



Year in Review JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019







Dear Parishioners,

Each year in the fall, we like to update the parish on the year just past, and offer some insights on the activity of the parish ministries and financial health of our community. This past year was most characterized by the celebration of our 60th Anniversary, with the theme: A Faithful Past...An Abundant Future. Spiritually, we celebrated our anniversary with events including renowned Catholic Speakers Dr. Scott Hahn and Chris Stefanick as well as the beautiful anniversary Mass on the Feast of St. Hilary with Bishop Perez. Socially, we gathered for the Feast of St. Hilary on Saturday, January 12, which included the Celebration of the Arts in the Spiritual Center, a walk down memory lane with items from our parish archives in the Multipurpose Room, and an amazing party with delicious food and drink in the beautifully decorated Horning Hall! We are grateful to all who spent many hours planning these events.

Of course, all of these special activities were peppered among the usual whirlwind of daily activities that mark a year here at St. Hilary. I would like to highlight especially two opportunities for spiritual renewal that have been successful. First are the Christ Renews His Parish retreats for both men and women. The fall men's retreat was a wonderful opportunity for men of the parish to grow in faith and community with the theme, "Come as You Are." The spring women's retreat was a great success with the women encountering the Lord with the theme, "Remind Me Who I Am." Participants in both retreats affirm that this retreat experience is one of the most significant spiritual experiences of their lives. I invite you to consider making the CRHP retreats coming up this year! The Men's retreat weekend is November 9/10, 2019. The women's retreat weekend is April 25/26, 2020. The second spiritual opportunity is our Small Faith Sharing Groups. We have had several groups pilot a program called Be My Witness, which provides a resource to guide new small faith sharing groups in the practice of sharing scripture, prayer, and faith. This fall we will be opening the Be My Witness to the general parish. Stay tuned and sign up if you have ever thought about joining a small faith sharing group!

Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, St. Hilary Parish is on very strong financial footing. In conjunction with the 60th anniversary, our Stewardship Theme this past year was also *A Faithful Past... An Abundant Future*. Many families responded to our offertory enhancement invitation, and we ended the fiscal year with a growth of 4.8% or \$94,000 in our offertory collection. Thanks to all who increased or maintained their offertory! The continued financial commitment of our parish families enables us to maintain and also increase the activity of our 114 parish ministries. The impact of our parish and parishioners is just amazing! One example was the recent report given by Helen Arnold School principal LaMonica Davis, as she shared the success of our Seeds of Change Tutoring Program. The achievement grade for the school has gone from an F to an A! She credits, among other factors, the committed tutors from St. Hilary!

Within the pages of this newsletter, please see the many ways in which we faithfully fulfill our mission statement, "Transforming Lives for Jesus Christ," and the ways in which your generous financial support of the parish is being put to good use in building the Kingdom of God and ensuring for St. Hilary Parish an abundant future!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Steven Brunovsky

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Faith Formation

St. Hilary was blessed to have celebrated the following:

88 First Communions 54 Baptisms

Sacraments of Confirmation Weddings

and welcomed SIX RCIA candidates into the Catholic Church in the last year.



Life Teen

The past year of youth ministry at St. Hilary Parish included many events that were inviting and inclusive such as Oscar Night, and answering the call to "Come Alive" during the spring retreat! It was a weekend of praise and worship, reflective and challenging but fun activities, adoration, Mass and more! Not only were teens of the parish participating in regular Sunday night Life Nights, Issue Nights, Social Nights, and the end of the year retreat, but they were moving beyond themselves to support those inside and outside of the parish community, including the Senior Dinner Dance and service opportunities such as First Glance Youth Center, Cleveland Roots, and March for Life.

As the new year began with an exciting and cultural twist on the Life Teen Kick-Off on September 22, St. Hilary Life Teen will continue to find more ways to support parish ministries and parishioners here at St. Hilary! We have been blessed with various talents and have so much to give to one another. We are also a community of believers who are working together to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.





Caring & Participating

Kids Care Club

Families were able to take advantage of more opportunities to bond with each other and serve around our community during our many Kids Care Club events. This summer, the group helped at the Good Samaritan Center's Produce Drop event, helping to give away over 3,000 pounds of produce to families in need. They also helped to provide 1,166 meals to the hungry while volunteering at the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank.





Blessings in a Backpack

Established in 2010, Blessings in a Backpack is designed to feed school children in our community that might not have enough food on the weekends. Each Friday students receive non-perishable food items, such as oatmeal,



macaroni and cheese, and applesauce to take home to feed themselves over the weekend. Better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior and increased attendance have all been attributed to the success of the program.

From 2018-2019, Blessings in a Backpack fed 990 students. This year, they will feed 1,041 from Helen Arnold CLC, McEbright CLC, Bridges Learning Center, David Hill CLC, St. Mary's School, Crouse CLC, Schumacher CLC, and Pfeiffer Elementary School. Approximately 120 volunteers help pack bags on Thursday evenings.





