



Faith in Action 2019

ANNUAL REPORT

ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR & THE PAROCHIAL VICAR



FR. MICHAEL GUADAGNOLI



FR. WADE BASS

Dear Parish Family,

Fr. Wade and I invite you to explore our Parish Annual Report, "Faith In Action." This document offers an overview of what St. Monica Catholic Church has accomplished over the past 12 months. These accomplishments always begin with God's grace, and their purpose is to lead us back to God. With the guidance of our Parish Mission Statement (see below), our parish seeks to cooperate with the work of the Lord. We encourage you, as a parishioner, to get involved in living your Catholic faith within the community of our parish.

In following the will of God, may we always seek to serve God and our neighbor within our Diocese, our Community, our Parish, and our Families!

In Christ,

Fr. M. Guadagnoli *Fr. Wade W. Bass*
Pastor Parochial Vicar

Mission STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Monica Catholic Church, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament.

In becoming what we receive, we are sent in peace to glorify the Lord by sharing our gifts in service to others and by inviting all into a deeper relationship with Christ. Inspired by our patroness, St. Monica, we pray that all may become children of heaven.



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Accomplishments

Thanks be to God, the generous support of our parishioners has enabled our parish to accomplish many things this past year. Some of these accomplishments include:



We have over **85** active ministries making a difference in our parish community and beyond. Some of our ministries include our weekly Vocations Chalice Program, the bringing of meals to the homeless at Austin Street Centre once a month, and daily ministry through our Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Our pastoral seminarian, Fr. Tymo, was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 2019!

More than **200** families participated in our new Family Catechesis Program alongside their children, who were preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

We launched Challenge & Conquest, a new middle school youth ministry program.

We updated our confession schedule to include confessions on Thursday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

We renovated the sound system in the church sanctuary, replacing obsolete equipment with new technology that will allow for easier updates in the future.



We had another successful Vacation Bible School with over **200** children in attendance and launched a Spanish Vacation Bible School program with **30** children participating.

Our Pastoral Council completed a brand new **Strategic Plan** for the Parish using feedback from the 2018 Parish Survey.

An Eagle Scout project from St. Monica's Boy Scout Troop 412, led to the creation of a new walkway by the statue of Mary.





St. Monica Music Ministry has over **250 participants** active in **more than 10 separate ensembles** who provide music for Parish liturgies, year-round. The ministry is growing continuously and currently is the largest it has ever been since the founding of St. Monica Catholic Church

The Fine Arts Program encompasses every Music Ministry participant at St. Monica. Led by the Fine Arts Committee, the Program hosts a yearly Series with a large variety of music programs open to the entire community, nearly all of which have **free admission**.

In 2018-2019, nearly a dozen different music programs were offered, serving an approximate audience/congregation total of **over 7000 people!** This Series included programs such as our annual Christmas Concert and Pop Show, a Children's Choir Concert, multiple Organ Recitals, a Hispanic Music Workshop, and brought in guest musicians for special liturgies.

Parishioners guided by the Holy Spirit are what make St. Monica such a vibrant parish. Your continued prayers and support help us to fulfill our mission.

WE ARE ST. MONICA

A Legacy of Faith

As always, the St. Monica community answered the call! Due to overwhelming generosity from so many of our families, the successful We Are St. Monica – A Legacy of Faith campaign is providing necessary updates to our parish school. Future generations of students will soon be educated in a safe and modern facility. In fact, this work has already begun! Over the summer, crews successfully completed the abatement process throughout the B, C, and D wings of the parish school. Construction will resume next year and hopefully be completed before students return for the 2020-21 school year.

Each gift, each pledge, and each sacrifice has inspired and blessed our parish. Thank you for your generosity & commitment to St. Monica Catholic Church.

Thanks to your generosity, we will address long-standing infrastructure needs and will renovate our classrooms:

- New windows
- New electrical system
- New plumbing
- Newly remodel bathrooms in C & D wings
- New lighting
- New HVAC units in classrooms
- New classroom flooring
- A newly updated exterior façade

2018-2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Thank you to the 2,316 families and individuals who made the following contributions last year:



