

HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC PARISH

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ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings in Christ Jesus,

This “annual report” is perhaps more akin to an annual newsletter. In addition to reporting some of the numbers and events from the past fiscal year, July 1st 2015 thru June 30, 2016, it is filled with stories that put flesh on our faith and community. In reading through this, I hope that you will be inspired in your own faith, and hear Our Lord calling all of us to be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasure in building up the Kingdom of God at Holy Redeemer Parish.

May Almighty God Bless You,

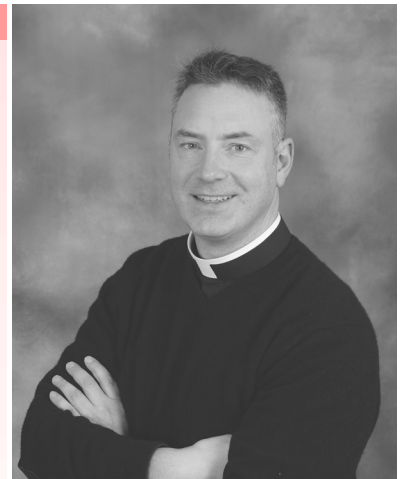


Fr. Thomas Nathe
Pastor

Holy Redeemer Ministerial Staff



From left to right: Ed Brands, Administrator; Mark MacKenzie, Faith Formation Director; Father Thomas Nathe, Pastor; Jamie Kohler, Faith Formation Leader; Laura Rodrigues, Faith Formation Leader; Angela Yang, Music Director; Melissa Abell, Administrative Assistant; Karen Noble, Receptionist; Dan Joyce, Business Manager



Our Mission

**GLORIFY GOD AND
SANCTIFY SOULS!**

Our Vision Statement

Holy Redeemer—as a growing, traditional Catholic parish—seeks to provide a welcoming, humble, and intimate atmosphere worthy of God’s Holy presence.

Employing the Gospel teachings of Christ, we are committed to strengthening personal spirituality while developing Christian values through on-going religious education.

Through the Holy Spirit we foster stewardship of time, talent, and treasure to extend God’s love within our parish and the community.

Check Out Our Numbers!

- 488 Masses Celebrated
- 1 Adult Baptized
- 21 Infants/Youths Baptized
- 42 Children Received 1st Communion
- 54 Youth Confirmed
- 6 Parishioners Received into Full Communion
- 11 Marriages Witnessed
- 16 Funerals
- 1,140 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration
- 1,566 Average Sunday Mass Attendance
- 93 Average Daily Mass Attendance
- 2,720 Confessions Heard
- 138 Individuals Anointed
- 1 Agape Mission Trip
- 3 Retreats for Adults
- 9 Retreats for Youth
- 50+ Parishioners Leading Eucharistic Adoration
- 63 Altar Servers
- 60 Families hosting the Parish Pilgrim Lady
- 8 Women in the Cenacle of the Marian Movement
- 20 Ladies in Endow
- 62 Youth in Grades 7 - 8
- 79 Men in That Man is You!
- 100+ Catechist Volunteers
- 140 Youth in Grades 9 - 12
- 165+ Participants in Small Lenten Faith Groups
- 176 Adult and Young Adults in Faith Formation
- 250 Children in Faith Formation Pre-school - 6th Grade
- 300+ Parishioners Attending Mission/Play
- 145 New Families Registered
- 1,093 Households Registered
- 3,144 Parishioners Registered

Annual Faith Formation Report

Hi, I'm Mark MacKenzie, the new director of Faith Formation at Holy Redeemer. As you can see from the stats to the left, we are a very busy and vibrant Parish. I feel honored to be part of such an amazing community with a heart for growing in faith.



Palm Sunday, 2016

Pope Benedict XVI tells us in DEUS CARITAS EST, "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." While gaining knowledge or wisdom about our faith is essential, it is not enough for us to "be" Christian.

