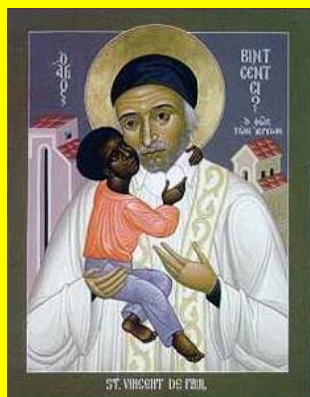


State of the  
Parish Report  
2012



**Parish Mission-**

***To Know and  
Celebrate our Catholic  
Faith***

***To Love God and our  
neighbor***

***To Serve as Disciples  
of Jesus Christ.***

**Formation**

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, I am very happy to present this report to you. It is a reminder that another year has gone by, and that our parish has remained strong in what we do to form Catholic Christians and in minding our fiscal house. Thank you for helping make it such a pleasure to be your pastor.

However, I write this knowing that being a Catholic is more of a challenge today than it was a year ago. Mass attendance is down in most areas. Religion, and people of faith are subject to contempt. The diversions of our society are fast and demanding. Nurturing faith takes effort aimed toward growth from within, perhaps not so immediately gratifying to people today.

Is our popular society's lifestyle the one for you, or will you focus on the Truth that is truly lasting?

In other words it is time for Catholics to stand up for what they believe. Pope Benedict XVI sees that the world is at a crossroad. He has proclaimed this the Year of Faith (Oct 11, 2012 to Nov 24, 2013) - for we as Catholics to rediscover our faith and to recommit. I invite you to use this year to deepen your understanding of why you are Catholic, to inform others, and to give the most precious gift you can to your children and those around you.

This calling is one of Faith Formation. It is each individual's lifelong learning project. If I had one wish for you, it is that you take up this challenge. You will not regret it.

This will be my 12<sup>th</sup> and last year as your pastor at St. Vincent's. This parish is a wonderful and truly blessed place. I cannot adequately express what it has meant to be a part of it. You are indeed fortunate to carry on here.

May God bless you.

Rev. John M. Long



**OUR PARISH AT A GLANCE**

Fiscal	2012	2011
Number of Households	3,603	3,615
Number of Parishioners/ Average Age	11,813/35.4	11,965/34.8
Baptisms	89	79
Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church	11	8
First Communions	145	146
Confirmation	155	141
Weddings	11	22
Funerals	89	50



# Trust in the Lord



## WORSHIP

Prayer Request Line – 230 prayed to give thanks and prayed for those needing prayer. Perpetual Adoration – more than 200 participated in uninterrupted adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass Volunteers – 657 choir and musicians, Eucharist ministers, lectors, ushers, Sacristans, Liturgy of the Word leaders, greeters and emergency medical responders participated to make Mass the celebration that renews our spirit and hope.

## OUTREACH

A total of 330 parish members volunteered to reach out to members of our community and beyond, through the following ministries: Hospital and Nursing Home visits, Womb-to-Tomb, Grief Ministry, Ministry to Homebound, Ministry to Persons with Disabilities, Funeral Lunch volunteers, Senior Lunch volunteers, Sharing and Caring Hands, Prison Ministry, Marriage Couples Ministry, Singles Ministry, Community Outreach ministries, Curbside Ministry, Medical Ministry, BIZAA International Outreach Multicultural Ministry, Feed My Starving Children, CEAP and CROSS food shelves, JustFaith, Giving Tree, and Franciscan Brothers of Peace.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

439 students and their parents participated at least monthly in helping causes, such as nursing home visits and charitable giving. Students collected nonperishable food for C.R.O.S.S., made cards for those in the military and their family members, donated socks to the Toasty Toes program, made sandwiches and collecting winter clothing for Sharing & Caring Hands, participated in a monthly Day of Prayer honoring specific people who have contributed generously to the school, offered money and baby items for the Baby Bottle Campaign/Baby Shower benefiting those facing unplanned pregnancies, and participated in many other events to support people in the local community.

