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Hear, Believe, Act:

Parish Mission Inspires with Challenging Message

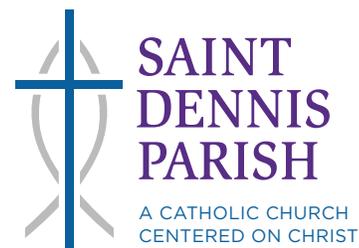
“Who do you put your hope in?” This is the question Deacon Ralph Poyo posed to parishioners on the first night of our parish mission. Encouraging us to put our hope in God, he invited us to reflect on our goal of getting to heaven. Deacon Ralph told stories, led us in spiritual exercises, used visuals and challenged parishioners to reflect on what Jesus’ crucifixion means to us. Our journey to heaven is the most important journey we take on earth and we need to work hard on creating a nuptial relationship with God.



Deacon Poyo urged the faithful to take a leap of faith and trust that God will take care of us. Like Abraham and countless other saints and disciples before us, we must hear the word of God, believe it, and then act on it. We need to strive to be in relationship with God, to know him, not just know about him.

Sin (both mortal and venial) separates us from God and we need to be aware of the demons in our life that keep us from having an authentic and serious relationship with our Father. The majority of us have difficulty fully trusting God so will live with one foot in the Church and one foot in the world, with the majority of our weight on the

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Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90:11-12

Parish Mission

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foot in the world. As Catholics, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a tool to free us from the brokenness that darkens our understanding of God and we need to participate in this sacrament on a regular basis to free us from sin.

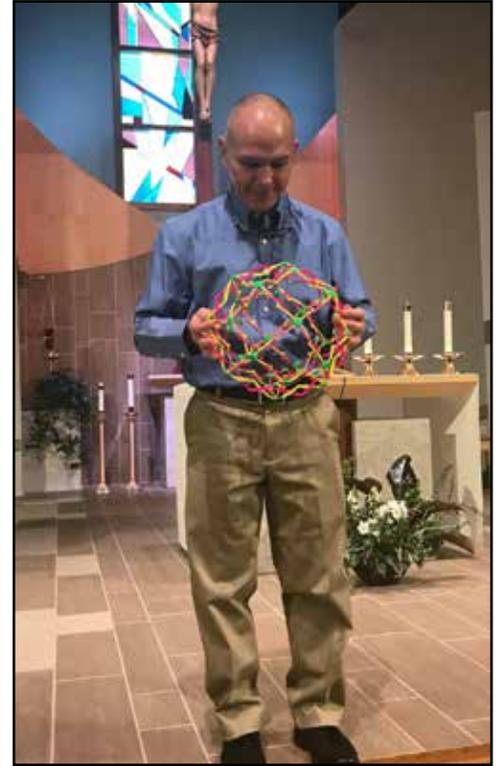
Deacon Ralph told his own story of brokenness as an example of the freedom we can have when we no longer are ruled by the ways of the earth and let go of shame and fear. When we connect with the Holy Spirit we communicate with God and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can keep the flow of God constantly moving through us to connect to God and stay connected to him.

~ Janet Dickinson



Deacon Ralph Poyo is the founder of New Evangelization Ministries.

<https://nem.training/>



Beads of Blessing for Belize

Denise Hinnendael, although not a traveler on our Belize mission trip, supported this cause in another very meaningful way. Countless hours were spent stringing together over 200 colorful rosaries for the people of Belize! These rosaries were handed out to grateful parishioners at several of the churches we visited and students of Saint Joseph School. Thank you Denise for sharing your talents and time with our brothers and sisters in Belize. They were truly touched with these special gifts!

~ Lisa Harms

Easter Vigil Reception Help Needed

Join us after the Easter Vigil on April 20 as we share food and fellowship and welcome our newest members! We are looking for donations of appetizers, snacks and treats which can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall anytime after 1:00 pm on April 20. We also need helpers to serve food and clean up. Contact Kathy Markeland at kmarkeland@charter.net or call the parish office to let us know if you can help in any way.

~ Kathy Markeland

Saint Joseph School, Belize Project Update

Saint Joseph's new school is getting close to being finished! This past November, we purchased materials and hired local craftsmen to plaster the walls and ceilings. The town of Duck Run 2, where the school is located, then began their own fundraising operation for the funds to build and install aluminum windows and mahogany doors for each classroom. We joined in and finally, as of the end of this past February, the project was completed.



