school. It is evident also in the wonderful sessions provided by our committed catechists in our religious education program each Sunday. The enthusiastic attendance in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) sessions throughout the year culminated in the beautiful celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Moreover, several times during the year a group of dedicated catechists quietly met with individuals preparing to return to the active practice of their Catholic faith.

Evangelization of the many active members of our parish continued also in several sessions of our Adult Enrichment programs. In September and October, Passionist Father Thomas Bonnaci led a series of instructions on the religions of the world. During February to April, many of us viewed the widely acclaimed series of videos, *Catholicism* by Father Robert Barron, and had the opportunity to discuss the presentations in small groups.

In order that our parish can be more available to people in the wider community, our website ([www.sjecarmichael.org](http://www.sjecarmichael.org)) was completely rebuilt in April. This evangelization effort provides introductory information to those seeking to contact the parish and its offices, and it provides information to the active – and not so active – members of the parish about the many ministries and services of the parish, as well as basic information about our faith (for example, the sacraments, prayers, etc.). Continued efforts to develop a communication system among our parishioners resulted in the inauguration of an email process called flockNote (as in notes to our flock!) just a few months ago.

None of these extensive efforts could have taken place without the active presence of many of you and without your financial contributions through our Sunday collections and various other fund-raising events. Attached is our parish annual financial report for last fiscal year comparing our actual income and expenses to the budgeted amounts. Also included on the report is the budget for this current year 2012-2013.

You will note first of all that we had a net deficit last year, which we made up from savings. This was primarily due to the expenses we incurred in replacing the 50-year-old heating and air conditioning system in St. James Hall (the original church). That cost us just over \$50,000 with all the related

electrical and gas connection changes and upgrades, but as you can see our Maintenance and Improvement income was only \$28,998.

We also reduced employee costs last year by instituting furlough days in the spring for our office staff. These furloughs are continuing; however, the diocese did recommend a 2% salary increase this year, which we did implement. We do project a net income overall in the budget for this year, albeit a very small one – less than \$7,000.

Attached also is the annual report from our parish school. Just as with the church, you will note that the school also had a net deficit this past year. This was caused in great part by reduced revenue from decreased enrollment. Although our school did wisely control administrative and instructional expenses, the administration and advisory board chose to improve the “old gym” facility to meet the requirements for opening a pre-school. I am pleased to tell you that these efforts have resulted in 11 enrollments in the new pre-school program – a number which we hope will increase in the coming months. You will note also that our school’s stewardship of funds has enabled it to maintain an adequate fund reserve for contingencies.

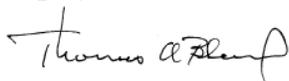
One item in the parish report that deserves special note is the reduction of our loan balance from \$398,448 at the end of June 2011 to \$137,767 on June 30, 2012. As you recall, five years ago the campaign committee made a conscious decision to eliminate our debt of \$1.9 million in five years rather than in the eight years allowed by our loan contract with the diocese. Today we are seeing the fruit of that decision as we are only \$100,000 away from being debt-free (as I write this). Without wanting to sound like a broken record, this could not have happened without the dedication and commitment of you the parishioners of St. John.

I ask you all now to prayerfully consider making continued donations to the regular Sunday collection or the monthly Maintenance and Improvement collection as you complete your pledge payments. I know several parishioners who have already completed their pledge are now contributing an equivalent amount to the parish operations. I ask you all to join them. The loan is about paid off, but the regular parish revenues are still insufficient to expand our ministry resources.

In order to continue the thrust of our evangelization efforts, especially in a debt-free environment, I formed a stewardship committee this past spring to assist the parish in enhancing our efforts as individuals and as a parish to build up the Kingdom of God in our community and beyond by sharing our time, talents, and treasure. The committee is currently forming itself by studying the US bishops’ document *Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response*. Once this formation period is complete, the committee will embark on creating a stewardship plan for the parish, which will certainly include additional Adult Faith Enrichment opportunities. I encourage you all to listen for more information about this important initiative in the coming months.

Again, I thank you for your contributions in service and in the collections during this year. As always, if you wish further information on the finances you can make an appointment with Deacon Larry, our bookkeeper, through the parish office, or you can contact one of the parish Finance Council members.

I pray God’s continued blessings on you all.



