ST. MARY’S PARISH
Annual General Meeting

This is my Church.
It is composed of people like me.
We make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship
and fellowship, if I bring them.
It will be a Church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
and a Church made of a noble spirit
if I, who makes it what it is,
am filled with these.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself
to the task of being all things
that I want my Church to be.
ST. MARY’S PARISH
48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, April 12th, 2015
2:00—4:00 P.M.
LOWER HALL

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
   Jason Kish
   Fr. Jon Hansen C.Ss.R.

2. Welcome
   Introduction of Council Members
   Lauren Fuller

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Pastoral Team Reports
   5.1 Pastor
   Fr. Jon Hansen C.Ss.R.
   5.2 Ministry of Care
   Carrie Witzel
   5.3 Parish Nurse
   Sr. Carol Borreson, sgm
   5.4 Youth Ministry
   Fr. Steve Morrisey C.Ss.R.
   Karl Baumgardner

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7. Parish Pastoral Council Reports
   7.1 Liturgy
   Jennifer Nunes
   7.2 Evangelization
   Arnel Mendoza
   7.3 Education
   Lauren Fuller
   7.4 Community/Social/Hospitality
   Judy Zwart
   7.5 Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation
   Jason Kish

8. Parish Information Reports
   8.1 Building and Maintenance
   Fr. Jon Hansen C.Ss.R.
   8.2 Knights of Columbus
   Lorne Soloski
   8.3 Catholic Women’s League
   Jeannette Amico
   8.4 Hispanic Community
   Marcela Godoy
   8.5 St. Mary’s Charity
   Fr. Mick Fleming C.Ss.R.

9. Attendance Report

10. Election, Appointment, Pastoral Members

11. New Business

12. Adjournment

13. Closing Prayer

Coffee, Snacks and Door Prize following the meeting.
1. Opening Prayer: Fr. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R.

2. Welcome: Chairperson Ken Breckner welcomed parishioners to the 47th AGM, and introduced members of Parish Pastoral Council. Members present included Fr. Jon Hansen, Chairperson Ken Breckner; Secretary Loretta Skipper; CWL Representative Pat Fortosky; Lauren Fuller, K of C Representative Don Kinzie; Jorge Ortiz, and Gayle Stookey. Regrets were sent by Arnel Mendoza, Murray Wood, Fr. Steve Morrisey and Fr. Ciro Perez.

3. Approval of Agenda for the 47th Annual General Meeting:
Moved by Mike Paynter, that the Agenda be approved as circulated, seconded by Lorne Soloski.

4. Approval of Minutes of 46th Annual General Meeting:
Under New Business, Eileen Provost asked what sort of plaque had Ken Breckner intended? Ken replied that he thought it was plaque whereby parishioners who had made significant contributions to the parish could be recognized. Fr. Jon said he was open to suggestions on how to recognize past contributors to the parish. He then spoke to existing plaques that had hung in the church, saying that the CWL plaque had been given to CWL for their meeting room, and the plaque listing Parish Pastors, as well as the other 2 plaques would be is displayed in the current Baptistry which will eventually become a Family Room.
Norm Skipper then moved that the minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated, seconded by Raymond Gareau.

5. Pastoral Team Reports: All reports were made available to parishioners beforehand in the 47th AGM booklet. Ken called for comments or questions as each report was named.

5.1 Pastor’s Report: Fr. Jon Hansen – Fr. Jon commented that his information on the number of children in 2013 First Communion/Confirmation classes may be incorrect, but Eileen said that he was correct as there had been 60+ children in the class.

5.2 Home Ministry of Care: Carrie Witzel - Fr. Jon spoke to the Diocesan Covenant of Care, explaining that Carrie is the parish coordinator for the Covenant of Care, if there were issues regarding misconduct or sexual abuse in the parish, these issues should be reported to Carrie. He further stated that there had been no reported allegations of abuse at St. Mary’s of either nature in the past or at present. Eileen wondered if reports of such instances should be given to both Carrie and Fr. Jon. Fr. Jon responded that they should be reported to Carrie and she would report to him if appropriate.

5.3 Parish Nurse: Sr. Carol Borreson – Eileen was pleased to learn about the core of parish nurse ministry, but wondered why there were no catholic graduates from the parish nurse program. Sr. Carol noted that this program is offered by the Inner City Council of Nurses, and that though there are no recent graduates, there are 3 catholic parish nurses employed by 3 Saskatoon parishes. She wanted to make people aware of this fact.

5.4 Youth Ministry: Fr. Steve Morrisey – No comments
As there were no more comments or questions, Rob thanked the Pastoral Staff for their excellent reports, and called for a motion of acceptance of the Pastoral Team reports.

Moved by Lauren Fuller that the Pastoral Team reports be approved as circulated, seconded by Raymond Gareau.


Karl introduced the Finance Committee, composed of Fr. Jon, Fr. Steve, Karl Baumgardner, Chairperson, Ken Breckner (PPC chairperson), Cecile Paproski, Mike Paynter, Maurice Sielski, and Nicholas Blom. Ryan Baker, office coordinator, acts as executive assistant. Karl reviewed the role of the Finance Committee, saying that it is primarily a consultative body to the pastor, to oversee the financial concerns of the parish and to assist with financial and administrative planning.

Financial statements comparing assets, revenue and expenditures for 2012 and 2013, and the proposed budget for 2014 were included in the AGM booklet, as well as a chart and graph showing financial trends over a 6 year period.

6.1 Overview of Budget:

- Karl stated that St. Mary’s is a very active and viable parish, saying that we had another successful financial year, with over $700,000 in liquid assets, and ended the year with a small balance of $53,315. Karl informed the group present that the Finance Committee had contracted an external auditor, Mervin Cole, to review the parish finances for 2012 in order to provide the committee with an outside view of our financial situation, and was doing so again for 2013 finances. This reassures the parish that all is done correctly.
- Karl then commented on the balance sheet, noting that there had been no major changes in the finances of the parish, that the Renovations Fund has increased over 2012, total investments exceed $590,000, and that a Refugee fund has enabled the parish to sponsor and to provide for a refugee family of four for one year.
- The graph on page 11 shows that Offertory collections have remained static over the past 6 years, that expenses have also remained static, and that the parish has been able to operate with a balanced budget. However, the Finance Committee will be looking at ways to increase our Offertory collections. Bishop’s Annual Appeal is included with other Special collections, and St. Mary’s parishioners have again been very generous to these causes.

