

# State of the Parish Report 2011



## Parish Mission-

*To Know and Celebrate our Catholic Faith*

*To Love God and our neighbor*

*To Serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ.*

## Stewardship

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to introduce this report to you. After 10 years at St. Vincent's, I know fully that I have found myself in the best place and at the best time that I could ever imagine for anyone. What a wonderful privilege it has been to be serving the Lord here as Pastor.

One of the highlights of this past year was the ordination of our parishioner Larry Lawinger to diaconate in September 2010. The testimony to a life of service to the Lord that Larry and JoAnn have made over the years at St. Vincent's is an example fitting to mention in a report with the Stewardship theme.

Stewardship is faith in action. It is God's call, to those who would listen, to do His work as disciples of Jesus Christ. In calling you to a greater sense of Stewardship in this Report, we are not saying, "It sure would be nice if you would do this." As Bishop John McRaith once put it, "Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ stewardship is not an option."

As you will notice here, St. Vincent's continues to enjoy a solid financial base. We have done fine. Your financial

giving is bearing fruit and, as always, is very much appreciated, and needed.

Stewardship, though, encompasses more than financial giving and the needs of your parish. Stewardship is in how as individuals we honor the Lord with what we have and who we are. It is our own expression of our own need to give, a need to have a life that expresses thankfulness, caring and balance.

As I look over the content of this Report, I am struck that this parish offers every type of opportunity for all of us to become enriched and to advance on our spiritual journey. This parish offers the community and friendships of people who believe as we do. It offers us the ability to reach out as disciples of Christ and help our neighbor. This parish offers us as families to practice, learn, and help our children understand and nurture their faith, so that in times of hardship, as well as in good times, they can turn to God first, for their guidance, relief, renewal and hope. I invite you in.

May God bless you.



Rev. John M. Long



## OUR PARISH AT A GLANCE



Fiscal	2011	2010
Number of Households	3,615	3,705
Number of Parishioners/ Average Age	11,965/34.8	12,081/34.4
Baptisms	79	128
Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church	8	9
First Communions	146	141
Confirmation	141	145
Weddings	22	20
Funerals	50	41



*We are grateful to God for our lives, our loved ones, and the privileged existence in which we find ourselves in this time and place. Mostly, though, we give thanks, that through Jesus Christ we have refuge in His love and protection, and hope for eternal life.*



## Stewardship - from a Thankful Heart

*When the history of our generation of Catholics is written, may it be said of us, "What good stewards they were! They faced economic uncertainty and shifting demographics. They faced threats to the church from without and scandal from within. And yet they kept investing themselves in the life of the Church. They kept praying. They kept coming to Mass. They kept participating. They kept giving their life's blood for the sake of God and His Church, and through their efforts and the grace of God, the world around them started to change. Ever gradually, the culture of death became the culture of life."*

- Our Sunday Visitor: *What Catholics Do: Stewardship*

### WORSHIP

Prayer Request Line – 230 prayed to give thanks and prayed for those needing prayer.  
 Perpetual Adoration – more than 200 participate in 24/7 adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.  
 Mass Volunteers – 645 choir and musicians, Eucharist ministers, lectors, ushers, Sacristans, Liturgy of the Word leaders, greeters and emergency medical responders participated to make Mass the celebration to renew spirit and hope to be Catholic Christians in our daily world.

### OUTREACH

In the following ministries a total of 305 volunteered to help and comfort others: Grief Ministry, Ministry to Homebound, Hospital and Nursing Home Visitors, Funeral Lunch volunteers, Senior Lunch volunteers, Sharing and Caring Hands servers, Marriage Ministry couples, Singles Ministry, Curbside Ministry, Womb to Tomb Ministry, Medical Ministry, Prison Ministry, Multi-cultural Ministry, Ministry to the Disabled, and Adult Mission Trips. During calendar year 2010 parish families and groups volunteered 1,085 times at Feed My Starving Children.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

The 456 students and helping parents participate at least monthly in various projects to help and support others.

### FAITH FORMATION

148 Confirmation candidates completed 2,960 hours of service helping in the community.

### YOUTH

The Summer Stretch and Christpower programs engaged over 90 Youth, Junior and Senior High, in summer projects to assist the elderly, disabled, and others who could use a hand.

