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# The St. Vincent Voice

A PUBLICATION OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## GROW YOUR FAITH THROUGH COMMUNITY ...THE FOCUS OF THIS ISSUE

**Do you ever feel like our whole society is stacked against you, and your belief system?** Do you wish sometimes that you had a better faith life, but can't seem to fit it in your schedule? Are you concerned that your children are growing up in an age when everything's permissible—and you don't know how to protect them? Do you feel a little "lost" in our large parish?

If so, you should get involved with your parish community. At St. Vincent's, you have the chance to form relationships with others who share your Catholic faith. **Why does that matter? Because being a Catholic is as much a part of who you are, as whether you are a man or a woman, rich or poor, young or old.** Being a Catholic shapes the way you worship, how you raise your family, the way you form your conscience, and how you plan to get to heaven. With fellow believers, you can share ideas for improving your understanding or appreciation of our faith. When friendly faces greet you at Mass, it becomes a weekly celebration of the greater "church family" that you joined at Baptism. This is a family that extends

beyond your home parish to the worldwide Catholic Community. Some of the people you meet may challenge you, some may inspire you, and some of them may become close friends. In so many places these days, you are discouraged from talking about God—but here you are welcome to talk about your deepest feelings, questions, and even doubts about your faith.

**For every person reading this issue, there is a place.** There are groups at our parish for men, women, stay-at-home parents, working parents, teenagers, seniors, and more. You can join a group to provide a service to others, or a group where you simply enjoy the company of others. You can learn about the faith, or help teach the faith. You can talk about tough issues like divorce or grief. You can scrapbook together, cook together, or pray together. In one newsletter, we cannot begin to cover all the groups at our parish, but we've tried to present a few - and you can find out more by calling the parish office at 763-425-2210. Just tell them your interests, and they can help find your place.

— *Nikelle Morris, Editor*

### OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH A Worldwide Community of Faith

St. Vincent De Paul is a fairly large parish; we are over 3400 households; we may have a membership of over 10,000 individuals. But we are only one of 233 parishes in the archdiocese; only one of 18,548 parishes nationally, only one of 219,655 parishes in the world. Our 10,000 or so members are just one small portion of over one billion Catholics worldwide. Ours, as the word "catholic" means, is a universal church. It embraces a worldwide diversity of languages, ethnic and racial groups, cultures and local customs.

It is important to understand that not all Catholics are Roman Catholics. There are 22 Eastern Catholic Rites that comprise

the five Eastern Catholic traditions: Byzantine, Chaldean, Alexandrian, Antiochene, and Armenian. A rite signifies more than a liturgy (though anyone who has attended a liturgy of the Eastern rite readily picks up on a great many differences); it denotes distinctive traditions across a broad front. Noteworthy among these for Eastern Catholics, in contrast with those of the Ro-



*The domes of a Ukrainian Catholic parish in Simpson, PA*

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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Help with Catholic Relief Services

The Catholic Bishops of the United States founded Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in 1943. Their mission is to assist the poor and disadvantaged, leveraging the teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to alleviate human suffering, promote development of all people, and to foster charity and justice throughout the world.

Working through local offices and an extensive network of partners, CRS operates on 5 continents and in 99 countries. They aid the poor by first providing direct assistance where needed, then encouraging people to help with their own development. Together, these approaches foster secure, productive, just communities that enable people to realize their potential.

As the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community, CRS is also committed to educating the people of the United States to fulfill their moral responsibilities toward our global brothers and sisters by helping the poor, working to remove the causes of poverty, and promoting social justice.

Get involved! Visit [www.crs.org/get\\_involved/index.cfm](http://www.crs.org/get_involved/index.cfm) or call 1-866-608-5978.

## ASK FATHER

Fr. Jack or Fr. Tom Answer Parishioner's Questions



**How does Advent preparation relate to our preparation for the Second Coming of Jesus?**

Advent is the wonderful liturgical season placed four weeks before Christmas to symbolize the coming of the Lord. Jesus did come once before—and so we celebrate the Incarnation, the Word becoming flesh. Those who have faith know that He will come again. That is the key. Jesus is coming again. Advent, then, is a time for waiting and preparing for the coming of the Lord Jesus in our lives. He comes each day through prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments. He comes at the time of death.

