



St. Mary's Annual Report 2006

*We are a Eucharistic community
whose mission is to worship and pray,
to grow in faith and discipleship,
and to serve those who are in need.
We respect the traditions of the past and
are open to the guidance of the Spirit as
we move into the future.*

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

During the past year, our diocese developed a study to determine the viability of our parishes. I am happy to announce that St. Mary's ranked very high in this study. We are considered a "flag ship" parish of our diocese. At the same time, many factors cannot be included in a report based on statistics. How does one measure a sense of community, the depth of devotion in worship, and the motivation for service?

As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are first and foremost called to be a family of faith who practices stewardship, who shares the good news of God's love, and is committed in a heartfelt way to the three major components of church life: word (education), worship (liturgy and prayer), and service (social justice and outreach to those in need).

I think you will see in this Annual Report that St. Mary's continues to be devoted to the mission that is ours—to be the church God calls us to be!

May God bless you all,

Father Ken Kuntz
Pastor

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Parish Staff:

Fr. Ken Kuntz	Pastor
Fr. Jeff Belger	Parochial Vicar
Sr. Agnes Giblin, BVM	Pastoral Associate
Dan Teets	Director of Adult Formation
Patti McTaggart	Youth/Music Coordinator
Rachel Santos	Office Manager

ST. MARY'S PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ann Langenfeld – Chairperson
Torie Hefel – Chairperson Elect
Karla Peiffer – Secretary

PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Ann Langenfeld – Family Life
Judy McPartland – Peace & Justice
Marty Shafer – Liturgy
Torie Hefel – Christian Formation
Kevin Mellen – Property Management
Mary Loops – Fellowship & Communications
Madelynn Hanrahan – Youth
Jean Harney and Karla Peiffer – At-Large

ST. MARY'S FINANCE COUNCIL

Anne Hargrave (Lay Director)
Vince Maurer
John Maxwell (Lay Director)
Mike Pugh

Parish at a glance:

Registered Households	1,734
Individual Parishioners	4,717
Baptisms	65
Professions of Faith	22
Confirmations	89
Receptions of First Eucharist	89
Marriages	28
Funerals	38

During the past fiscal year, 136 new households were added to our parish roster (10 from other Iowa City parishes).

127 households were deleted (5 moved to other Iowa City parishes, 19 were single household members who died, and 103 moved out of the area).

OUR COMMISSIONS

Christian Formation Commission: Randy Hefel, chairperson

- Meetings are held the second Thursday every other month. The December meeting this last year was not held due to scheduling conflicts. Standing committee reports were received at each meeting from
 - The Regina Board of Education, one of the three elected parish members of The Board provides the report.
 - The Coordinator of Youth Ministry, provided by Patti McTaggart.
 - The Adult Formation Director, provided by Dan Teets.
 - The Evangelization & Stewardship Committee, provided by Cathy & David Sharp.
- An annual Pastoral Report is received from Sister Agnes Giblin, BVM.
- An annual Regina Tri-Parish Religious Education report is received from Sister Mary Frances Michalec, ND.
- The Commission conducted the annual Regina Board of Education election.
- The Commission conducted the annual performance evaluation and review for the positions of Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Adult Formation Director. Both directors continue to provide exemplary service and commitment to our parish life.
- Participation in religious education included 93 students in the Tri-Parish Religious Education program. Participation levels in the North Corridor program included 42 students and 11 eleven students in the St. Thomas More program. 190 St. Mary's students attended Regina Elementary and 174 attended Regina Junior & Senior High School.

Youth Ministry centers around the three "S's":

Patti McTaggart, Coordinator

- **Spirituality**- from which the other "S's" flow- the youth of the parish were involved in every aspect of liturgical ministry – as ushers, greeters, musicians, lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at each Mass as well as Extraordinary Ministers to the homebound. The youth were also involved in the Advent Lenten Communal Penance services.
- **Service**, the youth visited the hospitals, videotaped the liturgies for the homebound parishioners, made casseroles for and served Free Lunch, baked, decorated, and delivered cookies to the homebound, made rosaries for mission schools, assisted with the Back-to-School clothing drive, and helped serve and deliver meals at Thanksgiving.
- **Social activities** included trips to Sundown Ski Resort, Adventureland, and Lost Island Water Park. In February, 2006, St. Mary's also hosted a deanery-wide Confirmation Advance (retreat) with Fr. Stan Fortuna. The youth also participated in diocesan-sponsored events such as the Christians in Action program (CIA) and Teens Encounter Christ (TEC).