We are now hiring painters to paint the inside of four classrooms, hang white boards and move the new desks and chairs into the classrooms. Even though the classrooms won't have any electricity, at least we can get the children out of the old, dilapidated school and moved into the beautiful new school! The money we have raised through the pizza sale, Change for Belize, Penny Wars, and the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast should be enough to tile four classrooms and get the electrical service going to the school. The children and teachers are so excited about their new school and we are so proud to be a part of it!

~ Deacon David Hendrickson

Guided By Faithful Volunteers, Students Learn to Shine

If you come into Saint Dennis on a Monday evening, chances are you will see this place alive with children, catechists and volunteers all working together for our Faith Formation program. We are so grateful for our over 45 catechists and volunteers who dedicate their time helping our students learn more about their Catholic faith and grow



their relationship with Jesus. Our gratitude extends to the numerous Confirmation students who have helped our program as well by being classroom aids, hall monitors, check in/out helpers and assistants anywhere they can. Truly, without our volunteers, we would not be able to have such manageable class sizes, do so many fun projects and connect with our eager, faith-filled students.

Our theme this year has been "He's Making Diamonds Out of Us", and we have had fun exploring how God takes us as we are and helps us to shine...even in the dark times. If you have a desire to "shine" with us, please contact Lisa Harms to discuss how you can help our youth grow stronger in their faith and reflect God's light to the world around them!

~ Lisa Harms



Easter & Holy Week Schedule

April 18 - Holy Thursday	7:00 pm
April 19 - Good Friday	1:00 pm
April 20 - Easter Vigil	7:00 pm
April 21 - Easter Sunday	7:30 am, 9:00 am and 10:45 am

Efforts Provide Weekend Meals for Schenk Students

Saint Dennis Parish is pleased to participate for our fourth year with four other East Side churches (Lakeview Moravian, Lake Edge UCC, Lake Edge Lutheran and Saint Luke's Episcopal) in the Schenk Weekend Nutrition Program. This program provides food for the weekend for children at risk of going without food while mom and dad are at work.

Food is ordered the weekend before from HyVee who delivers it to our assembly site at Lakeview Moravian across from Schenk

Elementary School. On Thursdays, a fabulous team of volunteers gathers to assemble the packets which are loaded into rolling suitcases. On Friday morning, the suitcases are transported to Schenk, and our volunteers distribute them to the appropriate lockers. If the kids don't have school on Friday, we just move everything up by one day!

Saint Dennis is responsible for four weeks in October and the last three weeks of the school year in May/June.



This is a wonderful program with a GREAT team of volunteers. We thank them for their willingness to participate and we thank all the people at Saint Dennis who financially support the program.

~ Pamela Martin



Mountains of Fun on Annual Ski Trip

What do you get when you mix more than 80 middle school kids with Cascade Mountain Ski Hill? A day of fun on the slopes and having a great time with each other. Each year, the middle school kids are lucky enough to go to Cascade Mountain for an entire day of skiing. Many memories are made on those hills and it gives the kids a chance to do things with one another while getting exercise and establishing new friendships. A huge round of applause goes out to Kim Maxson for her organization and planning plus to our Home and School Association for helping subsidize the trip.

- Ann Pitz

Jack-of-All-Trades Joins Saint Dennis Team

A very warm welcome to Chris Fauerbach, our new part-time custodian! Chris started working at Saint Dennis in December and has already become an invaluable member of our staff. Chris is a retired automotive technician where he worked for 35 years and owned his own auto repair shop on the East Side. He is now enjoying a part-time position so he can spend more time with his wife, Betsy, and first grade son, Henry.

As a jack-of-all-trades, Chris has been enjoying his new spot on our maintenance team. "I really like the people here at Saint Dennis and being able to be close to my son, who attends the school," Chris commented. "This is such a friendly environment and I am enjoying a chance to be able to give back to my community." Welcome Chris to Saint Dennis...we sure are glad to have you on our team!

