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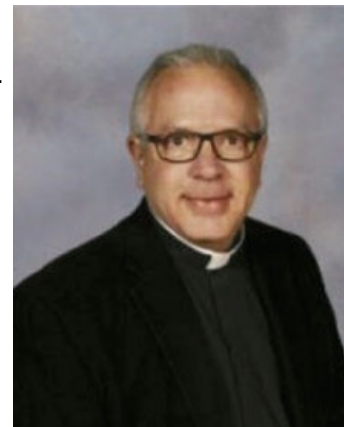


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Father Linebach's Message

Dear Cathedral Parishioners:

As I pen this letter, the first snowfall of the season made an appearance. The seasons can change quickly and surprisingly. What has not changed is our desire for a deep, abiding relationship with Christ, our relationship with one another, and how we bring Christ to others. I am pleased to present to you the Annual Accountability Report that outlines a sort of “year in review” for the spiritual and temporal ministries of our Cathedral parish.



The following pages depict just a small fraction of the ways in which our Cathedral parish has fostered encounters with Jesus Christ through worship, formation, and service, strengthened the gifts of our members, promoted life-long formation and education for all, and the valiant efforts to make our Church an authentic witness to the dignity of life and the common good, as we carry out the tradition of Catholic social teaching. This report reflects our efforts to be accountable to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this time and place. It is my prayer that we will be enthusiastic and engaged co-workers with Christ who trust that if we do our part in sharing the gifts we have received from God's abundance, the world will recognize us as faithful, generous and dedicated disciples of Christ.

Please accept my prayerful best wishes for a spiritually fruitful Advent Season as we prepare to joyfully celebrate the birth of the Infant Savior. And please have a beautiful Thanksgiving Day with your family and others that mean so much to you. I am grateful for each and everyone of you. God bless you!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin A. Linebach". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Very Rev. Martin A. Linebach, V.G., KHS





What have we been up to?

Parish Life

Members of the Cathedral Parish Life Team hosted several events in the last year:

- A luncheon in November for those who had lost loved ones in the previous year
- Coffee & donuts after some 9:30 Sunday Masses
- Reception on March 29 after the Vespers Service the evening before Archbishop Fabre's Installation as well as a parish welcome reception for him on April 3
- The annual reception following the Chrism Mass for the Archdiocese and a reception following the Easter Vigil Mass
- Several bereavement meals (after a long break during the height of the Covid pandemic), including the funeral of Fr. Bill Fichteman, former pastor of the Cathedral
- Hospitality for our parish meeting as we participated in the world-wide Synod on Synodality; Feastday Fest; Filipino Festival (assisting the Filipino Community with their annual Feast of San Lorenzo Mass and meal that raises funds for the Cathedral Scholarship Fund); and celebrating Thomas Bowman's Bell Award

The Golden Stars had limited activity during the worst of the pandemic, but are back to gathering and scheduling events for the coming year. Their most recent event was an October outing to Huber Family Farm in Starlight, Indiana.

We also have two parishioners who regularly take Eucharist to UofL Jewish Hospital patients. More volunteers are needed. Other parishioners take Eucharist to homebound when the need arises.

Docents/Tours - The Archdiocese of Louisville History Center was open to the public most Sundays of the year from 10:30 am -2 pm, hosted by Cathedral Parishioner Docents. In addition, a team of Cathedral parishioners gave tours of the Cathedral and History Center to 10 school groups last year. Our Cathedral also welcomed tourists when the American Queen Boat docked in Louisville. Number of visitors to the History Center: 261.



Formation

We are most grateful for our Catechists who devote their time and care in our Religious Education Program for Children and Youth and for the team of committed parishioners who guide those discerning becoming Catholic on their faith journey of RCIA. We are also blessed to have an amazing, energetic team that plans and provides other adult formation opportunities. This year that included: the monthly gathering of the Cathedral Catholic Fiction Book Club lead by Michael Cirone, Deacon Chris McDonell and Family's offering for the domestic Church, a retreat entitled *Come Ponder and Wander* (in search of inner light); a parish retreat on *Christian Hospitality* offered by Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB; and our parish mission offered by Fr. Jim Sichko entitled *60 Minutes for Jesus*.



Administration

Staff

- We welcomed Eddie Luckenbill to our staff. Eddie will take over as sole Facilities Manager when Ken Garrett retires early next year.
- Maintenance Staff Member George Offutt died very unexpectedly earlier this year.