SPECIAL GIVING	Fiscal Year	2011	2010
Catholic Services Appeal and Charities of the Archdiocese		\$127,490	\$128,105
World and U.S. Missions		10,990	21,771
Local, National and International Hunger/Poverty		51,636	61,653
Protect Life		8,609	2,766
Disaster Relief		9,445	26,037
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$208,170</b>	<b>\$240,332</b>

-The above does not include Giving Tree, donations for School and Faith Formation 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*



# Share your Time and Talent

(if you want to participate in any of these areas, call the Parish Office - 763-425-2210.)



## PARISH LEADERSHIP

- Pastoral Council
- Leadership Development Team
- Stewardship Committee
- Worship Commission
- Formation & Education Commission
- Outreach Commission
- Parish Life Commission
- Finance & Admin Commission

## WORSHIP

- Altar Servers
- Cantors
- Choirs and Accompanists
- Devotion
- Exaltation
- Jubilation
- Resound
- Sincerely His
- Cherubim Choir
- Children's Choir
- Freedom (Youth Choir)
- Inspiration
- Mass Appeal
- Men's Schola
- Praise Singers
- Instrumentalists
- Emergency Medical Responders
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Greeters
- Lectors
- Living Rosary
- Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration
- Prayer Request Line
- Sacristans
- Stations of the Cross
- Triduum Communal AM Prayer
- Ushers



## FORMATION AND EDUCATION

- After School Program
- Auction for Education
- Book Club
- Men's Spirituality Breakfast
- Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS)
- Protecting God's Children
- Vacation Bible School

## FAITH FORMATION

- Adult Confirmation
- Adult Faith Formation
- Baptism
- Bible Study
- Catechists
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Confirmation – Youth
- Elem. Faith Formation-Levels 1 & 2
- First Sacraments Program
- Jr/Sr High Faith Formation Levels
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation – Adult)
- RCIS (Rite of Christian Initiation – Child)

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

- Athletic Booster Club
- Generation Endurance
- Booster Club Golf Outing
- Breakfast with Santa
- Extracurricular
- Home and School Association
- Rummage Sale
- School Advisory Committee
- School Office Volunteers
- Scrip Fundraiser



## PARISH LIFE

- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)
- Cana Dinner
- Coffee and Company
- Council of Catholic Women
- Christmas Bazaar
- Gift Shop
- Spring Tea
- Garden Angels
- Girl Scouts
- Harvest Festival
- Knights of Columbus
- Boy Scouts
- Lenten Dinner
- Nursery Care
- Parent's Morning Out (PMO)
- Parish Food Service
- St. Vincent Voice – Newsletter
- Sunday Bulletin
- Volunteer Ministry
- Welcome Center
- Youth Ministry

- Core Team
- Dream Team
- Jr. High Youth – The Edge
- Sr. High Youth – Life Nights
- Senior High Retreats
- Youth Retreats – Missions

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- Cemetery
- Collection Counters
- Employment Network
- Facility and Grounds Volunteers
- Finance Committee
- Finance & Budget Subcommittee
- Facility Subcommittee
- Administration Subcommittee

## OUTREACH

- Adult Mission Trip
- Arms of Hope
- Charitable Assistance
- Christmas Baskets
- Curbside Assistance
- Divorced & Separated Ministry
- Funeral Lunches
- Giving Tree
- Grief Ministry
- Homebound Ministry
- Hospital Ministry
- Marriage/Matrimony
- Memorial Service
- Ministry to the Disabled
- Nursing Home Ministry
- Prepare Ministry
- Senior Luncheon
- Singles with a Heart Ministry
- Social Justice
- Social Justice Committee
- JustFaith
- JusticeWalking
- Womb-to-Tomb
- Medical Ministry
- Ministry to the Disabled
- Sowers of Justice
- BIZAA
- CCHD
- Charitable Outreach
- Thanksgiving Dinner



## VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP

### FISCAL YEAR 2011

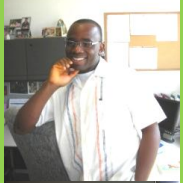
	No. Vol. Positions
Parish Leadership	43
Worship	605
Faith Formation	280
School	533
Outreach	561
Parish Life	613
Finance and Administration	67

**Total** 2,702\*

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



## July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 Annual Financial Report



### Highlights of Fiscal Year 2011

St. Vincent's remains financially stable.