Looking to the 2014 Budget, Karl stated that payroll has increased 5% overall due to new diocesan guidelines. He further stated that our infrastructure is aging, particularly the heating system for the church and hall. A major overhaul of the system is being proposed at a cost of approximately $120,000.

Jim Penna in commenting about the heating system, wondered about ‘going green’, by having solar panels installed on the south facing roof area. He noted that installation costs may be high, but that long range outcome may help to reduce heating costs. Fr. Jon responded that it takes a very long period of time to recoup installation costs, and that solar panels would not address the type of heating problems that St. Mary’s has. Welldone Mechanical Services has suggested switching from steam heat to water based heat, but at approximately $500,000, St. Mary’s could not afford this, and we do not want to take out a loan for the upgrades. He added that we cannot replace the whole system, but it can be reconfigured to work more efficiently. The parish would try to find a balance.
Berniece Keindel spoke to give thanks for the chronological arrangement of the Financial Report, which made it easier to read. She especially liked the graphics which were included.

As there were no more questions or comments, Karl Moved that the Revenue, Expense and Balance Sheet statements of the 2013 Budget be adopted as presented, and that the proposed 2014 Budget also be approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Jorge Ortiz. Carried

7. PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORTS:
Parish Pastoral Council Reports were included in the AGM package. Chairperson Ken expressed Gratitude to all Parish Council members for the excellent reports they submitted, and asked for comments or questions as each reports was named:

7.1 Chairperson – Ken Breckner  No comments or questions
7.2 Liturgy – Gayle Stookey
Eileen commented that not enough parishioners are involved in parish ministries, and wondered when another Parish Survey might be held, so as to get more volunteers who could also contribute to the parish in this way. Fr. Jon responded that he is aware of the shortage of people involved in the various ministries, adding that he plans to have a more active and involved Liturgy Committee in the fall, and that he also hopes, at the same time, to offer training workshops for the various ministries.

7.3 Evangelization – Lauren Fuller
Eileen commented on the Foundations class “Exploring our Faith” series, offered at St. Paul’s Co-cathedral. For 3 Wednesday evenings in March Pope Francis’ letter The Joy of the Gospel is studied. She feels this is an excellent class and recommended it to other parishioners. She added that we need to reach out to evangelize. Jorge Ortiz said that members of Hispanic community are also meeting to study The Joy of the Gospel

7.4 Education – L.S. for Murray Wood
Eileen asked about Lay Formation, wondering if anyone from St. Mary’s is currently enrolled in the program. Fr. Jon responded that for a number of years there had been 2 graduates per year, and then 1 graduate each year. Yvonne Armstrong was most recent graduate from the program. He added that in May there would be a major presentation to recruit people to the program.

7.5 Community/Social/Hospitality – Loretta Skipper
Eileen commented that we still do not do anything to recognize the many parish volunteers. She added that the Mardi Gras evening is very nice and successful, but it is not a thank you evening for volunteers.

7.6 Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation – Jim & Marion Penna
Eileen thanked Jim and Marion for their excellent report and the many learning opportunities provided by the Development and Peace programs.

Motion: Moved by Gayle Stookey that the Parish Pastoral Council reports be accepted as circulated, seconded by Raymond Gareau.
8. Parish Information Reports

8.1 Building and Maintenance:
Eileen commented on the church renovations, saying the decor is beautiful, with the white accents showing off the Gothic architectural features of the building. Karl Baumgardner added that the renovation costs were lower than expected, approximately $36,000 for the painting and $24,000 for the carpet, partly due to the work being done in an off season time.

8.2 K of C Representative – Lorne Soloski
Eileen said she was impressed by the number of volunteer hours of service the K of C members had accumulated.

8.3 CWL Representative – Jeannette Amico
No comments or questions

8.4 Hispanic Community – Jorge Ortiz
Eileen liked that way the Hispanic community report spoke about the Catechetical, Liturgical and Social areas of their pastoral plan.

8.7 St. Mary’s Charity – Fr. Mick Fleming
Eileen commented that there seemed to be fewer “street people’ around St. Mary’s area, and thought it may be due to the expansion of The Lighthouse, Bridges, and Friendship Inn programs. She noted that the serving of coffee and sandwiches at the backdoor, as well as the weekly food hamper program is witnessing to Christ, and complimented the Redemptorist community on living out their charism.

Karl then spoke the separating of St. Mary’s Charities and the church Offertory collection, noting that many people will donate to a charity, but will not donate to a church. He added that the Charity operates as a subsidiary of the parish, with cheques made to the parish, then passed on to the Charities account.

Fr. Jon then spoke, saying that Fr. Mick has given out over 90 food hampers since Christmas, adding that Fr. Mick from time to time receives non perishable food items from other parishes for use at the back door and hamper programs, as well as monetary donations. He said that St. Mary’s Charities is an account at our bank, and operates through the parish. He said this is because donors don’t want to be seen as supporting a church. He further said that if the Charity was a separate entity, it might be possible to get more support for it from other outside sources.

Norm Skipper said that the attitude of the people receiving help at the back door has improved, saying people are really appreciative of the help they receive.

A question was raised about the Riversdale Business Improvement District’s proposed 2013 plan to have a 10% tax levied on all businesses fronting onto 20th Street. Karl replied that this issue was no longer relevant.

Moved by Vic Garchinski that the Parish Information Reports be accepted as circulated, seconded by Raymond Gareau.
9. Attendance Report
There were 34 parishioners in attendance at this year’s Annual General Meeting, an increase from the 30 in attendance at the 2013 AGM.

10. Election, Appointment, Parish Pastoral Council Members
   Over the past year, Parish Pastoral Council has consisted of 9 members, as well as Fr. Jon, Fr. Steve, and Fr. Ciro who ministers to the Hispanic community. Parish Pastoral Council is primarily a consultative body for the pastor regarding pastoral issues in the parish. Some members are elected and some are appointed, serving 3 year terms. New members will be needed for the 2014/2015 term, as several current members are stepping down. If no additional members are elected, members will be appointed to Parish Pastoral Council at a later date.