**We believe that Jesus will come again at the end of the world to judge the living and the dead. Therefore, Advent is not just the liturgical season when we wait to open that Christmas gift that has been sitting under the Christmas tree since December 1st.**

Last year, Advent really came alive when my mother died on December 16th. The week before, she told me that she was ready to leave this world. She said that she was 91 and was ready to die. Now my mother—even though she was 91—had her faculties. Oh sure, her body was 91 years old, but her father lived until 96. My mother was a woman of faith. She didn't wear it on her sleeve but wore it in her heart. She was prepared for the coming of the Lord and she waited. On the 13th of December we took her in to the emergency room, they ran some tests and discovered that she had cancer of the pancreas and liver. The doctor told us it would be 6 months. She told us it would go quickly. I had the privilege of celebrating the Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist with her and my siblings. For two days we talked and prayed and said our good byes. On Friday night she went to the Lord. Now that's Advent.

We shouldn't spend only 4 weeks preparing and waiting for the Lord. Instead, we must be Advent people all through the year. Take these four weeks to listen to the prophets talking about the coming of the Lord. Take these four weeks and prepare for Christmas. He came once, He will come again. Take these four weeks and prepare your soul for the inevitable meeting with God when you die. Take these four weeks and prepare your soul to meet God at the end.

### Submit Your Question!

If you have a question for Fr. Jack or Fr. Tom, mail it to: **The St. Vincent Voice Editor** at the church, or e-mail it to: [editor@saintvdp.org](mailto:editor@saintvdp.org). Please title it, "Ask Father."



## FACES OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meet Margaret Schauer, Our New Pastoral Minister

**M**y husband Tony and I have been members of St. Vincent's for 9 years. We have three children who attend St. Vincent de Paul School. Jacob is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Matthew in 7<sup>th</sup>, and Gabrielle in 5<sup>th</sup>. I graduated from Totino-Grace High School in 1983. I went on to the University of MN, where I received a B.S. degree in Child Psychology. While in college I worked at North Ridge Care Center, and it was during this time that I developed a love for the elderly. I have always wanted to minister to them and have appreciated their wisdom.

I also had the privilege of working at Totino-Grace High School as a coach. It was a very rewarding experience, not only as a coach, but as a mentor to many of these young women. Before our first child was

born, I was working with children in a day care center as a lead teacher. I was a stay at home mom for many years until I began working at the school 5 years ago.

I have always found myself called to work and minister to people. I became a part of the Respect Life Committee here at St. Vincent's following the loss of three of our babies to late term miscarriage. It was at this time that I felt that a program for those who suffer from miscarriage and the loss of a baby was greatly needed. I went on to become involved in the Grief and Loss Ministry and was trained as a Befriender two years ago. I feel blessed and privileged to be able to serve our parish community as a Pastoral Minister and look forward to this very important ministry.

— Margaret Schauer, Staff Member

# WORLDWIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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man rite, is a married clergy. Distinctive sacramental practices are also found, such as the immediate admission of baptized infants to confirmation and the Eucharist. Rather than Latin, the liturgical languages of the Eastern Rite churches are either those spoken by the original missionary founders or the present-day vernacular.

**Of far greater importance than liturgical differences or differences in clerical custom and disciplines are the fundamental basics that bind us together as one church**—7 sacraments, the ultimate authority of the Holy Father in matters of faith and morals, a tradition of prayer rooted in Sacred Scripture, and fidelity to the apostolic tradition/teaching as expressed in both the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. I think it is incumbent upon us to feel a real connection to these

"other" Catholics, many of whom suffer greatly for their faith. Just consider that the Patriarchs (Archbishops) of the Syrian, Maronite and Armenian Rites all reside in Lebanon; the Patriarch of the Melkite Rite lives in Damascus and the patriarch of the Chaldean Rite lives in Mosul, Iraq. One can only imagine at what risk they and their people maintain their faith.

Even though the Roman or Latin Rite dominates, the Second Vatican Council, in its Decree on the Catholic Eastern Churches, confirmed a pledge to preserve the Eastern rites intact. Each represents a distinctive way of being Catholic and each one reminds us that the faith of Christ is not impeded by national borders, nor by cultural or ethnic variants. The arms of Christ embrace all.

— Sr. Nora Klewicki, Staff Member

## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. VINCENT'S

A Wealth of Choices for Learning More about Your Faith

This year marks the 2nd year that St. Vincent de Paul Parish is making a concerted effort to emphasize adult faith formation. We are responding to our Bishops' call to make adult faith formation "the central task in the catechetical enterprise, becoming the axis around which revolves the catechesis of childhood and adolescence." **Many people believe that faith formation is just for children and teens, but properly understood, it is lifelong.**

Being a faithful adult disciple of Jesus Christ involves "consciously growing in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer and study." This year we are continuing to offer Bible Studies, Book Club, Evangelization Initiative, Guest Speakers, Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) groups, and Natural Family Planning classes. Some new offerings this year are a DVD/discussion series on What Makes Us Catholic, a study group on Great



*APEX Ministries brought their family-friendly show and Catholic message to St. Vincent's on Sept. 10, 2006.*

Twentieth Century Catholics, a series on Prayer and Spirituality, and two adult retreats here at St. Vincent de Paul.