Having an encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to a change in our outlook and behavior is what it means to be Christian. The new horizon implies that we shift our focus from the world toward our true home in Heaven, with an intentional decision to grow in holiness. In the Faith Formation Office, our primary purpose is to help create encounters between parishioners and our risen Lord, to help people of all ages understand God's will, and help them align their will to His.

In the sacraments we experience an encounter with Christ and his Church and learn about His will for our lives. This year we were blessed to witness 124 people celebrate a sacrament of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Eucharist). Healing was given 2,858 times in the form of confession and anointing of the sick. We can see signs of growth in holiness through participation in the sacraments of communion (Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders). Marriage vows were exchanged 11 times. John Paul Tomassi completed his third year in college at Bishop White Seminary, I myself am an aspirant for the Deacon Formation Class of 2020, and a few parishioners have entered or are discerning the priesthood or consecrated life.



Sister Elizabeth Marie of Divine Love
AKA Katherine Tadlock, went through Faith Formation at Holy Redeemer and is a novice at Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Louis.

The Faith Formation team provided encounters and formed parishioners of all age levels. We hosted retreats for first sacraments which included over 100 youth. We helped form 452 youth through catechesis and six different retreats. Over 175 adults took part in bible

studies or small Lenten faith sharing groups, 3 of which continue to meet on a regular basis. RCIA continues to help Catholics and non-Catholics learn about what the Church believes and teaches. Over 300 parishioners participated in our Lenten Mission, and the play *Therese, The Story of a Soul*.

As I come on board, I'm excited about the future of our Parish. This past year we were able to expand into new areas including a growing young adult ministry, Endow, and Trail Life USA. As we move forward, we'll be able to expand our opportunities even more. Thanks to the help of over 100 volunteers and our combined office staff, we'll be looking to add parish missions, adult retreats, and more bible study opportunities. Moving forward, let's "be" Christians with intentionality. Join us as we lift our gaze from the horizon of the world and focus on Heaven, and a new direction toward holiness.

Mark MacKenzie
Faith Formation Director



Father Jim Costigan of the Fathers of Mercy came for our Lenten Mission: Fight the Fight: Engaging in Spiritual Combat



From Top, Clockwise:
High School Convention, TMIY, Junior High Rally,
Agape, MSI



Troop 360, Heading out for their first hike, take a moment to pose for a picture with Fr. Nathe

TRAIL LIFE USA—TROOP 360 A Christian Scouting Experience

Scouting is an excellent way to introduce young men to Christ and His plan for their lives. This year Holy Redeemer launched the only Catholic scouting troop in Clark County through Trail Life USA. While there are a number of Cub and Boy Scout troops at various Catholic parishes ours is the only one that is explicitly Catholic. This program is an excellent compliment to the American Heritage Girls Troop that is already established within the Parish.

While our Troop is brand new, we are in full swing with a busy calendar including day hikes, overnight hiking trips, and a summer camp. Boys from elementary school through high school are welcome. Currently, there are 19 boys from 1st grade through 10th grade taking part in activities.

The troop has helped out around the Parish including helping the Knights with a breakfast and ushering during the Play *Therese*. Please look for ways to help support our troop in the future.

In TLUSA, our young men encounter Christ by spending time in the outdoors, serving their parish, and caring for His creation. They learn what it means to “Walk Worthy” as Christian men.



The Agape Mission Team 2015 –Serving a Migrant farm community near Bellingham Washington

AGAPE SERVICE PROJECT

For the third year in a row, youth from Holy Redeemer traveled to Bellingham to spend a week learning about and serving a migrant worker community.

We lived in solidarity with the migrant farmers. Meals were simple, we slept on the floor of a church, and we showered only twice. In addition, all electronic devices were left at home.

We worked hard. One day was spent working on a farm, another day we hosted a food bank for the community, and another day was spent gathering and preparing for the food

bank. Some of the youth spent all day teaching the children in the community about Jesus with a VBS style camp.

