Saint Eleanor Catholic Church

State of the Parish

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A New Year, A New Beginning

In this blessed Easter Season with our minds set on the Resurrection of our Lord and the revitalizing promise of Spring, we are once again presenting our State of the Parish highlights.

Our fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. We began this past fiscal year shortly after we were able to welcome our parishioners back to Mass in June 2020. Our Ambassadors graciously transitioned our parishioners back with warm greetings and joyful spirits. For those still unable to be with us, live streaming of Mass and other liturgical events continued. Live streaming is a wonderful tool, made possible by our generous Church family, to bring Saint Eleanor into people's homes uniting our community and sharing the richness of our faith with those near and far. We are overjoyed to be able to continue to share our celebrations of Faith with others even with the knowledge that *Nothing Compares to Being There*.

Of course, our dedicated staff continued to work hard to keep our parish family connected. Our volunteers personally made and delivered Christmas ornaments, bringing new and seasoned volunteers and their families together. Our parking lot was packed with parishioners in cars for our tree lighting and our Ash Wednesday Service. Our Music Director Elizabeth Calabro along with Mary Barbuto, Andrew James, and Mark Pinto led a virtual Christmas carol sing-along. Saint Vincent dePaul and our Youth Ministry groups continued to find creative ways to share our blessings with those less fortunate in our community. Many of our ministries found ways to keep parishioners connected by blending in-person meetings with Zoom. Our staff and volunteers are committed to continuing to find innovative ways to bring our community together and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Our Volunteers Are A Blessing

We are pleased to announce that despite some limitations to gatherings in the previous year, we had 148 young parishioners receive Confirmation, 138 receive First Holy Communion and First Penance. We had 6 adults come into the Church throughout the year; 69 Baptisms and 10 weddings; over 73 Anointings to the sick and 71 Funerals celebrated last year.

We had 550 students enrolled in PREP (grades K through 6) and there were 485 students attending Holy Cross Regional Catholic School from Saint Eleanor that year.

We are blessed with an abundance of Parish Ministries, all of which faithfully strove to serve our parishioners and local community throughout an unprecedented time of uncertainty, and continue on to this day. In 2020, the Parish was able to kick off a new season of *ChristLife*'s Discovering Christ series with 39 participants. Our Following Christ Session had 36 participants with the Sharing Christ Series enrolling 40 parishioners. Our *Walking With Purpose* women's Ministry was likewise determined to keep both their day and evening sessions active. There were 40 total sign ups during the year utilizing 3 separate rooms and a hybrid Zoom model in order to keep their Faith Community intact. The Blaze Ministry for middle school girls also flourished this year with a little bit of creativity and tech savvy. The girl's Ministry was able to fulfill it's 6 week program with exceptional results. The Eucharistic Ministers were grateful for the reopening where they could resume the distribution of the Holy Eucharist at Mass and take strength in a return to in person Mass celebrations. The Lectors took comfort in the opportunity to again read at regular Mass, especially at the Easter Vigil which brought a renewed hope for them and surely for the Parish as a whole.

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Our 7th through 12th grade Youth Ministry program continued to thrive. Over 250 young people participated in service, social, and spiritual events within this year's timeframe.

Our outreach opportunities continued to be the most popular. Our teens have a deep desire to share their gifts and talents to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Our teens helped to organize 2 food drives, 2 clothing drives, a collection of travel-sized toiletries for the homeless, and a collection of baby items. The teens helped to collect, sort, box, and transport the donations to many local organizations that help those in need. Additionally, Youth Ministry traveled to *In Ian's Boots* and to the St. Francis Inn Soup Kitchen monthly.

Of course, our teens also continued to serve the parish through activities like the annual tree lighting, Christmas decorating, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Pursuing Our Vision and Our Future

As you know we finished our Catholic Leadership Institute Disciple Maker Index and shared our findings with the parish. Our Envisioning team has been meeting and working collaboratively on a plan to bring our vision to fruition. Core values unite people in communities and Saint Eleanor's Church is no different. Our love for Jesus and to be His disciples is reflected in our joyful spirit. We are committed to being "all in" with our faith, and be so contagiously faithful that we bring others to Jesus as disciples.

Financially, our collections continued to regain ground lost to the pandemic. At year-end, we were 3.5% lower than FYE 2020. We are always grateful for the generosity of our Parish family. Amid challenging economic times we launched our "Pave the Way " parking lot project. We are thrilled to report that our Income is $202,122 in donations for that project. The funds received not only provided for the paving but also the new sidewalk that was installed. We are blessed by all our generous donors who gave to this huge undertaking.

Our cash and investment numbers seem quite high, but in reality, $468,191 of this *is restricted* for other use including CYO funds, Scholarship funds, Chapel and Vianney Hall renovations, and bequest restrictions. Please see the financial information and pie charts on the following page for more information.



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Saint Eleanor Church Financial Summary for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

CASH AND INVESTMENTS - JULY 1, 2020	$ 825,956
OPERATING INCOME	$ 2,015,192
OPERATING EXPENSES	$ (1,567,183)
DIOCESAN COLLECTION/REMITTALS, NET	$ (226)
LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS	$ 83,345
UNEARNED INCOME/OTHER RECEIPTS	$ 232,556
REPAYMENT OF LOANS (PRINCIPAL ONLY)	$ (434,998)
CAPITAL PROJECTS EXPENSE	$ (54,079)
TITHING THE TITHE DONATIONS	$ (2,925)
OTHER EXPENDITURES	$ (1,971)
CASH AND INVESTMENTS - JUNE 30, 2021	$ 1,095,668*

*THIS TOTAL INCLUDES $202,122 PAID OUT IN FYE 2022 FOR PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS

LOAN BALANCES - JULY1, 2020	$ 2,820,067
DEBT PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS	$ (434,998)
LOAN BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2021	$ 2,385,069