## FAITH FORMATION

155 Confirmation candidates completed 3,100 hours of service at local food shelves, Feed My Starving Children, nursing homes, and parish projects. RCIA participants worked at Franciscan Brothers of Peace and Feed My Starving Children.

## YOUTH

The Summer Stretch and Christpower programs engaged over 100 Youth, Junior and Senior High, in summer projects to assist the elderly, disabled, and others in need. Our Youth groups also donated over 75 stockings full of toys and personal items for children – to CEAP.



## SPECIAL GIVING

Fiscal Year	2012	2011
Catholic Services Appeal and Charities of the Archdiocese	\$132,225	127,490
World and U.S. Missions	8,400	10,990
Local, National and International Hunger/Poverty	28,409	51,636
Protect Life	2,911	8,609
Disaster Relief	0	9,445
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$171,945</b>	<b>\$208,170</b>

-The above does not include Giving Tree, donations for School tuition and Faith Formation fee assistance, Archdiocesan Parish Assessment, funeral lunch food, and many others.

*“Thank You for finding us worthy to stand before You and serve You.”*

Every single day the Catholic Church feeds, houses, and clothes more people, takes care of more sick people, visits more prisoners, and educates more people than any other institution on the face of the earth could ever hope to.

Matthew Kelly, *Rediscover Catholicism*



# Come and Join Us

***We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden. (cf. Mt 5:13-16)***

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish officially invites its parish members to deepen their faith and to understand more fully exactly why we are Catholic. Everyone has unique gifts and talents. Our Catholic community invites you to participate in whichever way(s) you are most comfortable.*

*Leadership –If you have the gift to lead, you are blessed. Do you use it in part to help others?*

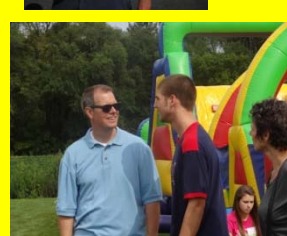
*Worship –Do you try and bring yourself fully to Mass, so that it is a source of renewal and growth? Do you spend regular time in prayer to frame your day and to draw closer to God?*

*Formation and Education – Where is your faith? Do you have knowledge of the Catholic Faith so that you are comfortable to reach out to others and to share with others? Do you ask the questions you need answered?*

*Outreach – Do you have contact with those in need, so that you can learn better how to help?*

*Parish Life - Is the parish stronger because you are in it? How many relationships here do you have? Are you a welcoming presence?*

*Finance and Administration – How is your self-management? Do your priorities express lasting love for God, family and community?*



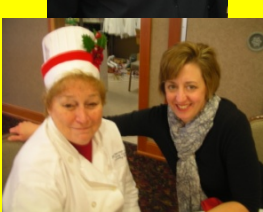
VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR 2011	2011-12	2010-11
Parish Leadership	44	43
Worship	657	605
Faith Formation	342	280
School	517	533
Outreach	586	561
Parish Life	605	613
Finance and Administration	52	67

**Total\*** 2,803 2,702

(\*volunteer positions – one person may serve in more than one position.)

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 Annual Financial Report



### Highlights of Fiscal Year 2012

- St. Vincent's remains financially stable. All in all, however, the parish experienced a relatively flat year, financially and demographically.
- Weekly offertory giving increased 1.3% and once again met its operating budget
  - Unemployment and underemployment, however, still affect our parish, and marginal gains in giving puts more pressure on cost containment and savings.
  - Catholic mass attendance remains a concern. St. Vincent's has begun to measure attendance and will use this data to gauge improvement. Parish households declined slightly from 3,615 to 3,603.
  - The School managed its fiscal budget very well. However, enrollment declined from 456 to 439.
  - The After School program had another very good year.
  - Faith Formation enrollment continued to reflect the decline in numbers of school age children in local School Districts.
  - The parish's most immediate fiscal concern is the aging of its facility. The Church building will be 25 years old in 2013. Boilers were replaced in the summer of 2012, and the lighting system failed in fall 2012. Additionally, the sound system began to fail and is being replaced. Total expenditures in fiscal 2013 will exceed \$250,000. A monthly facilities envelope and the Harvest Festival are the two major sources for funding for our facility.
  - Important changes to expand and improve St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery are planned for fiscal year 2013 and beyond.

