

St. Thomas More Church

To: All St. Thomas More Parishioners

August 2009

From: The Parish Finance Committee

Our parish operating results for 2008-9 are included in this report. We had a deficit for the year of \$102,984.04. The deficit was expected and was based upon a number of important capital improvements launched prior to the beginning of the financial crisis. A few highlights include:

- 1) We continued to pay on our debt and interest due the Archdiocese. Our principal debt fell to \$893,216.64 as of June 30th or \$80,000.04 in the past year. The amount of unpaid interest to the diocese stands at \$568,989.76. Our debt and interest is not scheduled to be paid off until April 2020. We may not be able to meet debt payments in the future because of increases in our operating costs and decreases in income.
- 2) We used the \$50,000 saved during the previous year and received an additional \$50,194 in capital donations this year which paid for major repairs to the parking lot, upgrade our church sound system, and build a much needed freezer for the cafeteria. These funds were also used to pay for the initial Connector building project expenses. The Connector project has been put on hold due to the economic downturn.
- 3) We experienced some major expense increases compared to the previous year: teacher payroll \$50,962, health care costs \$41,723, school tuition financial aid \$22,575, pastoral staff payroll \$20,612 and pension cost increases \$13,951. The 2008 JulyFest had a profit decrease of \$8,943.01. These all negatively impacted our results compared to the previous year.
- 4) Our Sunday collections increased over 2007-8 which is a very significant result. Most parishes can not make that claim! School family registration fees were increased and this helped our overall operating results.
- 5) All the school tuition due was paid in full. We continue to work to ensure all school tuition is paid to ensure the long term success of our school.
- 6) The school Latch Key program was negatively impacted by the economy compared to last year. The school had 316 students enrolled during the year.
- 7) We built a new parish web site that went on line in July 2009 utilizing limited funding since the most of work was completed in house.

We met all our payroll and non-payroll obligations including all required payments to the Archdiocese. We had no unpaid bills on June 30th. The parish assumed no additional debt during the year.

All of our special collections for needs beyond our parish totaled \$42,914.82. This is not included in the total numbers on page 2 and 3. Our parish contributed an additional \$28,328 to the Catholic Ministries Appeal and we exceeded our goal by 1.8%. Only 14% of our households contributed to this worthy cause. Your generosity is appreciated by all these worthy organizations.

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ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OPERATING RESULTS *
FISCAL 2008-9

Account	Jul '08 - Jun '09 Actual	Jul '08 - Jun '09 Budget	\$ Over or Under Budget
<u>PARISH INCOME:</u>			
Sunday & Holyday	\$ 812,610.61	\$ 826,000.00	\$ (13,389.39)
Votive Lights	\$ 5,373.08	\$ 5,500.00	\$ (126.92)
Mass Stipends, Misc	\$ 6,154.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,654.00
Total Contributions	\$ 824,137.69	\$ 836,000.00	\$ (11,862.31)
 Vision 2000 & Debt Reduction <i>(both are applied to parish debt payments)</i>	 \$ 38,440.15	 \$ 43,000.00	 \$ (4,559.85)
 Capital Donations, Savings 2007-8	 \$ 100,194.00	 \$ 57,150.00	 \$ 43,044.00
 Total Parish Fundraising Activities	 \$ 48,579.02	 \$ 50,000.00	 \$ (1,420.98)
 Designated Collections- Outside of Parish--Not in Totals	 \$ 71,242.82	 \$ -	 \$ 71,242.82
 Catholic Telegraph	 \$ 2,745.00	 \$ 2,800.00	 \$ (55.00)
Interest, Dividends, Fees	\$ 30,990.91	\$ 35,800.00	\$ (4,809.09)
Rental Fees, Book Racks	\$ 2,515.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (484.50)
Withdrawal from Savings	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Religious Education Fees	\$ 11,207.85	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 207.85
Exempt Interest, Misc	\$ 1,395.74	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (104.26)
Total Other Revenues	\$ 51,855.00	\$ 54,100.00	\$ (2,245.00)
 TOTAL PARISH INCOME: <i>(Does not include designated collections)</i>	 \$ 1,063,205.86	 \$ 1,040,250.00	 \$ 22,955.86
<u>SCHOOL INCOME:</u>			
Total Student Tuition, Reg Fees, OH Aide	\$ 940,314.34	\$ 922,652.53	\$ 17,661.81
Total Cafeteria Income, Latch Key	\$ 102,235.98	\$ 101,200.00	\$ 1,035.98
 TOTAL SCHOOL INCOME:	 \$ 1,042,550.32	 \$ 1,023,852.53	 \$ 18,697.79
 TOTAL PARISH & SCHOOL INCOME:	 \$ 2,105,756.18	 \$ 2,064,102.53	 \$ 41,653.65

*This is a condensed operating statement that highlights parish income and expenditures.
A detailed operating statement was certified by the Parish Finance Committee on August 11, 2009