~ Lisa Harms

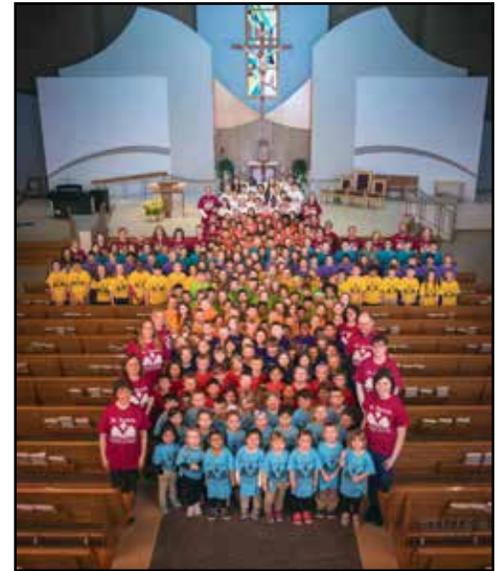


Catholic Schools Week Celebrations - Delayed, Not Dampened

A snow day, three cold days and an ice storm could not stop Saint Dennis from celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Although the events planned for one week were stretched to two, our teachers, parents and students came together to celebrate our Catholic identity!

We enjoyed Pastor Rich - his upbeat tunes got us all on our feet dancing. We visited Keva Sports Center where we got to run off our pent-up energy from four days of school being closed. We had an all-school picnic lunch in the gym and an afternoon of movies and a special snack. Amidst all the fun, the highlight of the week is always the Friends and Family Mass followed by the bagel breakfast. We also took a very special photo in the church highlighting our newly renovated space, our amazing staff and our wonderful students. We want to thank everyone who helped make Catholic Schools Week 2019 a success. We look forward to next year and have our fingers crossed that mother nature cooperates a little better!

- Christi Stutz



Preparations Underway for Summer Festival

Is winter over yet? Well...it will be by the time the Saint Dennis Festival comes about! Fellowship Hall can hardly wait to have all the different booths back. The outside tents are being ordered, the grills are being cleaned off and shined, final contracts for the music are being signed, the 5K run shirts are being designed, the raffle tickets are being printed and the BINGO cards are coming out of storage. So, make sure to save the dates of July 27 - July 29 for another fabulous weekend of fun, fellowship and food!

- Ann Pitz



Pope Francis Tweets @Pontifex March 2

Sometimes we may feel we are alone in facing difficulties. But, even if He doesn't intervene immediately, the Lord walks by our side and, if we keep going forward, He will open up a new path.

Worship Space Renovations Deliver Practical and Spiritual Benefits

In addition to the beauty and functionality of our new space, as a musician, I'm delighted with our new enhanced sound quality. Many sound baffles were added to the space and an engineer adjusted the sound levels to produce the best sound quality possible. Thanks to all of those who did such a great job on creating our beautiful sound environment!

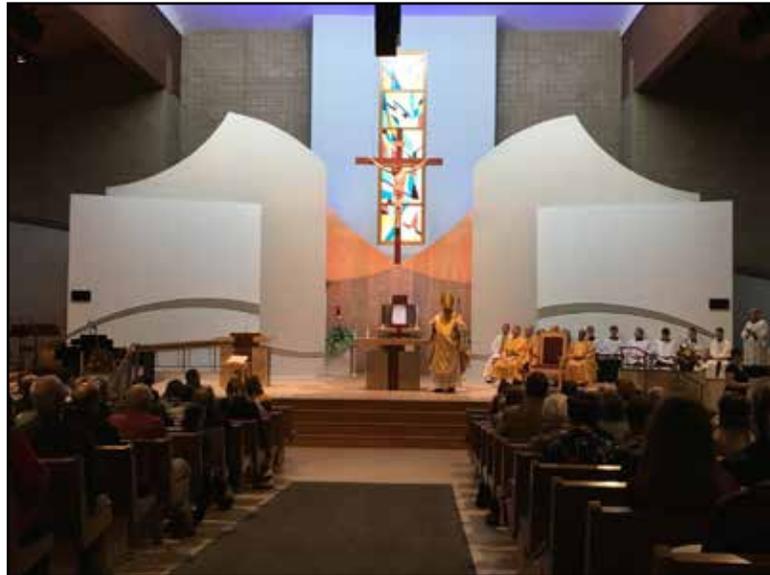
~ Karen Kaehr

It makes the church feel more faith-centered and the environment more open. There is so much beauty in the architecture.

~ Melissa Schroeder

I like the cross of Jesus at the front...it helps me focus!

~ Elijah Harms, Age 6



We invited parishioners to share their thoughts on the recent renovations.

It's visual music! I love how the design invites eyes and thoughts upward. The angled, swooping reredos even reminds me of angel wings, and I want to hop on!

~ Kelly Cheramly

I absolutely LOVE the lighting both in the assembly and back-lighting the crucifix.