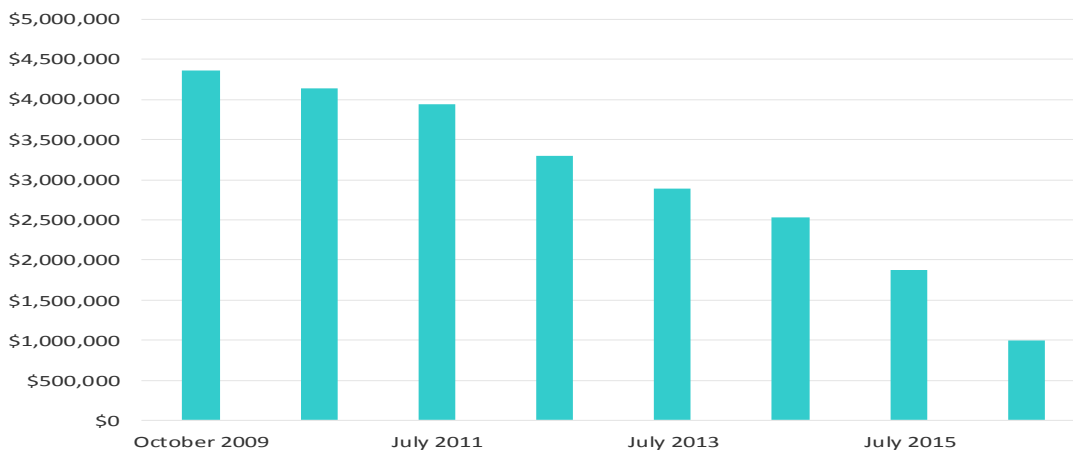
We learned a lot about migrant working conditions, what it is like to have privilege, and what it is like to not have it. We learned about the children who harvest the food we eat. We also learned about family situations and what it's like to live on the margin.

In all of this hard work and sacrifice, it was amazing to see the joy and love the kids encounter with each other and the families in the migrant community. It opened their eyes to how much they have beyond what they need. They see that having is not as precious as giving. And that when we give, we encounter Jesus, especially when we serve those who have the least.

2015/2016 Highlights:

- In September we shifted adoration to Friday's and increased the hours from 12 to 24 each week.
- In September we also moved Mass times to allow for 2 sessions for Religious Education each Sunday morning.
- Christmas Masses were celebrated at 4 and 7 PM on December 24th plus midnight and 10 AM on Christmas Day. Over **1075** individuals filled the church at the 4 PM Mass, overflowing into the parish center.
- We gave out 2,500 free books to parishioners during Advent and at the Christmas Masses. The book was *Made for More* by Curtis Martin.
- We purchased a new rectory adjacent to our property in January and sold the old rectory in May.
- We purchased another house adjacent to our property so that we might have more meeting space for parish groups and Faith Formation.
- Fr. Jim Costigan, C.P.M., of the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy led Holy Redeemer's fourth Parish Mission January 31st-February 4th.
- On May 23rd we hosted an excellent play titled *Therese-The Story of a Soul* put on by St. Luke Productions with about 300 people in attendance.
- Lenten Small Discipleship Groups met during the six weeks of Lent, reading *Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission* by John R. Wood.
- One of our parishioners, Mark MacKenzie, was selected for the Diaconate program in April and then in June he joined our staff as the Faith Formation Director.
- Our parishioners displayed their generosity in a huge way for the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal-pledging \$198,253.31. The first \$92,000 of these monies went to the Archdiocesan assessment and the remaining \$100,000+ will be used to improve our sound system and eventually adding a ceiling that covers the trusses to the Church.
- The eighth annual rummage sale in June raised \$13,490. In addition to the money raised we procured A LOT of items for use in the rectory, the annex, the office, and the kitchen; valued at \$3,048. We also donated a few items to Sacred Heart Parish for their rectory. Proceeds will be used for sound system improvements, and any excess will be saved for the ceiling in the Church.

