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Stewardship in review and looking forward

By: The Stewardship Committee

Murray J. Harris, a professor emeritus of the New Testament, defines stewardship in a powerful way. "All too often we regard stewardship simply as a matter of our giving to God, but this aspect is secondary. Before we can give, we must possess, and before we possess we must receive. Therefore, stewardship is, in the first place, receiving God's good and bounteous gifts. And once received, those gifts are not to be used solely for our own good. They must also be used for the benefit of others, and ultimately for the glory of God the giver. The steward needs an open hand to receive from God and then an active hand to give to God and to others."

In the last year, the Cathedral of the Assumption Stewardship Committee made a commitment to help identify ways to use our gifts to benefit our church and the greater community. We hosted a Stewardship Fair at the beginning of the year to introduce and remind all of us of the opportunities to serve. A powerful message was sent as you entered the undercroft. The number of leaders and organizations was impressive, and the creativity and passion for their work was inspiring. We want to thank these leaders for their commitment to help others utilize their gifts and all of you who have shared your time and talents to make our Cathedral stronger.

Your generosity this year helped us support the great work of Catholic Charities, our Cathedral Lunch Program, and the Bishop Flaget Society. Wonderful programs enhanced include: our music, talented staff, and supportive services that assist our families and community throughout the

year. Countless benefits have resulted from your "active hand," and your generosity is appreciated.

The Stewardship Committee will continue its work in 2018, with a focus on family and outreach. As Pope Francis said, "Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, or to those who have quit or who are indifferent."

We look forward to working together to identify and develop the gifts God has given to us as individuals and a community so we can serve a growing Cathedral of the Assumption family.

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The Life of the Parish

It's a Wrap

By: Sharon Mattingly

Let's Dance Louisville/2017 was held on June 17, 2017, at The Marriott Downtown. The annual fundraising event through Feed My Neighbor supports the Cathedral Daily Lunch Program in the Sandefur Dining Room. By the numbers: 417 dinner tickets; 12 competing dancers; seven professional dancers; three judges, two emcees; four auxiliary emcees; one auctioneer; live auction items including four trips (Napa Valley, San Diego, Florida, and southern France), VIP passes to Bourbon & Beyond Festival for four, Oaks and Derby package for two, \$5,000 in WAVE TV commercial airtime, and one Muhammad Ali autographed boxing glove; over 100 silent auction items; in-kind media, IT, floral and marketing donations; and hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours by the organizers, the competing dancers, and everyone who worked at the event that evening. The Winners: Andre Wilson/Judge's Award, Jacqueline Smith/People's Choice Award, and Taunya Eshenbaugh/2017 Let's Dance Louisville Champion! The Result: \$132,000 raised to feed the hungry and homeless through the Daily Lunch Program!



And planning for 2018 has already started.
SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 23, 2018!

Discernment Process

Beginning last spring, the Cathedral participated in the pilot program of the Archdiocese to take a look at our parish—our rich long-term and recent history, where we are, and where we hope to go. After listening sessions and online survey opportunities, the entire report document was sent to parishioners as the October newsletter. Watch for new offerings in the coming year that are a result of your input!



Daily Lunch Program

By: Steve Lee

Here are the highs of the soup kitchen for the past year.

We served 38, 972 meals. With 345 unique volunteers serving a total of 4,452 days in the twelve month period.

We received a Service Grant from the Humana Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.

We received the honor of having Cathedral Way – the alley directly behind the Cathedral - being renamed “Bologna Alley Way” in recognition of the nearly 80 years of our continuous efforts to feed the center city homeless.



And there you have it.
Thanks, Steve

I.D. Voucher Program

By: Deacon Tom McNally

In the past year, 282 clients received vouchers for state I.D.s. A state I.D. opens the door for those needing to stay in a shelter, apply for a job, and a great number of other opportunities most of us take for granted.

