

REPORT 2019

Building Community



"THE FAMILY IS THE
BASIC BUILDING
BLOCK OF SOCIETY."
SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II



 **St. Anne**
PARISH - REGINA



MESSAGE FROM PARISH ADMINISTRATOR



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When I think about the opportunity and privilege I have received, to work alongside the community of parishioners at St. Anne Parish as your temporary Parish Administrator, I am so humbled. Every day, every week, I am blessed by your kindness, your generosity, the way you care for, pray for, and have welcomed me back has truly moved me. I am extremely grateful. You have made my job as parish priest a joy and I cannot tell you how much I value serving the Lord in this priestly ministry with you.

What I have long treasured about St. Anne's church is that we try to provide a place for people to fulfill their calling as Christians. When there is something that needs to be done, so many people rise to the occasion - whether it's a church pew needs to be fixed, a leaking roof repaired, a door handle tightened, a leaky faucet replaced, a light bulb changed, or weeds pulled out around the church - many hands make light work.

And, most importantly, I am grateful for the many active groups that meet on a regular basis, with their willingness to spread the Word of God and to make this parish community a family. You may find in the following pages some measures of success that we have seen as a parish community. This comes from collaborating with one another, despite our many differences - whether that be in personality, level of understanding, education or background in a particular field of work. We all strive to make this church a meeting place and a welcoming community.

2019 was the year that we went through many challenges, but the Lord was always on our side because the Lord loves us. We must remember that these challenges were not a reflection of our performance, our level of involvement or how much we gave to the Church. Through it all, God treasured our hearts.

God has a mission for our lives, an adventure to which he invites us. Being a Christian isn't about church attendance or involvement. It is about our walk with Jesus and our intimacy with Him.

My question for you to ponder on is not what have you done for the Lord this year, but how have you been with Him? Is there an area of spiritual growth that has happened for you? Or has there been an area of stagnation or decline?

Despite your answer, let me encourage you today Jesus is inviting each one of us into a dynamic adventure and journey with Him. Let's all begin 2020 by turning our hearts to Him and listening to what He says. Invite your life into His and bring His command of love to reality - by loving, forgiving, understanding, listening and being patient with one another. May I ask each one of you to help me in building up the Kingdom of God here in our midst, at St. Anne Parish, by your continued support and prayers.



Father Peter Pham



MESSAGE FROM COUNCILS

The Pastoral and Finance Councils wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to YOU our parish community, priests, all council members, volunteers, and office staff for contributing in such a generous way your time, talent and treasure in our beloved St. Anne Parish.

Our parish mission continues to call us to experience God's love in our liturgy, in our faith community and in our good works. As our parish continues to experience significant changes, the warm and welcoming spirit of each of you find a way to problem solve and work together. St. Anne Parish enables each of us to live this mission out in our own unique way.

Looking back, the full year of 2019 saw many changes and exciting new things in our parish. Pastoral and Finance Councils have been involved in the following activities:

- We have reflected on our parish mission, vision and processes with the intent to provide relevance and effectiveness.
- We have engaged in parish planning, reflecting on the past, visioning the future and preparing plans to ensure that St. Anne Parish is vibrant for years to come.
- Council members are in the process of clarifying role descriptions and responsibilities to support greater understanding and appreciation of each other's roles. A formalized process has been established to support effective overall parish planning of events and activities.
- The Pastoral Assistant along with Pastoral and Finance Councils have been working with Archdiocesan offices during this transition period until a new priest is assigned to St. Anne in August. A rotation of priests will offer Mass each week, and Father Peter Pham from St. Martin has been assigned as administrator to provide any necessary support to parish leadership.
- The Parish Communications team has grown and have enhanced communication inside and outside the church – new website, Facebook presence, pre-mass announcements on the projectors, email and text announcements.
- Hall roof restoration project – the hall is the extension of our worship space where the many community gatherings take place to bring us closer together - coffee Sundays, potluck meals. During this past year, these gatherings allowed us to get to know our pastoral council and parish community as well welcome new people including our new refugee family.
- Ongoing management of the parish including finances has been stable. Regular communication in the bulletin has helped keep parishioners aware of parish finances as well as providing clarity to the ongoing need to fund the works of the church.
- In terms of buildings and grounds, the emergence of the Green Thumb ministry has provided another opportunity for parishioners to get involved in the beautification of parish grounds.
- We encourage all parishioners to look at the ways that you can be involved in the parish, be it during our weekly liturgy (children's liturgy, lector, Eucharistic minister, etc..), or through our other ministries such as hospitality (coffee Sunday, events, etc...), parish environment, adult education, Social Justice (Our Neighbour Project, Refugee Program), buildings and grounds (odd jobs, Green Thumb, etc...), finance (collection counter). There are many ways in which St. Anne Parish can enable you to make a difference in our community and the world.