Social Action

Interfaith Justice Alliance

The Interfaith Justice Alliance kicked off the 2019 Lenten Series here at St. Hilary on March 13, 2019. Over 190 participants came together to listen to Tony McAleer, co-founder of "Life After Hate" and former skinhead, kick off this year's theme of "From HATE to FORGIVENESS: A Journey of Conversion."

A total of 220 participants attended the four sessions at each of the Interfaith Justice Alliance locations, including St. Hilary Parish, Faith Lutheran Church, New Hope Baptist Church, and Temple Israel.



Seeds of Change Tutoring, providing daytime tutoring for K-grade 6 and after-school tutoring for K-grade 1, enlisted the help of 90 volunteers this year. Because of these volunteers, Helen Arnold CLC saw dramatic progress!

- Achievement gap improvement from "F" to "A"
- Grades K-3 literacy improvement from "D" to "C"

Seeds of Change also donated numerous school uniforms and supplies thanks to our parishioners and St. Hilary School.

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2018-19 Fiscal Year Summary

859 clients helped

Rental & mortgage assistance provided for **350** families

425 Utility bills payments made

71 appliance and furniture donations, including beds, furniture vouchers, washers/dryers, stoves and refrigerators

Women of Service had a very busy and productive year, putting together their annual Fair Trade Market in the fall, stepping in to assist with our annual Christmas Giving Tree, and serving lunch to the families of ACCESS. Some highlights include:

Harvest Home Easter Baskets and Pillowcase Project: 27 Easter Baskets were created for kids ages three months to 17 years old. An 11 additional Easter Bags were made for moms with an assortment of pampering goodies, including body wash and toiletries. 500 pillow cases were also made and donated to the women and children of Harvest Home.

St. Hilary Knights of Columbus Fish Bakes: Women of Service made nine raffle baskets for our annual fish bakes, as well as assisted with preparing the to-go orders and cleaning tables during the dinners.



Social action is at the heart of our faith and parish. Thank you to our selfless and dedicated parishioners for helping to make our parish and community a better place. If you would like to get involved in one of our many social action ministries, please visit our website at strick strick.

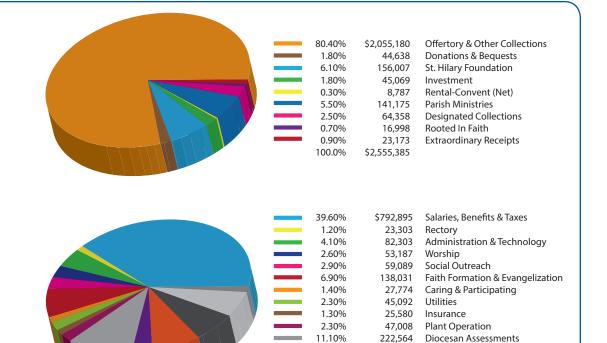
ST. HILARY CHURCH - REVENUE AND EXPENSES



Twelve Months ending June 30, 2019



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64,358

150,000

131,874

116,998

23,120

\$2,003,176

Designated Collections

Distributions to Foundation

Capital Expenditures

Extraordinary Expense

School Support

3.20%

7.50%

6.60%

5.80%

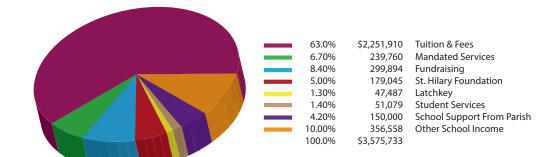
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ST. HILARY SCHOOL - REVENUE AND EXPENSES

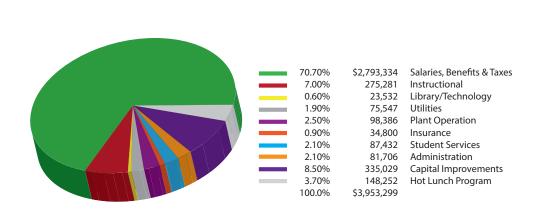
Revenue Sources as a Percent of Total Revenue

Twelve Months ending June 30, 2019



Expense Sources as a Percent of Total Expenses

Twelve Months ending June 30, 2019





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October

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October 5/6
Outdoor Rosary
After all Masses

October 20 Life Teen Senior Prom 6:30 p.m., Gathering Area

November

November 6 Night of Healing Prayer 6:30-8:30 p.m., Church

November 24
Family Spirituality
Jesse Tree Workshop
12-2 p.m., Gathering Area

December

December 10Communal Reconciliation
7 p.m., Guardian Angels Church

December 15Gaudete Sunday Concert 7-9 p.m., Church

