St. Mary Catholic Church

Annual Report 2015-2016 "*Growing for the Future*"

Our Mission Statement

"To be led and to lead others into a personal

relationship with Jesus Christ"



Letter from Fr. Andy: Past, Present, Future



Dear Parishioners,

As I sat to prepare this letter to you, I could not help but to look over the past 7 years and do some reflecting. When I came to St. Mary that many years ago, fresh out of seminary, and 'wet behind the ears' (yes, I heard what was said) I was so excited to be a priest and bring this community the Eucharist. I had no idea what it took to operating a parish; providing it spiritual nourishment, financial guidance, operating a school. I had to laugh at how green I was.

Yet, in reflecting I also realized how much I have learned from my parish, for it is you who taught me (and is still advancing my knowledge of) business and who helped me to understand what you needed of me as a pastor. I am so thankful for your wisdom, love, patience, and understanding and want to say that I absolutely love it here! I love being your pastor!

For the last year, I have been working with parish ministry volunteers to structure the parish vision and mission statements to give us a solid path into the future.

The mission statement "To be led and to lead others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ" was easy, for that is the mission of the whole church and the Holy Spirit had already moved so many of us in the same direction of spiritual growth and sharing.

The way that I envision this mission to be played out is by building a fellowship hall, gymnasium, meeting space, and offices that will enable the parish to grow in membership, service, and ministry. To improve engagement by assisting those who are actively disengaged by becoming a welcoming discipleship parish. And to build awareness of the existence and academic excellence of our Catholic school that is open and available to all who desire a Catholic education.

From this work, as your pastor, I identified the top 3 pastoral priorities for this parish as being: Souls, School, and Space

Everything that we do in the next 3-5 years shall be weighed against these 3 priorities. And the work has already begun. We have begun to revise our Religious Education program, under the direction of Deacon Eduardo Murillo to include parental learning segments – adult education. We have successfully kicked off a capital campaign to build a new fellowship hall and gymnasium, and we are happy to say the enrollment in the school has been increasing for the past 3 consecutive years!

As you review this financial disclosure statement, I hope you will also take special notice as to how much activity has taken place at St. Mary over the past year. Realize how many times your parish touched the lives of others with the joy of Christ. You are the Mega-Church for this area; the largest and most active 'body of Christ' – helping to Feed the hungry, cloth the naked, visit the sick, and grow our loving community! Whether you help with your contributions in the offering basket thus assisting us to fund the ministries, or given of your and talent – you have helped us with this work.

Under the Mercy,

Fr. Andy Davy, MIC, Pastor



St. Mary Catholic Church

Our Parish at

BAPTISMS

29 INFANT TO AGE 7 8 AGES 7-17 **5 ADULTS**

FIRST COMMUNIONS: 87

FULL COMMUNION 14 RCIA (03/26/2016) 9 EASTER VIGIL

CONFIRMATIONS: 75

MARRIAGES: 5

DEATHS: 21

PARISH MINISTRY

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A College Freshman: on St. **Mary School**

Ever since my family moved to the Plano area, St. Mary Parish and school has had a major impact on my life. My 8 years of Catholic education at St. Mary have instilled in me core principles and values I live my life by such as respect for human life and serving others in need. St. Mary has inspired me to make a difference in our world, but they have showed me I can make that difference right here at home. They have showed me that in order to have a big impact on someone's life I don't necessarily have to have the money to do it; I can do it by being involved with the different ministries St. Marv has to offer. Whether it is donating clothes to St. Vincent De Paul, volunteering for a couple of hours at the mobile food pantry, or even getting involved with the Youth Ministry to help bring them closer to Christ since they are the future of his Church here on Earth, St. Mary Church and School has allowed me to become a better person by allowing me to love and serve others as Christ loved us. All these values that St. Mary has instilled in me are values I wish to instill in others, and I will forever be grateful to my mother and father for sending me to St. Mary Catholic School and being a parishioner at St. Mary for the last 14 years, since it is St. Mary that have made me the man I am today.