We have much for which to be thankful. Many loving, caring and talented people belong to St. Anne Parish. The parish continues to provide a means for people to make a difference in the world by putting those talents to use. Please ask God for his direction in knowing how you can best serve our parish community.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12

On behalf of Pastoral and Finance Councils,

Denise Nelson – Pastoral Council Vice Chair

Trevor Novak – Finance Council Chair

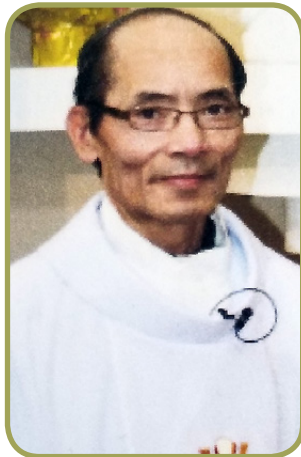




PARISH PROFILE



OFFICE TEAM



Parish Administrator:
Father Peter Pham



Pastoral Assistant:
Shannon Novak



Parish Coordinator:
Erwin Labios



Custodian:
Donovan Novak

PASTORAL COUNCIL 2019

Chairperson:
Larry Tessier (interim)
Vice- Chairperson:
Denise Nelson
Past-Chairperson:
David Kopriva
Social Justice:
Anita Hanna
Hospitality:
Patricia Kopriva
Communications:
Debbie Bailey
Youth and Family:
Braden Novak
K. of C.:
Brad Breit
CWL:
Anita Hanna

LITURGY COMMITTEE 2019

Chairperson:
Vacant
Environment:
Shannon Novak
Music:
Marilyn Wappel
Altar Servers:
Adam Ward
Children's Liturgy:
Kim Schaan
Lectors:
Roberta Walsh
Extra-Ordinary Ministers:
Roberta Walsh
Gift Bearers:
Rochelle Kramer
Greeters:
Phyllis Kaiser
Sacristans:
Roberta Walsh



