

Saint Louis Parish & School 2008-2009 Annual Report





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SAINT LOUIS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As stewards of God's many blessings and as parishioners of Saint Louis Church, we dedicate ourselves to forming a vibrant community in the Roman Catholic tradition as we lovingly reach out to all of God's people. We commit ourselves to welcoming and nurturing one another as disciples of Jesus Christ.



Dear Parishioners,

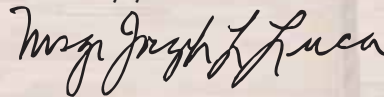
ONCE AGAIN, OUR PARISH THEME “DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME” HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT of parish life at Saint Louis. Though this year has been a difficult one for our nation and our economy, I am pleased to be writing to you with the good news that our parish has remained steadfast in its commitment to serve you, your fellow parishioners and the community. Even in these uncertain economic times, our ministries and programs continue to be a bright spot.

During the 2008-09 year, we experienced a steady increase in requests for assistance as nearby as in our own parish family and as far away as Haiti and for the earthquake victims in Italy. When called upon, the parish responded with a generous spirit.

I am pleased to report also that the programs at St Louis School, Religious Education and CYM continue to remain strong. In addition we experienced a significant increase in the number of young adults and adults seeking faith enrichment programs such as Scripture study, Adoration and retreats. Our Music Ministry continues to bring new talent and a fresh perspective to the Liturgy. The parish also remains stable financially. Last year, the weekly offertory totaled almost \$2.2 million and during Lent, we raised \$450,000 for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

We are truly blessed that so many people give so very generously of their time, talent and treasure to make Saint Louis Parish one of the most vibrant and vigorous parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Our ministries and activities bring long-time parishioners, returning Catholics and new individuals and families together to build community, encourage spiritual growth and extend fellowship to each other and to those in need. Your goodness allows our parish to continue the Gospel mission of reaching out to others. Thank you for your generosity and support. May God continue to bless you and our wonderful parish family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Luca
Pastor



Pastoral Council

2009 PASTORAL COUNCIL

Officers

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Front Row: Joseph Comberiate, John Justice, Christine Timanus, Msgr. Joseph Luca, Phyllis Belden, Tracy Mayer. Back Row: Chris Long, Skip Coale, Bobbie Leon, Tom Beljan, Jim Dunne, Leo Regensburger. Not pictured: Joe Carella, Eamonn Clark, John Clarke, Mark Corriere, Don Douglas, Charles Hopkin, Wanda Kemp, Patrick Marlatt, Leo Rudegeair, John Regnier.

2008-09 PASTORAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- † Prior to both Christmas and Easter, members of the Pastoral Council called parishioners to simply extend Monsignor Luca’s and the Pastoral Council’s wishes for a blessed Christmas and a Happy Easter.
- † In March, 2009, three long-time Saint Louis parishioners, Moira Monk, J.R. Swancar and Marion Waszkiewicz, were honored for their outstanding service to the parish. They were each given a commemorative plaque and received words of gratitude from Monsignor Luca and the Pastoral Council.
- † On January 18, 2009, the parish held an Evangelization Convocation for all pastoral leaders and ministry chairs. Fr. Ed Miller, Pastor of Saint Bernardine Catholic Church in West Baltimore, spoke to the group about how **WE ALL** set the example of **evangelization** by what we do for the parish and in the community. The convocation resulted in increased awareness of Evangelization at Saint Louis Parish.

SAINT LOUIS PARISH OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS 2009

“Well done, good and faithful servant” Matt 25:21

Mrs. Moira Monk

- † Ministry Chair of Vacation Bible School for 10 years
- † Saturday morning and Monday evening Catechist
- † Leader in the Good Samaritan ministry
- † Community involvement with Girl Scouts, School PTA and High School Music Boosters.
- † Created “Woman’s Career Day” at Sisters Academy of Baltimore to help build the young women’s self-esteem and establish leadership qualities in an effort to change the cycle of poverty.
- † Coordinated a picnic for the Sisters Academy at Centennial Park
- † Established a scholarship for a Sisters Academy student.

Dr. James “J.R.” Swancar

- † Pastoral Council Member, including President
- † Member of Finance Committee for 12 years
- † Member of Building Committee for 10 years
- † Leader in two parish capital campaigns: the Heritage of Hope and the Treasured Legacy Campaign.
- † Member of Liturgical Environmental Committee for 12 years.