Andrew Alessia

family was a wonderful gift during a hard time. "The funeral luncheon your ladies presented to our thought of everything!" SUGGESTED WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION BASED ON PERCENTAGE INCREASE 40% INCREASE INCREASE \$105.00 \$70.00 \$56.00 \$49.00 \$42.00 Shey \$35.00 \$28.00 \$21.00 \$14.00



PARISH MINISTRY

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OUR CURRENT

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"I was made to feel so welcomed by your volunteers when I came to get much needed food for my family, that I began to volunteer myself! Was nice that they did not make me feel needy or poor, but made me feel a part!"

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'That Man Is You'' Mens' group has taught me hou to be a Catholic Husband and Father in a way I never **l**viends expected! I have made so many good

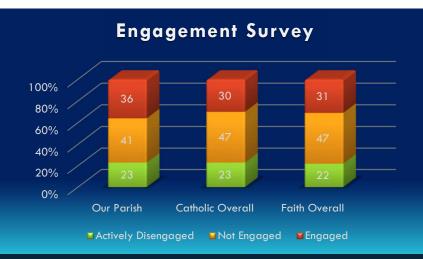
studies – I am amazed at what I did not know as a lifelong 'I come from another parish to attend your bible Catholic. Thanks for welcoming me to your groups?"

" My years at St. Mary School instilled core principles and values

in me inspiring me to make a difference in the world. I don't need

lots of money to do it..., just need to get involved....

Belonging leads to Believing: Offering a Path



Providing the right environment so, that people feel welcome – instilling a sense of belonging. Offering many various opportunities to grow in their knowledge of the faith through the Formation Station, Formed website, bible studies, and effective preaching. Leading to engagement.

DEFINITIONS



ENGAGED: THESE MEMBERS ARE LOYAL AND HAVE A STRONG PSYCHOLOGICAL CONNECTION TO THEIR PARISH. THEY ARE MORE SPIRITUALLY COMMITTED, AND GIVE MORE BOTH FINANCIALLY AND IN COMMITMENT OF TIME.

NOT ENGAGED: THESE MEMBERS MAY ATTEND REGULARLY, BUT THEY ARE NOT PSYCHOLOGICALLY CONNECTED TO THEIR PARISH. THEIR CONNECTION TO THE

PARISH IS MORE SOCIAL THAN SPIRITUAL. THEY GIVE MODERATELY BUT NOT SACRIFICIALLY.

ACTIVELY DISENGAGED: THESE MEMBERS USUALLY SHOW UP ONLY ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR, IF AT ALL. THEY MAY ALSO BE REGULAR IN THEIR ATTENDANCE, SO THEY ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT BY PSYCHOLOGICALLY ABSENT.



TESTIMONY OF FAITH

THE LORD ASKS US FOR PROOF OF HOW BIG OUR LOVE IS FOR HIM BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE FOR US ON THE CROSS. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, AFTER 27 YEARS, MY BRAIN TUMOR CAME BACK. WE WERE UNINSURED AT THE TIME AND LUZ WAS ONLY A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE. I SPENT 3 WEEKS IN THE HOSPITAL AND HAD A TOTAL OF 3 SURGERIES. FOUR DAYS AFTER BEING ADMITTED, LUZ WAS HIRED AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE AND WAS OFFERED MEDICAL BENEFITS THAT WERE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE ARE ENDLESS, AND I AM LIVING PROOF OF THAT.

IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE THE WAY GOD TAKES CARE OF HIS CREATURES. NO ONE CAN EVER SURPASS GOD'S GENEROSITY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS IMMENSE LOVE FOR US.

WE WANT TO THANK THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY OF ST. MARY'S FOR ALL THE PRAYERS, SPIRITUAL SUPPORT, AND THE UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THANK YOU! WE WILL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL AND WE ASK GOD TO BLESS EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU.

WITH LOVE,

CARLOS AND LUZ DUARTE.



"Growing in our faith at St. Mary began after we found a community where we could belong – a community that supported us spiritually in prayer and helped us in our time of need. We are eternally grateful?" with great food.

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attendance. This is now my parish family

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St. Mary Catholic Church and School **Financial Statement** July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016



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"Cur kids are so at home at St. Mary! They love to go to St. Mary School and they love to go to church! Imagine that!

"We never dreamed we would be able to send our