   Jennifer Nunes was nominated to Parish Pastoral Council by Eduina Nunes. She accepted the nomination. Jim Penna was nominated by Eileen Provost, but declined. Fr. Jon thanked Jennifer for accepting her nomination, and announced that 2 additional members would be appointed to Parish Pastoral Council.

11. New Business:
   Berniece Keindel spoke to the noise made during Mass by the raising and lowering of the kneelers. She suggested gluing carpet strips to the bottom of the kneelers to help reduce the noise. Fr. Jon agreed that this was a good idea and suggested that Bernice assemble a group of people to work on this project.

   Someone mentioned the sound system in the church, saying the lapel mics were not very effective at the back of the church and wondered if the entire sound system needed to be replaced. Fr. Jon responded that the sound system was working well, but that the lapel mics needed to be replaced, and that this would be on a priority list.

   Vic Garchinski spoke to the problem of water seepage in the lower hall. Fr. Jon said that this seemed to have been fixed, as there has been no seepage recently. He added that the concrete garage pad next to hall foundation limits what can be done externally to solve the seepage problem. At present an effort is being made to keep the spring run-off away from the building, and that seepage in the kitchen area may be due to wind and rainstorms.

   Lack of area parking was also mentioned. Fr. Jon said that the areas along Avenue O and along 21st Street were being used by St. Paul’s Hospital workers, and the narrowness of these 2 streets makes off loading a dangerous situation. He feels that a 2 hour parking limit might alleviate the situation.

   Berniece Keindel mentioned a recent emergency situation when the apartment block she resides in had to be evacuated on short notice. She and her fellow residents were very grateful that they were able to take refuge in the church and hall where they were kept warm and received tea and coffee until the situation was cleared up. Fr. Jon noted that the parish had received acknowledgement from both the city and Fire Services for this.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Berniece Keindel

13. Closing Prayer

Minutes taken and prepared by Loretta Skipper, Secretary - Parish Pastoral Council

Door Prize Draw winner: Ken Breckner
Pastor’s Report

Some mixed feelings fill my heart as I write what will be my last Pastor’s report for the St. Mary’s Annual General Meeting. Though I have not yet announced this news from the pulpit I have been making it known to various groups in the parish that my role as pastor of St. Mary’s and rector of the local Redemptorist community will effectively be coming to end as of May 31, 2015.

As of the writing of this report I am still waiting to hear where precisely I will be appointed next, although I do know that it will be in the Mackenzie-Fr. Smith diocese presently under the guidance of Bishop Mark Hagemoen. The Mackenzie diocese is the second largest geographic diocese in Canada and encompasses a great portion of the Northwest Territories. Historically this vast area was ministered to by the Oblate Fathers and many orders of sisters. In current times the once prolific Oblates have been replaced by a small handful of international priests. The Redemptorists have not been stationed this far north before and I am very excited about the opportunity and ask your prayers for the success of this mission.

I am also unsure at this point of who my successor will be at St. Mary’s. The Redemptorist provincial council is currently in the process of a visitation of the men and communities across Canada and will find a suitable replacement as soon as possible. In the meantime Fr. Steve, Fr. Mick and Fr. Ciro will ensure that life at St. Mary’s continues on as it has been for the past 95 years. Change is never easy but it is a sure path to spiritual growth if we open our hearts to the spirit at work in the midst of it.

The past 6 years have been a joy for me as a first time pastor. Certainly there where challenges and frustrations along the way and I am sure you experienced them as well but we have journeyed together and, in doing so, we have experienced many blessings.

I am grateful in this past year for the renovations of our Church which have received so much positive feedback from parishioners and visitors alike. I am proud that we were able to sponsor the Pervaiz family as refugees from Pakistan. In the past 12 months Shahid and his wife Sarwet along with their two children Musa and Sylvia have blossomed in their new home. It was a joy at Easter to welcome Sarwet and her children to the Baptismal font as they embrace the Catholic faith.

In March we welcomed the Redemptorist Welcome Home mission team who helped prepare our hearts for Easter. In April the Redemptorists of the Edmonton-Toronto province held their annual Chapter meeting in Saskatoon and the welcome that was provided as we gathered for a prayer service in the newly decorated St. Mary’s was a powerful experience and a highlight of our meetings. Hospitality is a valuable gift and St. Mary’s offers it profusely.

Activities in abundance filled our year from Mardi Gras to Latin Fest, Harvest Supper to Bishop’s Supper for the support of our Parish Nurse. The life of St. Mary’s is found in the Spirit of God who dwells in us and in the spirit of the people who give so much of their time, energy and resources to making this parish a going concern after nearly a century of existence. Generations have come and gone but the Spirit remains strong and vibrant.
Our parish has also continued to look after the sick, the poor and the vulnerable. Between; funeral ministry, sacraments for the sick and our home care ministry consisting of both volunteer visitors and our Parish nurse, outreach to the poor and ministry to the prisons we have continued to do as Jesus has asked us.

But we cannot rest on our past accomplishments. The next 10 years at St. Mary’s are going to be challenging ones. Some of the challenges that I see...

i. Aging Demographic & Volunteer Fatigue

St. Mary’s is a pioneer church that has seen generations come and go. The parish has been a spiritual harbor for waves of immigration bringing people for a fresh start in a new land. However while new arrivals keep coming, the Church no longer plays the central role that it once did. Families are stretched to their limit working multiple jobs at all hours in order to keep up with the dream of prosperity.

So much work in the parish remains in the hands of those who are running out of the energy to accomplish it with joy. It is important that parish activities do not become slavish, bound to tradition that is difficult to let go. New workers are desired but are few in number and the ability to welcome them gracefully can be challenging when it is not always easy to let go, even when exhausted.

ii. Finances

St. Mary’s has a good reputation in the diocese for being a parish that reaches out and so we have also become the recipient of many generous bequests and gifts that help us to help others as well as contributing toward the upkeep of the Church.

However, when it comes to our own stewardship, St. Mary’s has not been breaking even when we consider weekly collections compared to operating expenses. Our present shortfall in the past year was about $1000/month compared to our budgeted needs.