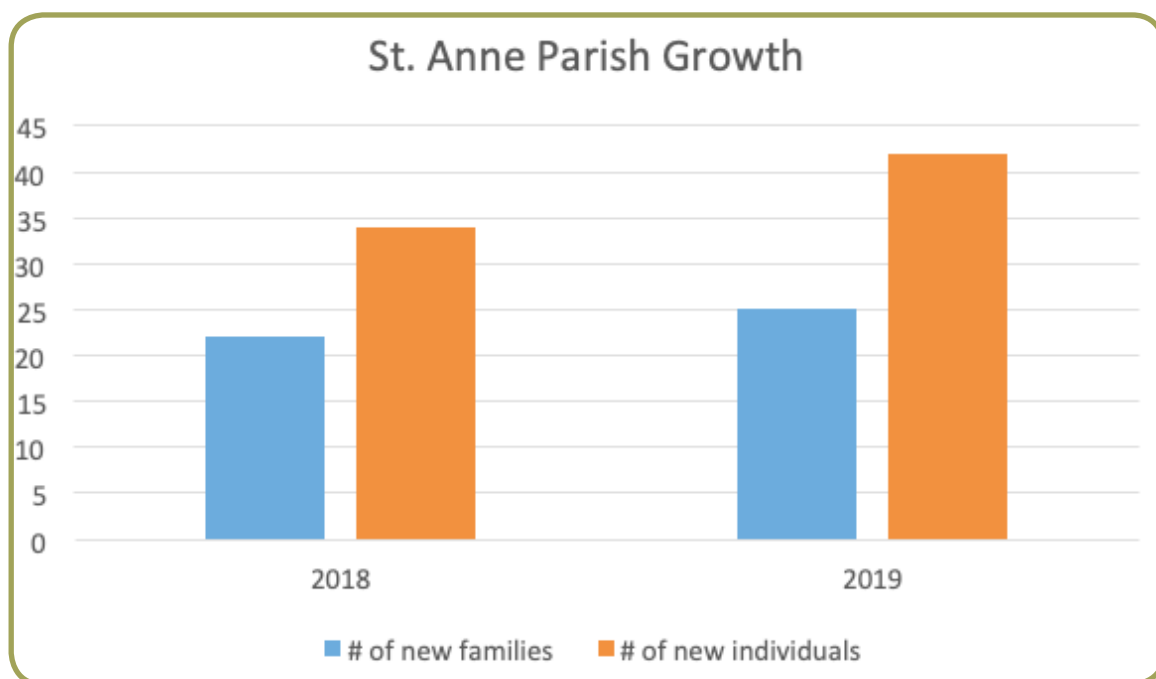
PARISH PROFILE



PARISHIONER SUMMARY

The parish continues to grow with the addition of 42 new individuals (or 25 families) welcomed in 2019. Overall our number of parish donor families

is 175 (however this may not account for those donor families who do not have a box of envelopes for weekly donations).



PARISH LIFE

God has a unique vision for every parish. And, in 2019, He had a unique vision for our parish. This past year was a year of change as both Pastors assigned to our Parish were either reassigned or called away. These leadership changes required our Pastoral teams and Office staff to step in and provide leadership while receiving guidance from the Diocese. We will continue to rely on our parish leaders until a new pastor can be assigned in July 2020.

As a church, we have the job of leading people into a growing relationship with our God. We can't do this alone. We are on the journey together, as a parish community. We build community by helping to transport our senior parishioners to mass, by bringing food for the parish potluck, by staying after mass to share in refreshments with our fellow parishioners, by signing up to volunteer at mass or on a committee, by donating to support our refugee families and 'good neighbour project' and so much more! When we are united through Christ, we can overcome any diversity or challenge!



FAITH FORMATION

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Our main purpose as a Catholic parish is to facilitate encounters with Christ. These encounters are made possible through the Liturgy (mass). As shown below, we have many generous volunteers coming together to support our Liturgy and contribute to our faith community.

Our Liturgy helps us to love God, love others and become better disciples for Christ.



15 Gift bearing families



16
Funerals
(3 held offsite)

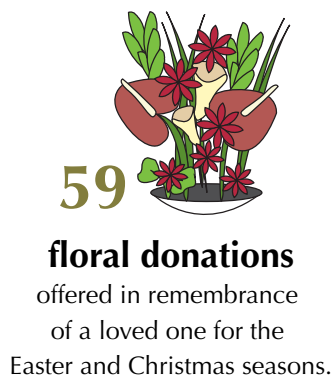
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Music ministers
plus a monthly visit
by a Filipino choir
(12+ volunteers)



8+
Children's
liturgy kids

4 Women's retreats
4 High school retreats

3
RCIA
Candidates



2 Conquest retreats *
65 Conquest boys
(city-wide)



2 Masses
for all
LeBoldus students

** (Both retreat masses on the Saturday evening brought 100+ non-parishioners to St. Anne for the celebration of each mass. These Youth Masses saw Conquest members serving in the various ministries of the mass)*



