

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Annual Report 2020-2021

This past year (FY July 2020 through June 2021) has certainly been a year of challenges. I am amazed and grateful for the response of so many who stepped out of their comfort zones — volunteering, serving others, working for the poor, serving at our liturgies (serving at Mass, singing, arranging decorations) and doing untold acts of kindness.



We worked hard to stay in touch with you throughout the year. We live-streamed more than **365** Masses (Sundays, weekdays, First Communion, Graduation, etc.); we produced **411** videos to help bring you the Good News of our Lord. Thank you for subscribing to our YouTube channel to the tune of **2,520** subscribers.

We trained **38** altar servers, **50** extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, **15** ministers of Charity and **13** Acolytes. We created a socially distanced choir for Masses, which continued throughout the year. We baptized **99** children, celebrated **68** funerals and **35** weddings, prepared **42** couples for marriage, and prepared **11** people who joined the Church at Easter time.

Our ministry of Faith Formation served **256** children and their families in the Under Thy Roof program, prepared **147** children for First Penance and First Communion, and over **100** teens and **11** adults for Confirmation. **60** teens and **35** middle school youth participated in youth ministry and **14** youth attended the transformative summer camp, Covecrest, in Tiger, Georgia. Hundreds of adults continued to meet virtually and in person for bible studies and programs.

We had several special activities such as distribution of **450** bags of the Epiphany chalk to “chalk” the doors, and production of videos for our yearly Divine Novena. **150** participated in our outdoor Divine Mercy celebration, and **200** participated in our Feast of Corpus Christi Celebration.

We helped many mothers through our Gabriel project, and on Giving Sunday, some **500** families received gifts. Through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we gave aid to hundreds of families through direct service to help with rent and food.



We also updated our website, launched a new parish app, revitalized our Facebook page, and changed our weekly email communication provider.

Although our offertory income was below what we hoped and budgeted, we kept our expenses tight and finished the year within our means. The income from the negotiated easement will help in the coming years with major repairs and equipment replacement. We have taken on \$1.5m in debt to complete Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel and will work through that debt in the coming years as well.

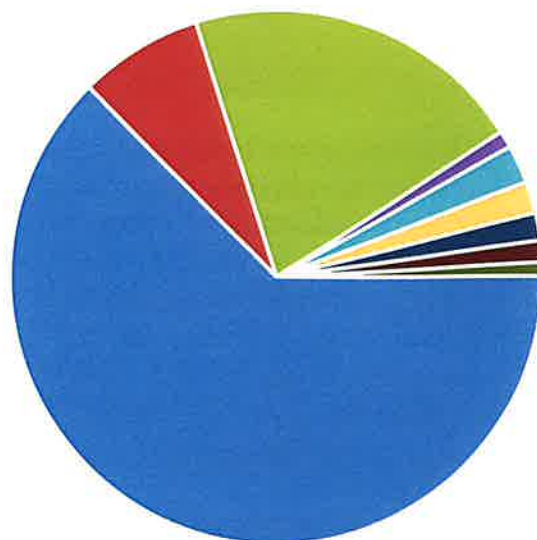
We so look forward to normalization of our parish life. Please join us for our Welcome Back events in the coming months.

Msgr. Bill



Sources *of Funds*

■ Offertory Income	\$ 2,617,651	63%
■ Interest/Dividends/Gains on investments	\$ 315,159	8%
■ Easement income	\$ 871,000	21%
■ DSF rebate	\$ 43,002	1%
■ St Jude Fund income	\$ 96,877	2%
■ Program fees	\$ 79,602	2%
■ Funfest net income	\$ 69,849	2%
■ Facility fees	\$ 54,300	1%
■ Contributions for bell project (Chime In)	\$ 34,726	1%
Total Sources	\$ 4,182,166	100%

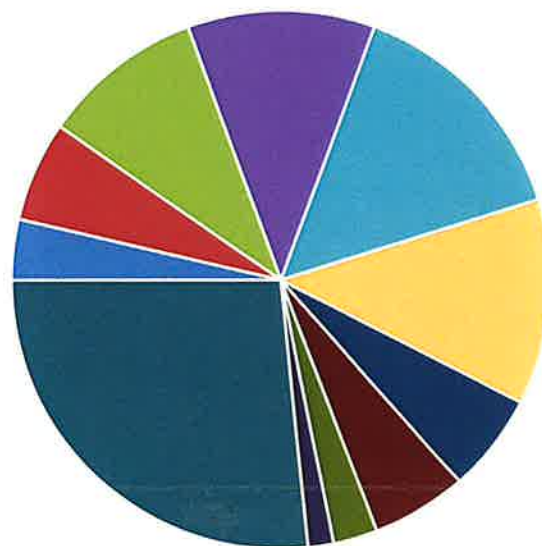


Uses *of Funds*

"And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need.
These are the sacrifices that please God."