Fr. Thomas A. Bland  
Pastor

**St. John the Evangelist Church  
Annual Financial Report**

	<u>2011-2012</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2012-2013</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>General Operations</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Offertory Collections	634,802	652,910
Sacramental Services	15,575	13,050
Parish Societies	5,374	5,000
Use of Plant Facilities (Net)	8,508	7,680
Religious Articles & Books	10,916	10,000
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	6,364	6,000
Charitable Donations	45,903	43,400
Religious Education	2,815	2,700
Parish Programs	7,559	6,900
Parish Fund Raising Activities	33,414	18,500
Maintenance & Improvement	28,998	28,800
Other Receipts	10,227	8,900
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>810,453</u>	<u>803,840</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries	208,640	200,524
Payroll Taxes	7,533	6,912
Employee Benefits	82,320	81,826
Automotive	2,725	6,140
Liturgical Items	28,858	26,520
Church	34,371	30,810
Rectory	43,227	40,932
St. James Hall	34,259	31,440
Tralee Center	60,255	59,860
Mercy Hall	2,926	1,800
Office	15,578	14,160
Grounds	40,197	35,953
Religious Articles & Books	5,542	5,350
Property & Liability Insurance	23,762	24,960
Real Property Taxes	169	170
Charitable Donations	50,588	43,900
Religious Education Expense	5,793	5,772
Parish Programs Expense	16,960	15,130
School Support	41,946	40,830
Parish Fund Raising Activities	8,445	9,000
Other Expenditures	3,758	2,994
Diocesan Assessment	107,753	111,876
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>825,607</u>	<u>796,859</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-15,154	6,981
<b>Capital Campaign Fund</b>		
Envelope income	197,034	
School pledge installment	75,000	
Total Income	272,034	
<b>Construction Loan</b>		
Loan Balance 6/30/11	398,448	
Interest added	13,277	
Payments from Campaign receipts	199,000	
Payment from school pledge	75,000	
Loan Balance 6/30/12	137,725	
<b>Account Balances (6/30/2012)</b>		
General Operations Checking	126,898	
General Savings	134,076	
Maint. & Improvement Savings	9,893	
Capital Campaign Checking	2,085	
Capital Savings	206	
Held in Trust for B-Frienders	4,377	
Total end-of-year balances	277,534	

**St John the Evangelist School**  
**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FAITHFUL**  
**July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012**

	<u>11/12 Budget</u>	% Oper. Income	<u>11/12 Actual</u>	% Oper. Income	<u>Variance</u>
<b>School Enrollment</b>	<b>234</b>		<b>224</b>		<b>(10)</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Net Tuition and Fees	990,764	82%	882,901	80%	(107,863)
Net Donations & Gifts	15,400	1%	11,976	1%	(3,424)
Parish Support	0	0%	33,371	3%	33,371
Diocesan Support	0	0%	0	0%	0
Other Net Income (Student Services, Mdse Sales, Other)	11,000	1%	7,586	1%	(3,414)
<i>Net Contribution from Auxiliary Programs</i>					
Net Contribution from Extended Day Services	20,451	2%	4,777	0%	(15,674)
Net Contribution from Preschool Services	0	0%	1,206	0%	1,206
Net Contribution from Extracurricular Sports	5,510	0%	4,609	0%	(901)
Net Contribution from Food Services	0	0%	0	0%	0
Net Contribution from Fundraising	<u>166,622</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>157,146</u>	<u>14%</u>	<u>(9,476)</u>
Auxiliary Contribution	<u>192,583</u>	<u>16%</u>	<u>167,738</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>(24,845)</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b><u>1,209,747</u></b>	<b>100%</b>	<b><u>1,103,572</u></b>	<b>100%</b>	<b><u>(106,175)</u></b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Administrative Expenses	285,826	24%	252,950	23%	32,876
Instructional Expenses	848,856	70%	831,641	75%	17,215
Plant/ Facility Expenses	75,060	6%	95,247	9%	(20,187)
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>1,209,742</u></b>	<b>100%</b>	<b><u>1,179,838</u></b>	<b>107%</b>	<b><u>29,904</u></b>
<b>Excess Income over Exps (Net Ordinary Income)</b>	<b><u>5</u></b>	<b>0%</b>	<b><u>(76,266)</u></b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b><u>(76,271)</u></b>
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>	<b>25,100</b>		<b>31,029</b>		<b>5,929</b>
<b>Non-Operating Expense</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>75,000</b>		<b>(75,000)</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>25,105</u></b>		<b><u>(120,237)</u></b>		<b><u>(145,342)</u></b>

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNT BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2012**

Local Checking Accounts	40,109
Local Savings Accounts	11,672
Parochial Fund, Inc. Savings	124,486
Endowment Accounts	97,214
Other Accounts	368,586
<b>Total Balances, June 30, 2012</b>	<b><u>642,067</u></b>