

Faith, Hope & Healing

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

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Dear Members and Friends of Sacred Heart,

We have experienced an extraordinary year in 2020. The coronavirus pandemic has changed everything, including the way we worship and gather as a community. But during times of trial such as these, Jesus Christ stands firm, and our Church's mission to love God and our neighbor has become even more essential. Now more than ever, our parish is needed to help our communities move forward in faith, hope & healing, and we can't do this important work without your support.

Faith

Scripture tells us that *"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress."* (Ps 46:2). As we face the aftermath of the coronavirus pandemic, we stand strong in faith knowing that Christ is with us. And yet there are so many who do not know the Good News of Jesus Christ. There is no better time to share the Gospel message with the world. With your help, our parish can continue to bring the faith we love to others.

Hope

The prophet Isaiah counsels, *"They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength"* (40:31). Our community has been through hardship, but we are a people of hope. By assisting those in need through our many outreach programs, we extend that hope to others. But the parish can't do it alone. With your help, we can continue to bring the hope we need to others.

Healing

Jesus Christ is the prince of peace — the one who can calm the stormy seas. As his hands and feet, we are called to actively be Christ to one another as we embark upon a new ministry of healing within our communities. With your help, we can continue to bring the healing we crave to others.

With all of this in mind, I invite you to join our parish community by responding to our Faith, Hope & Healing Program. I ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Sacred Heart by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Sacred Heart.

In The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Rev. Christopher S. Butera

Reverend Christopher S. Butera
Pastor

Parish Clergy



Fr. Chris Butera
Pastor

Deacon Lew Ferris
Permanent Deacon

Deacon Ed Saukulak
Permanent Deacon

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Psalm 46:2

We Invite You To...

HAVE FAITH

Now more than ever, we should remember that God is our strength. We can turn to Him through prayer and in thanksgiving. As you pray, please remember in a special way:

- Our Neighbors & Community
- Church Leadership
- Our Local Government
- Our National Government
- Health Care Providers
- The Sick and Suffering
- Those Who Have Died



STAY HOPEFUL

We remember that our hope is found in the Lord! As hopeful people, we want to inspire the hope of Christ in others:

- Send a cheerful email
- Spend time with loved ones
- Write a letter to a friend
- Make a meal for a neighbor
- Spend quality time in prayer



AID HEALING

The work and ministry of our church continues, and the need is greater than ever! We rely on your support. Please continue to give generously through your offertory gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our friends, neighbors, and community.





Loving Our Neighbor

Showing Christ's Love to Our Community in a Time of Need

OUTREACH

Our parish is reaching out to serve and minister to those in need. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact us.

CARING FOR THE HOME-BOUND

We continue to care for those who are unable to leave their homes at this time. If you know of a family or an individual that is homebound, please let the parish know and one of our deacons will be glad to respond.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know is in need of the care of a priest, we are here for you.

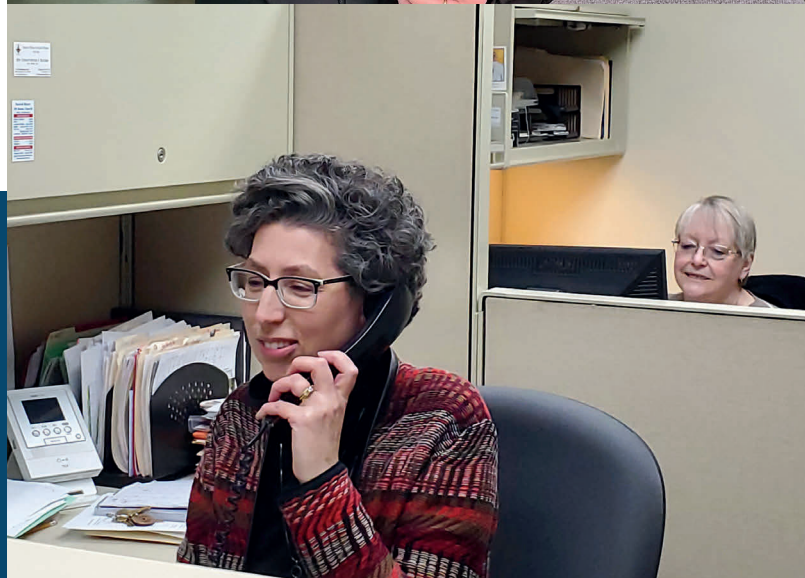
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Financial Snapshot

Financial Snapshot #1: 2020 Calendar Year Total Income and Total Expenses

2020 Calendar Year

Parish Only

Operating Income

Offertory	\$482,518
Ministry & Program Income	\$72,281
Other Operating Income	<u>\$62,844</u>
Total Operating Income	\$617,643

Operating Expenses

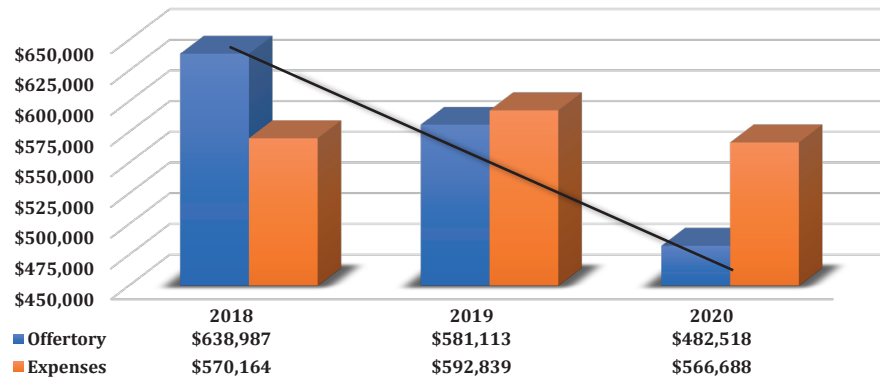
Salary & Benefits	\$258,058
General Operating Expense	171,463
Ministry & Program Expense	73,053
Facilities Expense	<u>64,114</u>

Total Operating Expense \$566,688

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) **\$50,955**
(includes solicited gifts)

Financial Snapshot #2: 3 Year Comparison of Offertory income (only) vs. Expenses

3 Year Comparison of Offertory vs. Operating Expenses



The above chart provides a 3-year summary of our Offertory Income (weekly giving) and total Expenses required to operate our parish. Our Offertory income represents nearly 80% of all income the parish receives and has been decreasing each year. While we continue to manage our expenses and look for opportunities to reduce costs, we rely on the weekly Offertory income to pay our monthly bills. This information is being provided as an opportunity to look at where our parish is today and help chart a path to the continued success and vibrancy of our parish in the future.

Ways to Give

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving is the **preferred, easy, safe and secure** way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website at www.sacredheartbath.org and follow the instructions. We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are still provided as a traditional way to support the parish. They can be shared at Mass during the offertory, dropped off at the church office or mailed in.

PLANNED GIVING

Legacy gifts, Charitable Gift Annuities, Endowment gifts, and Stock Options, to name a few, are easy ways to make a contribution, with tax advantages to the donor. Please contact the parish office for more information.