714 families gave \$0 to \$100 totaling: \$21,073



525 families gave \$100.01 to \$500 totaling: \$137,210



292 families gave \$500.01 to \$1,000 totaling: \$216,731



539 families gave \$1,000.01 to \$2,500 totaling: \$791,955



151 families gave \$2,500.01 to \$5,000 totaling: \$532,604



95 families gave \$5,000.01 to \$50,000 totaling: \$1,160,987

Grand Total: \$2,860,560



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BAPTISMS



286
FIRST COMMUNIONS



244
CONFIRMATIONS



50
MARRIAGES



46
FUNERALS



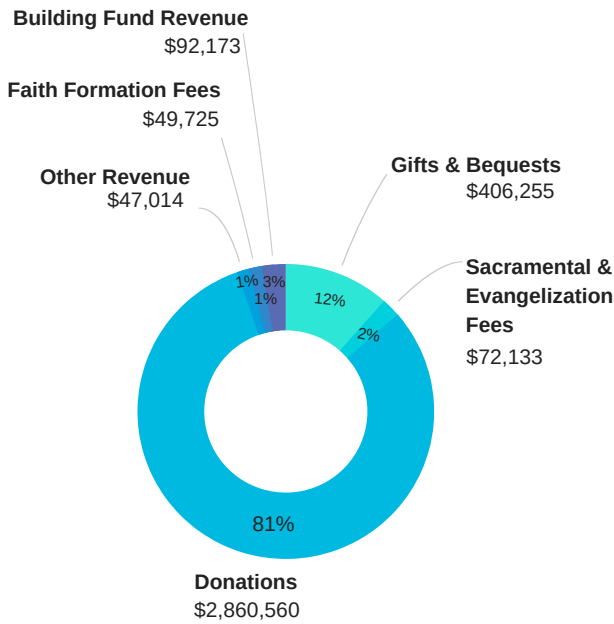
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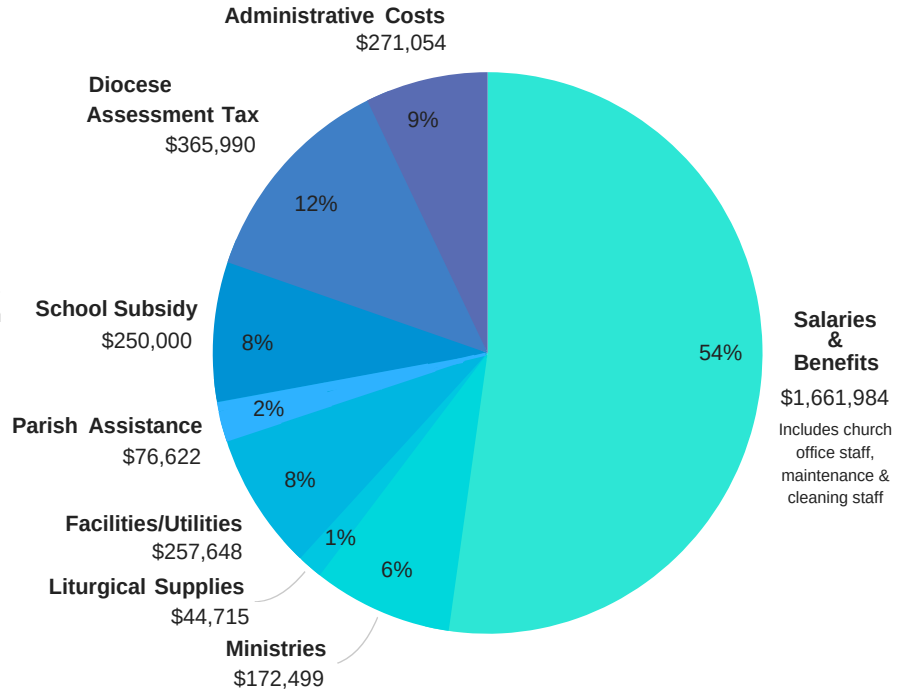
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2018-2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

CHURCH REVENUE



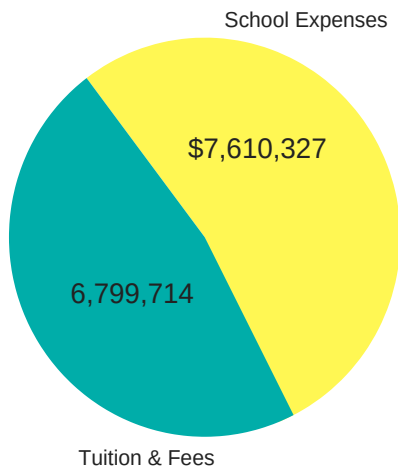
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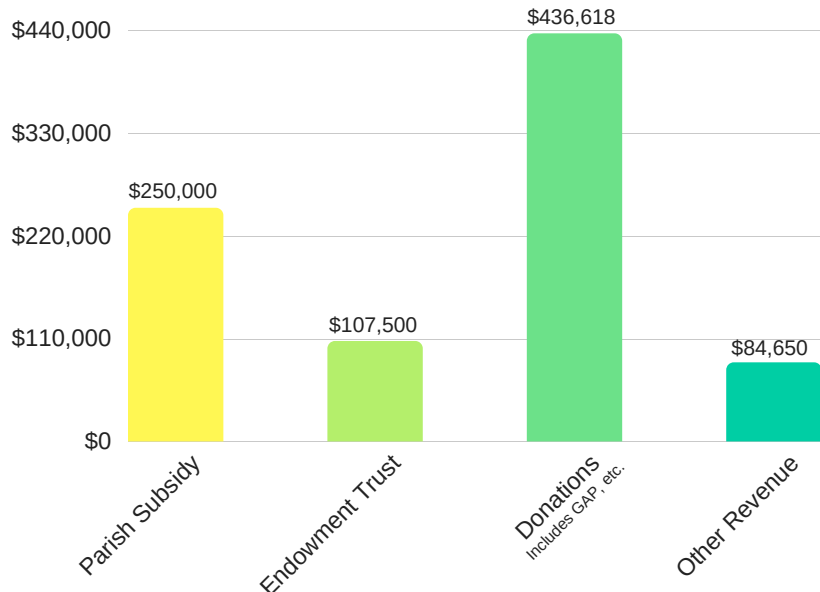
CHURCH REVENUE TOTAL: \$3,527,860

CHURCH EXPENSES TOTAL: \$3,100,512

SCHOOL REVENUE & EXPENSES



SCHOOL DONATIONS





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