

Church of the Precious Blood



STATE OF THE PARISH



125th Anniversary Milestones

Dear Parish Family Members and Friends,

Jean Vanier said that “Every human activity can be put at the service of the divine and of love. We should all exercise our gift to build community.”

We at The Church of the Precious Blood strive to be community. And the community we strive to be, because of faith, can reflect the divine – can point to the kingdom.

This is our annual “State of the Parish”. As we look at it we see the diverse ways in which we live as community we can see the diverse expressions of our faith, our trust in God:

Our activities on behalf of Human Concerns – feeding the poor, caring for the sick, clothing the naked -reflect our belief that the Lord Jesus is found among those in need.

Our Social activities – the parties, the fun times – help us to revere and enjoy one another.

Our Sacramental Ministries – the weddings, the baptisms, and the funerals – help one another make the transitions that are part of our faith journey.

Our Teaching moments – for our young people, our Bible study, our faith sharing groups – help us discern where God is leading us.

Our Worship – celebrating the Eucharist, gathering for prayer – nourishes us and sends us forth to be disciples.

As you look at the activity, the energy of the parish think and pray about how we can continue to grow as disciples, as followers of the Way. And let us give thanks for one another – Companions on the Journey!

Peace,
Fr. Bob

June 21, 1891 Church dedicated on property donated by John Maney.

1910 -Church went from a mission of Star of the Sea to an independent parish.

1914 -Precious Blood became a mission of St Dorothea's.

1930's-Central heat installed and Precious Blood became a year round church again.

1952 -The parish House/ Rectory was built & property purchased from Beatrice Ennis for the Parish Center.

1961-Parish Center built as the first Religious Education Center & dedicated.

2000's-Refurbishment of Sanctuary and addition of air conditioning

2016-Projects planned include paving the parking lot, new front doors, and a new baptismal font .

Over 325 parishioners are providing more than 7,500 hours per year of their time and talents to support crucial needs of other people, both within our Parish as well in surrounding communities.

Our Ministries and Committees and Where They Serve

Faith Formation Ministries

Baptism Prep Program
RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Religious Education
Spiritual Book Club/Library
Youth Ministry
Spiritual Direction
Adult Faith Formation
Men's Retreat Program
Men's Faith Sharing Group
Women's Retreat Program
LGBT Faith Sharing Ministry

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Linen Maintenance
Lectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Hospitality Ministry
Altar Servers
Music Ministry
Choir
Children's Choir
Contemporary Music
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Video Technicians
Ministry to the Homebound

Parish Life Ministry

Welcoming Committee
Communications Committee
Buildings and Grounds Committee
Website Management
Collection Counters
Second Sunday Hospitality Ministry
Funeral Ministry
Baptism Prep Ministry
Wedding Ministry
Human Concerns Ministry

Service and Outreach Ministries

Family Promise Program
Bereavement Committee
Rainbows Program
Helping Hearts Casseroles
Separated/ Divorced Ministry
Cooking Outreach
Blood Drive
Monthly Food Drives
Crop Walk
The Haiti Project
Jesse Tree
Baptism Gifts for the Disadvantaged/Diaper Drive

*Our Choir at the 125th
They were great!*



The *vision* of the Church of the Precious Blood is to be a place where God will be experienced and where all will live as a Community of Disciples of Jesus Christ

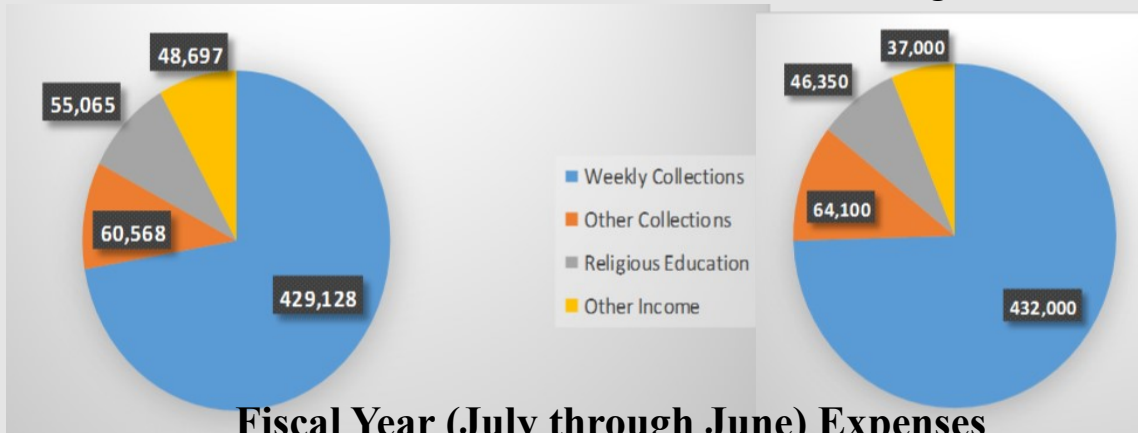
Parish Households	1177	Young Adult Confirmations —	56 in 2015
New Households (2015)	79	Infant Baptisms—	57 in 2015
		First Reconciliations & Communions—	55 in 2015
		Marriages—	25 in 2015
		Deaths / Funerals—	23 in 2015

It is the *Mission* of the Church The Precious Blood to spread our faith by becoming the people God calls us to be, by proclaiming God’s living word through our actions, celebrating the sacraments, ministering to one another and living the Gospel in our hearts, homes, community and world.

Fiscal Year (July through June) Revenue

2015-2016 Actual 593,458

2016-2017 Budget 579,450



Fiscal Year (July through June) Expenses

2015-2016 Actual 682,863

2016-2017 Budget 579,450



Questions, comments or interest in actively participating?

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Stewardship

A way of living

Stewardship is biblically based. It is as old as the Old Testament and an integral part of our faith today. A Christian steward is "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pt 4:10).

What identifies a steward? Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are called to recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- **Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;**
- **Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;**
- **All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.**

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28)

Excerpted from
U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship



***How can I repay the Lord
for all the good done for me?*** *Psalm 116:12*