Grant Received

On the day of the unveiling of the Cathedral's Bologna Alley Street Marker, Catholic Charities Louisville (Lisa DeJaco Crutcher – Chief Executive Officer and Lucio Caruso – Director of Mission Integration) presented Fr. Michael Wimsatt a check for \$5,000 for the Cathedral's state I.D. Program and additional client assistance.

Phoenix Hill Medical Staff have come most Thursdays to be of service to the homeless population at our daily lunch program.

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Annual Parish Statistical Information

By: Angela Wiggins

Parish Population:	Households	1,166
	Individual Members	2,489
Formation:	Children and Youth in Religious Education	37
	RCIA Candidates and Catechumens	11
Sacraments and Rites:	Baptisms	18
	First Eucharist	12
	Confirmations	15
	Marriages	18
	Funerals	11



The Life of the Parish

Ask a Lawyer: On Tuesdays, parishioner Tom Johnson has been available for lunch clients to seek legal advice free of charge. This year, members of Legal Aid have also joined in the project.

The Social Concerns Committee

continues to oversee various collections of items for the community throughout the year. It also hosted two events around the issue of Gun Violence and participated in Hands Across Louisville in May.

Our big summer celebration was the **Installation of Fr. Michael Wimsatt as our pastor**, with a beautiful Mass followed by a party under the stars.



The Cathedral Golden Stars are shining brightly, with monthly offerings for seniors that are open to the whole parish, with much more planned in the year ahead.

Parish Life said goodbye with gratitude to outgoing chair, Vicki Maruca Havron, as she and her husband John moved to Cincinnati. Paul Kelty came on as chair in September. Welcome, Paul, and all the best, Vicki!

Our parish nurse, **E.A. Cole**, was chosen **2017 CHM Faith Community Nurse of the Year** and she was honored at Norton Healthcare.

To our great delight, **Fr. Lawrence Ezike** spent part of the summer with us. At long last, this November, the medical supplies shipment for his diocese in Nigeria began its journey by truck, train, and ship. It is hoped to arrive by January 1.

We celebrated the end of the **Fatima Jubilee Year** in October, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions of Our Lady.

As the mother church for the Archdiocese of Louisville the Cathedral hosted school tours, our docents provided Sunday tours of the Archdiocese of Louisville History Center, and Catholic School Confirmations were celebrated here. Archbishop Kurtz celebrated a Red Mass for those in the legal profession, a White Mass for those in the medical field, the Anniversary Mass for married couples, and the Commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There were Boy Scout and Girl Scout awards ceremonies. A Pro-Life Mass is offered here monthly.

Annual Report: Operating Income Statement

For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Fiscal Year Ending 06-30-2017			Year-vs-Year			Fiscal 2018 Annual Budget
	Results	Budget	B(W)	2017	2016	B(W)	
Collections	\$ 864,189	\$ 858,200	\$ 5,989	\$ 864,189	\$ 861,685	\$ 2,504	\$ 864,500
Social Concerns	25,416	26,000	(584)	25,416	26,126	(710)	25,000
FMN Fundraising	132,012	110,000	22,012	132,012	131,902	110	130,000
Kitchen Income	21,208	19,000	2,208	21,208	23,543	(2,335)	22,000
Special Collection Remittances	(11,434)	(19,000)	7,566	(11,434)	(12,848)	1,414	(10,000)
Gifts & Bequests	28,936	47,000	(18,064)	28,936	49,716	(20,780)	35,000
Diocesan Subsidies	46,623	44,650	1,973	46,623	45,188	1,435	50,175
Interest	1,401	540	861	1,401	1,168	233	1,200
Miscellaneous	38,323	50,430	(12,107)	38,323	45,606	(7,283)	54,900
Total Income	\$ 1,146,674	\$ 1,136,820	\$ 9,854	\$ 1,146,674	\$ 1,172,086	\$ (25,412)	\$ 1,172,775
Administration	\$ 322,434	\$ 318,896	\$ (3,538)	\$ 322,434	\$ 341,374	\$ 18,940	\$ 329,710
Worship/Music	203,094	207,444	4,350	203,094	203,208	114	213,591
Parish Life	70,767	77,552	6,785	70,767	68,898	(1,869)	79,849
Formation	11,159	9,750	(1,409)	11,159	9,673	(1,486)	12,400
Social Concerns	10,355	7,350	(3,005)	10,355	5,492	(4,863)	7,700
Kitchen Expense	127,383	135,850	8,467	127,383	119,996	(7,387)	139,556
Plant/Maintenance	319,688	273,540	(46,148)	319,688	292,265	(27,423)	297,576
Assessments	71,267	100,300	29,033	71,267	96,898	25,631	85,763
Miscellaneous	12,072	6,138	(5,934)	12,072	2,919	(9,153)	6,630
Total Expense	\$ 1,148,219	\$ 1,136,820	\$ (11,399)	\$ 1,148,219	\$ 1,140,723	\$ (7,496)	\$ 1,172,775
Net Operating Income (Deficit)	\$ (1,545)	\$ 0	\$ (1,545)	\$ (1,545)	\$ 31,363	\$ (32,908)	\$ 0