This poses a concern for the parish’s future when it comes to paying our way. Beginning this January the finance committee embarked on a stewardship campaign to raise awareness of the needs of the parish and to encourage our pew members to increase their contributions according to their ability to do so. This will need to be an ongoing concern if the parish wishes to have a stable future for generations to come.

iii. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal (BAA)

What is a paragraph on the BAA doing in the pastor’s report on the parish? It is because I think the BAA is an important part of our contribution to outreach in our diocese. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal should be an important priority for St. Mary’s and we must continue to do what we can to follow the guidelines set by the program. This is not always easy for many reasons.
We are becoming volunteer poor at St. Mary’s (see above) and our fall fundraising events for the parish take up a great deal of time as well as drawing upon the financial resources of the parishioners. Without these parish campaigns we would no longer be able to finance our parish nurse program.

That being said, we cannot gift short shrift to this campaign which is such an essential component of diocesan programming that benefits so many, including our own parishioners. This past year as help toward our BAA goal, besides parishioner donations to the BAA, we contributed 15% of our parish fundraising efforts. While we did not meet our diocesan goal we did at least come within sight of it, achieving over 70% of our quota. As a parish we must continue to discern ways to improve upon this mark not only for the good of the diocese but because such outward looking generosity is good for our spirit as well.

I have no doubt that St. Mary’s will continue to rise to these challenges and overcome them with new leadership and ideas. The parish is in good hands with a very young and vibrant Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council is experienced and dedicated to the best interests of the parish. St. Mary’s also has the enviable position of being well loved by the local Bishop, both present and past. Situated in the core neighborhoods, St. Mary’s is a visible sign of the Church’s outreach to the poor. As such our Bishop will continue to remain an ally and a great source of support for whatever might lie ahead.

With an ache in my heart as I bid you farewell I am also filled with joy for what we have shared. I pray that God continue to bless you and walk with you. May St. Mary’s continue to be like a light on a hilltop which cannot be hid. Remember me and pray for me as I will remember and pray for you.

Fr. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R.
Pastor
Ministry of Care Annual Report

It’s been a good year at the Ministry of Care office of St. Mary’s. We said goodbye to some dear friends and volunteers. Others have come forward and offered their hands in service for the various ministries that we offer here at St. Mary’s.

This past year we remembered over 70 family members and good friends at our Memorial Mass in November. We had a wonderful Mass and then all joined together for refreshments, courtesy of our wonderful CWL. We also had 83 prayer shawls blessed and around 80 people were anointed at our Mass with Anointing in May, and the CWL treated us to lunch. December 9th our Prayer Shawl Ministry had a potluck lunch where we invited Dianne Anderson from Ministry of Restorative Justice. At this event we sent 72 toques, 28 pairs of slippers, 32 pairs of mittens, and 62 Rosaries, and many prayer cards to the different prisons and people in need. We had 48 more prayer shawls blessed and ready to go out to any parishioners who find themselves in pain and in need of some comfort. If anyone is interested in joining us for Prayer Shawl Ministry no registration is needed, please just come and share with us your talents and presence. We meet every Tuesday at 1PM in the upper meeting room in St. Mary’s Hall.

We continue to send out teams to Porteous Lodge for a weekly Communion Liturgy and monthly Mass every 2nd Friday of the month. Typically around 6 - 10 residents come out to receive Communion and worship together. Our Resurrection choir joins us at Mass to bring music to this residence. This past year we lost Dorothy Braidek, who played for us so devotedly, this has left a big hole in our hearts. We also have parishioners who are in Central Haven and in Parkridge, and others in private care homes who are unable to attend the Eucharist that receive Holy Communion from our many volunteers. The volunteers are the first to say that as they bring the Eucharist, which is the Christ, into these homes they also receive Christ through the gratitude and graciousness of those they serve.

Lastly I wanted to mention Sodalitas. This is a monthly support group that journeys with one another through grief. We meet every 2nd Saturday of the Month in the upper meeting room of the Hall at 10AM. This support gathering is a great blessing for our parish, and beyond. We have an open arms welcome to anyone that needs to come and share their grief any loss (i.e. spouse, friend, job, pets).

Finally THANK YOU, I want to thank all of those people who have offered up their lives in service to this community in the past. Some wonderful people have found themselves in different circumstances and can no longer continue volunteering; I want to send out a sense of deeply felt gratitude. Thank you, thank you for your many years of devotion to this parish.

"Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light." (Pope Francis”Lumen Fidei, June 29, 2013).

-Carrie Witzel
PARISH NURSE REPORT

I want to express my gratitude for the ongoing support and collaboration of St. Mary’s parish, most especially to the pastoral team, parish council, CWL, Knights, volunteers, and parishioners who help make parish nursing at St. Mary’s a satisfying and active ministry. Special gratitude is also extended for all the work and generosity contributed to the annual parish nurse auction, and to the Bishop’s supper initiated this year.

Much gratitude is also extended to Carrie Witzel, and the volunteers who work with her in parish ministry of care. By providing a helpful network of support and referral, their contributions make parish nursing richer and more doable.

I continue to share the parish nurse position with St. John Bosco parish where I work in a contract for 20 salaried hours per week, along with 15 salaried hours at St. Mary's.

The core of my ministry is involved in being present to families or individuals, seeking assistance, support, spiritual support, information or guidance in working through health issues, such as chronic health issues, changes in health or a health crisis, terminal illness, issues of death, dying, grief and bereavement, single parents or newcomers to Canada seeking support with maternity and childbirth, issues of parenting, families dealing with assessment of level of care for family members or seeking housing options providing a suitable level of care, individuals and families seeking support or direction in accessing specialised care such as palliative care, mental health, rehabilitation or addictions services, and a variety of other health related issues.

I maintain membership in the Canadian Association of Parish Nurse Ministry, (CAPNM), the Saskatchewan Association of Registered Nurses, and the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan. During this last year, I again taught two sessions in the fall education program of Interchurch Health Ministries Saskatoon. This program provides education and support for RN's who may be interested in pursuing a special vocation in parish nursing. It is urgent to have some Catholic nurses taking part in these education sessions again. The four Roman Catholic parish nurses are the senior parish nurses in Saskatoon, and new membership is needed to continue this ministry in the RC Diocese.

