



ST. GILES PARISH
WELCOMING
2018 - 2019
WORSHIPING
ANNUAL REPORT
WALKING THE WAY

Letter from Fr. Carl

Dear Friends,

New members, long-time friends, wonderful improvements and too many blessings to count... Sacraments, liturgy, ministry, programs, outreach...

I am so grateful for the people who surround me and who make St. Giles such a wonderful place to live and worship together.

This past year we launched our *Foundations of Faith* capital campaign and, thanks to the generosity of 527 parishioners, we move closer to our goal every day. The name of this effort always brings to mind those who came before us...the early members of St. Giles who sacrificed to give us the beautiful facilities and traditions we enjoy today.



I often wonder what they would think if they could see our campus now, with children flourishing in our school and religious education programs, parishioners working together on our multitude of ministries and organizations, and the thousands of individuals who make up the family that has become the St. Giles community. I believe they would marvel at all that has come to pass, but also steadfastly encourage us to think, plan and act to ensure a vibrant future of St. Giles Parish.

As you read through our latest annual report, please take pride in our accomplishments and give thanks for all the blessings God sends our way. I look forward to continuing to serve as your Pastor in the coming years, and will eagerly await being witness to what the people of St. Giles do to improve our little piece of God's Kingdom here on earth.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

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“ Father Carl gives me great joy, he is one of the most positive, kind and patient people I have ever encountered. ”

~Ty Mayberry

Having a well-established and growing variety of formation options for families at St. Giles is often the impetus for new families to join our parish. From our vibrant parish school and growing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program to the CHAOS teen group, we partner with today's families in passing our faith to our parish children while assisting them in making religious education and formation a priority and good fit in their busy schedules.

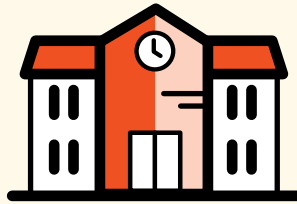
As Fr. Carl stated in his letter, the St. Giles community continues to rise to the challenge to be God's feet and hands here on earth. This manifests in varied ways from the CCW to Religious Education; from Seniors to the School; from ASP to the Men's Society and so much more!

Throughout his time at St. Giles, Fr. Carl has led us to invest in ourselves, our beautiful campus, our community and our world. These tangible and intangible investments have addressed our deferred maintenance – items we will get to when we “have time.” Keep in mind, this is about more than our buildings, it's also our spiritual lives as well. Despite the valleys we face, we reach the hilltops together to shine our light for the world to see.

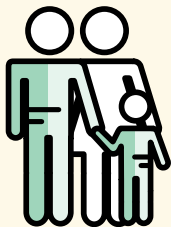
FY19 numbers to share:



**Religious Ed
412 students**



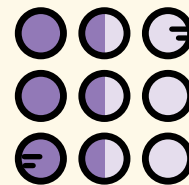
**School
406 students**



**Registered Families
2054**



**Registered persons
7127**



**October Count (weekly avg)
1115**

*It helps, now and then,
to step back and take
a long view.*

*The kingdom is not only
beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond
our vision.*

*We accomplish in our
lifetime only a tiny
fraction of the magnificent
enterprise that is God's
work. Nothing we do
is complete, which is a
way of saying that the
Kingdom always lies
beyond us.*



Community

*No statement says all
that could be said.*

*No prayer fully
expresses our faith.*

*No confession brings
perfection.*

*No pastoral visit brings
wholeness.*

*No program
accomplishes the
Church's mission.*

*No set of goals and
objectives includes
everything.*



WOMEN
EMPOWERED BY FAITH
UNITED IN HOPE
SERVING WITH LOVE



CCW strives to offer something for everyone with a focus on faith, friendship and fun. The organization's mission is threefold:

- Spiritual (to provide service in the community)
- Social (to meet and enjoy others within the St. Giles community)
- Philanthropic (to raise money for worthy causes)



The St. Giles Men's Society offers a range of opportunities, spiritual and social, for growth, service and recreation to the men of the Parish.

“ I see discipleship in the Men's Society. It moves me to witness men leading other men to Jesus. They serve our parish community and the greater community and have fun while doing so which enables them to draw men of all ages. ”

~Margaret Murphy

& Discipleship

“The opportunities I have for participating in parish activities gives me the greatest joy. It is so true that in giving we receive. The chance to work with people who are enthusiastic to share our gifts with our parish is inspiring. I love it!”