Mrs. Marion Waszkiewicz

- † Member of the Divine Mercy prayer group and is faithful to daily Mass and weekly Eucharistic Adoration that gives evidence of her deep relationship with our Lord and his Mother.
- † Member of the Mourning Team, the Bereavement Ministry, Respect Life Committee, and Altar Guild.
- † Member of the Catholic Daughters of America and Viva House
- † Manages the upscale section of the White Elephant Sale at the Picnic and has devoted countless hours to sorting, pricing, and displaying the treasures.

Thank You For All You Do For Saint Louis Parish!

Sacraments

89 – Baptisms

176 – First Communicants

155 – Confirmandi

33 – Marriages

IN MEMORY

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Ashford, Janet
Barbano, Joseph
Boundford, Margaret
Briggs, Joseph
Brown, James
Carani, Dorothy
Crooke, Edward
Cummings, Joseph
Dagimanijan, Arthur
Deiss, Kevin
DeOrdonez, Gladys
Donahue, Thomas
Fauver, Donald
Fortwengler, Lorna
Freiert, Sr., Donald
Furman, Matthew

Glowacki, Sophia
Grimes, James
Hanko, Sr., Edward
Hartle, III, Lambert
Holland, John
Hundertmark, William
Kernan, Eugene
Kneeland, Mary
Kneeland, Reginald
Knight, Charles
Lettereio, Carlo
Malcher, Alfons
Manta, Louise
Marilley, Mary
Mathieu, Donald
Nicola, Raymond
O'Donnell, Charles
Peters, Jr., Thomas
Post, Amanda
Puzzini, John
Ricci, Pasquale
Ridings, Antoinette
Rioux, Joseph
Simoni, Walter

Stiles, William
Strain, Charles
Tieperman, Joan
Tomalis, Anna
Toomey, Thomas
Tucker, Cecilia
Tewell, Joseph
Weiseman Ava
Wiechelt, Karen
Wilson, Edward





Saint Louis Ministries

RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life Committee promotes the culture of life at parish and community levels through action and education, prayer and service. Last year, the Respect Life Committee was responsible for the following activities and programs at Saint Louis:



Members of the Respect Life Committee assist with the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Howard County Pregnancy Center.

- † Monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- † Prayed as a group on the first Saturday at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic in Catonsville
- † Educated the parish on important Respect Life issues through announcements in the bulletin and guest speaker presentations
- † Sponsored a school supplies and coat drive for the Western Maryland Sister Parishes (Co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)
- † Participated in the 40 Days for Life National effort
- † Held events during Respect Life month in October
- † Raised over \$9,000 with the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Howard County Pregnancy Center
- † Sold “Roses for Life” at the church
- † Held Friday nights in Prayer that included the Outdoor Candle Light Living Rosary
- † Provided the parish with educational inserts on life issues
- † Hosted the 6th Annual Family Coffee House with great entertainment
- † Sponsored a presentation by Dr. Paul Schenck on “Capitol Hill Comes to Saint Louis - How to Vote”
- † Held a Mass of Anointing



- † Hosted Annual Christmas Party
- † Sang Christmas Carols with Santa and distributed gifts at Lorien Nursing Home
- † Attended the March for Life in Washington, DC
- † Supported the Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night in Annapolis
- † Attended the Maryland Catholic Conference Annual Annapolis March for Life
- † Held a Family Mass and Reception for new, expecting or adopting families
- † Sold Flowers outside the church on Mother’s Day

MARYLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

On Monday, February 16, 60 parishioners traveled by motor coach to attend the 25th Annual Lobby Night for the Maryland Catholic Conference. After attending a briefing at Saint Mary’s Church, they traveled to the Senate and House buildings to visit and speak with Delegates and Senators from districts 9A, 12 A, 12B, and 13. They spoke to them about their positions, in light of the Catholic Faith, on issues including the death penalty, marriage protection, preserving programs that serve the poor, immigration, stem cell research, the need to preserve pregnancy support centers, textbook funding for non-public schools, and the BOAST bill.



(From the top left clockwise) Eileen Forrestel, Fr. Jim Sorra, Moira Monk and Pat Kelley listen intently at Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night in Annapolis. Photo Credit: Owen Sweeney III / The Catholic Review



Saint Louis Haiti Ministry

In August 2008, Saint Louis Parish threw a “convent warming” shower for the four religious sisters who had moved to the school grounds in the Fall of 2007. On September 1, the gifts were delivered in person, just days before Hurricane Hanna hit and left the school grounds under 15 feet of water!