Adult Spiritual Formation: Dan Teets, Director

- Offered the 1st 12-weeks of Jeff Cavin's The Great Adventure Bible Timeline study during Easter Season and summer.
- For the city-wide Christian Experience Weekends, 17 parishioners participated and 15 served as team members.
- Provided resources for personal and family reflections during Advent 2005 and Lent 2006.
- Three parishioners served as founding members of the Iowa City CEW Advisory Board.
- Five parishioners served on the city-wide planning team for *Why Catholic?* study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church to be offered over 4 years in 6-week fall sessions and 6-week Lenten sessions from October 2006-Lent 2010.
- Made many resources for adult faith formation available in the parish library which is open on Sunday mornings and on evenings when adult enrichment opportunities are being offered in the church hall.
- The Catholic initiation process for adults included the following:
 - Catechetical sessions were offered two times during year (on Sunday mornings from late August through mid December and again on Tuesday evenings from Mardi Gras through Corpus Christi Sunday) for those wishing to become Catholic, for adult Confirmation candidates and catechumens.
 - A Morning of Reflection was held in the spring and the fall for converts and adult Confirmation candidates with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation the day before they were received into the Catholic church and/or confirmed.
 - The Rites of Initiation for converts and adult candidates for Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion were celebrated on Christ the King Sunday in the fall and Pentecost Sunday in the spring.
 - Catechumens (adults preparing for Baptism) were dismissed from Mass for Breaking Open the Word from Christ the King weekend through Palm Sunday with the Rites of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) celebrated during the Easter Vigil.

Liturgy Commission: Natalie Robinson, Chairperson

- Planned and prepared for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time.
- Decorated the church for Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time, Advent, and Christmas.
- Decorated the parish hall for Easter and Christmas.
- Celebrated the sacrament of Baptism during our weekend liturgies in January, March, July, and October.
- Led the Holy Hour for Vocations the first Thursday of each month.
- Scheduled adult and youth choir rehearsals each week during the school year with the choir singing at the 9:30AM Mass.
- Scheduled children's choir rehearsals each week during the school year with singing once a month at a selected liturgy.
- Conducted altar server training in July and November.
- Conducted ministry training for youth and adults in May and October.
- Coordinated the Rite of Acceptance for Catechumens.
- Coordinated the Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates.
- Coordinated the Rite of Sending Catechumens to the Rite of Election (in Davenport).
- Coordinated the Rite of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church in November and May.

- Planned the Holy Hour for Life in January.
- Coordinated Taize Prayer for the Sundays of Lent.
- Coordinated the Stations of the Cross for the Fridays of Lent.
- Planned the Lenten Communal Penance Service.
- Prepared a Prayer Service for the victims of abuse in March.
- Prepared the Confirmation liturgy (with Bishop Franklin) in May.
- Prepared the First Communion Masses in May.
- Blessed mothers and graduates in May, fathers in June, and expectant mothers in December.
- Led the Novena to the Holy Spirit in June.
- Planned the Multicultural Mass on Pentecost.
- Coordinated the indoor Corpus Christi Procession.
- Ordered and picked up candles and altar wine from Religious Supply in July.
- Led the Novena for Life in October.
- Introduced the engaged couples at all liturgies in November.
- Prepared the Advent Communal Penance Service and First Reconciliation.
- Led Advent Evening Prayer on the four Sundays of Advent.
- Prepared the Children's Pageant on Christmas Eve.
- Videotaped Mass for PATV Channel 18 to the homebound each week.
- Coordinated the Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sr. Agnes).
- Purchased and used handbells.

Evangelization and Stewardship Commission:

David Sharp, chairperson

- Promoted a commitment of time, talent and treasure, had bulletin announcements and lay witness talks.
- Had nine people participate in the city-wide Catholics Returning Home Program. Three registered at St. Mary's.
- Sponsored small group faith sharing during Lent.
- Promoted a commitment of time, talent and treasure for students through Regina and religious education.
- Formed a city-wide Why Catholic team for this evangelization and faith sharing program.

Family Life Commission Barb Shafer, chairperson

- Sponsored annual chili supper with the Iowa Women's Hawkeye basketball team
- Continued progress on Neighborhood Project
- Expanded MOMS Ministry
- Coordinated Homebound Ministry
- Provided Sponsor Couples for engaged couples
- Held the Annual Birthright Baby Shower
- Sponsored the Annual Health and Wellness Fair
- Conducted the Annual Flu Shot Clinic
- Updated Family Life poster display in parish hall
- Held election of new commission officers
- Participated in Invitation Sunday
- Collaborating with Sister Laura Goedken for future informational seminar during Respect Life month

Fellowship Commission: Kathy Brechler, Chairperson

- Welcomed newcomers - March, June, September and December.
- Hosted the annual potluck with our neighbors from First United Methodist Church.
- Prepared and served funeral luncheons.
- Distributed the Parish Pictorial Directory.
- Sent birthday cards to parish members age 65 and older (Sr. Agnes).
- Sent sympathy cards to parish family members whose funeral was not held at St. Mary's (Sr. Agnes).
- Held the annual commission potluck.
- Participated in the Block Party with neighboring churches.
- Sponsored the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Sponsored Coffee Hours following 8:00 and 9:30 Masses.
- Coordinated St. Mary's annual Multi-Cultural Pentecost Potluck
- Altar and Rosary Society (Anna Stranieri, President) activities included:
 - Craft Group
 - Bazaar
 - Laundered altar linens regularly
 - Sewed baptismal garments

Peace and Justice Commission: Kathy Maxwell, chairperson

- Made quarterly allocations of a total of \$43,990 in parish tithing funds, divided as follows
 - Local \$25,250
 - Regional \$2,750
 - Global \$15,990
- Organized three weeks of Homeless Overflow Project participation
- Hosted a dinner for all of the Overflow Project volunteers
- Cooperated with the Fellowship Commission on the Pentecost dinner
- Transported food to the Crisis Center food bank
- Assisted chairperson of Free Lunch in increasing her number of food donors and volunteer helpers
- Provided potatoes for the parish Thanksgiving dinner!