The parish nurse group in Saskatoon is also active at this time preparing for the annual convention of the Canadian Association of Parish Nurse Ministry to take place in Saskatoon June 11-14th 2015 at Queen’s House of Retreats. Guest speakers at this year’s conference will include Archbishop Emeritus, Sylvain Lavoie, Meghan McKenna, and Fr. Mark Miller. Those interested in attending the conference or individual sessions, may check the website of the Canadian Association of Parish Nursing Ministry or speak with Sr. Carol for more information. Again gratitude is extended to the CWL for generous support to this conference.

-Sr. Carol Borreson
Youth and Altar Server Report

This will highlight the wonderful young people at St. Mary’s. Parishoner’s need to get Criminal Records checks and the needed forms to become chaperons for youth events.

The youth of St. Mary’s are well represented at Bethlehem High School & E.D. Feehan High School. The Altar servers at St. Mary’s come from a wide variety of backgrounds, numbering about 15 in total. They too wish to attend things like campouts etc yet they too need chaperones.

With 2 Catholic High Schools and 3 Catholic Junior Highs in the parish the youth have true blessings at their disposal. The Knights of Columbus support the Servers financially for social events like Christmas gatherings to which they can walk (ie : Ruckers)

Each Month the Altar Servers have a practice and possible social time is available following.

Talking about Youth – the Knights and the Youth have an awesome proposal in front of them. Black Strap youth Camp is an amazing facility! Are we ready to make it even greater? Support Blackstrap we need to all make it great it is for our youth and the youth of our region – Stand up for our youth!

WE!!!Day is a great gift for our youth! Let’s support WE day! Let’s support our future, Let’s support our now!!!

Support our youth with your time, talents and treasures – Support our youth! Get a Criminal Records Check and Volunteer!

-Fr. Steve Morrisey
“Christian solidarity presumes that our neighbor is loved….as another brother or sister.” Pope Francis, 2014, World Day of Peace.

As you read the reports from the many ministries of St. Mary’s Parish, the message from Pope Francis to “…care for our sisters and brothers” is practiced daily in St. Mary’s Parish. The actual costs to deliver ministries is significantly reduced due to your “volunteerism” of talents and time. We are a parish “TEAM” “Together each achieves more.” Thank you TEAM.

This report seeks to help you understand the actual financial costs of our operations in 2014.

Members of the Finance Committee:

Karl Baumgardner, chairperson; Fr Jon Hansen Pastor
Nick Blom Ken Breckner
Judi Fyfe Mike Paynter
Maurice Sielski
Executive Assistant: Norma Denis

In 2013, Cecile Paproski and Rob Florizone “retired” from the Finance Committee. We thank them for their counsel, sharing their personal expertise and their commitment to St. Mary’s Parish Community for many years. We wish them success in the future.

The Role of the Finance Committee is:

• to act as a consultative body to the Pastor/Pastoral Leadership Team
• to oversee the financial concerns of the parish
• to provide financial and administrative planning and related consultation
• to work collaboratively with Parish Pastoral Council to ensure that parish goals are supported financially.

In 2014, the Committee held four meetings to maintain an oversight of parish revenues, expenses, and investments, as well as to provide analysis of the financial statements.
Comparative Statement of Operations 2014 and Budget for 2015

General Comments

1. Balance Sheet - This year we have established 2 (two) restricted capital reserve accounts; Building Restricted Capital Reserve and Pastoral Care Restricted Capital Reserve. The Pastoral Care Restricted Reserve reflects the net gain that the Nurses’ Auction has made over the years.

2. 5 year trend of collections, revenues, expenses and net income for the years 2009 - 2014

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5 YEAR TREND OF COLLECTIONS, REVENUES & EXPENSES

![Graph showing 5-year trend of Parish Collections, Total Revenue, and Total Expenses]
3. Implications of the Financial Trends:

On the weekend of January 24/25th, 2015 the Financial Committee raised the following concerns:

- There are increasing concerns of regarding increases in operating costs and potential decrease in membership.
- In the past balanced budgets were achieved due to generous donations and bequests. There is no guarantee that this good fortune will continue.
- Inflation factors such as utilities have increased by 13.8% from previous years.
- We have fixed assets with estimated value of $981,000. With an aging infrastructure, maintenance and upgrade needs will become necessary.
- Reducing operation costs by cutting programs does not contribute to a vibrant parish.

The first request was to ask each parishioner to review their ability to increase donations by 10% (or whatever they could) in 2015. The response has been overwhelming and to date we have been exceeding the budgeted amount. We sincerely thank you for reviewing your family budgets and making increased collection donations as you are able.

4. Diocesan Collections

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5. **Building Fund Reserve** – Significant Renovations were completed in the past year.

| Capital Cost Reserve January 1, 2014 | $254,345 |
| Donations to the Building Fund       | $39,384 |
| **Funds Available**                  | **$293,729** |

### Renovations in 2014

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<td>Boiler System</td>
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<td>Hall Kitchen cupboards &amp; counter tops</td>
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| **Total Renovations in 2014** | **$180,612** |
| **Building Fund at December 31, 2014** | **$113,117** |

6. **Nurse’s Auction Report**

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<td><strong>Total Auction Sale Receipts</strong></td>
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<td>General Donations to Ministry</td>
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<td>14%</td>
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<td><strong>Total Donations to Ministry</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Receipts</strong></td>
<td>43,836</td>
<td>46,740</td>
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| **Expenses**         |            |            |          |
| Bishop Supper        | 1,528      | 0          |          |
| Auction Expenses     | 2,762      | 5,406      |          |
| **Total Auction Expenses** | **4,290** | **5,406** |          |
| Program Administration & Expenses | 22,926 | 23,421 |          |
| **Total Expenses**   | 27,216     | 28,827     | -6%      |
| Pastoral Care Reserve | 16,620     | 17,913     | -7%      |

Thank you to donors and fantastic Nurse's Auction Committee and Volunteers!!!
7. Comparative Balance Sheet

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### 8. Comparative Statement of Operations and Budget for 2015

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Liturgy Report

Liturgy is central to Christianity and is an integral part of our family relationship with God. The signs, symbols and sacred actions which form our public prayer and worship spring from the language and events of God's own self-revelation to us.

Throughout the past year, St. Mary's Parish has been blessed with many dedicated members of our different ministries; who dedicate their time, knowledge and love for St. Mary's to insure that the Liturgical Year be filled with celebrations that enrich our community.