Over 1,200 people sought refuge at Saint John’s, including the second floor of the school building and the roof of another classroom building. It was very perilous for weeks while relief efforts were organized and food and water were brought to the compound. In early September, Monsignor Luca announced a poor box collection to help with the hurricane relief efforts. An

extremely generous \$44,000 was given by Saint Louis parishioners. Of this total amount, \$30,000 was directed to Catholic Relief Services, \$5000 was given to the religious sisters, \$100 was given each teacher, \$3000 was given to Food for the Poor and a stipend was given to Bishop Pean and to Father Elie.



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas – Court Saint Louis donated \$400 to the Haiti Ministry.

The biggest partner in the relief effort was Catholic Relief Services. They helped in so many ways, including helping rebuild the wall around the school and creating a storage depot so, if and when another flood strikes, supplies can be in place on the school grounds. The Catholic Daughters Court Saint Louis gave \$400 to replenish classroom supplies. During the next few months, the Sisters concentrated on cleaning up the mess and clearing tons of mud. By December, the school was back in operation!

The Haiti Ministry sponsored an engineer and an electrician to conduct a needs assessment for the school after the flood and to design an electrical system. A medical doctor from Saint Louis also visited. One of the sisters was very sick when he arrived. She was treated and quickly regained her health.

This summer, a parish delegation that included Fr. Jim Sorra, visited Haiti to observe the recovery efforts and marvel at all the good work the Sisters are doing with such limited resources. Saint Louis Parish continues to provide full salary support for 29 staff and teachers at Saint John’s School. The members of the ministry team are grateful for everyone’s support!





Hospitality Ministries

WELCOME HOME CATHOLICS EASTER WELCOME!!

At all Masses on Easter Sunday, the Pastoral Staff presented *Catholics Come Home*, a short video that gave a brief history of the Catholic Church and encouraged people who may have been away from the church to come back. Monsignor Luca invited anyone in the congregation that day to come back to Saint Louis the following Tuesday evening, April 14, to be “welcomed home.” The event was a success with over 10 people “coming back,” to meet the Pastoral Staff and ask questions about the things that were keeping them away. It was a great example of evangelization and hospitality and the Pastoral Staff hopes to do it again in 2010.



NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME

On the third Sunday of each month, the Welcoming Team hosts a get-together for all who want to join our parish family. The group gathers in the Pastoral Center Social Hall after the 11:15 Mass to introduce themselves to each other, get an overview of the history of the parish and learn about parish ministries. New Parishioner Welcome is a chance for people to get acquainted with each other and the volunteers who are involved in parish ministry. Last year, 163 individuals or families attended the Welcome Sessions. They came from as far away as California to just down the street from the church in Clarksville!

PARISH HOSPITALITY

Over 60 parishioners participate in the Greeter and Usher Ministry at Saint Louis. The greeters are the smiling faces that greet you at the front doors of the church at each Mass, give the “Magnifi-Kid” Mass booklets to the youngsters before Mass and hand out the bulletins in the narthex after Mass. The Ushers help seat parishioners, take up the offertory and second collections and assist during Holy Communion.



Ushers Nick Tranchitella, left, and Maurice Hall, right, greet a parishioner at Sunday Mass.


FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

A Fellowship Coffee is held after the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Coffee, juice, pastries and good conversation are enjoyed by the over 30 parishioners who usually attend this regularly scheduled event.

PARISH INFORMATION TABLE

The Parish Information Table is staffed after each Mass by parish volunteers. Parishioners and visitors visit the information table to ask questions, pick up parish literature such as newsletters and directories and buy tickets to parish events.

www.stlouisparish.org
Visit our website for information about events and activities at the church & school and more details on the parish ministries.



Liturgy Committee



A few members of the Altar Guild: Front row: Joan Abernethy, Marion Waskiewicz. Back row: Carolyn Sladic, Len Sladic, Pat Kelley, Rudy D'Urbano, Joyce Schrider and Al Schrider.

ALTAR GUILD

In October 2008, an Appreciation Dinner was held for the members of the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild is a blessing to the parish because of all the important work they do “behind the scenes”. Members of the Altar Guild launder the sacred linens and care for the clergy albs and servers’ robes. They also clean the church and chapel weekly.

