

## Welcome to the Parish!

18 new families joined this year—don't forget we have "Called by Name Sunday" every 1st Sunday to help learn each other's names.

- ◆ Susan Bielski
- ◆ Justin, Mary, Ty and River Bresky
- ◆ Paul & Grace Potts & Family
- ◆ Ezekiel & Hope Escamilla & Family
- ◆ Russell & Donna Dowis
- ◆ Joseph Bonk
- ◆ Sarina & Guadalupe Olivarez & Family
- ◆ Echo Mondeau
- ◆ Rachel Meyers
- ◆ Don Miller
- ◆ GERALYN RUDOLF
- ◆ Kristy Beckrow & Alan Nohel & Family
- ◆ Arthur Saenz
- ◆ Jenna Perez
- ◆ James Johnson
- ◆ Stacy Pilar & Family
- ◆ Elizabeth Graykowski
- ◆ Cynthia Dankert

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# Annual Report

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

## Update from Fr. Andy

Let me start by thanking you for being an active and engaged part of our parish community. I know I do not say it often enough. Thanks to you we were able to pay our Nouvel Schools assessment, we were even able to save some of our general fund this year. Yes, you read correctly we experienced an operational surplus in the past fiscal year!

We know already just two months into this fiscal year that this year requires us to invest in our campus: the rectory roof project was completed for just over \$40,000; the Cathedral restoration project is scheduled to begin soon; Catholic Education requires we support the cause, this expense, while high, cannot be abandoned; in addition further operational savings are unlikely. We have lowered all utility bills, and must now focus on revenue equal to our expenses. Should we want to hire or expand our staff, that too would require increased revenue.

On the topic of revenue I must mention the fact that contributions were down \$33,000 from 2014-15. Almost all of that loss was in March-June of 2016. If you would make this the year you budget your gifts to the parish, and plan for them, that could help a lot. When we plan what we give, our giving increases. See the list on the right why EFT is a way to be more generous. Consider making EFT part of your stewardship.

Bishop Cistone continues to prepare plans and a campaign to raise funds to restore our Cathedral. We have used the

term restoration on purpose. This is not a make over of the Cathedral, something novel and new, but our plans are rooted in the past so the Cathedral will once again be a shining example for the Diocese. In order for the restoration to be complete, we must be ready to make sacrifices and endure inconveniences as well.

It's been an exciting year and our parish is going to have an even more exciting year—by exciting, read year of change: see the enclosed letter on temporary worship space; after construction adaptations and changes to our routine we cannot know yet. Now is the time when as a community will need to be patient with each other, and stay close—because only with regular prayer and listening will we be

able to focus on our mission from Jesus. Now is the time to enter more deeply into Christ. Our door of Mercy is still an excellent way to participate in the grace of this year of Mercy. Please take advantage of the Door of Mercy which will remain open through August, and will not be open after the restoration work is complete.

Remember our parish covenant; we are a Church called to Love God, Serve others and Make Disciples, by being disciples. As always I thank you for your generous support of our parish and I look forward to the future.

Blessings & Peace,

Rev. Andrew Booms,  
Rector

### TOP 10 REASONS TO USE EFT

1. Your Gift to God is automatically part of your budget
2. You can give more when you give to God first
3. You contribute even if your schedule takes you away
4. You will never be called to sign a check you turned in on Sunday
5. It's easy and convenient
6. It helps the parish to budget and use your gifts wisely
7. You won't have to hurry when the ushers are approaching for the collection
8. You will be giving to God first and not from what is left over
9. Your generous gifts are gratefully accepted
10. One call later and you can increase your gift or change your enrollment at any time

## Sacramental Life Report

During the fiscal year we celebrated the following Sacramental moments:

**Baptisms - 6**  
**Weddings - 3**  
**Confirmation/ Communion - 10**  
**Funerals - 15**

Pastoral visits with the sick are important—we commission all Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick at weekend Masses so we are always connected to them. During the year parishioners were visited in the following hospitals & Institutions:

- **Their Homes**
- St. Mary's of Michigan
- Covenant
- Health Source
- McLaren Bay Regional
- Saginaw Geriatrics
- Magnum Care
- Hoyt Nursing

# Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption End-of-Year Report

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>
Total Envelope/Loose Collections	\$273,655	\$240,577
Other Income & Bequests	\$16,243	\$17,928
Restricted Donations & Interest	\$11,017	\$12,020
Total CSA Surplus	\$4,757	\$4,355
Total Building Fund Envelopes	\$10,031	\$8,386
Total Rent	\$15,240	\$24,280
Total Flowers & Votive Lights	\$3,445	\$2,915
Stipends and Stole Fees	\$1,640	\$1,860
Total Education Envelopes	\$1,917	\$2,206
Total Parish Unrestricted Interest	\$1,350	\$1,380
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$339,358</b>	<b>\$315,907</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Total Education Expenditures	\$86,476	\$73,164
Insurance/Utilities & Maintenance	\$57,056	\$48,654
Total Salaries/Benefits/Taxes (all employees)	\$113,226	\$107,727
Other Expenses (donations, conferences, mileage, books, etc.)	\$41,311	
Total Printing/Office Supplies/Postage	\$8,073	\$10,087
Church Supplies and Music	\$8,305	\$8,263
Restricted Expenditures	\$6,703	\$12,406
Building & Land Improvements	\$10,677	\$0
Total Rectory/Operations	\$7,092	\$10,222
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$338,919</b>	<b>\$305,009</b>
<b>- Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>\$10,898</b>
<b>General Savings Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(\$6,425)</b>	<b>\$693</b>
<b>Other changes in the Balance Sheet</b>		
Pay off of outstanding Catholic Schools Assessment By Bishop Cistone		<b>\$201,012*</b>

- \* To prepare the Cathedral finances for a restoration project the Bishop cleared our Balance Sheet of all money due to SACS
- ♦ Notice the steep loss in revenue? Our collections dropped \$33K—most of this loss occurred in the period between March and June. As we begin restoration your support is essential. Help us proclaim the Gospel and be a place of service to those in need with your increased giving.

## Charitable works of the parish

**Our parish does its part to be a good neighbor:**

- ♦ **Monthly Breakfast on 3rd Saturday. This will continue to be hosted by our parish at East Side Soup Kitchen during construction**
- ♦ **Underwear and Sock distribution, we all know from travel or work in heat, it's the little things that make a difference**
- ♦ **Distribution of food at Thanksgiving and Christmas, last year we served over 20 families**
- ♦ **Sharing in the cost of ministry at the Saginaw County Jail**
- ♦ **Dues paying member of the New Ezekiel Project**

## Current Parish Support Contributions

Throughout the year, St. Mary Cathedral received contributions from 176 of 223 registered families with average annual support of \$1,168. These statistics show a slight loss in stewardship participation—God will provide when we each do our part.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Annual Support</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Annual Support</b>
35	\$0.01-\$100	22	\$1000.01-1500
29	\$100.01-\$300	16	\$1500.01-\$2000
20	\$300.01-\$500	20	\$2000.01-\$3500
14	\$500.01-\$800	7	\$3500.01-\$5000
8	\$800.01-\$1000	5	\$5,000+

**Your gift to your parish is a sacrifice pleasing to God**