- After two years of decline in giving, St. Vincent's had a slight increase in 2011 – by .7%. Due to diligent stewardship by staff and volunteers, expenses were held under control and the parish had a small cash surplus for the year.
- Unemployment and underemployment still affect our parish.
- Catholic Church mass attendance has been down, generally and at St. Vincent's, the number of member households has decreased in the last year, from 3,705 to 3,615.
- Faith Formation enrollment continued to reflect the decline in numbers of school age children in the local School Districts.
- The School continues as a strong draw – In the 2010-11 school year, enrollment bounced back to the 2009 level of 456.
- In 2010-11, the Church began an After School Program with enrollment of 85 in the first year.
- At the very end of the Fiscal Year in June 2011, the parish settled a claim with Catholic Mutual and the Archdiocese that will replace all of the skylights on the Church and Education Center buildings, due to hail damage. Of a total cost of \$172 thousand, the parish will pay \$38 thousand, which is the amount it would have paid to coat the panels, which we were going to do but discovered they were hail-damaged instead.
- In addition to the \$38 thousand for skylights mentioned above, the parish has significant repairs to Regan Hall stained glass, and will replace boilers and water heaters this year. Major Repair and Replacement expenditures are scheduled at approximately \$200 thousand in fiscal 2012.

### Financial Giving by Parish Members

Amount Contributed	No. of Households	% HH	Total \$	% of
		Giving	Given	Total \$
\$0	1,420	39.3%	\$0	0.0%
\$0.01 - \$100.00	405	10.4%	18,809	1.0%
\$100.01 - \$300.00	417	8.6%	83,854	4.5%
\$300.01 - \$700.00	512	11.9%	254,868	13.6%
\$700.01 - \$1,000.00	224	6.0%	189,965	10.2%
\$1,000.01-\$3,000.00	544	14.0%	906,733	48.6%
\$3,000.01-\$5,000.00	62	2.0%	196,095	10.5%
\$5,000.01-\$10,000.00	28	1.1%	180,568	9.7%
\$10,000.01-\$15,000.00	3	0.1%	36,505	2.0%
>\$15,000.00	0	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
	3,615	100.0%	\$1,867,397	100.0%

The average contribution of those giving - \$850.75

The average contribution of all households - \$516.56

**461 Households utilize automatic withdrawal of contributions by ACH or Credit Card, for a total of \$607,224, or 32.5% of all offertory giving.**

#### 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 utilities, custodial and maintenance, or depreciation.

\*2010 Operating Loss was due to one-time charges – for Pension accrual (non cash) and for financing costs associated with re-financing Long Term Debt.

### Balance Sheet

	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$1,280,965	\$1,214,886
Cemetery Fund	422,998	410,390
Other Assets	60,946	50,156
Endowment Funds	65,637	51,613
Land, Buildings, Furnishings, and Equipment	8,199,098	8,468,525
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,029,644</b>	<b>\$10,195,570</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$904,022	\$871,885
Long Term Debt	1,160,079	1,398,248
Net Assets (Equity)	7,965,542	7,925,437
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$10,029,644</b>	<b>\$10,195,570</b>

### Operating Statement

	Fiscal 2011	Fiscal 2010
Annual Giving	\$1,915,950	\$1,902,473
St. Vincent de Paul School	1,780,001	1,657,422
Faith Formation (Religious Ed)	150,857	149,487
Outreach (Charity Donations)	30,745	27,279
After School Program	95,944	-
Bequests and Memorials	2,278	2,931
Catering	167,744	156,008
Gift Shop	10,712	9,493
Festival (Net)	42,945	51,688
Major Repair and Replacement Envelope	47,940	45,953
Rebates from Archdiocese	24,145	28,404
Other Income	82,612	54,732
Cemetery Income	38,148	23,980
Interest Income	12,744	8,855
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,402,764</b>	<b>\$4,118,704</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Worship and Sacraments	\$170,184	\$168,567
Outreach	133,256	132,322
St. Vincent de Paul School	1,763,765	1,798,267
Faith Formation (Religious Ed)	264,484	268,780
Youth Ministry	57,788	57,675
After School Program	60,915	-
Catering	146,727	147,493
Gift Shop	4,102	4,918
Facility Costs	519,033	521,590
Stewardship and Development	92,935	82,498
Priest and Rectory Costs	128,458	133,285
Office and Administration	341,030	351,853
Assessment from Archdiocese	176,209	160,215
Other Church Expense	35,722	14,691
Cemetery Expense	22,757	24,261
Interest on Debt	89,354	154,317
Depreciation	355,939	355,404
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,362,658</b>	<b>\$4,376,136</b>
<b>Change In Net Assets</b>	<b>\$40,106</b>	<b>(\$257,432)*</b>

**See the Parish website for additional financial information.**