Church Loan



MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE NUMBERS BEHIND EACH GROUP REPRESENT OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS INVOLVED IN THIS WORK.

Liturgical Ministries

Art/Environment - 28
 Eucharistic Ministers - 58
 Lectors - 27
 Choir members - 44
 Ushers/Greeters - 70

Administrative

Finance Commission - 5
 Landscaping - 20
 Office Volunteers - 89
 Evangelization Team - 10
 Safety Committee - 3

Outreach

Adapted Mass - 40-50 attending,
 28 volunteers
 Communion to the Homebound - 23
 parishioners volunteering
 Giving Tree - approximately 370 gifts
 Hospitality/Funeral - 101

Organizations

American Heritage Girls - 40 girls
 10 adults
 Knights of Columbus - 111 members
 Living Your Strengths - 498 participants
 Trail Life USA - 19 boys, 20 adults

Events

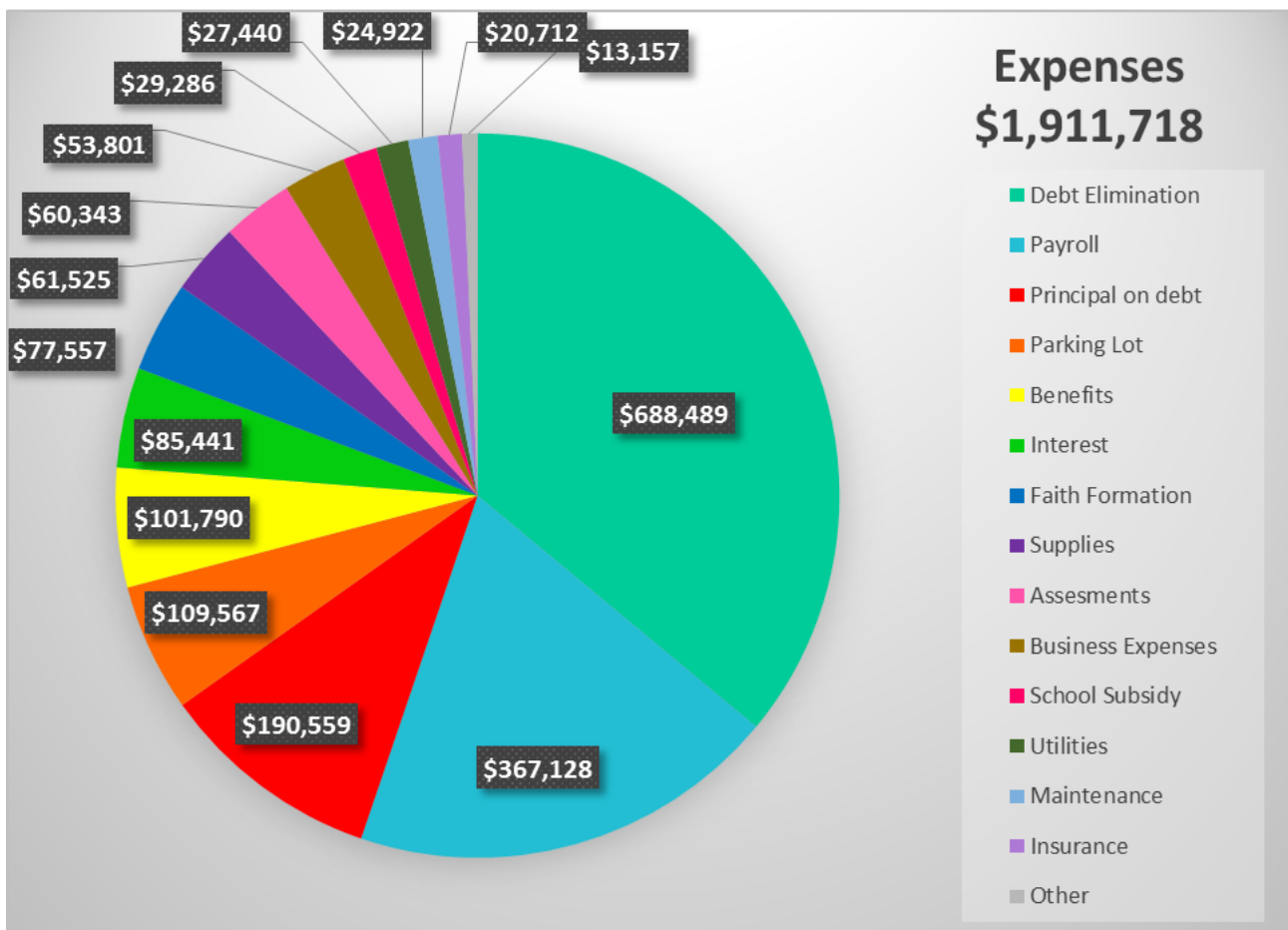
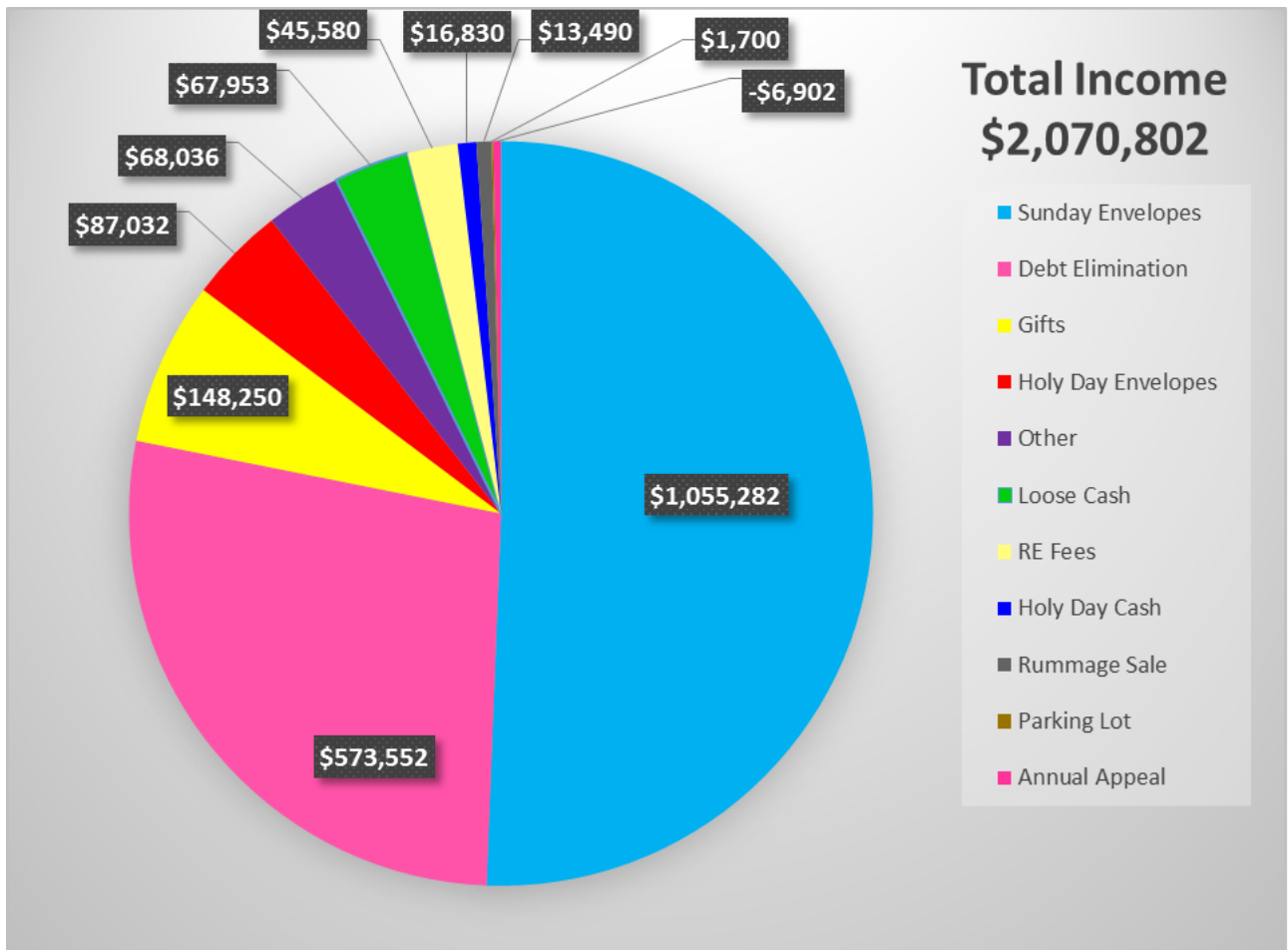
Parish Picnic - 30+ volunteers
 400+ in attendance
 WHO - 112 volunteers-465 hours
 Soup Suppers - average 125+ each
 Rummage Sale - 70+ volunteers