Our Parish is truly blessed with dedicated members from different Ministries; Lectors who proclaim God's word, Ushers who greet and lead the congregation, Eucharistic Ministers who distribute Holy Communion, and Altar Servers who with the leadership of Fr. Steve play a key role with the altar servers. Other members from “behind the scenes” - such as Sacristans, cleaners and decorators are vital to our Parish and we are so grateful for their dedication in preparing the church for our celebrations.

St. Mary's Music Ministry continues to grow, welcoming new members this past year and is dedicated to bringing prayer to the parishioners through song. We have members of the Music Ministry present at each of our three weekend masses. Music Ministry leaders at each of our masses include: Carol Kohnke and Greg Paul at the Saturday 7 O'clock mass, Mike Wasylkena leading the 9 O'clock choir on Sundays, and Jennifer Nunes leading the Sunday 11 O'clock choir group. The Resurrection Choir continues to provide beautiful music at Funeral masses in our Parish. For the 2014 Easter Triduum celebrations (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) – members from all of our Music Ministry were welcomed to join together under the Music Director Jennifer Nunes and with the talents of musicians: Mike Wasylkena, Carol Kohnke and Jennifer Green.

After many years as the leader of Children's Liturgy, Vicky Strelioff resigned her position in 2014 – we are so thankful for her many years of dedication and in return welcome Shelley Nguyen, Mandito Merced and Miali Bakotondrauah; as the new leaders of the Children's Liturgy. Through the Children's Liturgy program, which takes place during the 11 O'clock mass on Sundays, the children of our Parish are given the unique opportunity to learn about the weekly Gospel on a level they can better understand. During Advent, the children learnt a couple of songs, with the help of Jennifer Nunes, which they then sang for the congregation during Offertory. The Knights of Columbus have also graciously supported the children of our parish by offering Holy Cards for them to take home.

Throughout the 2014 Liturgical year, many special celebrations were organized and celebrated within our Parish Community such as: First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation classes and celebrations (organized by Eileen Provost), Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent led by various groups), Triduum celebrations (with all ministries involved), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Annual Chapter gathering of the Redemptorists of Toronto/Edmonton (in April), Mass of the Anointing of the Sick (organized by the Ministry of Care in May), Pentecost Sunday’s Ethnic Diversity celebration (at the 11 O'clock mass where parishioners were encouraged to dress up in traditional clothing, bring a flag as well as ethnic finger foods to share with everyone after mass), Our Lady of Fatima Celebration (organized by
the Portuguese Community in June), Parish Feast Day (celebrated on June 29th), School Masses (with local schools), Memorial Mass (On November 4th - organized by the Ministry of Care), Christmas Masses (with all ministries involved) – among other amazing celebrations.

Liturgy is the Work of God’s people and through the many wonderful dedicated members of our various ministries and the parishioners as a whole. The work of God’s people at St. Mary’s is an example of God’s Love!

-Jennifer Nunes

Evangelization

Like St. Alphonsus Liguori’s mission, looking for a way to bring the “Good News” to the poor shepherds and farmers living in the hillsides surrounding Naples, our parish is always striving for excellence in evangelization.

For the past year, our humble ways that reached the poor, the sick, and the abandoned in the community are as follows:

1. **Sodalitas**: “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.” John 14:1. In response to this, we have Sodalitas that offer comfort to those who are grieving.
2. **Hospital & Home Visitations**: “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11.
4. **Refugee Sponsorship**: “I will say to the Lord…My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!” Psalm 91:2. The parish sponsored a refugee family, who have successfully achieved independence.
5. **Christmas Hampers**: For over a decade we have provided needy families with hampers at Christmas time.
6. **Sacraments of Initiation** (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, RCIA): The Parish reaches out to parents of children preparing for the sacraments and journeys with adults called to enter the faith of the Catholic Church.
7. **Couples for Christ**: A new ministry that sows into the lives of Christian couples, singles, widows, youth and children through Christian Life Programs.

Pope Francis has inspired us to love the poor: “Among our tasks as witness to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor.” At our Lenten retreat, Fr. Michael Smolinski and the outreach team from Welcome Home in Winnipeg, spent a reflection on our call to meet our God in the presence of the poor. St. Mary’s Parish is a community that reaches out and evangelizes the community and the city by its example of love and compassion.

-Arnel Mendoza
Education

Many people believe that Catholic education is provided in our schools and that is all that is needed. At St. Mary’s parish we believe that Catholic education is an ongoing, all-encompassing aspect in the life of every Catholic person. To that end the priests and people of this parish committed to living education in the following ways:

- Preparing families with infants and young children for the Sacrament of Baptism
- Working with elementary schools to prepare grade 2 students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- Encouraging young couples in the parish, who wish to be married in the Catholic Church, to participate the Diocese’s Marriage Preparation weekends.
- Promoting RCIA to those who are interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church.
- Hosting a Parish Mission, during the Year of Faith, to encourage us all to look outside ourselves and see Christ in everyone.
- Participating in the Catholicism series as a way for adults to deepen their faith.
- Presenting opportunities for members of the Church community to educate themselves on the refugee process and get to know our refugee family.
- Providing those with health concerns an opportunity to educate themselves through others by hosting informational meetings on various health issues.

We are called to grow in love with our faith. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis says that Catholic Education is one of the greatest challenges for the church. We, the priests and people, at St. Mary’s are meeting this challenge and striving to educate ourselves in our Catholic Faith. We are meeting that call.

-Lauren Fuller
COMMUNITY/SOCIAL/HOSPITALITY

"Jesus not only receives people into His house, the Church, but goes out searching for them.” Pope Francis spoke these words during his homily at Santa Marta Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

St. Mary’s Parish strives to fulfill these words by offering events that invite and include our neighbours in Pleasant Hill and the larger Saskatoon community.