Hebrews 13:16

■ Pastoral and Family Ministry programs	\$ 152,513	4%
■ Faith Formation programs	\$ 252,030	6%
■ Clergy/Rector/Liturgy	\$ 407,426	10%
■ School subsidy	\$ 469,627	11%
■ Plant/Maintenance (includes property, flood, liability insurances)	\$ 608,773	15%
■ Administration/Communications	\$ 514,670	12%
■ Cathedraicum tax	\$ 249,656	6%
■ Capital improvements ¹	\$ 238,970	6%
■ Charitable contributions ²	\$ 111,455	3%
■ Principal/Interest on Chapel loan	\$ 63,554	2%
■ Added to Diocesan savings ³	\$ 1,113,492	27%
Total Uses	\$ 4,182,166	100%



So many parishioners supported our raffle and BBQ/Margarita drive-through **Funfest 2020** fundraiser. *Thank you!*

The raffle rally was conducted via Zoom and prizes were delivered to student classrooms by Funfest chairs Annette Alonzo-Rodriguez and Elecia Wheeler, with Assistant Principal Scott Kloesel, and "Vincent," the school mascot.

¹This amount does not include the amount of locker room renovation paid by SVDP school, or capital campaign expenses.

²Contributions were made to these charities: Society of SVDP, ArchGH Aid to Poor Parishes fund, CCSC (including a contribution to CCSC Capital Fund)

³The amount added to DSL Savings resulted from investment income and the one-time easement payment.

⁴The Payroll Protection Program loan received in June 2020 was carried as a liability until forgiven in June 2021.

Parishioner Charitable Contributions

July 2020 to June 2021

Special Collections

Archdiocesan Social Ministries	\$ 1,899
Bishops' Fund for Latin America	\$ 7,503
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 4,781
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 3,227
Catholic Communications	\$ 4,553
Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl	\$ 5,847
Catholic University of America/UST	\$ 2,607
Holy Land-Good Friday	\$ 7,374
Home Missions	\$ 7,258
Infirm Priests	\$ 7,144
Peter's Pence	\$ 7,888
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 3,750
Retired Priests	\$ 9,673
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 17,363
St. Mary Seminary-Corpus Christi	\$ 35,025
St. Vincent de Paul Black Bag	\$ 17,146
Sub Total	\$ 142,990

From Mother's Day and Father's Day funds we made contributions of \$10,900 to: Casa de Esperanza, Lifehouse for the Homeless, Loaves & Fishes, Magnificat Houses, Martha's Kitchen, and Shalom Center.



Along with the contributions from our St. Jude Fund to CCSC, Society of SVdP, and ArchGH Aid to Poor Parishes, **YOU** gave a **TOTAL of \$265,345** in charitable contributions!

"Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do."

Deuteronomy 15:10

Outlook for Fiscal Year 2022

We look forward to the coming year! As we can now see light at the end of this pandemic tunnel, we cannot wait to welcome more of our parishioners back to Mass and back to campus. Our Welcome Back Bunch has been busy planning activities to remember the past year and to CELEBRATE coming back. Our

welcome-back events culminate with Advent Season 2021! We hope our Education Building construction is well underway by then and that we finish the year strong.



Congratulations, *Monsignor Bill!*

Monsignor Bill celebrated 50 years of priesthood in 2020! The Mass in celebration of this milestone had to be postponed due to the pandemic, so he instead marked 50+1 blessed years in 2021. Many honored guests joined the Mass, including Monsignor's brother and sister, who presented the gifts (photo below right).



Capital Projects

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

At long last, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel was dedicated on September 8, 2020. His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Dinardo presided over the beautiful Mass. The Mass is still available to watch on the parish's YouTube channel. We will be adding benches, a Pietà statue, and a few more trees and roses to the prayer garden this fall. We continue to raise funds for the chapel.



Drainage Project and Easement

The City of West University along with TXDOT and its contractors have begun the project to replace the underground drainage system along Buffalo Speedway. The project began across our football field as the outfall for the drainage is into Poor Farm Ditch on the west side of our field. Since there was no recorded easement on the property, we negotiated this easement with the City of West University.

Major Repairs

We made much needed repairs to one area of the Church roofs. We also replaced the roof of the Primary Building which will enable us to continue its use for multiple purposes after the new building is constructed. We have replaced much of the campus landscaping which did not recover from the freeze. We have also been updating our security system. We also did some drainage and gutter work around Apostolic Center and the Rectory to improve runoff.

Locker Room Renovation

With the financial support of the school we were able to manage and complete this renovation of the locker rooms, coach offices, and concession area behind the gym. The renovation also added much needed new restrooms for the primary and gym area. We added LED lighting to the gym.

Building Bright Futures Campaign

This campaign for \$10.8m for a new Catholic Education Building was launched in October 2018. We have collected \$8.1m to date in payments with \$2m in pledges outstanding. Money was spent this year on architect fees, permitting, platting, construction planning and Ignite payments. We have 6 Ignite payments remaining (\$644K) of the 16 total payments.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held May 21, 2021. School students attended as well as the campaign chairs, parish leadership committees, lots of former students and even some former teachers. It was a true celebration of lots of hard work by so many. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers that have supported the campaign. We continue to raise funds to close the gap. Construction work on this building will begin soon.



How Can You Help?

Stay Connected!

Be sure you are registered as a member of SVdP and subscribed to our email blast. You can also download our app to stay connected.

Get Involved!

More volunteers allow us to accomplish more good work. We welcome volunteers in Altar Ministries, Liturgical Ministries, Faith Formation—children, youth, and adults—and Pastoral Ministries.

Support DSF!

The DSF program offered incentives for 2021. DSF will give back to the parish 50% of donations from first-time DSF donors and 100% of contributions over \$300,000.

Convert your occasional donation to a recurring donation!

Recurring gifts allow us to have an idea of our expected income and helps us plan accordingly.

Donate!

Your donations support all ministries and projects going on at the church.