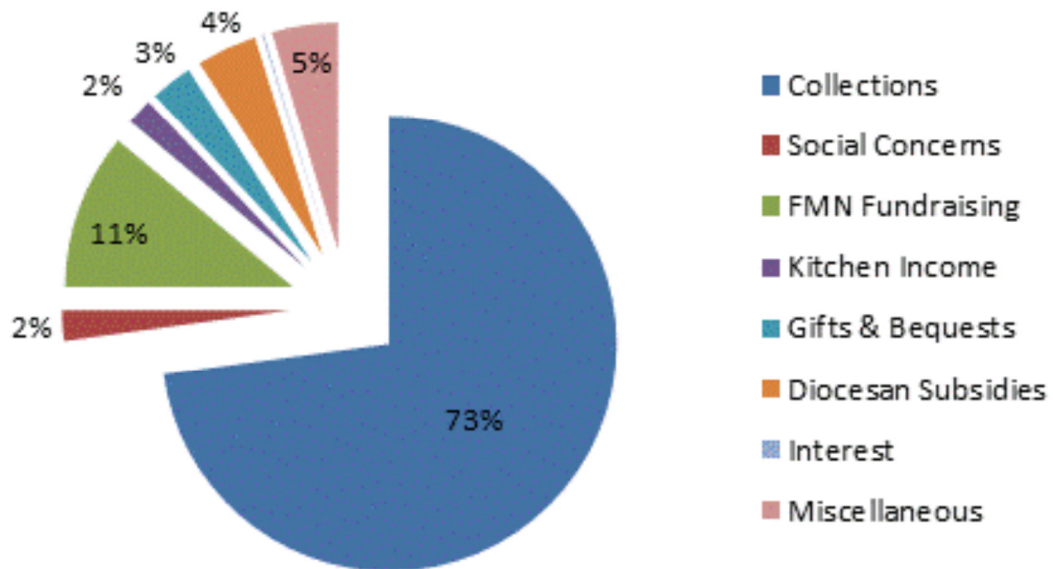
Note: Excluding unexpected repairs to the chiller at the end of June, the operating income for fiscal 2017 would have been approximately \$30,000 (exceeding budget and in-line with last year).