At the dinner, a special acknowledgement was given to Betsey Swancar who gives outstanding leadership to the work of the Altar Guild. Betsey has also made, by hand, most of the liturgical vestments the priests and deacons at Saint Louis wear, as well as the beautiful seasonal Altar and pulpit hangings. Rose Marie Condon was also honored for her many years of arranging and caring for all the flowers that bring such beauty to the church and chapel each week. Rose Marie also coordinates the flowers for the high holy days such as Christmas, Easter and other feast days. Phyllis Hipp was acknowledged for coordinating the cleaning of the 1889 Chapel.

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers that adorn the sanctuary and the niches each week are generously donated by parishioners and friends of Saint Louis. Gifts are made in memory of a loved ones or in honor of someone or a special occasion.

Saint Louis Parish would like to thank Rose Marie Condon for over 40 years of dedicated volunteer service in arranging the flowers that are on the altar each week. Rose Marie also arranges the centerpieces that are used at the bereavement receptions. THANK YOU ROSE MARIE!!

ALTAR SERVERS

One hundred and twenty-one boys and girls, in fifth grade or above, are Altar Servers at Saint Louis. The Altar Server Ministry enables the boys and girls to develop a sense of parish life and be active participants in the Liturgy.



Saint Louis Altar Servers (from left) Patrick Goodspeed, Peter Valavanis and William Goodspeed participate in Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.



Music Ministries

Saint Louis Parish offers a number of ways for parishioners with musical talents to share their gifts with the parish community. There is music at each of the weekend Masses except the 6:45 AM Sunday Mass. At the 9:30 AM Mass, the Contemporary Music Group, a group of over 20 youth and adults led by Leo Rudegear, sings and plays for the Glory of God each Sunday. At the 11:15 AM Mass the Saint Louis Choir sings under the direction of Saint Louis Director of Music, Paul J. Carroll.

In addition to the 11:15 AM Mass, the Choir sings a number of times throughout the year. During the 2008-09 year, the Saint Louis Choir sang:

- † At the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore in October 2008;
- † At the December Christmas 2008 Concert which included the Saint Louis School Middle School Chorus;
- † At the Spring 2009 Concert with the Choir of Saint Theresa of Avila Church from Summit, New Jersey.

Other Music Ministry activities that occurred last year included:

- † The development of a sponsorship program to support the costs of production for the Saint Louis Concert Series.
- † In November 2008, to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cecilia, Patron of Musicians, the members of the Contemporary Music Group and the Choir sang and shared fellowship with each other.
- † A brass quintet was featured at the Christmas and Easter Vigil Masses made up of both professionals and high school students from Saint Louis Parish. Additional parishioner instrumentalists play at Masses throughout the year.
- † The Fall Concert celebrated the International Year of the Organ.
- † The Saint Louis Music Ministry would like to thank Kristen and Pete Daub for their work with the Youth Band over the last few years as they move on to other pursuits within the parish.



2009 Clarksville Picnic

The 131st Clarksville Picnic was a success!! It was a perfect day for the thousands of people who were in attendance and for the 1,000 volunteers who helped make it one of the best picnics ever! This year, the picnic netted \$103,864. Thanks to the following Sponsors of the 2009 Clarksville Picnic.

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- † State Farm Insurance – Emily Kendall
- † Wendy's Restaurant – Clarksville

“It looks like the Lord has smiled on the Clarksville picnic again. Somehow he allows the efforts of many volunteers, sponsors, friends and families to come together and enjoy a beautiful day while making the picnic a success. If you come to the Clarksville picnic you can observe faith building, community building and quality family time unfolding before your eyes.”

—John Regnier, 2009 Picnic Co-Chair

“The Clarksville Picnic is a very special day for me. It brings our Saint Louis family together to offer the community the spirit of fellowship.”

—Edna Ballard,
Dinner Tent Volunteer Coordinator

“The Picnic means family history to me. My mother came from Washington DC with her family when she was a child to attend the picnic. It was country then. She used to tell me what a long drive it was back then. When we moved to Clarksville in 1950 we volunteered as a family. We raised many of the vegetables back then, especially corn on the cob. I remember raising and preparing chickens for the dinner, serving meals and the big ‘Car Raffle’. I have volunteered for over 50 years”.

—Susan Miller, \$20,000 Raffle Co-Chair

“We moved to the parish in March, 1983 and signed up to volunteer that year. For the first eight years, we prepared the succotash, worked the food line and performed KP duty! Eighteen years ago, we found our home volunteering in the Bingo Hall.”