**Our parish is also focusing on family faith formation events**, which include the APEX Ministries event, a Family Lenten Retreat, a Storyteller Family Event and a new addition to the First Eucharist Program — a Parent/Child Night.

Our faith must impact our daily lives, and we live our daily lives in our families — that is why family faith formation is so important. Watch the parish bulletin for details on all these opportunities to deepen your faith (a few of the dates are listed at right).

*\* Quotes are from the U.S. Bishops' statement, "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us"*



*Young parishioner Sara Schirck was one of several audience volunteers.*

— Chuck Pratt, Staff Member

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Nov: 1: All Saints Day
- Nov: 2: All Souls Day
- Nov: 2 & 3: Giving Tree Set Up
- Nov: 14: "What Makes Us Catholic" Discussion Series Begins
- Nov: 16: Guest Speaker on the Gospel of Luke
- Nov: 22: Fr. Jack's Birthday
- Nov: 23: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am
- Dec: 1 & 2: Advent Adult Retreat
- Dec: 2 & 3: Christmas Bazaar
- Dec: 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
- Dec: 14: Guest Speaker on The Meaning of Baptism
- Dec: 24: Christmas Eve Masses at 4 pm, 6 pm & 10 pm
- Dec: 25: Christmas Day Masses at 8 am & 10 am
- Jan: 1: New Year's Day Mass at 9 am
- Jan: 3: Panel Discussion on Learning Disabilities
- Jan: 12: "Great Twentieth Century Catholics" Discussion Series Begins

# ST. VINCENT P SHARE THEIR FELLOWSH



**Hello! I am one of the funeral luncheon coordinators here at St. Vincent de Paul**, and I've been asked to share with you how being a member of the Funeral Luncheon ministry helps deepen my Catholic faith. I would first like to tell you a little about myself and my family. My husband Jonathan, my daughter Sara and I joined the parish in

2001. Jonathan serves as a Lector and a Eucharistic Minister, and Sara sings in Freedom and attends J-Zone. Sara went on the mission trip with the Youth Ministry this summer. In addition to serving in the funeral luncheon ministry, I also spend one hour a week with Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel.

When I serve at a funeral luncheon, I am reminded of the corporal work of mercy, burial of the dead. I believe that through my service, I am helping the family and friends of the deceased to do that. While that is certainly a very important aspect of the ministry, there is an important personal side to it as well. **My religious faith is strengthened and bolstered each time I come together with my fellow parishioners in this ministry.** They affirm for me that when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, He is truly within us and transforms us. We, through Christ, are called to serve one another and that is what I witness at each luncheon. I am one of the newest members of this ministry, and I am heartened to see these members of Christ's body show up over and over again. Each time that they do, it is with enthusiasm to do the best that they can for the family. I am likewise moved by all of the ministry members behind the scene. These would include the callers and the food donators. They are all volunteers and provide their service at a moment's notice. They, through their devotion, also help to deepen my faith.

I was looking for a way to be a contributing member of Christ's body, when by a series of chance happenings, I came to this ministry. I feel blessed to be a member of the Catholic faith and I feel blessed to know and work with the members of this ministry. **All of them, in my opinion, truly follow the bidding at the end of mass, "Go now to love and serve the Lord."**

— Janet Kovach, Parishioner

*The funeral luncheon ministry at St. Vincent de Paul church administers to the needs of the departed parishioner's family and friends by providing them with food and service for the luncheon after the Funeral Mass. The ministry consists of workers, callers, coordinators and food donators. The members' main mission is to offer comfort to the grieving assembly through their service. Janet Kovach & Dorothy Andrews are the current coordinators. Anyone desiring to be a part of this ministry, please contact Kathleen Pomerleau at (763) 425-2210 or e-mail her at: [kathleenpomerleau@saintvdp.org](mailto:kathleenpomerleau@saintvdp.org)*



**My husband and I joined St Vincent** before I saw the M.O.M.S group announcement. At the time, I was looking for a way to women in the parish, and most of a ally. I pray at home, but knew that a gr me accountable and moving. Although and liked the idea, I thought it was for two adult children, I didn't think this gro

**The next season, I saw the M.O.M.S. announcement in the bulletin again, but this time I noticed a sentence that said it didn't matter how young or how old our children were. Oh, I was so pleased!** I called and joined a small group of 7 women all wanting to grow in our faith through participation in a structured, 8-week program. I learned that M.O.M.S. was actually a new group at St. Vincent's, my session only the second one. I learned how refreshing it was to have women with children of all ages in the same group. I also learned that it doesn't matter if you have children at all! Personally, I think the group should be called W.O.W.—Women of Wisdom!