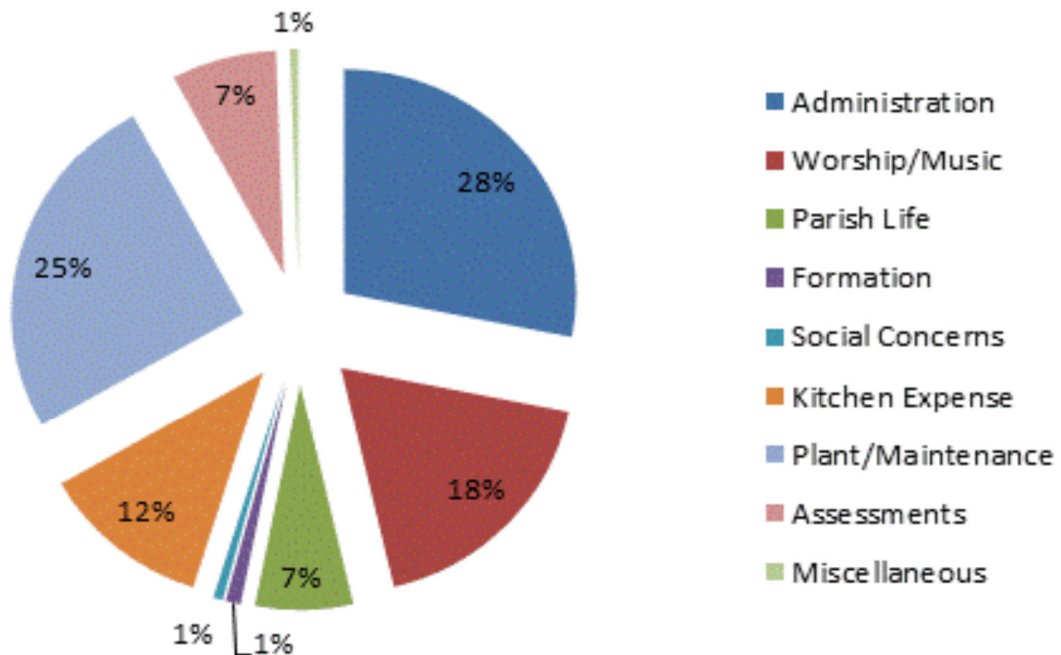
Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

(July 1, 2017—June 30, 2018)

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Income



Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Expenses



2017 Formation in Review

Adult Formation

By: Carolynn Hall

Small Group Scripture Study (2 Parts – 5 weeks each spring and fall sessions): “Parables of the Kingdom” program by Little Rock Scripture Study. Participants used their Bible, a 170 page biblical commentary on the parables found in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke plus a study guide to help read and digest the powerful stories that Jesus told 2000 years ago. The small groups met to watch a 20 minute DVD followed by an hour discussing study questions about the material which included reflections on personal life experience in a friendly atmosphere.

Lenten Mission and Cathedral Ministry Events

◆ Father Ron Knott treated us to an inspiring 2-Night Mission event at the beginning of the Lenten season entitled “Watch How You Live Your Life.” About 300 people gathered in the Cathedral to listen to his consecutive-night talks and sing along with live Gospel music performed by the band Reflections featuring former Cathedral cantor Elaine Winebrenner as vocalist. Donations to Fr. Knott’s Catholic Second Wind Guild were gratefully accepted.

Following that were three offerings for spiritual growth and formation via the arts, religious prayer practices, and social outreach.

- ◆ We held a movie night showing the gritty “Calvary” starring Brendan Gleason as a good priest challenged by a rough crowd of cynical, disgruntled, and in some cases, very angry townspeople and parishioners.
- ◆ Later that month, Fr. Joe Mitchell, a real-life Passionist priest from Louisville’s Earth & Spirit Center, spoke on the topic of spiritual growth through prayer practice in a presentation on meditation from a Christian perspective. The Center has an annual series of courses for beginning through advanced meditation that over the years many Cathedral parishioners have attended.