If you are interested in learning more about any of these ministries, please contact the parish office at 360.885.7780 or e-mail us at

karenn@holyredeemervanc.org.



Holy Redeemer's Revenues & Expenses from July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016



Our Financial Report

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: REVENUES AND EXPENSES

REVENUES	2015/2016 Actual	2015/2016 Budget	2014/2015 Actual
Sunday Envelopes	\$1,055,281.69	\$1,046,676.58	\$1,046,676.58
Loose Cash	\$67,952.86	\$78,724.15	\$78,724.19
Holy Day Envelopes	\$87,031.84	\$46,471.65	\$46,471.65
Holy Day Cash	\$16,829.67	\$5,856.00	\$5,856.00
Debt Elimination	\$573,552.03	\$420,000.00	\$530,179.05
Parking Lot	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$65,130.00
Annual Appeal	-\$6,902.09	\$0.00	\$16,532.91
Rummage Sale	\$13,489.52	\$0.00	\$12,696.64
RE Fees	\$45,579.88	\$34,335.00	\$37,128.30
Gifts	\$148,249.98	\$19,940.00	\$60,580.85
Other	\$68,036.25	\$30,520.00	\$41,919.09
Total Income	\$2,070,801.63	\$1,682,523.38	\$1,941,895.26
EXPENSES			
Payroll	\$367,128.36	\$332,797.00	\$325,388.88
Benefits	\$101,790.00	\$123,295.00	\$117,583.22
Assessments	\$60,343.43	\$60,343.43	\$56,423.25
Supplies	\$61,524.97	\$53,020.00	\$66,307.49
Utilities	\$27,440.46	\$30,090.00	\$26,428.54
Debt Elim Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,810.61
Maintenance	\$24,921.62	\$34,900.00	\$26,987.94
Faith Formation	\$77,556.93	\$76,185.00	\$50,972.55
Debt Elimination	\$688,489.03	\$0.00	\$530,179.05
Interest	\$85,440.70	\$127,012.88	\$160,049.13
Principal Payments Debt: see Notes	\$190,559.30	\$148,987.12	\$116,014.02
Insurance	\$20,712.48	\$22,764.19	\$35,558.51
School Subsidy	\$29,285.50	\$44,000.00	\$44,535.00
Other	\$13,157.42	\$11,380.00	\$9,638.85
Business Expenses	\$53,801.48	\$47,461.44	\$49,491.74
Parking Lot	\$109,566.71	\$0.00	\$15,099.91
Total Expenses	\$1,911,718.39	\$1,112,236.06	\$1,678,468.69

For more information please see the notes and Highlights to the right and the notes regarding our debt on the next page.