**Functions hosted in 2014 included:**

- **Sodalitas** – a support group for those grieving or suffering a loss.
- **Knights of Columbus breakfasts** – every second Sunday of the month.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – persons who knit or crochet meet weekly to create prayer shawls which are given to those who are suffering.
- **Refugee Family Support** – care and support for a family new to Canada.
- **Catholicism Series DVD & Study** – study of our Catholic faith through study materials, viewing the DVDs and group discussion.
- **Mardi Gras** – celebration before Lent with food and talent performances.
- **Stations of the Cross Devotions** – Friday evenings during Lent.
- **Mission & Penitential Service** – to prepare our hearts for the feast of Easter.
- **Easter Tea & Bake Sale** – a chance for fellowship, food and fun.
- **Anointing of the Sick Mass**
- **Nurses’ Auction** – a fun day, raising money for the parish nurse’s ministry.
- **Latin Fest** – spectacular show put on by the Hispanic Catholic Community of Saskatoon – Food, Music, Dance & more.
- **Pentecost Sunday Celebration of Ethnic Diversity of our parish** – procession in costume and sharing of ethnic foods.
- **Porteous Lodge Mass** – held monthly.
- **Altar Servers Party** – fun and food!
- **Our Lady of Fatima Celebration** – initiated by our Portuguese members.
- **Parish Feast Day** – celebration of Mass, followed by coffee & muffins.
- **Harvest Supper** – feasting, fellowship & fun.
- **Free Movie Night** – for all!
- **Pot Luck meal** – for Development & Peace with a presentation on saving seeds.
- **All Saints Party** – for young children with their parents.
- **Memorial Mass** – in memory of deceased loved ones who died in the past year.
- **Music Ministry Retreat** – with presentation by special guest presenter.
- **Christmas Tea & Bake Sale** – tea & goodies, raffles & fellowship.
- **Annual Christmas Party** – hosted by CWL & KC.
- **Christmas Hampers** – to neighbourhood families in need. Parishioners involved in this project provide requested donations of specific foods, assembled hampers & distributed to these families.

- *Judy Zwart*
Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

“Catholic social teaching isn’t only about dropping your spare change into a bucket at Christmas. Jesus calls us to a radically different kind of discipleship—a life that is daily marked by care and concern for the poor and for one another.” – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Social Teaching Scripture Guide, page 2

Some of the activities at St. Mary’s Parish, in 2014, that demonstrated our commitment to the Word of God by respecting God’s creation and by loving one another included:

**Refugee Family Sponsorship**: St. Mary’s Parish sponsored a refugee family helping them to meet their immediate needs upon arrival, and provided continued support with a settlement plan.

**Sodalitas**: A safe and caring group for those we are experiencing grief. The group provided an opportunity for personal reflection, sharing support, and meeting every second Saturday of the month.

**St. Mary’s Parish Mission**: Led by Fr. Michael Smolinski and the Outreach Team from the “Welcome Home” in Winnipeg, the mission provided those involved with an opportunity to reflect on our call to meet God in the presence of the poor. The mission met each evening from March 30th to April 3.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**: (met every Tuesday afternoon) - shawls were knitted and crocheted with prayer. The items were given to those who are ill at home, in nursing homes, and in hospital.

**Parish Nurse Auction**: This auction fundraiser helped Sr. Carol continue her nursing ministry to families and individuals in need of health care.

**Development & Peace**: Provided information for Parishioners, encouraging them to pray for and financially assist those living in Third World countries.

**Christmas Hamper Program**: Food was collected, sorted into hampers, and delivered to families in need.

**The Mitten Tree Advent Project**: Annually provides mitts and scarves, donated by parishioners, and given to St. Mary’s school.

**St. Mary’s Charities**: Monthly collections fund the Back Door Ministry, by the Redemptorists, Priests and volunteers. Sandwiches and coffee are served from the back of the rectory each weekday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 pm for those of our neighborhood in need of assistance.

**Bulletin Board**: Justice and Peace events and other information are posted in the vestibule of the church.

-Jason Kish
Maintenance and Equipment Report – 2014

Church Interior

- In late 2013, R & D Drywall Inc. were contracted to repaint the church interior. An interior decorator was consulted to provide suggestions and several possible colour schemes for the church. Painting began in mid-January and the church was ready for use again by the 3rd week of February. Cost for this project was approximately $36,000.00
- When church pews and furnishings were removed for painting, it became obvious that the church carpet also needed to be replaced. Braid flooring were contacted and were able to provide quality carpeting and have it installed in short order at a cost of approximately $24,000.00. A separate space for a beautiful shrine to Our Lady of Fatima was created when a number of pews were removed from the church to provide more space. Many compliments have been received on the ‘new look’ of the church.

Heating System

- In May, Welldone Mechanical Services began the overhauling of the church and hall heating system. This process was carried out over several months during the spring and summer. We now have a reliable heating system at a total cost of $106,926.

CWL Kitchen Cupboards

- It was determined with consultation of CWL ladies that the lower kitchen cupboards and counter tops needed to be updated and made user-friendly. Tait Kitchen Centre was contracted to construct the cupboards with installation in August 2014. K of C members assisted in the removal of old cupboards and repainting the room before installation of the new cupboards. Cost for this renovation was shared between the CWL and the parish which totaled $ 17,597.

-Fr. Jon Hansen
Knights of Columbus Council #9538

1. Total membership: 90
2. Hours of volunteer service to the Church: 6,384
3. Hours of volunteer service to the community: 13,354
4. Hours of volunteer service with youth: 4,020
5. Miscellaneous hours of volunteer service: 11,000
6. Total charitable disbursements to Church, community, culture of life and youth: $9,414.00
7. Estimated hours of fraternal service to sick/disabled members and their families: 300
8. Council provides the following:
   Crosses to children at their Reconciliation Ceremony
   Rosaries and scholarships to E D Feehan High School Graduation class
   Two boxes of winter coats collected and donated to Coats for Kids program
   Gifts of goodies and snacks to parish staff and volunteers at Christmas.
9. Our Knights started two projects for evangelization within families, and our future generation, their children.

   **Project 1** Holy cards of Jesus, Mary, the saints and angels provided to children who attend Children’s Liturgy at weekend Masses. This gives them an opportunity to ask questions about the Catholic faith.

   **Project 2**: Providing excellent educational material on the Catholic faith in the form of 85 booklets. These booklets are displayed on a shelf in the church entrance. Parishioners may borrow one booklet at a time for up to 2 weeks, then return it and borrow another one and so on.

10. We support the Annual Parish Auction in support of Parish Nurse Ministry.

11. We continue to actively support the Knights of Columbus Indoor Games, the Carol Festival, Blackstrap Youth Camp Culture of life, St. Paul’s Hospital Foundation, and other activities and causes.