- ◆ Finally, an extra special evening entitled “Faith in Action” featured three local women sharing with the audience how their faith and personal prayer lives compel their individual works of mercy. These intelligent, loving, and humble women told us stories about their work within local programs that reaches some of the most vulnerable among us, namely: (1) The Norton Infant Holding Program in St. Matthews specializing in caring for babies born with fetal narcotic syndrome; (2) The Water with Blessings Program helping Third World communities purify drinking water for themselves with simple, inexpensive filters coupled with an ingenious training program, and last but not least; (3) The Hosparus Program at Norton’s downtown hospital that trains and schedules volunteer individuals to be on-call for a “final hour ministry” (with goal of having someone prayerfully present when terminally ill patients pass from this life into the next).

Contact information for ways you or someone you know who may have a calling or interest in learning more about these organizations:

Infant Rockers, Rita Ross, Norton Director of Volunteer Services, 502-893-1229

Water with Blessings, a variety of ways to help, including crocheting “Socks” for the system, 502-749-5492, Lar-raine@waterwithblessings.org.

Hosparus, 1-800-264-0521; hosparus.org

Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, 502-452-2749, earthandspiritcenter.org

Catholic Second Wind Guild, FatherKnott.com

Reflections on Sunday’s Readings: This summer between 9:30 and Noon Masses our deacons and priests gave us up close and personal talks about the readings.

On Tuesday nights this fall, **the Small Group Scripture Study took on Parables II** facilitated by Mary Jane Choi. The Saturday morning group

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began meeting but experienced scheduling hurdles and had to be rescheduled. This is good news for those who couldn't attend because now the group will meet on Saturday mornings starting January 6, 2018. You're invited and welcome to join us then! Contact the office to register.

Retreat: Finally, in early November, Brother Bob Baxter from Mt. Saint Francis directed us in a Day Retreat here on the Cathedral campus. The topic of his talks was "Living in the Here and Now"...a common thread in our 2017 year of spiritual faith formation. God is good!

The Catholic Book Club/Group met monthly. Some of the titles read this year included: *Silence* by Shusaku Endo; *Father Brown and The Ten Commandments*, a collection of short story mysteries by G.K. Chesterton; and *The Way of the Pilgrim* by an 5th century unknown author.

Youth Group

By: Joan Huber

The Cathedral youth group is comprised of 10 to 12 young people whose families are members of the Cathedral. Our program ties in the social aspects of a youth group along with learning more about the Catholic faith and how our faith can be lived out as a young person in society.

The youth group also participates in a 24 hour Fasting Retreat during Lent. During the 24-hour retreat we fast from food and learn about global and local effects of poverty. We participate in activities, discussions and prayer centered on learning what poverty looks like and the effects it can have not only locally but globally.

This past June, four youth, two adults and I went on a mission trip to Eastern Kentucky through a local program called Hand in Hand Ministries. We spent two and a half days not only building ramps



Youth Group on Summer Mission Trip in Appalachia

for those that needed to have a way to get in and out of their homes, but also building relationships with those who we helped. We were also able to build relationships with each other and another group from St. Louis that served with us. At the end of our day we would spend a few moments in prayer and reflection on how God had worked through us that day.

Some of the youth have participated in the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, IN. NCYC is held every other year and is a gathering of about 25,000 youth from around the United States. NCYC will take place this year from November 16-18, and there is a delegation of 500 youth going from the Archdiocese of Louisville and a small group going from the Cathedral. The youth listen to keynote Catholic speakers and attend breakout sessions about the Catholic faith and topics that are relevant to today's youth. The pinnacle of the two and a half day conference is a Mass celebrated in Lucas Oil Stadium. This Mass enables the youth to truly see the Universal Church.



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Advent Lessons and Carols, December 8

Following 5:30 pm Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, there will be a Soup Supper in the Undercroft with food provided by the Worship Committee and Choir. Donations received will help finance the summer Choir Trip. At 7:30 pm, in the church, the Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Singers, along with members of our Children's Religious Education program, will present Advent Lessons and Carols. This event is free and open to the public.

Masses for Christmas:

*December 24 at 5:30 pm and midnight;
December 25, 9:30 am and Noon*

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