



The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

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Dear Cathedral Parishioners,

Blessings to you in this anniversary year of our Cathedral – Everybody’s Church! September 6th was the beginning of a 15-month celebration acknowledging the re-dedication of the Cathedral in 1948 and the first Eucharist celebrated on our property, on Christmas 1849. Let’s give thanks for the saving love of God celebrated here for these many years.

Every year, we are charged with informing the parishioners about the state of our temporal affairs as a parish. The enclosed report will be given verbally at all of the Masses on the weekend of September 28, 2008. We are writing to you personally so that you might have the opportunity to consider this report at home at your leisure. The enclosed report is also available in the parish bulletin of September 28, 2008 and on our parish web site <saintjohncathedral.com>.

Among the positive features to note in this year’s report are the steady increase in the number of registered households (now numbering over 800), an increase in the number of parishioners participating in ministries and religious services, and an increase in generosity through the poor boxes and our monthly Cosgrove Center collection. Thank you for sharing the gifts of your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of life and faith at our Cathedral.

Although we have seen these increases in population and participation, 2007-2008 financial year did witness a decrease in offertory contributions compared with the year before. Be assured that the finance council is diligent in the stewardship of your gifts. Working with Bishop Lennon and the Cathedral Staff, we have done our best to minimize expenses. Again, thank you for your Christian discipleship and stewardship of God’s gifts.

As we look to the current year, we ask you to please continue your financial support of the Cathedral and, if you are able, please increase your regular offertory donation to at least one hour’s wage per week, per wage earner. You may wish to consider one of the electronic giving options which are highlighted in this week’s bulletin. Most importantly, please re-dedicate yourself to the sacrifice of your time and talent in service to the Church and your neighbors. Your faithful support and participation are the most important component of our vitality as a Parish Family. Thanks for all you do.

We are beginning two new things in our Cathedral life this Fall. The first is the “Cathedral Tribute Fund,” which is a way to honor someone special. Enclosed in this mailing is a self-explanatory brochure that everyone who cares about our Cathedral will find of interest. The second is the renovation of the interior doors of our beautiful Cathedral. While this expense will be paid from our Cathedral Endowments, your contribution to the endowment will assist in the continuous improvements and support of Cathedral life.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to this great ministry of sharing the love of God, and for all that you do to make St. John Cathedral “Everybody’s Church.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

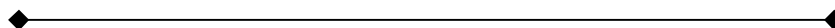
Fr. Estok and the Parish Finance Council



Cathedral Parish Finance and Pastoral Report 2007-2008

"For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

The purpose of Saint John the Evangelist Cathedral Parish is to provide all people with access to the saving love of God through Word, Sacraments, and a community of justice and love, that empowered by the Holy Spirit, we might all become beloved disciples of Jesus Christ, living and inviting others to a full and abundant life.



The purpose of the **Cathedral Finance Council** is to make responsible financial recommendations to Father Estok and the Cathedral Staff, to assist in the temporal administration of the parish, and to be accountable to you, the good and generous parishioners of, and participants in, the ministry of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist. It is our hope that **all people will find access to the saving love of God through the ministry and community** of Saint John the Evangelist Cathedral. Thank you again, for all that you do to make the mission and life of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist all that it is.

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Signs of Pastoral Life	2008	2007	% Difference
Registered households	801	765	+4.7%
Number of persons	1376	1305	+5.4%
Envelopes used weekly	198	189	+4.8%
Baptisms	35	25	+40%
Marriages	39	37	+5.4%
Funerals	8	10	-20%
Involvement in prayer and study	425	147	+289%

Summary of Financial Report	2008	2007
Operating Receipts	\$901,155	\$972,598
Operating Expenditures	\$1,580,402	\$1,488,068
Operating (deficit)	\$(679,247)	\$(515,470)
Expenses paid by Diocese	\$487,200	\$541,239
Receipts in excess of expenditures	\$(192,047)	\$25,769

Detailed Financial Report on Reverse Side

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
 Financial Operating Report
 For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007	Budget 2009
RECEIPTS			
Offertory Collections	\$ 587,532	\$ 599,253	\$ 569,000
Bequests	7,658	111,658	25,000
Shrines: Votive Candles	40,771	38,502	50,000
Chancery/Cathedral Square Campaign	25,000		25,000
Music Program & CD Sales	6,583	2,339	13,000
Weddings	33,750	30,600	38,000
Designated Collections: Missions, Campaign for Human Development, etc.	20,065	13,217	17,000
Direct assistance to the needy & Bishop Cosgrove Center	89,243	78,061	78,550
Schubert Music Program Endowment Support	64,686	60,759	64,000
Interest income	777	2,904	
Other	25,090	35,305	35,200
	\$ 901,155	\$ 972,598	\$ 914,750
EXPENDITURES			
Administration:			
Salaries, payroll taxes and benefits	\$ 449,604	\$ 430,086	\$ 490,018
Office telephone, postage, computer and technologies and supplies	49,055	44,397	49,400
Rectory expenses, publications and supplies	75,742	75,333	83,725
Cleveland police	75,518	73,982	73,500
Celebrating: Cathedral worship, music, choir, candles, etc.	316,905	300,690	318,034
Teaching/Evangelization: Publications and education	7,172	7,846	12,400
Participating: Community building, picnic, etc.	12,455	10,374	8,800
Plant Operations:			
Maintenance salaries, repairs and ground supplies	165,988	183,980	141,833
Utilities	127,756	112,512	114,200
Property taxes and insurance	67,757	65,528	68,300
Designated Collections: Missions, Campaign for Human Development, etc.	20,065	13,618	17,000
Direct assistance to the needy & Bishop Cosgrove Center	100,700	66,143	87,500
Capital projects: Roofing, tuck pointing, cement and building improvements	98,982	77,128	64,500
Other Miscellaneous disbursements	12,703	26,451	
	\$ 1,580,402	\$ 1,488,068	\$ 1,529,210
OPERATING (DEFICIT)	(679,247)	(515,470)	(614,460)
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY - NET			
Transfers from Endowment			127,260
Payments from the Diocese	487,200	541,239	487,200
	487,200	541,239	614,460
TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (192,047)	\$ 25,769	\$ -

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
 Assets & Liabilities
 As of June 30, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
Balance - Beginning of Year		
Checking and Savings - Operating	\$ 294,722	\$ 268,953
Savings & Investments - Endowment	9,991,518	9,019,077
	10,286,240	9,288,030
Current Year Change		
Total Surplus (Deficit)	(192,047)	25,769
Transfers from Endowments	(64,686)	(60,759)
Investment Income & Unrealized Gain(Loss) on Endowments	(53,882)	1,033,200
	(310,615)	998,210
Balance - End of Year		
Checking and Savings - Operating	102,675	294,722
Savings & Investments - Endowment	9,872,950	9,991,518
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,975,625	\$ 10,286,240
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
	None	None