The ladies

What have I gotten out of being part of the M.O.M.S. The freedom that comes with making a commitment—to meet, to read a little from a faith oriented book, to be (isn't required) and to go wherever God might want to ing to go to Mass during the week to listen and g

*The goal of the M.O.M.S. group is to gather mothers together to form a network of mutual spiritual support; To provide a group experience of learning, praying and ministering to each other; To introduce mothers to opportunities for personal and spiritual growth in a faith sharing group; To increase communication skills and the use of prayer in the home. If you have questions, please call Dana at 763-433-2753 or Julie at 763-416-0390.*

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# PARISHIONERS STORIES OF SHIP

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Members of M.O.M.S. in Sept. '06

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— Laurie Knox, Parishioner



**The Knights of Columbus** is one of the largest male catholic fraternal organizations in the world. As Knights, we have an opportunity to serve our parish and our community, and be a part of a world wide organization. With the strength of more than 1.7 million Knights worldwide, our fraternal benefits continue to grow. We can service our members by offering unique insurance benefits, college tuition loans that do not have to be repaid until schooling is completed and special college scholarships for families of our armed forces members, police officers and fire fighters who die in the line of duty. We give the Pope about 2 million dollars a year for his special charities. The Knights raised over 10 million dollars for hurricane relief and the rebuilding of catholic churches and schools.

*The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney as an organization committed to provide financial aid and support to parish families in need and to serve the church and parish community. His vision included four principles set forth by the Knights of Columbus which still prevail today. They are: Charity to those in need, Unity as a Catholic lay organization, Fraternity to assist brother Knights and their families, and Patriotism to serve and honor our country, church and communities. Membership is open to all men over 18 years of age who are practicing Catholics. One of the main objectives of our local Council is providing support to St. Vincent de Paul School & Church and the Osseo/Maple Grove community through charitable works. Currently, the Osseo-Maple Grove Council 9139 has close to 300 members. For information on how to join, contact Steve Siebert at 763-425-6383 or e-mail [steve.seibert@ae2s.com](mailto:steve.seibert@ae2s.com).*

**As a Knight I have had the opportunity to become more involved in serving my church and community.** The Knights have also given me a chance to meet and work with some wonderful people in our parish and other local churches. Had it not been for the Knights, I would not have had such an opportunity.

As a Knight you can choose to be as active as you wish. You might help once a year with our annual Tootsie Roll Drive, which raises money for local charities that help mentally handicapped children, or being a part of the Special Olympics Fall Classic Bowling Tournament in November. You might help with one of the breakfasts or special projects that raise money for our parish or our school, or help support a seminarian student. Whatever your time commitment, you will be enriched tenfold. The benefits of being a Knight are endless.

— Ken Ford, Parishioner



**The Senior Lunch program was organized in 2000 in response to the fast growth in the area and the need for seniors to find ways to be involved and welcomed.**

When the first luncheon was held, it was well attended with a group of 65 people. The group discussed how they would like to structure the lunches, and found that they had a variety of interests—including speakers, cards, bingo, etc. In the past few years, the lunches have included all of these activities as well as entertainment from choirs, traveling variety troupes, and more! The entire group agreed to a monthly full menu meal, price to be determined. Many volunteered as helpers with set-up and clean-up for the luncheon.

Over time, the luncheons have grown quite popular and now serve approximately 175-200 people each month. **The luncheon is the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm in Regan Hall.** You can make your reservation by calling the church office by the Friday before the luncheon each month at 763-425-2210.

*You can enjoy the Senior Lunch as an attendee, but you can also get involved as a volunteer! If you'd like to help out and meet some fellow parishioners in the process, contact Margaret Schauer at the parish office (763-424-9833).*

— Ida Braun, Parishioner

## Editor's Note:

While this issue of the St. Vincent Voice is focused on the various opportunities for forming connections with other parishioners at St.

Vincent's, it's important to thank you, the parishioners who make it possible through your stewardship.

**Without your support, this community could not exist.**

The next few pages will outline the Annual Report for our parish, allowing you to review how the church is using your monetary stewardship to nurture and grow our parish and school.

St. Vincent de Paul is greatly blessed by the time, talent and treasure freely given by the members of our parish family.