~S. Sue Paweski

Our **Seniors Group** meets several times a year. Social, prayerful and helpful opportunities are all possible for our ever-growing senior population. At our monthly gatherings, our folks bring toiletries to be given to the Oak Park Food Pantry, which will greatly help the people who benefit from their services.



Appalachian Service Project (ASP) – is a high school ministry program with the goal of empowering high school students to grow in faith and fellowship as they work together to serve the people in Appalachia and bring the richness of their experience back to share with our parish community. This is a week-long mission trip during the summer with a formation and fundraising program throughout the year, prior to the trip.

“Discipleship is alive and well at St. Giles. Whether it is food drives, clothing drives, fund raisers for important causes or trips to Appalachia the St. Giles community comes together to support those in need. Truly living out Matthew 25:40 “What you do to the least of my brothers you do unto me.”

~Kathleen Lucas

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

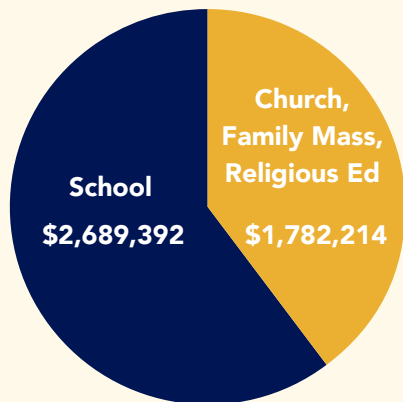
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.



Stewardship & Vitality

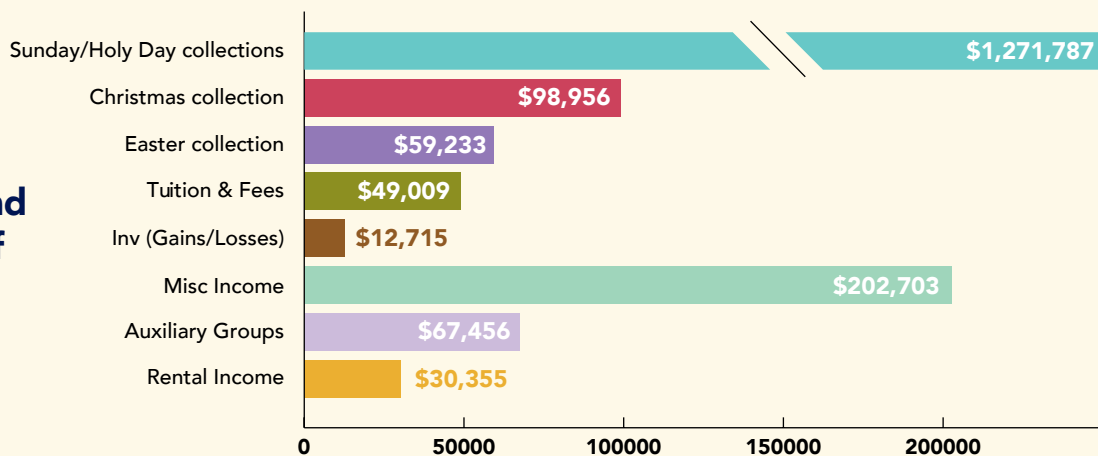
St. Giles Parish – operating results FY19

REVENUE TOTAL
\$4,481,606

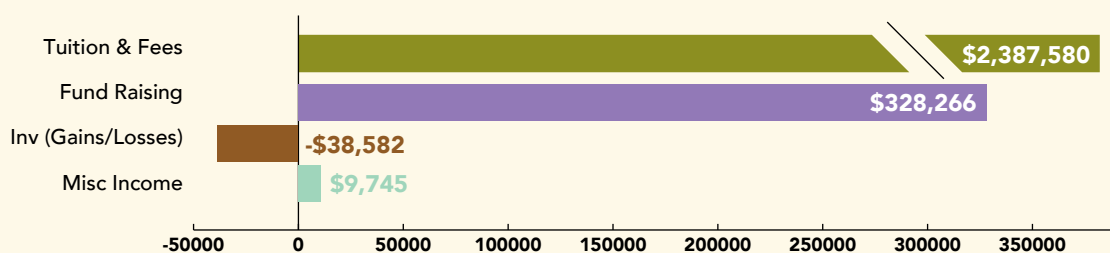


	Church Family Mass Religious Ed	School	Total
Sunday/Holy Day collections	\$1,271,787		
Christmas collection	\$98,956		
Easter collection	\$59,233		
Tuition & Fees	\$49,009	\$2,387,580	\$2,436,589
Fund Raising		\$328,266	
Inv (Gains/Losses)	\$12,715	-\$38,582	-\$25,867
Misc Income	\$202,703	\$9,745	\$212,448
Auxiliary Groups	\$67,456	\$2,383	\$69,839
Rental Income	\$30,355		
TOTAL	\$1,792,214	\$2,689,392	\$4,481,606

Church, Family Mass, Religious Education



School



What is one word that comes to mind when you think of St. Giles?