—Carol & Sal Dunn, Bingo Chairs



Adult Enrichment

ACTS RETREAT – ADORATION, COMMUNITY, THEOLOGY, SERVICE

The ACTS movement was started in San Antonio, Texas in 1987 to help build a community of faith within parishes and, since then, has grown to build a community of faith within the entire Catholic community. The first Saint Louis ACTS retreats for men and women were held in September 2008. The participants learned at the time that the “movement” was much more than a retreat.

Over 50 men and women participated in each retreat. The groups went away for a weekend, prayed and shared their faith experiences. Since the fall retreat, several smaller groups have formed where the members participate in prayer, faith sharing, bible study and book reading. The groups were formed to give an opportunity to grow in faith personally, and to develop a stronger faith community. Fellowship is a key component in the ACTS community. Members support each other in times of need, like a funeral for a parent or in times of joy like a graduation ceremony.

Last year, the ACTS community held two fundraisers; a bake sale and a coffeehouse, “Saint Louis Unplugged,” to help with for retreat expenses and to provide ACTS retreat scholarships. Both were a tremendous success and not just financially! Most importantly, they were experiences of *community*. The joyous attendance was very moving.



Jacqueline Stone, Brenda Nida, Grace Reamer, Veronica Galindo and Myrtle Simoni at the Women’s ACTS Retreat.



Members of one of the men’s small groups meet regularly to share their faith.



Parishioners, (front) Nancy Richie, Carrie Wroblenski, (back) Kathleen Hrinkevich, Rickie Coffey, Patricia Dutko and Tracy Mayer at the Women’s ACTS Retreat. At above right over 25 men of the parish attended the Men’s ACTS Retreat.





ACTS REFLECTION

In the spirit of community, nine ACTS brothers and I journeyed to Pennsylvania on Pentecost weekend to raft the challenging “Lower Yough.” After each of us was “baptized” again at some point during the river run, we enjoyed fellowship during, and after, a hearty meal where we shared and reflected on the challenges of the river, as well as the challenges we face in our lives. Bibles and books on theology abounded. While some of us stole away for a brief reading or reflection, it was in the sharing of our faith journey where we were able to recognize and experience Christ's love for us. Sunday morning we celebrated the Eucharist at St Mary's Church in Cumberland before returning home.

—Chris Long, ACTS Retreat/Men's Group Participant

After Sunday Masses groups of people stayed in the Pastoral Center Social Hall and enjoyed fresh muffins, banana bread, cookies, coffee, and conversation. The coffeehouses, held twice last year, featured very talented, home-grown artists and were the *talk of the town*—parish town, that is. The February 2008 “Saint Louis Unplugged” was filled to capacity: Jazz, Broadway show tunes, folk, classical guitar, danceable rock, tasty refreshments, interesting people — What more could one want? One woman, upon her departure at the end of the evening, exclaimed “Are we allowed to have this much fun at church?” Fr. Dominique answered, “Allowed? Not only *allowed*, but encouraged.”

“Growing in faith means encountering Christ more personally and encountering Brothers in Him. All of this builds community. Everyone gets a gift on the retreat. Some retreatants get a gentle renewal of their faith. Some experience an explosive awakening of the Spirit. And for others, it's somewhere in between. For me, I was surprised to see so many men dealing with the same issues that I was dealing with and relieved to see that they were dealing with their issues the way a Catholic man is supposed to deal with tough issues.”

—Larry Nardolillo, ACTS Retreat and Men's Group Participant



Adult Enrichment

SCIENCE AND RELIGION FORUM

On September 21, Saint Louis held its first Science and Religion Forum in the Pastoral Center Social Hall. Organized by Fr. Jim Sorra and parishioner, John Tesk, the forum was very well received by the over 200 parishioners and others of other faiths who came from the surrounding community. Dr. William D. Phillips, a recipient of the 1997 Nobel Peace prize in Physics addressed the question – “Does science make belief in God obsolete?” – during his talk, “Ordinary Faith, Ordinary Science.” Dr. Phillips was an engaging and affable speaker whose talk helped strengthen the faith and resolve of those in attendance. The Science and Religion Forum hopes to become an annual event at Saint Louis.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Another way Saint Louis Parish reached out to offer opportunities for adults to learn more about their Catholic Faith was through “Coffee and Conversation,” a series of five talks hosted by Fr. Dominique Peridans. Forty people, on average, attended and participated in the following lively discussions:

- † What is Faith? Why Believe?
- † How Can You Mend a Broken Heart?
Celebrating Reconciliation
- † The Mass, Boring or Other?
- † Does the Family That Prays Together Really Stay Together?