# YOUR SUPPORT SUSTAINS OUR COMMUNITY

## St. Vincent de Paul Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2006

**The Finance and Administration Committee of St. Vincent de Paul Church oversees and guides the stability of finances, facility, and general administration of the parish.**

It is comprised of four sub-committees: Finance and Budget; Facility; Human Resources; and Long Term Planning. The Committee meets at least quarterly to review budget performance, facility planning and other sub-committee objectives. It holds additional meetings in February-March each year to review and revise the five-year financial forecast for the parish and to establish the budget

for the upcoming fiscal year. (The fiscal year of the parish is July through June.)

Our parish had a *net* income of \$269,592 in fiscal 2006, including Cemetery income. Weekly giving increased 9.7% over fiscal 2005, and was 7.6% better than collections budgeted for the year.

The final touches on the new Rectory concluded that project in July and August 2005. At \$697 thousand, the Rectory wrapped up \$3 under budget. The second house – in Osseo – was sold in July 2005. Approximately \$110 thousand of the \$270 thousand net profit above was due to the gain realized on the Osseo house.

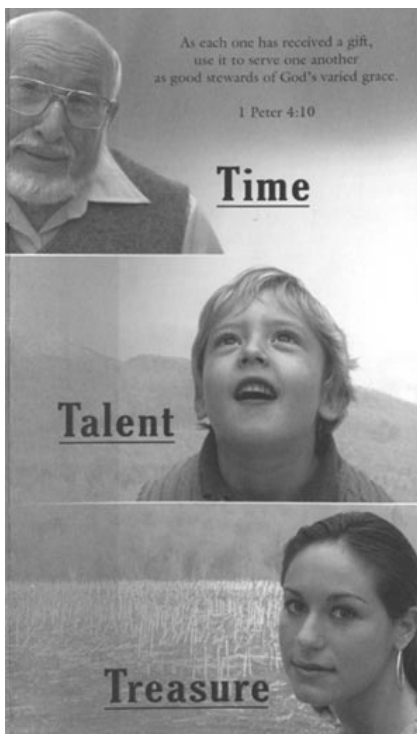
Major Repair and Replacement costs were \$213 thousand, less than the \$279 thousand budgeted. The reason for this is that after reviewing the condition of the roof on the Church, the Facility committee

electd to forego replacing the entire flat portion in favor of replacing a substantial part now and repairing the defective parts of the remainder. The major projects in fiscal 2007 are a new soccer field at the School and additional parking lot repairs.

The main challenges for the future are demographic: declining population of children in the area; and the increasing age of the facility: large amounts needed to keep it in shape.

**The parish continues in a strong financial position.** We have active and dedicated members, who give in so many ways.

**Thank you for your continuing support.**



— *St. Vincent de Paul Finance and Administration Committee*

### FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

**Members:** Jim Collins  
Dave Suman  
Karen Hawkinson  
Cindy Hemmer  
James Vettel  
Jason Martinez  
Lee Halbur

**Trustees:** Jason Coffel  
Jim Volp

**Church Staff:** Rev. John M. Long  
Norm Olafson

# BALANCE SHEET

<u>Assets</u>	<u>June 30, 2006</u>	<u>June 30, 2005</u>
Cash and Investments	\$589,640	\$288,235
Cemetery Fund	368,754	329,122
Other Assets	56,508	51,564
Endowment Funds	53,215	49,590
Land, Buildings, Furnishings and Equipment	<u>9,484,220</u>	<u>9,682,416</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,552,338</b>	<b>\$10,400,927</b>
<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>		
Current Liabilities	\$616,494	\$568,549
Long Term Debt	1,824,162	1,990,238
<i>Net Assets (Equity)</i>	<u>8,111,682</u>	<u>7,842,140</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Equity</b>	<b>\$10,552,338</b>	<b>\$10,400,927</b>

*The Balance Sheet first lists all the assets of the parish (what we have, or own). Subtract our liabilities (what we owe) to get our net assets (aka equity or net worth). "Total Assets" must equal "Liabilities + Net Assets". Since they are equal, they balance.*