Fundraising for Feed My Neighbor - There was a wonderful turnout for this year's Let's Dance Louisville event at the Marriott Ballroom that brought in substantial funding for our daily lunch program. Additional funds also came in on Give for Good Day. There are parishioners who give on a regular basis to make sure we can offer a nutritious meal to the underserved and homeless in the downtown community.

Parish Council has just welcomed 13 new members to represent our parish. We thank outgoing chair Don Kavanaugh for his years of loyal service to the council

in a variety of roles. We welcome those who have chosen to serve in the coming years and offer congratulations to the new Chair, Greg Sekula, and Vice Chair, Carolyn Miles.

Worship & Music

At the core of our parish is our worship time together at Mass. Thanks to the many parishioners who continue to offer themselves in our Liturgy as Hospitality Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Choir Members, Lectors (and Technicians for Live Streaming of liturgies for those who cannot attend in person).



The Cathedral Concert Series for last year included: David Jones, Organ, Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago; Jamie Monck, Guitar, New England Conservatory of Music; Quartet Dioica; Louisville Orchestra Handel's Messiah; Advent Lessons and Carols; Marcel Dupre/Paul Claudel Stations of the Cross; and Lvente Kuzma, Organ, University of Szeged, Hungary.

Social Concerns

Our Daily Lunch Program remains a wonderful resource for the underserved in downtown Louisville. Our numbers of guests are on the rise. With the cost of food as well as cleaning and paper products also on the rise, we remain grateful for volunteers, individual donors, companies who regularly donate, and to the LetsDanceLouisville annual event that raises funds for the program. Over the past year, 28,839 meals were served.

Other events that enhance the daily lunch program are the Second Sunday Cookouts by St. Albert the Great Youth, Vincenzo's wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner, the sweatshirt, hat and glove collection at Thanksgiving Day Mass (and wrapped at the Advent Family Gift Wrap), and the annual Christmas Party.

Our State ID Voucher Program had to be revamped this year when Kentucky's new state driver's licensing process was changed. Joe Best worked with other outreach agencies and the State to ensure we met all the requirements to provide the vouchers to those in need. This past year, 312 vouchers were issued.

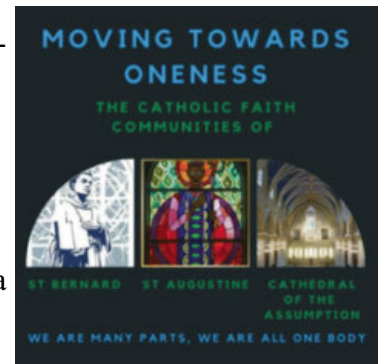
Respect Life—We participated as a parish in the Baby 4

Bottle Boomerang to raise funds to help with the good work of the Little Way Pregnancy Center. The Social Concerns Committee has also done some background work to prepare to participate in the Walking with Moms in Need Program of Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Cathedral St. Louis in Jeremie, Haiti—Our Sister Parish Committee continues to send funds to support the lunch program of St. Therese Montessori in Jeremie and to keep the lines of communication open between our two parishes. Because of the natural disasters that have done extensive damage in Jeremie and because of ongoing political unrest, communication remains a challenge. The Cathedral building was destroyed over a year ago, and another much smaller structure has been erected for liturgy. One of the projects we have been asked to assist with funding is erecting a structure to mount the bells of the old Cathedral so they can once again ring throughout the community. Maintaining the water purification systems and other school expenses are also priorities.

Other outreach collections we participate in as a parish are Nativity Academy Angel Tree and, through the Cathedral's Compassion Group, 5th Sunday Collections for House of Ruth.

Moving Towards Oneness - 8 members of the Social Concerns Committee represented the Cathedral as we participated in the Moving Towards Oneness Program of the Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Multi-cultural Ministry. We partnered with representatives from St. Augustine Parish and St. Bernard Parish. We met periodically over a year, in person when possible, and via zoom during the worst of the pandemic. We have documented our experience. and it can be read on the parish website.



By the Numbers

Registered Households 1080
Baptisms 13
Confirmations 9
First Communions 7
Received into Full Communion 5
Marriages 17
Funerals 6
RCIA Discerners 8
Religious Education Students:
Elementary 16, High School 6

The Cathedral's Charism of Hospitality

The Cathedral of the Assumption, as the mother church of the Archdiocese, welcomes many throughout the year for the diocese, other parishes and Catholic institutions, and visiting groups to the area. These are some of the events of the last year.