~ Patrick Joyce

Nothing trivial about Saint Dennis Trivia Knight 2019

What was a lot of fun and raised a record amount of money for Saint Dennis School? The answer is simple. Trivia Knight. A record 44 tables were sold for this year's Trivia Knight. The event raises money for our school while participants have fun, answer trivia, and share in fellowship. Speaking of raising money, this year's TK raised over \$20,000 to be used for technology

improvements at the school. The money raised was also a new record. This year's event was hosted for the 5th straight year by NBC15 Sports Director and parish member Mike Jacques. "Jocko" was on the planning committee along with his wife Carol, Dan Murphy, Chris Lee, Rachel Austin, Andrew Wenborne, and Kim Maxson.

~ Mike Jacques



Joyful Helpers: Respite Team Shares Support and Smiles

“Thank you for being my go-to respite group. You were always willing and ready to come sit with my husband whenever I needed a break from caretaking and always calling with kind words and happy thoughts. You all deserve a rose in heaven.” This is just one of many similar sentiments expressed by family members who have used the Saint Dennis Respite Care Team for support in their caregiving of family members.

While the main focus of the Respite Care Team is rest and relief for family caregivers, team members also offer social visits for those who are homebound. Over the past 17 years, they have assisted with light household tasks, errands and outings for events and shopping. All assistance provided is non-medical.

Currently there are 25 team members who feel blessed to visit and assist Saint Dennis parishioners through this ministry.

Some have served since its inception in 2001!

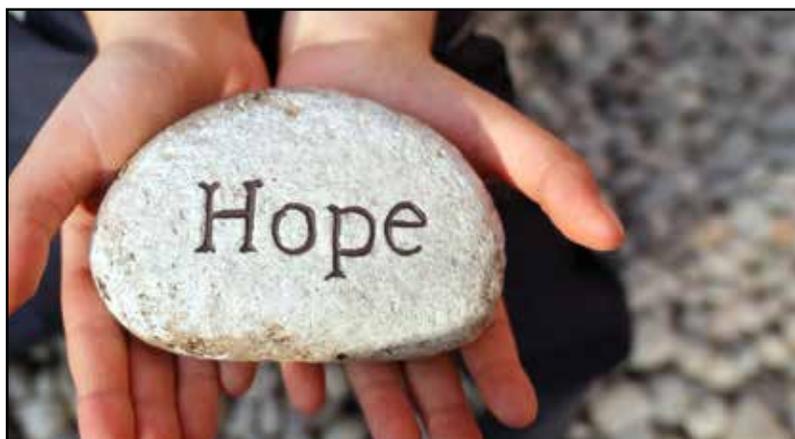
Team members serve for as many (or as few) hours as their schedule permits and they never serve on their own - the Team leader provides ongoing guidance. Catholic Charities provides training so limits of care are clearly defined. Background checks are completed on all team members.

Some have visited the same family up to a decade. Team members report that they are simply doing little things, yet those receiving visits say the support, “Means the world to me and my family.”

If you are a caregiver or someone who would like visits for yourself or a family member, please call Nancy Onken at (608)244-7480 to ask how you can benefit from the Saint Dennis Respite Care Team.

Feeling called to serve as a team member or team leader? Contact Nancy to find out more about this neighbor-to-neighbor ministry that brings joy and practical assistance to our Saint Dennis family.

~ Nancy Onken



Pizzas Bring Many Together for Good Cause



On February 2, a record 102 middle/high school students and adults came together for our our annual Pizza Factory held Super Bowl weekend. We made 900 sausage, cheese, pepperoni and combination pizzas in two hours. It was quite an impressive sight to see everyone pitching in to help. Thanks to the generous parishioners at Saint Dennis, all pizzas were sold after weekend Masses with none left over! All money made went towards Saint Joseph School in Belize where it will be used to provide electricity (one of the last steps) to the new school. A very special thank you to all who dedicated their time and energy to helping us make this year's Pizza Factory such a smashing success!

~ Lisa Harms

Faithful Citizenship: Catholics to Gather for Day of Prayer and Advocacy

On April 30, Catholics from around the state will gather in Madison at the Monona Terrace Convention Center for a day of prayer, formation and advocacy. Catholics at the Capitol is an annual event sponsored by the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, the voice of Wisconsin's Catholic bishops, in cooperation with other Catholic organizations, such as Catholic Charities and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

The agenda for the day features a keynote address by Vincent Noth and Samantha Vosters Executive Director and Team Form Director of the Riverwest Food Pantry. They will share how Riverwest Food Pantry forms a Catholic intentional "community of generosity"

combining a mission house, daily prayer, corporal works of mercy, and attention to the structural causes of poverty. The day includes breakout sessions on topics including the fundamentals of Catholic social teaching, prison ministry, homelessness and pro-life health care. The

day concludes with an opportunity to head to the Capitol and visit with state legislators to discuss current state policy issues of interest and concern to the Wisconsin Catholic community.