## SOURCES AND USES OF CASH

	<u>Budget for Fiscal 2007</u>	<u>Fiscal 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal 2005</u>
<b>Beginning Cash and Investments Balance</b>	<b>\$589,640</b>	<b>\$288,235</b>	<b>\$644,489</b>
<u>Sources</u>			
Regular Collections	\$1,849,378	\$1,801,446	\$1,641,409
Tuition and Fees	1,415,534	1,314,529	1,183,656
Other Donations and Fundraisers	306,175	328,214	349,970
Major Repair and Replacement Donations and (starting 2006) Festival Income	107,320	104,348	53,245
Additions to Donor Restricted Income	50,000	56,866	40,073
Sales of Maple Grove and Osseo	-	218,053	207,921
Other Income	<u>243,865</u>	<u>272,866</u>	<u>214,784</u>
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$3,972,272</b>	<b>\$4,096,323</b>	<b>\$3,691,058</b>
Salaries and Benefits	(\$2,409,761)	(\$2,232,855)	(\$1,983,329)
Programs/Ministries (non-personnel costs)	(297,193)	(277,212)	(299,415)
General Administration	(215,277)	(190,902)	(168,939)
Interest Expense	(144,567)	(156,895)	(167,582)
Archdiocesan Assessment	(102,487)	(108,848)	(93,810)
Property and Equipment Maintenance	(118,967)	(69,318)	(71,408)
Utilities/Supplies/Services	(173,963)	(154,830)	(135,802)
Debt Retirement	(191,099)	(165,224)	(140,598)
Donor Restricted Expenditures	(50,000)	(68,200)	(57,980)
Major Repair and Replacement Funding	(103,281)	(213,259)	(94,255)
Rectory Construction	-	(27,390)	(669,468)
Other Expense	(86,411)	(93,741)	(76,851)
Other Balance Sheet Changes	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,244)</u>	<u>(87,875)</u>
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>(\$3,893,006)</b>	<b>(\$3,794,918)</b>	<b>(\$4,047,312)</b>
<b>Ending Cash and Investment</b>	<b>\$668,906</b>	<b>\$589,640</b>	<b>\$288,235</b>

### Layman's Guide:

For all you non-accountants out there, read these pointers for a "translation" of the financial terms.

*This area of the Annual Report is similar to balancing a checkbook.*

*If you take the Beginning Balance and add the Total Sources (aka income), then subtract the Total Uses (aka expenditures), you will get the Ending Balance.*

*The current fiscal year is listed in blue, the previous year is listed in black, and the budget for next year is gray.*

## REPORT ON MAJOR REPAIR & REPLACEMENT

*This section of the report details the expenditures made on the maintenance and expansion of our church, school, and facilities.*

Description	Projected		Fiscal 2005
	Fiscal 2007	Fiscal 2006	
Roof Replacement and Other Repairs	\$2,814	\$108,553	
Tuckpointing and Brick Repairs		12,875	
Parking Lot Resurface	79,781		\$8,082
Heating/Cooling - improve Church Cooling	4,000	46,917	
- Other HVAC Equipment Replacement	7,000	6,390	2,169
Rooftop Cooling for Chapel		11,195	
Plumbing - Water Heater Replacement			15,646
Carpet Replacement	9,500	7,250	18,785
Education Center Desks/Furniture	2,251	2,250	
Soccer Field and Fencing	30,000	16,327	
Security - Cameras, Keyless Entry	2,400	2,350	31,728
Sound Equipment Repairs/Replacement	2,000	2,048	1,000
Replace Kitchen Equipment	5,000	4,501	2,351
Maintenance Equipment Replacement	2,000	11,155	
Lighting Replacement	15,000		1,703
Computer Equipment	10,609	21,180	33,015
Sign Improvements	10,000		
Other		6,358	21,070
Total Major Expenditures for Repair and Replacement	182,355	259,349	135,549
Funding from Operations or Restricted Donations	(79,074)	(46,090)	(41,294)
Total from Major Repair and Replacement Funding	\$103,281	\$213,259	\$94,255

## REPORT ON FINANCIAL STEWARD- SHIP OF MEMBERS (REGULAR COLLECTIONS)

*This section gives a breakdown of the annual monetary gifts of our parish households during regular collections at Mass.*

Range of Annual Giving	Number of Households	Percentage of Households	Total Amount Given	% of Total Amount Given
\$0.00	1,160	31.5%	-	0%
\$0.01 - \$100.00	595	16.2%	\$27,915	1.5%
\$100.01 - \$300.00	518	14.1%	102,319	5.7%
\$300.01 - \$500.00	360	9.8%	146,220	8.1%
\$500.01 - \$700.00	312	8.5%	185,616	10.3%
\$700.01 - \$1,000.00	247	6.7%	209,117	11.6%
\$1,000.01 - \$3,000.00	433	11.8%	661,034	36.7%
\$3,000.01 - \$5,000.00	40	1.1%	152,890	8.5%
Over \$5,000	18	0.5%	129,284	7.2%
Plate and Other			187,051	10.4%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,683</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$1,801,446</b>	