Anniversary Mass for Married Couples
Jubilee Mass and Reception for Archbishop Kurtz
Vespers Service for Archbishop Fabre's Installation
First Saturday Devotions
Pro-life Masses Monthly
Holy Hours on the First Wednesday of the Month
Priests' Jubilee Mass and Reception
Annual Mass for Life and Walk for Life
Padre Pio Relics and Prayer Service

Annual Awards events for Catholic Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Seminarian and Vocation gatherings and Ordination

Confirmations for St. Martha, St. Lawrence, St. Agnes, St. Rita, St. Luke,
St. Paul and Incarnation parishes

Baccalaureate Masses for Presentation Academy and DeSales High School

Presentation Ring Ceremony

St. Xavier Mother/Son Mass

Catholic Lawyers Group gatherings

Archbishop Fabre's Pallium Mass and Reception

Modern Catholic Pilgrim Prayer Service

St. Agnes Social Justice event

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Corpus Christi Procession

Blue Mass (for first responders)

Red Mass (for those in the Legal Profession)

White Mass (for those in Health Services)

Youth and Young Adult Mass

Art Conservators Convention (in the History Center)

Kentucky Music Educators Association Choral Competition

National Pastoral Musicians Convention

Visit from France of the family of our third bishop, Peter Joseph Lavialle



Annual Report: Operating Income Statement

For the Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2022 and 2021

	FYE June 2022 vs FYE June 2021		
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	Difference
Collections	\$ 796,581	\$ 758,704	\$ 37,877
Social Concerns	16,758	20,823	(4,065)
Special Collection Remittances	(8,150)	(7,984)	(166)
Gifts & Donations	20,317	57,401	(37,084)
* Diocesan Subsidies	95,612	209,012	(113,400)
Interest	2,555	2,491	64
Miscellaneous	60,210	38,302	21,908
Transfer from Capital Campaign-Legacy	49,000	20,000	29,000
Total Income	\$ 1,032,883	\$ 1,098,749	\$ (65,866)
Administration	\$ 368,442	\$ 392,112	\$ 23,670
Worship/Music	272,032	221,188	(50,844)
Parish Life	69,577	64,740	(4,837)
Formation	12,824	9,478	(3,346)
Social Concerns	15,095	10,102	(4,993)
Plant/Maintenance	361,913	321,146	(40,767)
Archdiocesan Assessments	44,863	51,913	7,050
Miscellaneous	11,027	21,691	10,664
** Transfers from Capital Campaign-Vision	(447,112)	(162,627)	284,485
Total Expense	\$ 708,661	\$ 929,743	\$ 221,082
Net Operating Income Before Depreciation	\$ 324,222	\$ 169,006	\$ 155,216
Depreciation Expense (Non-Cash)	215,121	272,439	57,318
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 109,101	\$ (103,433)	\$ 212,534

* Diocesan Subsidies includes \$113,400 for PPP Loan that was forgiven in FYE 2021.

** Transfers include Capital Campaign Funds of \$351,640 for FYE 2022 (\$112,844 in FYE 2021) used for building improvements and equipment/furniture acquisitions, and \$95,472 for FYE 2022 (\$49,783 in FYE 2021) used for building repairs, maintenance, and other related expenses.