~ Kathy Markeland

Catholics at the Capitol April 30

Where: Monona Terrace & Wisconsin State Capitol

Cost: \$40 for adults \$12 for students

(Includes continental breakfast and lunch.)

For additional details and to register go to:

http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/catholics_at_the_capitol.cfm

Just Chillin': Youth Night Features Fun and Games

Even though it was a frigid night, the Saint Dennis middle and high school students had a blast at Dave & Buster's. On January 20, sixty Saint Dennis boys and girls went to Dave & Buster's at West Towne Mall for a night of fun, food and games.

The party bus started at the Saint Dennis chapel. After a prayer led by Mrs. Lisa Harms, a school bus came to pick us up. When we arrived at Dave & Buster's, we went into a party room with tables, chairs and a teen-friendly

buffet featuring soda, burgers, mac n' cheese, chicken fingers and fries. Each student had a game ticket with twenty dollars on it for the arcade games. We also had unlimited video games for the whole night! Everyone had two hours to enjoy all that Dave & Buster's has to offer before we headed back to Saint Dennis for pick-up. This trip was a total hit and something I would urge all to consider joining in the future!

- Bridget Wilson



Prayer for the Diocese

Loving God,
you fill heaven and earth with your glory,
yet you are near to all who call upon you.
Grant our diocese a new bishop
who, in your grace, is a Shepherd after your own heart:
one who is filled with zeal for the Faith and the spread of the Gospel,
who is gentle and wise,
merciful and just,
and devoted in love for your people.
May he strive each day
to be configured to your Son, Jesus Christ, and unite your people
to become stronger in faith,
more earnest in our love of you,
and generous with our care for others.
Grant your people the grace
to accept our new bishop as your own, and may he lead us toward your Son,
the unfailing light,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Raphael, patron of our Diocese, pray for us.



Bishop Update

The process for appointing a new bishop generally takes between six to eight months, but may take longer. While there is a clear process, it is also a highly confidential process. There are currently eight vacant sees in the United States. We continue to pray for the Lord's guiding hand in the selection of a new bishop for the Diocese of Madison.

Be our Guest! New Parishioner Breakfast April 28, 10:00 am

Plan to join the parish leaders and other new members for a welcoming breakfast for new parishioners on Sunday, April 28 in the Upper Parish Center immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

Whether you have been at Saint Dennis for a week, a year (or longer), we hope you and your family make plans to gather with us for a casual breakfast and an opportunity to learn a little bit more about the Saint Dennis community and one another.

To make sure we have breakfast for all, call the parish office at (608) 246-5124 by Thursday, April 18 to let us know that you plan to join us!

Team Effort to Spread the Good News

The newsletter committee is an amazing group of volunteers that works hard year round putting together the Good News Quarterly for the members of Saint Dennis to enjoy. We meet a few times per issue, brainstorming ideas for articles that highlight the happenings of Saint Dennis and incorporate the voices of a variety of parishioners. Committee members divide up articles to write, take photographs and put together a layout to produce something we hope all enjoy receiving every few months. We have another special group of volunteers who are editing experts and are grateful for their "red pens" each issue. Special thanks to Kim Morris for her continued dedication in putting together all of the articles and pictures each issue. We hope you enjoy reading about our vibrant parish. We appreciate any article ideas you may have and are always looking for new members to join our team!

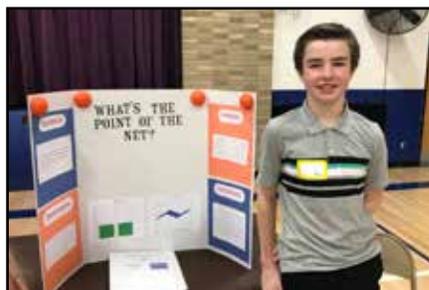
~ Lisa Harms



Proving a Fact

Have you ever wondered what the best bottled water is? If Skittles dissolve in cold water or hot water? Which flooring is better for playing basketball on or what music will help you fall asleep? How about what type of candle will burn the longest? These questions and more were answered and proved by the 7th and 8th graders at Saint Dennis. Every two years, Science teacher Kim Maxson holds a Science Fair where students must do research, prepare graphs and write about what they found out from their research and then explain it to others. Students are judged by teachers and former students along with their peers. Congratulations to all participants and Ms. Maxson for a job well done!