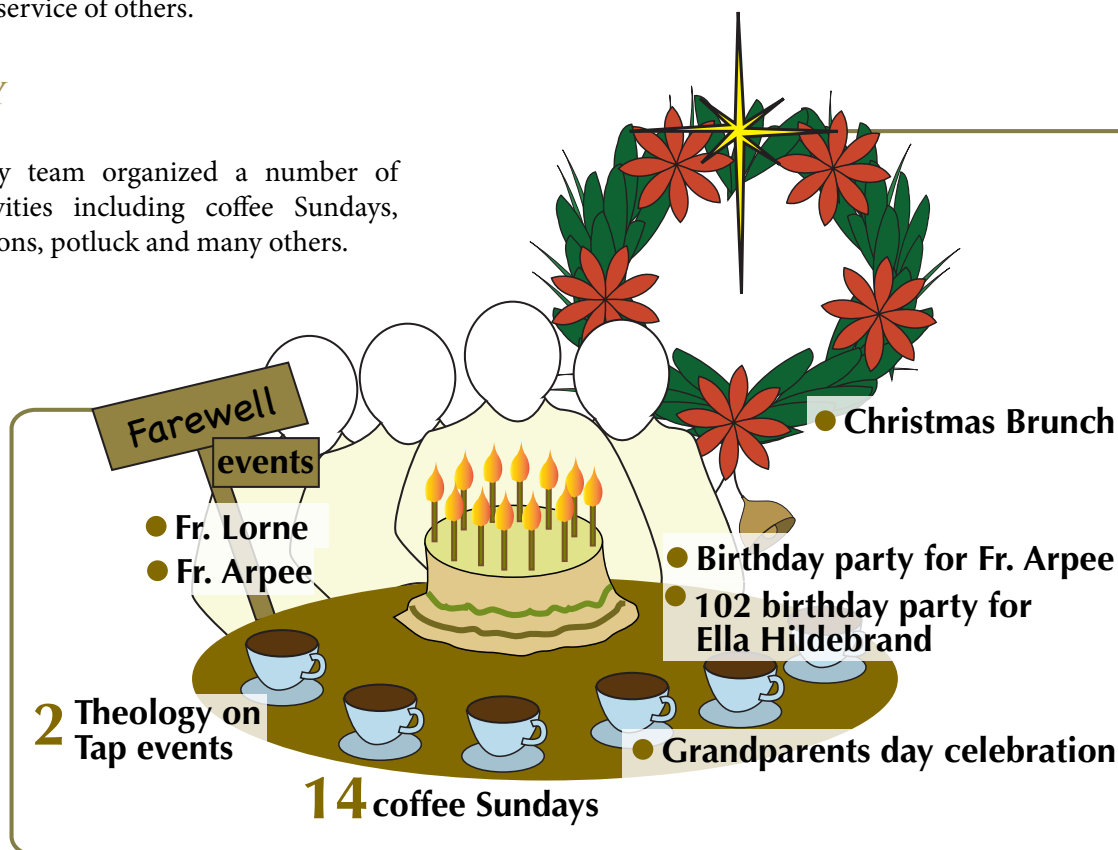
HOSPITALITY, EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE



St Anne continues to impact its community through hospitality, acts of Christian services and evangelization of the gospel of Christ to the world. Our parish is a true example of a life of faith that overflows into the lives of others. We strive to create a community where sisterhood and brotherhood is formed and experienced and where life is lived in the service of others.

HOSPITALITY

The Hospitality team organized a number of events and activities including coffee Sundays, birthday celebrations, potluck and many others.



Additionally, the Hospitality committee worked with Miller High School students (and under the supervision of Blair Bachelu) to create and supply a new Votive Candle Stand. A new Parish Directory was also compiled and distributed to participating parishioners.

EVANGELIZATION

INVITATIONS FOR EASTER
DELIVERED TO **250+**
HOUSEHOLDS

CONQUEST BOYS OF REGINA
SOLD OVER \$15,000
IN PURDY'S CHOCOLATES

\$4,500 DONATED TO BIRTHRIGHT

1. Invitations for Easter masses were delivered to 250+ households in the neighbourhood surrounding St. Anne church.

2. Just in time for Christmas, the Conquest Boys of Regina once again offered their "In the Spirit of St. Nicholas" program (also known as Purdy's Chocolate sales).