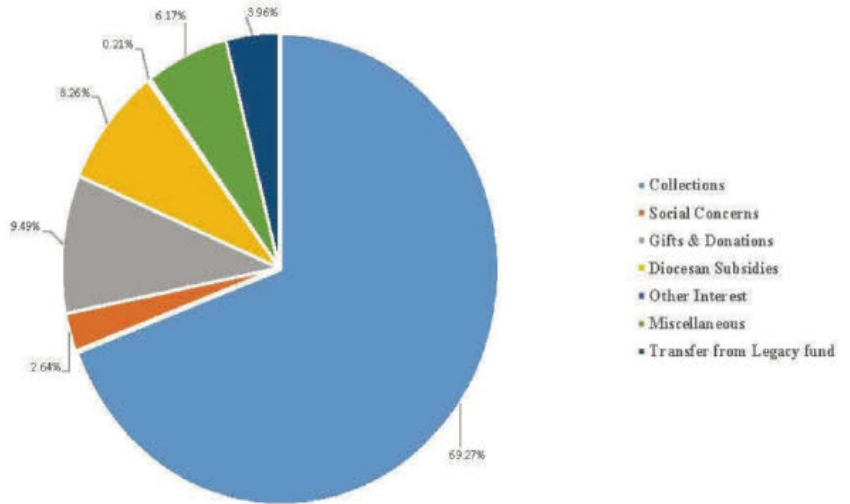
Operating Budget

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023

Income

Collections	\$814,000
Social Concerns	31,000
Gifts & Donations	111,500
Diocesan Subsidies	97,100
Other Interest	2,500
Miscellaneous	72,560
Transfer from Legacy Fund	46,495
Total Income	\$1,175,155

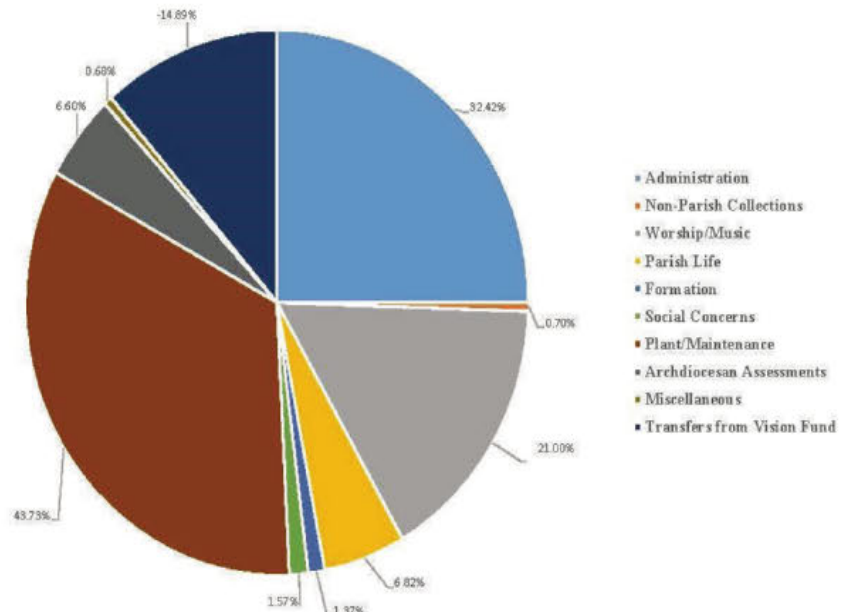
Fiscal Year 2023
Operating Budget Income



Expenses

Administration	\$380,989
Non-Parish Collections	8,200
Worship/Music	246,762
Parish Life	80,142
Formation	16,100
Social Concerns	18,437
Plant/Maintenance	513,925
Archdiocesan Assessments	77,600
Miscellaneous	8,000
Transfers from Vision Fund	(175,000)
Total Expense	\$1,175,155

Fiscal Year 2023
Operating Budget Expenses



The budget for fiscal year 2023 does not include non-cash depreciation expense of approximately \$225,000.

Coming up



Thursday, December 1	7:30 pm, The Louisville Orchestra, Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Ticketed event through Louisville Orchestra
Friday, December 2	7:30 pm, Advent Lessons and Carols—Join the Cathedral Choir for this traditional service of advent hymns, anthems, and scriptural readings in order to help prepare ourselves for the festive season of Christmas - Free - Open to all
Sunday, December 4	Following 9:30 am Mass—Advent Family Gift Wrap in Undercroft Wrap hats, gloves, sweatshirts, sox collected at Thanksgiving for daily lunch guests
Tuesday, December 6	7 pm, Presentation Academy Concert - Free - Open to all
Thursday, December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Masses at noon and 5:30 pm
Friday, December 9	7:30 pm, A Chanticleer Christmas, ticketed event—The GRAMMY® Award-winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer has been hailed as “the world’s reigning male chorus” by <i>The New Yorker</i> , and is known around the world as “an orchestra of voices” for its wide-ranging repertoire and dazzling virtuosity. For tickets: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chanticleer-a-chanticleer-christmas-tickets-396046494727?aff=ebdssbdestsearch
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Masses at 5:30 pm and midnight; music begins 30 minutes before each Mass
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day—Masses at 9:30 am and Noon
Sunday, January 1	Solemnity of Mass, the Holy Mother of God—Mass at Noon only