Explanation of terminology used may be found on our parish website at www.holyredeemervan.org; click on **PARISH LIFE** and then on **ANNUAL REPORTS**.

FINANCIAL NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Notes regarding Operating Results

- Sunday and Holy Day collection revenues increased 4.3% over last year.
- Due to the significant generosity of Holy Redeemer parishioners, we were able to reduce our debt on the Church building loan by \$879,048.37 for the twelve months ending 6/30/2016. We are extremely blessed.
- School Subsidy: Expense incurred to help families that send their children to neighboring Catholic schools. To qualify, a family must be active and participating in our parish.
- For the 2014/15 year (with the Archbishop's permission) we did not promote the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) since we were conducting our Realizing Hope Campaign. For the first time we fell short of our Archdiocesan goal which is why the rebate shows as a negative amount under Income in the chart to the left.
- Each year nothing is budgeted for the ACA and Rummage Sale as we generally use these monies for a designated project that is also not in the budget. This year those monies will go to improve the sound system in the Church and the Parish Center. Any monies left over will be saved for installing a ceiling that covers the trusses in our Church in future years.
- Holy Day Loose Cash is also not budgeted as this income varies greatly from year to year based on which day of the week Holy Days fall on each year.
- If you have any questions regarding the Financial Report, please contact Ed in the parish office at 885.7780, ext. 12 or edb@holyredeemervan.org.

Notes Regarding Our Debt

- At its highest, in October, 2009, our debt principal was \$4,358,772.55.
- \$23,000.00 is transferred from parish operations each month to cover the loan interest; any funds left over after the interest are applied to the principal. Last fiscal year that totaled \$190,559.30.
- Total receipts from debt reduction pledges in 2015/2016 were \$688,489.03. These were all applied directly toward the principal on the church loan. The balance of the loan on June 30th, 2016 was \$996,489.75.
- Our July 1st 2015 payment of \$23,000 from operations towards the debt was applied as follows: \$11,461.78 to interest and \$11,538.22 to principal. Our July 1, 2016 payment towards the debt was applied as follows: \$4,590.40 to interest and \$18,409.60 to principal. Thank You!!!

Our Offertory Report

⇒ Parishioners receiving envelopes	1003
⇒ Parishioners giving on a regular basis on Sunday	898
⇒ Parishioners who pledged their 2016 Offertory	454
⇒ Parishioners who pledged their 2015 Offertory	437
⇒ Pledges to debt elimination campaign	560
⇒ Percentage of income given on-line	25.5%



Let's move this mountain!

Special Collections

St Vincent de Paul \$29,086.10	Holy Redeemer Thailand Mission \$2,006.60
Peter's Pence \$4,699.00	World Mission Sunday \$3,403.00
Build Hope \$1,735.00	Catholic Home Missions \$2,474.00
Northwest Catholic \$77.00	Catholic Relief Services \$3,630.00
CRS Rice Bowl \$2,924.62	Priest Pension \$1,849.00

Parish Collections

<u>Annual Catholic Appeal 2016</u>
Archdiocesan Assessment: \$94,915.38
Parish Goal: \$150,000.00
Pledges: \$198,003.31 208% over goal
Annual Renewal of financial Stewardship Pledges:
<u>2015 Sunday Offering</u>
Pledged: \$891,249.38
Received: \$1,228,672.30
<u>2015/2016 Realizing Hope/Debt Elimination</u>
Pledged, \$734,974.28
Received \$870,989.91

Questions or Comments

If you have questions or comments about our Annual Report, please feel free to discuss them with any of the following:

- Mr. Ed Brands, Administrator 360.885.7780, ext. 12
- Mr. Mark MacKenzie, Faith Formation Director 360.885.7780, ext. 16
- Mr. Dan Joyce, Business Manager 360.885.7780, ext. 11