~ Ann Pitz



Vacation Bible School: Roar! August 5-7 from 9:00 am - noon

Attention all current 4K through fourth graders! Saint Dennis Vacation Bible School returns this August! Join your friends and awesome counselors on surprising adventures. Perform amazing experiments, eat tasty snacks and praise God with some incredible music. You won't want to miss it!

Sign-up starts May 1 on the parish website. Cost is \$20 per student or \$40 per family. Questions? Contact Lisa Harms at lharms@stdennisparish.org.

Middle and High Schoolers: Stay tuned for information on how you can become one of the awesome counselors!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 20 at 10:00 am

Children ages 10 or younger are invited to "hunt".
(If bad weather, hunt will be in the gym.)

Sponsored by middle school students of Saint Dennis Parish

Saint John of God March 8

"Labor without stopping, do all the good works you can while you still have the time."

Consider IRA Contribution to Saint Dennis

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can give up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a qualified charity such as your parish.

- IRA assets may be advisable to use for gifting since they can have a high tax effect on your estate.
- Donors using this type of gifting do not receive a charitable deduction – it provides a reduction in taxable income – a specific IRA rollover acknowledgement is necessary.
- The transfer must come from the plan administrator directly to the charity. These gifts can not be used to fund charitable remainder trusts or charitable gift annuities. Saint Dennis is a qualified charitable organization.
- The gift can be counted toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). Gifts can be a portion of the RMD, all of the RMD or more than the RMD up to \$100,000.
- Charitable rollover gifts cannot be made from a 401(k) or a 403(b) plan. (Funds need to be transferred first to an IRA; consult your accountant/tax attorney for specifics.)
- Transferring stock to Saint Dennis could avoid possible capital gains.
- Saint Dennis uses Charles Schwab account number 6109-9076.

Questions? Contact Roger at (608)246-5130.

Saint Dennis Congregation Financial Report July 2018 - December 2018

	2018	2017
Total Ordinary Income (Envelopes, Offertory, Regilious Ed, Fundraising, etc)	\$777,011	\$ 841,535
Other Income (Auxiliary Income, Memorials, etc)	\$9,961	\$43,112
Total Church Income	\$786,972	\$884,649
School Income (Tuition, Fees, Donations, Grants)	\$378,712	\$344,588
Other School income (Parish Subsidy, Extended Care, School Lunch, etc)	\$110,288	\$102,124
Total School Income	\$489,000	\$446,711
Total Income - Church and School	\$1,275,972	\$1,331,360
Church Administration Expenses (Wages, Benefits, Taxes, Insurance, Utilities, Bldg. Maint. Assessments, etc)	\$564,146	\$497,156
Other Church Expenses	\$107,408	\$100,010
Total Church Expenses	\$671,554	\$597,166
School Salary Expenses (Wages, Benefits, taxes, Insurance)	\$536,956	\$524,179
Other School Expenses (Schhol Admin. Instructional Expense, Plant Operations)	\$92,790	\$87,569
Total School Expenses	\$629,746	\$611,748
Total Expenses - Church and School	\$1,301,300	\$1,208,914
Net Income	\$-25,328	\$122,446

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From Father Randy:

“Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:15)

Mark’s Gospel records the first words of Jesus as ‘repent’; in Greek it is metanoia or meta-meaning change and noia meaning mind. Simply put, God is more interested in changing our minds than changing our circumstances. It is a small but significant shift that beckons me daily to repent.



My parents continue to teach me so much. Specifically, my mother has lived with congestive heart failure for a dozen years. In 2015 she had a LVAD (left ventricle assist device) placed within her heart to assist in the pumping of blood by a small motor powered by batteries. She wears a fanny pack by day and plugs into an outlet by night.

Her surgical wound needs regular if not daily cleansing to keep from infection. This responsibility falls to my father. At one point I was talking with him about how retirement did not take the direction they were planning and more so how he had to be available daily for her needs and the specific cleansing of her wound. After a certain length of whining on my part, he stopped me and said, “you don’t get it; it is not that I have to care for your mother, I get to”.

Once again, faith is caught not taught and I recall that slight change of mind as a brilliant lesson in repent and believe in the good news!

Rev. Randy J. Timmeuman