12. Fourth Degree members are often seen in full regalia as Honor Guards at funerals, Carol Festival, Indoor Games and at Remembrance Day services.

13. Our Council plays an active role in supporting our parish both financially and through services such as the pancake breakfasts.

   *Lorne Soloski*
St. Mary’s CWL

The Catholic Women’s League of Canada is the united voice of all Catholic Women. St. Mary’s CWL extends an invitation to all women to join our league. Our membership is held every November; all dues are to be in by the end of each February.

The members of St. Mary’s C.W.L. are very active within all aspects of Parish Life. We respond helping in some of the following ways:

- Funeral receptions as requested
- C.W.L. Clothing Depot
- Hospitality at other parish functions
- Assistance with sacramental preparations and Altar Server lunches
- We provide honor guards at member funerals when requested.

We donate and provide financial assistance to many local and national causes such as:

- Rectory furnishings
- Bibles to First Communion children
- Donation to kitchen renovations
- Support youth ministries
- Bishop’s Annual Appeal
- Catholic School Foundation.

We finance several projects. The three main projects are as follows:

- Harvest Supper in September
- Christmas Tea and Bake Sale in December
- Easter Tea and Bake Sale prior to Easter

As of February 2015 we have 100 members.
We would like to thank all C.W.L. members and their families for their very generous giving of their time and effort to all of our functions.

-Jeannette Amico
Catholic Hispanic Community

The Catholic Hispanic Community (CHC) has been formed by a broad group of people that have arrived to Canada from different backgrounds and nationalities and have decided to make St. Mary’s Parish their ministry. We all collectively feel the need to keep alive in our hearts the love we feel for Jesus Christ and to practice His commandments in our everyday lives.

Fr. Ciro Alfonso Perez continued to provide pastoral and spiritual guidance until he had to depart to Toronto to take part in high level English courses. During his absence Fr’s. Jon, Mick, Joe and Kevin presided at the Sunday Mass celebrations. We are greatly appreciative of their support during this time.

With their contribution and the community’s involvement, the pastoral plan which was established two years ago continues to be implemented. This pastoral plan includes programs which are helping the community to grow and carry on the mission that Jesus left us here on earth. The main purpose of this plan is to serve each current member as a way of reaching closer to the mission Jesus left us, and to also help make a positive impact in the lives of the future generations that will join our Hispanic community.

A committee within the CHC has been facilitating the formation and execution of the Pastoral Plan. This plan consists of three main areas which are: Catechetical, Liturgical and Social.

The Catechetical pastoral team has been working to educate the community in faith to learn and live the Christian life. There is a formation ministry which offers studies in Christology and the Bible. These classes are held on a weekly basis. The Sacramental Ministry prepares for the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. This preparation is accomplished through the hard work and dedication of several members of the CHC. This past year ten members of our community received First Communion and Confirmation, and three received the Sacrament of Baptism. Families continue to meet every two weeks to learn about family Christian life, biblical courses, and also to pray together. To assist in the spiritual growth of the team, the yearly retreat was held at the Church’s Upper Hall.

The Liturgical pastoral team prepared community members to assist in the following ministries: Lectors, Communion ministers, altar servers and music ministry. Important Liturgical celebrations within the CHC includes the celebration of the anniversary of the passing away of Martyr and Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas and devotions of Mary, such as weekly family visits to pray the rosary and offer novenas. The attendance of the Sunday Mass continues to be more numerous and more families have integrated in the Community.

The Social Pastoral objective is to get all members involved and become an active component in the community that we all form as a whole. This is achieved by holding gatherings and activities such as potlucks or suppers where everybody gets to have a taste of some Latin American dishes and enjoy each other’s company.

We also organized a Steak Fundraiser to raise money to create a fund that can aid families in need or countries that have gone through natural disasters and could use support from us. In May with great success, the community hosted its third Latin Fest at our very own Upper Hall.
Additionally, the CHC became actively involved with the organization Peace and Development. Activities have been held after Sunday Mass where members of this organization join us for a snack and an informative lecture of what their mission is and how can we help them achieve it.

CHC, Hispanic Community committees and Fr. Ciro will continue to work towards the implementation of the pastoral plan for the present members to have a fruitful Christian life and to be prepared for the upcoming community of immigrants that will come to our church looking for spiritual guidance and support that they will need.

Today, more than ever, it is urgent that we establish networks; work together, share our knowledge, renew once again the ideal and practice the Pastoral Plan, so we can keep walking together for good of the Body of Christ present in Saskatoon.

We welcome any invitation to be a part of the other groups and Ministries that form this Catholic Community. We are thankful for the support of the Redemptories Community, the Diocese of Saskatoon and St. Mary’s Parish.

-Marcela Godoy

ST. MARY’S CHARITY REPORT

One of the main things I would like to highlight in this year’s report is the awesome gift of our volunteers. Their consistent presence and spirit of hospitality really is a rich sign of the presence of Christ. Except for the cold winter months the ministry at the back door remained constant averaging about 200 guests per week.

The St. Mary’s weekly emergency hamper program continues to assist many needy families in the Pleasant Hill area and within our parish boundaries. We served an average of 20 families each week.

You will notice in our financial end, the cost has dropped for the weekly hamper program. This was a direct result of more donations of meats, groceries and especially, vegetables donated throughout the year.

The Christmas hamper ministry saw the parish help about 300 families. This was only possible through the help of other sister parish communities and a couple of High schools who contributed food and monies to help cover the cost of this annual ministry of love.

The following parishes with their staff and volunteers have contributed to the success and financial viability of our Christmas Hamper Ministry: Holy Spirit, St. Philip Neri, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Augustine, Canadian Martyrs, Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Ann’s Parish in Delisle. The students and staff from Bethlehem and E.D. Feehan high schools along with Ecole Canadienne and St. Gerard’s have all assisted in making our Christmas Hamper Ministry a sign of God’s love and care for those in need. This year we had an exceptional number of student volunteers turn out to assist us, and what a great help they were.
On behalf of St. Mary's I would like to offer to our organizers, volunteers, our high schools and our sister parishes, our parish staff, a big thank you for another awesome year in the service of our brothers and sisters.

May your summer be filled with God's many blessings for you, your families and your Faith communities.

-Fr. Mick Fleming C.Ss.R.

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