## SPECIAL GIVING

	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2005
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$1,158	\$1,213
Campaign for Human Development	2,847	2,479
Religious Retirement	6,987	8,112
Archbishop's Annual Appeal	61,794	72,300
Holy Father	-	2,262
Growing In Faith	117,910	197,036
Holy Land	2,249	1,692
San Miguel School	8,124	6,744
Sharing and Caring Hands	4,804	4,731
Little Sisters of the Poor	-	6,745
Habitat for Humanity	3,889	5,005
CROSS	6,244	6,013
Church in Eastern Europe	1,496	1,313
Propagation of Faith/Missions	9,322	11,431
St. Vincent de Paul Charity Account	21,904	17,880
Tsunami Relief		9,047
Katrina Relief	35,676	
MN Friends of the Orphans	14,147	-
Respect Life	2,886	-
Cradle of Hope	4,217	-
	<b>\$305,654</b>	<b>\$354,003</b>

*This area of the Annual Report shows the donations made by our parish to local, national and international charities. This is where you will find the monies from the 2nd collections at Mass. Some money was also collected through fundraising events, such as the "Fiesta for the Orphans" that was held on May 2, 2006.*

## PARISH INFORMATION

	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2005
<b>Membership</b>		
Households	3,683	3,590
Members	11,836	11,747
<b>Sacraments</b>		
Baptisms	156	168
Weddings	32	27
Funerals	57	45
<b>Education</b>		
St. Vincent School Enrollment	436	415
Religious Education Enrollment	1,368	1,515
First Communion	183	179
Confirmation	107	187

*This final section is pretty self-explanatory. Our parish is experiencing slow but steady growth.*

***If you have any questions about this Annual Report, please contact Norm Olafson at the parish office: (763) 425-2210.***

**VOLUNTEERS  
ARE NEEDED!**

**We're still looking for additional Newsletter Committee members! The time commitment is minimal, but you can have a significant impact on our parish community!** For more information, please contact Sr. Nora at 763-425-2210. Current members include:

- **Melanie Otto**, Parishioner
- **Sr. Nora Klewicki**, Staff Member
- **Rose Kahnke**, Pastoral Council Member
- **Marci Siers**, Pastoral Council Member
- **Nikelle Morris**, Editor/Designer, Parishioner

# MORE ST. VINCENT PARISHIONERS STORIES OF FAITH



**2002 was a transitional year for our family as I decided, after working for 11 years, to stay home with our two children Jason (then 5) and Sara (then 1).** At the same time, Jason was starting school at St. Vincent's as a kindergartener. At that point we had been members of St. Vincent's for almost 4 years, and although we attended Mass weekly and went

to the festivals, we didn't know very many people at the parish and therefore, felt like visitors. I realized that I needed to become more involved if we were to become a part of the community. Not long after this realization I heard about the

Parents Morning Out (PMO) group, and thought it would be a great opportunity for me to meet other parents from our parish. This decision has been such a blessing for my family and me. **I have met many wonderful people through PMO and my children have made friends with other children of the parish.** We no longer feel like visitors at church but rather part of a large extended family.

How has Parent's Morning Out deepened my faith? There are many ways, but I think the biggest is the sense of belonging that this group has given my family and me. We look forward to spending time at

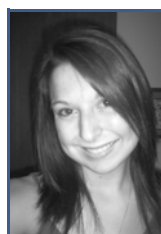
the church - whether it's for Mass, Vacation Bible School, Harvest Festival, Bible Study, Breakfast with Santa, or something else. **The PMO group has also provided a number of opportunities for us to discuss ways in which we can bring our Catholic faith home and in ways that young children can understand and participate.** Finally, the kid's curiosity has sparked my curiosity, which has given me reason to further explore our faith so that I have a better understanding and can help teach my kids.

Since joining Parents Morning Out in 2002, I have become even more active in the church community by volunteering at many of the church functions such as Vacation Bible School, Fall Festival, teaching Liturgy of the Word to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders during Mass, and attending the Jeff Cavins Great Adventures Bible study group. All of these have created opportunities for me to meet many wonderful people in our parish and to want to learn more about our faith, grow in understanding, and share our faith with everyone.

— Tammy Schirck, Parishioner

*The Parents Morning Out group provides an opportunity for fellowship with other parents/families who share the Catholic faith. The group currently meets September thru May, the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9:30 am to 11:15 am. We have fellow parish members who watch our children in the nursery.*

*We have a variety of fun activities planned for the fall - some for parents only, some for parents and kids together - and hope many new and returning faces will join us. If you have any questions, please call Katie Phenow at 763-561-0248.*



Greetings! My name is Maureen Malone, Maple Grove Senior High. Scratch the fo Maureen, I am Catholic, and I love the Lo