The mission of the project is to teach people about the Saints while raising funds for local and international charities. This year the boys sold over \$15,000 of chocolates (at 5 different parishes across the city including St. Anne). From these sales, the club was able to donate over \$4,500 for their chosen charity this year, Birthright (in the past 12 years of running this program, the Conquest boys have raised over \$70,000).



HOSPITALITY, EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

"A spiritual organization that contributes to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony." The CWL continues to participate in various community building and fundraising activities.

- 49 members
- 7 prayer and fellowship gatherings
- 2 members have 68 years of service
- 5 members have 60+ years of service
- Hosted 2 bake sales
- Hosted coffee Sundays
- Provided funeral reception support
- Led prayers for Way of the Cross during Lent

The funds were also raised for these charities:

- Birthrite
- Catholic Health Association
- Catholic Missions of Canada
- Serena Saskatchewan
- Development and Peace
- Transition House
- Sophia House
- Visitation House
- Early Learning Centre
- Hope's Home
- COADY Institute
- Santa Maria renovation fund
- St. Anne Parish building fund

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The knights hosted several events as well as conducted various fund-raising activities and volunteer works.

57 Members

Hosted a display of religious icon - Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians.

Organized and portered patients at Wascana Rehab to Sunday mass.

Volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bells at Christmas.

Hosted a bingo at Santa Maria.

Hosted coffee Sunday at St. Anne.

Assisted with renovations and maintenance at Camp Monahan.

Provided graduation awards at LeBoldus and Miller.

Provided bursary to a Campion College student.

Consistently supported Catholic Family Services, the St. Anne building fund, the good neighbour project and other emergent causes as the need arose.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Caring for our neighbour, for those who are poor, who suffer in body and soul, for those who are in need: This is the touchstone of our faith...This is the Gospel."

Pope Francis

St. Anne Parish is very engaged in social justice activities and works of charity. Parishioners are very generous and responsive to the needs of others by donating time, talent and treasure.



HOSPITALITY, EVANGELIZATION AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE



REFUGEE SUPPORT

Our parish is co-sponsoring the Omar family with their family in Regina. Zaina, Idil, Naima and Mohamed have been reunited with Zaina's mother, brother, sister and families. They were living in a refugee camp in Kenya after fleeing Somalia. They arrived in Canada in April 2019. Zaina's children are thriving in school. The family is struggling a bit financially. Their family members have taken on second jobs to help and St. Anne's is doing our part to help with a monthly financial supplement thanks to ongoing contributions from parishioners.

Early in 2018 parish council approved the sponsoring of four members of a family related to one of our parishioners, Ritva Gahimbare-Manisha. The four young men are from Burundi but had to flee four years ago and were living in Uganda and Rwanda. Our previous experience was that it would take about five years for them to arrive. We were blessed to have them here in just over a year. Patrick arrived in late September followed by Prince, Audry and Tony's arrival in early October. Each of these young people are participating in many programs, learning English and taking classes as they become available. They have forged connections with our parish, the French community and the African community in Regina.

The parish has been welcoming to both of these families and the financial support has been outstanding. The Omar family will continue to need our financial support until April, 2020 and Patrick, Prince, Audry and Tony will continue to need our support until October, 2020. The parish's continuing contributions are helping these newcomers to create a life as Canadians. As Ritva so eloquently put it,

"You are not only helping them but their children and their children's children."

GOOD NEIGHBOUR PROJECT

This initiative supports families in our community by providing gently used or new basic household supplies to families in need. Most of the families we help are also taking part in programs at Catholic Family Services. CFS teaches parenting and homemaking skills as well as helping folks set up a home. Some of the parents are recovering from addiction, violence and abuse, homelessness and/or extreme poverty. The last families we helped in 2019 needed toys for their little ones. One family had a two year old who had never had a toy. We have received a great deal of positive feedback indicating that the donated items were useful, necessary, and much appreciated.