### Financial Giving by Parish Members (calendar year 2011)

Amount Contributed	No. of Households	% HH Giving	Total \$ Given	% of Total \$
\$0	1,427	39.6%	\$0	0.0%
\$0.01 - \$100.00	422	11.7%	20,002	1.1%
\$100.01 - \$300.00	388	10.8%	78,556	4.3%
\$300.01 - \$700.00	513	14.2%	255,441	13.9%
\$700.01 - \$1,000.00	231	6.4%	194,385	10.6%
\$1000.01 - \$3,000.00	542	15.0%	890,175	48.5%
\$3,000.01 - \$5,000.00	57	1.6%	212,903	11.6%
\$5,000.01 - \$10,000.00	21	0.6%	135,399	7.4%
\$10,000.01-\$15,000.00	4	0.1%	49,540	2.7%
>\$15,000.00	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
	3,605	100.0%	\$1,836,409	100.0%

The average contributed of those giving - \$843.16 (Last Yr. -\$850.75)  
 The average contributed of all households - \$509.41 (Last Yr. -\$516.56)  
 (Calendar year giving for 2011 compares unfavorably with 2010. However, overall giving was higher in Fiscal 2012 due to the higher contributions in the first 6 months of calendar 2012.)

**643 Households utilize automatic withdrawal of contributions by ACH or Credit Card, for a total of \$607,529, or 33.08% of all offertory giving.**

### Balance Sheet

Assets	6/30/2012	6/30/2011
Cash and Investments	\$1,363,798	\$1,280,965
Cemetery Fund	409,879	422,998
Other Assets	55,687	60,946
Endowment Funds	63,208	65,637
Land, Buildings, Furnishings, and Equipment	8,046,294	8,199,098
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$9,938,866</b>	<b>\$10,029,644</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$874,636	\$904,022
Long Term Debt	907,155	1,160,079
Net Assets (Equity)	8,157,075	7,965,542
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$9,938,866</b>	<b>\$10,029,644</b>

### Operating Statement

Income	Fiscal 2012	Fiscal 2011
Annual Giving	\$1,940,798	\$1,915,950
St. Vincent de Paul School	1,835,877	1,780,001
Faith Formation (Religious Ed)	157,599	150,857
Outreach (Charity Donations)	27,794	30,745
After School Program	136,406	-
Bequests and Memorials	17,583	2,278
Catering	192,005	167,744
Gift Shop	10,193	10,712
Festival (Net)	82,476	42,945
Major Repair and Replacement Envelope	43,549	47,940
Rebates from Archdiocese	31,363	24,145
Other Income	42,088	82,612
Cemetery Income	38,397	38,140
Interest Income	12,815	12,744
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,568,955</b>	<b>\$4,402,764</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship and Sacraments	\$167,311	\$170,184
Outreach	117,073	133,256
St. Vincent de Paul School	1,785,996	1,763,765
Faith Formation (Religious Ed)	253,188	264,484
Youth Ministry	63,353	57,788
After School Program	82,099	-
Catering	168,384	146,727
Gift Shop	3,420	4,102
Facility Costs	493,729	519,033
Stewardship and Development	91,681	92,935
Priest and Rectory Costs	146,389	128,458
Office and Administration	350,005	341,030
Assessment from Archdiocese	156,835	176,209
Other Church Expense	33,833	35,722
Cemetery Expense	28,100	22,757
Interest on Debt	75,792	89,354
Depreciation	359,968	355,939
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,377,156</b>	<b>\$4,362,658</b>
<b>Change In Net Assets</b>	<b>\$191,799</b>	<b>\$40,106</b>

### Notes on Financial Statements:

Expenses for the separate departments and ministry areas, such as School, Faith formation, and others do not include allocations for facility costs, such as utility costs, custodial and maintenance, or depreciation.

\*the 2012 Gain was due in part to a one-time reduction in Pension cost liability. Without this adjustment (of \$70,077) Church Operations, Cemetery and Restricted and Designated Funds were a net gain of \$121,722.