You see, in this exposition I'm asked exp group, J-Zone, influences & strengthens Foremost, J-Zone gives me the confidenc that I am a child of God. Not only does

acquaints its participants to other teens with the same g **Through J-Zone, I have met some of my closest friends through thick & thin.** These friends support me experiences that have elevated my Catholic identity, such Wednesday night J-Zones themselves. Not only do my ence, but also the knowledge that I acquire every week thing Catholic, which only gives me the desire to learn m Overall, J-Zone is a mere hour-and-a-half of each 168 h hour-and-a-half has brought immeasurable clarity to my chaos. It could do the same to *anyone's!*



**As a lifelong member of St. Vincent's to meet the needs of our parishioners** at home to raise their families. St. Vincent's and helped build a strong community of v image sale or planning funeral lunches we skills and living our faith through our volunt

During the past several decades, the face of ing to see that CCW has changed, too. Today there are v

*The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is a women's organization at St. Vincent's which allows women to work together, share common interests, and get to know each other. Activities include meetings, a Christmas bazaar, fall rummage sale, Spring Tea, the embroidery of the Baptism Bibs and stoles which are presented to each person being baptized, and more. Contact Eleanor Philmalee at (763) 420-4424 for more information.*

at home or spend cial projects like th your enthusiasm ar My involvement in tive volunteer, I've my three daughter volunteerism in th been "empty nester expand as a result involvement in CCW.

# ST. VINCENT VOICE FELLOWSHIP

I am 17 years old & am a junior at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. I would like to give a formal introduction—Hey! The name's Tara and I'm a friend of Jesus with all that I am.

Let me explain how St. Vincent de Paul's youth group has helped me share my faith. And there you have it! I have the confidence and conviction to let *anyone* know that I can promote Christian values, but also show a growing love for God that they foster. I have **friends; friends who are there for me** in my faith, and have shared in many things such as mission trips, retreats, and even more friends enhance my J-Zone experience. I have learned a little about everyone else's life.

It's a busy week. But do not be fooled! This is a life of uncontrollable life of confusion and

*Sr. High J-Zone meets on Saturdays after the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass. The group is open to all Sr. High school students and runs until 7:30 pm. Junior High J-Zone meets from 7:00-8:30 pm in the East Meeting Room (Nursery). All 7th-8th graders are invited to join us for a year filled with faith, fellowship, and fun. If you have any questions about either group, call Tara or Matt at the church office at 763-425-2210.*

— *Maureen Malone, Parishioner*

**My parish, I've watched our faith community adapt to the times.** When I was first married, many young women stayed at home. The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) provided fellowship for young women. Whether we were organizing the parish rummage sale or we were building new friendships, developing leadership skills, or doing peer work.

Life of a "typical" parish family has changed. And, it's exciting! We have more volunteer opportunities for everyone...whether you stay at home or go to your day at the office. We still have meetings and special events like the annual Christmas Bazaar. All you need to bring is your time and energy. We will find the right spot for you.

The CCW also has strengthened my family life. As an adult, I have modeled the importance of actively living your faith to my children. Now grown up, they have embraced this tradition of their own faith communities. While my husband I have been "parishers" for many years my "parish" family has continued to grow. I have met all of the new parishioners I have met through my involvement. It has truly been a spiritually enriching experience.

— *Joyce Deane, Parishioner*

## Resources for Catholic Voters:

*"Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts... We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life."*

— United States Bishops, "Living the Gospel of Life," n.34

Our bishops and the Holy Father have urged us to be faithful and active citizens. Listed below are some web sites where you can educate yourself on Catholic teachings and moral voting. (PLEASE NOTE: We have done our best to find web sites with no political affiliation, but only affiliation to the teachings of the Church.)

- Priests for Life has prepared resources to help you meet your civic responsibilities and to evaluate candidates & issues in the light of the moral law:  
[www.priestsforlife.org/elections](http://www.priestsforlife.org/elections)
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Statement: "Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility":  
[www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/introduction.html](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/introduction.html)
- EWTN's Guide for Moral Voting:  
[www.ewtn.com/vote/index.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/vote/index.htm)
- Catholic Citizenship—a national organization seeking to promote both education and involvement in the political process:  
[www.catholicvote.com](http://www.catholicvote.com)



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What questions do you have about the Catholic faith that we might address?

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# REMEMBERING... St. Vincent's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



A large choir and group of instrumentalists led the assembly in joyful music at the Mass celebrated by the Archbishop on Sept. 24, 2006.



Archbishop Flynn poses with Fr. Tom and Fr. Jack after the celebration.



The Archbishop graciously greeted and posed for many pictures with parishioners at the reception in Regan Hall following the Mass.



Regan Hall was decorated with memorabilia and many pictures illustrating the rich history of our parish.