In 2019 we started collecting and offering basic, non-perishable foods to go with the packages we prepare for families. It gives families a better start to not only have the dishes, pots and pans to cook food but to have some food to cook.

Our parish has embraced this additional initiative with generosity and enthusiasm.

- Assisted 36 families
- Helped outfit the rectory for Fr. Arpee in 2019

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Share Lent Campaign focused on the plight of refugees. The people of St. Anne's gave generously to support peace, justice and humanitarian efforts in the Global South by offering \$2,223.80. The Fall Campaign illuminated the encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si-Care For Our Common Home. During Lent, the social justice team also led the parish in reflecting and acting on the Corporal Works of Mercy as well as led prayers for the Way of the Cross.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2019 ST. ANNE FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2019 was important for St. Anne Parish in many ways. Primarily, it was the year that St. Anne parishioners stepped forward in a big way. Donations from parishioners was up \$100,000+ from 2018 while, at the same time, 2018 was an improvement from 2017 which was a big improvement from the year before. What this tells the diocese and everyone else is that our parish is on the upswing and parishioners believe that St. Anne parish is the place they want to make their faith life come alive. And, they want St. Anne to be there for generations to come. The other big thing that happened in 2019 was the hall restoration project which had been needed for many years. This was the year that it happened, a \$500,000 project that replaced the roof on the hall, upgraded the lighting and fans and interior ceiling and added insulation and cladding to much of the exterior of the hall. This project will provide benefits to our parishioners for years to come.

A special thank you to all St. Anne Parish members. It was amazing to see how the parish came together in 2019 to show support for the future of the parish and to kick start a real important community building project, the hall restoration. It is through your generosity that the parish is able to operate. It will be through your continued generosity that we will be able to continue into the future. We are a small parish and have still remained strong financially and have overcome many challenges. The members of this parish are and continue to be most generous in supporting a number of other charities in addition to our own parish.

FINANCE COUNCIL 2019

Chairperson:

Trevor Novak

Vice-Chairperson:

Dick Graham

Finance Administrator:

Michele Arcsott

KEY POINTS

- A net surplus of \$27,500 was generated in 2019. This surplus was originally budgeted for loan repayments but instead will be needed to help fund some of the initial costs of the hall restoration project.
- Expenses on the operation of the parish in 2019 was \$5,523 lower than in 2018.
- Donations revenue overall in 2019 was \$101,704 higher than in 2018, largely due to additional contributions to the Building Fund.
- 175 parishioners donated in 2020, of which 74 donated to the building fund.
- Outlook for 2020 – growth in parishioner numbers and providing key parish programs. Finance Council will be reviewing opportunities for cost efficiency in parish operations.
- Greatest area of risk – continued support by parishioners for the operation of the parish while at the same time continuing support the capital programs (building fund, loan retiring). It's critical that the additional support seen in 2019 continues in 2020.

Thank you to Darrin Bailey for organizing the collection counters on a weekly basis and for all the those that give their time to be collection counters. Please contact the parish office if you can contribute as a collection counter as more volunteers are needed. Training and instructions are provided.

Finally, as Chair of Finance Council, my most sincere thanks go to Dick Graham as the Vice Chair of the Finance Council for his guidance and leadership to the parish. His professional skill and experience has truly benefited the Finance Council and the Parish.