Property Management: Kevin Mellen, chairperson

- Installed security lights on the west office building.
- Replaced spotlights on the church roof replaced.
- Repaired organ humidifier and did pipe work.
- Added security lighting on the west side of the rectory. The light was donated by Crescent Electric.
- Installed security fence around the rectory air conditioning unit.
- Installed speakers and jacks in the choir loft for TV Masses.
- Purchased new copy machine for the parish office.
- Installed new carpet in the parish hall.
- Made changes on the west office front porch.
- Did painting work in the church to repair damage done by leaking organ humidifier.
- Painted front doors of the church.

St. Mary's Financial Report – July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

Ordinary Income

Envelopes	815,272.66
Offertory	49,257.32
Other collections (Christmas, holy days, flowers, etc.)	<u>32,947.00</u>
TOTAL	897,476.98

Auxiliary Income

Surplus Annual Diocesan Appeal	5,721.46
Local charities (Crisis Center, Birthright, etc.)	24,176.16
Hospitality (coffee and donuts after Mass)	6,811.21
Miscellaneous income (refunds, etc.)	<u>6,222.16</u>
TOTAL	42,930.99

Transfer From Savings (interest, memorials & bequests)

	<u>50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	50,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

990,407.97

Administration Expenses

Priests wages (1.5 priests)	40,656.00
Secretary wages (1.5 people)	34,088.70
Custodial staff wages	13,073.70
Employer's FICA (13 people)	8,569.14
Secretary insurance benefit	3,975.60
Secretary retirement benefit	0.00
Pastoral Associate compensation	35,402.00
Priests' accountable plan (1.5 priests)	3,724.56
Priests' continuing education (1.5 priests)	792.50
Priests' health insurance (1.5 priests)	14,503.00
Priests' retirement (1.5 priests)	3,626.00
Staff hospitality	431.64
Office supplies	15,792.27
Equipment maintenance and repair	3,331.13
Educational materials (pamphlets, etc.)	1,184.72
Staff continuing education	0.00
Extra Priests Services	395.00
Utilities (gas, electric, water)	33,800.23
Telephone	3,705.93
Postage	5,634.50
Custodial supplies	2,811.50
Contracted services (Orkin, snow removal, etc)	6,149.85
Property insurance	13,040.00
Professional fees (Virtus training)	0.00
Building maintenance and repair	9,734.83
Catholic Messenger expense	8,709.50
Transportation (Sister's car)	4,808.22
Regina subsidy	529,264.44
Hospitality (coffee and donuts after Mass)	7,583.58
5% Tithing allocations	40,756.26
Banking Fees	<u>540.57</u>
TOTAL	846,085.37

Church Life Expense

Supplies, lectures, dues, etc.	<u>1,184.00</u>
TOTAL	1,184.00

Family Life Expense

Birtheright collection	1,953.00
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Faith Formation Expenses

Personnel wages for faith formation staff (2)	31,464.00
Health insurance benefits (1 person)	4,662.74
Retirement benefit (1 person)	1,386.00
Educational materials (adults, youth, children)	<u>5,772.12</u>
TOTAL	43,284.86

Peace and Justice Expense

Food Pantry envelopes	<u>21,341.00</u>
TOTAL	21,341.00

Liturgy Expenses

Musicians' personnel wages (5 people)	47,097.00
Liturgy supplies (palms, incense, etc.)	505.28
Organ and piano maintenance and repair	1,080.00
Missalettes/songbooks	2,830.89
Flowers and decorations	3,945.03
Choir music	<u>1,267.23</u>
TOTAL	56,725.43

Total parish expenses**970,573.66****Summary**

Total parish income	990,407.97
Total parish expenses	970,573.66
Difference	+19,834.31
Minus transfer from savings	<u>-50,000.00</u>
Actual Defecit	<u>-30,165.69</u>

During the past year, we also gave \$20,000 to the Iowa City Catholic Foundation Fueling the Fire of Faith Campaign – final payment, and \$10,000 to the Iowa City Catholic Community Foundation for operating expenses – final payment. We spent \$6,045 on new shingles for the office buildings (ABC Roofing) and we spent \$1,491 on repairing the parish hall elevator (O'Keefe Elevator Company, Inc.). Money for these expenditures came from parish savings.

We were blessed during the past fiscal year to receive \$57,265.93 as a bequest from Edith Brysch. This money was placed in parish savings to help offset our expenses. THANK YOU for your generosity to St. Mary's and your stewardship commitment. Please consider increasing your Sunday offering as well as remembering St. Mary's in your estate planning. Both are vitally important. God bless you! Father Ken