Community

Family

Vibrant

Home

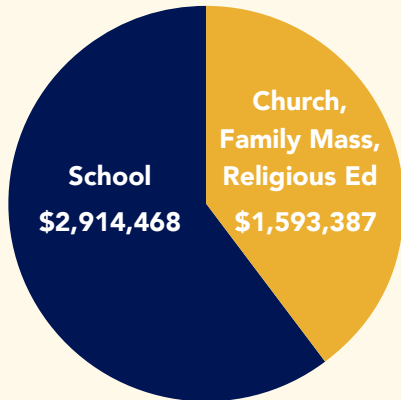
Cooperation

Generous

“ Each month, I see dedicated parishioners living their faith by serving those in need by making lunches for the homeless for the Fraternite Sisters and by assisting clients at the Oak Park Food Pantry. ”
 ~Sharon Bresnahan

EXPENSES TOTAL

\$4,507,855

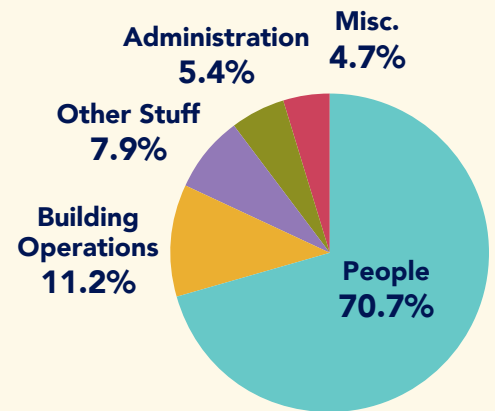


	Church Family Mass Religious Ed	School	Total
People			\$3,188,476
Building Operations (utilities, supplies, furnishings, mtce & repairs)			\$503,340
Other Stuff (insurance, assessments)			\$357,511
Administration (admin, books, etc.)			\$245,593
Misc.			\$212,935
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,593,387	\$2,914,468	\$4,507,855

Net Revenue (-0.6% of total expenses) - \$26,249

“ It gives me great joy to see that so many of our parishioners have contributed to the common cause of the Foundation of Faith program here at St. Giles. ”

~Russ Parker



In response to the Archdiocese-wide campaign, To Teach Who Christ Is, St. Giles Parish launched our **Foundations of Faith** capital campaign in February 2018. This three-year campaign was designed to raise funds that would support the educational and faith formation needs of struggling parishes in the Archdiocese along with funding important projects right here at St. Giles. A goal of \$2.25 million was set to address the following projects:

- Replacement of Frawley Building windows
- Installation of Corrigan Building elevator
- Tuckpointing of the Church
- Renovation of Corrigan Building 2nd floor restrooms
- Parish Contribution To Teach Who Christ Is campaign



At fiscal year-end June 30, 2019, we are grateful to report that we have raised just over \$2 million in pledges and gifts from 527 parishioner households. Total monies received to date from those gifts and pledges equal approximately \$1.25 million. As a result, we were able to accomplish our four major parish projects and continue to make payment toward our TTWCI contribution.

We so appreciate the generosity of those who supported Foundations of Faith. If you’ve not yet pledged, there’s still time!

*It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step
along the way,
an opportunity for the
Lord's grace to enter
and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end
results, but that is
the difference between
the master builder
and the worker.*

*We are workers, not master
builders; ministers,
not messiahs.*

*We are prophets of
a future not our own.*

The prayer weaved throughout this annual report is "Prophets of a Future Not Our Own." It had been attributed to the Jesuit priest Oscar Romero. More recently it was discovered that this prayer was actually written to honor Fr. Romero and his work in El Salvador.

As we read these words, we better understand our place in the world and the individual and collective roles we play as members of the Body of Christ.

The text box to the left is especially appropriate and poignant for our parish. We have invested so much in our campus, in each other and in our children. We cannot take this investment for granted, nor can we leave the rest to chance. In response, we are launching the Legacy of Love Society.

The Legacy of Love Society is our opportunity to support St. Giles with an estate gift. These funds will support the ongoing work of the parish – supporting our physical campus and our spiritual lives.

Keep an eye out to learn more about this initiative and how you can participate.

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