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Income Statement

			2019				
	2017	2018	Operating	Blding Fund	Mem.Fund	Refgee Fund	Total
Collection Revenue	\$ 146,859	\$ 146,965	\$ 152,894	\$ 77,924	\$ 1,800	\$ 16,051	\$ 248,669
Donation Revenue	\$ 10,561	\$ 18,572	\$ 16,085	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,085
Other Revenue	\$ 27,162	\$ 24,052	\$ 20,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,970
	\$ 184,581	\$ 189,589	\$ 189,948	\$ 77,924	\$ 1,800	\$ 16,051	\$ 285,724
Church Expenses							
Staffing	\$ 76,622	\$ 81,269	\$ 84,731				\$ 84,731
Util, Ins., Prop Tax	\$ 19,135	\$ 21,432	\$ 19,133				\$ 19,133
Repairs & Maint.	\$ 777	\$ 3,964	\$ 1,127				\$ 1,127
Assessment	\$ 14,959	\$ 16,455	\$ 16,963				\$ 16,963
Priest Pension Plan	\$ 3,036	\$ 8,334	\$ 7,479				\$ 7,479
Interest Expense	\$ 2,028	\$ 3,870	\$ -	\$ 7,122			\$ 7,122
Other Expenses	\$ 9,886	\$ 11,800	\$ 13,205		\$ 550	\$ 16,051	\$ 29,806
Hall Expenses	\$ 21,345	\$ 18,055	\$ 16,556	\$ 507,381			\$ 523,937
Rectory Expenses	\$ 1,462	\$ 2,791	\$ 3,254				\$ 3,254
	\$ 149,250	\$ 167,971	\$ 162,448	\$ 514,504	\$ 550	\$ 16,051	\$ 693,553
Surplus (deficit) before loans	\$ 35,332	\$ 21,618	\$ 27,500				
<u>Loan Payments</u>							
Church Roof	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000					
Rectory Renovation	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000					
Surplus (deficit)	\$ 15,332	\$ 1,618	\$ 27,500	-\$ 436,579	\$ 1,250	\$ -	-\$ 407,830



FINANCIAL REPORTS

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 1,034	
Receivables	\$ 17,541	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 18,575

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Current Liabilities

Payables	\$ 7,733
Special Collections and Appeal	\$ 18,134
Our Neighbour Project	\$ 3,100
CWL	\$ 15
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Total Current Liabilities	\$ 29,542

Long Term Liabilities

Church Roof Loan	\$ 35,266
Rectory Renovation Loan	\$ 52,829
Hall Restoration Loan	\$ 256,326
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 344,421

Equity

Refugee Program	\$ 15,322
Memorial Fund	\$ 7,343
Building Fund	-\$ 400,235
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 22,182
Total Equity	-\$ 355,388

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 18,575
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The Parish is responsible for the following loans:

Loan	2019 Balance	Yearly Payment
Church Roof	\$ 35,266	\$ 8,000 plus interest
Rectory Renovation	\$ 52,829	\$ 12,000 plus interest
Hall Restoration	\$ 256,326	\$ 25,000 plus interest



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

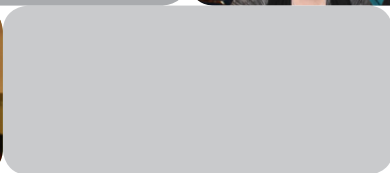
The main activity from the Buildings and Grounds area in 2019 was the hall restoration project. The Hall Restoration Committee (Trevor Novak, Tim Walsh, Kelly Nelson, Gerrard Wappel) led the parish team in this \$500,000 project to save a key part of parish life, our hall. Special thanks go to Tim Walsh for his leadership. It's amazing to see what can be accomplished by tapping into the collective talents that are present in the parish. Please see the following project summary:

1. The scope of the hall restoration project:
 - Replacement of 3 roof areas (main gym area, kitchen, stage)
 - Improvement to roof drainage and insulation
 - Replacement of the south upper windows
 - Insulation and cladding on exterior north wall of the hall
 - Replacement of interior acoustic ceiling tiles and interior lighting and fans.
2. The project budget was \$508,213. Actual costs were \$507,381
3. All items of the project scope were completed. The hall exhaust fans were removed from the project to be completed in spring of 2020. Some additional minor repairs to the church roof were undertaken while the roof contractor was on site.

The Green Thumb Ministry has completed it's first year beautifying St. Anne flowerbeds. This new ministry initiative has the dual goal of (a) beautifying parish flower beds, and (b) providing an opportunity for parishioners to contribute to parish life in a way that interests them. The Green Thumb Ministry was very successful as 9 Parish flowerbeds were planted and maintained in 2019. There have been more than 15 people participating. We're looking forward to continuing this in the spring of 2020, so if you are interested in participating continue to watch for bulletin announcements this spring.



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