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FISCAL 2008-9

Account	Jul '08 - Jun '09 Actual	Jul '08 - Jun '09 Budget	\$ Over or Under Budget
<u>PARISH EXPENSES:</u>			
Priests, Visitors	\$ 41,885.00	\$ 41,400.00	\$ 485.00
Lay Parish Salaries	\$ 262,351.17	\$ 278,475.00	\$ (16,123.83)
Rectory Expenditures	\$ 15,887.91	\$ 14,950.00	\$ 937.91
Parish Office Expenses, Bank Fees	\$ 48,210.04	\$ 52,100.00	\$ (3,889.96)
Parish Benefits	\$ 105,183.28	\$ 145,079.35	\$ (39,896.07)
Parish Transportation & Seminars	\$ 5,892.21	\$ 7,300.00	\$ (1,407.79)
Parish Social Activities, Bingo Exp	\$ 1,870.85	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (629.15)
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	\$ 18,644.06	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 644.06
Parish School of Religion	\$ 11,164.09	\$ 12,200.00	\$ (1,035.91)
Adult Faith Formation	\$ 2,527.48	\$ 5,705.00	\$ (3,177.52)
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,359.47	\$ 775.00	\$ 584.47
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 3,415.42	\$ 4,200.00	\$ (784.58)
Catholic Telegraph Subscriptions	\$ 15,120.00	\$ 15,600.00	\$ (480.00)
Misc. Admin Exp, Fingerprinting	\$ 4,693.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,093.00
Parish Utilities Only	\$ 25,912.03	\$ 34,000.00	\$ (8,087.97)
Parish Maintenance Expenses	\$ 49,509.28	\$ 56,775.00	\$ (7,265.72)
Payments to Archdiocese, High Schools	\$ 87,982.88	\$ 86,200.00	\$ 1,782.88
Interest Payments on Parish Debt	\$ 19,999.92	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (0.08)
Capital Projects-Parish	\$ 51,556.72	\$ 37,274.20	\$ 14,282.52
Payments on Parish Debt	\$ 80,000.04	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 0.04
Misc	\$ 3,418.51	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,918.51
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES:	\$ 856,583.36	\$ 915,633.55	\$ (59,050.19)
<u>SCHOOL EXPENSES:</u>			
School Admin Salaries	\$ 134,559.27	\$ 134,500.00	\$ 59.27
School Office Expenses & Equipment	\$ 47,834.49	\$ 47,300.00	\$ 534.49
School & Cafeteria Benefits	\$ 244,723.44	\$ 213,910.31	\$ 30,813.13
Teacher Salaries	\$ 582,538.21	\$ 566,000.00	\$ 16,538.21
Instructional Expense	\$ 8,420.08	\$ 12,900.00	\$ (4,479.92)
Religion Expenditures	\$ 5,594.41	\$ 5,800.00	\$ (205.59)
Library Expenses	\$ 232.53	\$ 450.00	\$ (217.47)
School Technology Expenses	\$ 8,168.93	\$ 8,300.00	\$ (131.07)
Booster Gym Exp Reimbursement	\$ (2,619.30)	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (619.30)
Extra Clergy-School, Misc	\$ 1,604.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,304.00
Cafeteria Salaries & Expenses	\$ 65,626.42	\$ 56,200.00	\$ 9,426.42
School Utilities Only	\$ 66,429.15	\$ 72,000.00	\$ (5,570.85)
School Maintenance Expenses	\$ 151,190.34	\$ 136,025.00	\$ 15,165.34
Capital Projects-School	\$ 44,882.79	\$ -	\$ 44,882.79
School Fundraisers	\$ (7,027.90)	\$ -	\$ (7,027.90)
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES:	\$ 1,352,156.86	\$ 1,251,685.31	\$ 100,471.55
TOTAL PARISH & SCHOOL EXPENSE:	\$ 2,208,740.22	\$ 2,167,318.86	\$ 41,421.36
GRAND TOTALS-Deficit	\$ (102,984.04)	\$ (103,216.33)	\$ 232.29

Our budget for 2009-2010 is challenging. So far, we have not experienced any major shortfalls in the current economic climate. We are very thankful that God continues to bless us. We do anticipate an operating deficit this year without planning new capital improvements. We are also experiencing some trends that are difficult to address because some are beyond our control:

- 1) Our projected school enrollment is down 6% from the previous year. This decrease is not uncommon in other diocese schools. Part of our issue is we had a large 8th grade graduate and we have not had the same number of new students enroll. The cost of running the school remains consistent despite fewer paying students.
- 2) The need for financial aid for school families continues to grow. It is important our parish helps those that can prove need and make every effort to fully participate in our faith. Please consider supporting our Adopt a Student fund.
- 3) The state aid for our school has been reduced by 13.3% for the next two years. The total state reduction received directly and indirectly is approximately \$50,000. This reduction is part of the recent two-year Ohio budget agreement.
- 4) Our health care costs are estimated to exceed \$240,000 this year. We are required to utilize the Archdiocese health care benefit program for those employees that meet the requirements to participate.
- 5) Our lay employee pension costs continue to increase. We are required to participate in this Archdiocese benefit for qualifying employees.
- 6) We are reviewing some of our vendor contractual agreements to see where we might be able to save money. We will also continue to enter into combined contractual agreements with neighboring parishes when savings are realized without reducing or eliminating necessary services.
- 7) We continue to plan to pay on our debt and interest due the diocese, but this might be an area we might have to reduce or suspend payments in the event of an emergency.
- 8) We froze salaries for all the employees for 2009-2010.
- 9) Our 2009 JulyFest sales are not finalized. We do know that our sales will slightly decrease from last year but our profits are expected to be slightly higher. We are thankful that the event did this well! In general, other festivals have reported lower sales and profits this summer.

Soon you will be hearing about a mini-contribution program from Fr. Bill. Our goal is to have a short fund drive to close the budget shortfall for this year. We do not believe eliminating ministries and programs are the best way to achieve our results when so many are in need of spiritual nourishment. We did make a few expense modifications where the ministry was preserved but saved money. Our staffing levels have not significantly increased during the past ten years even though we have more families and parishioners.

Lastly, we can not successfully offer a full service parish without you: our parishioners. In addition to your financial support, we appreciate our volunteers that assist in the various parish ministries. Please give some consideration as to what you can do to support your parish. We thank those who support us financially and through volunteering. May God Continue to Bless our Parish!