† Does God Vacation? Discovering the Divine in the Ordinary.

In addition to “Coffee and Conversation,” other opportunities for adult enrichment included:

- † Life in the Spirit
- † Bible Study: The Gospel of John
- † Adult Catechism
- † Why Catholic?
- † Lenten Series
- † Women’s Bible Study
- † Baptism Preparation
- † RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

CHILDREN OF LIGHT PRAYER GROUP

One of the many ministries

at Saint Louis is the Children of Light Prayer Group which has been meeting in praise and worship for 30 years.

It is one of 27 other prayer groups that meet throughout the archdiocese of Baltimore. On May 31, 2009,

the Saint Louis group, participated in a Charismatic Pentecost Prayer Meeting held at the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rev. Jeffrey Daus, former Associate Pastor at Saint Louis and now Rector of the Basilica moderated the gathering.



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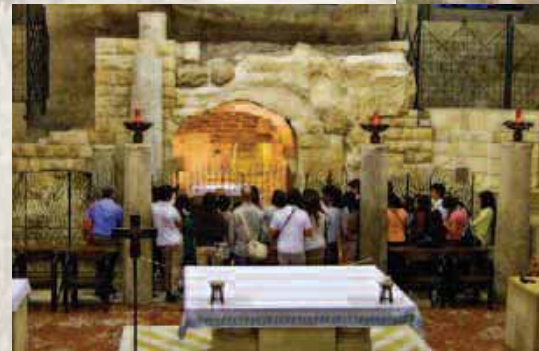
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2009 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

A Pilgrim's Reflection

In May of this year, we had the opportunity to travel with Monsignor Luca and fellow pilgrims to the Holy Land. Traveling through Israel and Jordan we encountered people, sights, and experiences which reflected, on many levels, God's awesome creation and love for us all. The journey allowed us the gift of actually walking in the footsteps of Jesus, his family and his followers. Because the land is so ancient, we were blessed to admire amazing vistas, such as a sunrise across the Sea of Galilee, which are virtually unchanged since Jesus gazed at them over 2000 years ago.

As we visited numerous holy places including the sites of the Annunciation, Nativity, Crucifixion, and Ascension, it became quite evident that we would never again read Scripture in quite the same way. Mass together each day, reading Scripture at holy places, the opportunity to pray Evening Prayer together before we gathered for dinner, and to routinely pray for the petitions that others entrusted to us brought us into a closer relationship with God and each other. We were blessed to have among many life changing experiences: our renewal of Baptismal vows at the Jordan River, our renewal of wedding vows and blessings for those called to single life at Cana, prayers for dearly departed spouses of fellow travelers at the Mount of Beatitudes, hearing the Gospel read as we floated in the otherwise silent center of the Sea of Galilee, as well as a very exciting descent on horseback into Petra, understandably one of the Seven Wonders Of the World.



Clockwise from left: On the Steps of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre Jerusalem. Mass out doors on the Mount of the Beatitudes. Praying at the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth. In the background the Jordan River

Our pilgrim group brought back two very special gifts for Saint Louis Parish. The first was the blessing of our new Pastoral Associate, Marianne Faulstich. Monsignor Luca commissioned her into this role during Mass at Bethany. Also the group helped make possible the purchase of a magnificent 220-year old icon depicting Jesus leading his apostles into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It will be on display in the narthex of our church, in honor of Msgr. Luca, and as a reminder of our profoundly spiritual pilgrimage.

This journey to the Holy Land, was such a complete affirmation of our faith and brought Scripture alive for us. We experienced profoundly spiritual moments, the peace that comes with keeping God at the center of our every experience, our connectedness to our Creator, and a longing to know Him even more intimately.

– Phyllis and Norman Belden



Catholic Youth Ministry

High-LI

High-LI is a week-long whirlwind of ministry training, leadership exercises, community building, outreach, and of course, prayer. Sleep was something nice to think about during the program, but it might have only happened once or twice.

The program for the youth of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is broken down into three different “tracks” which focused on different components of ministry: “Emmaus” was oriented around peer ministry, and much time was spent on learning about prayer services and small “warmer” games to bring the community together. “Acts 29” was directed at making young persons good formal church leaders, and they put the participants to the test through what were basically “town meetings” of the whole program as well as organizing larger community activities. “Source and Summit” was all about liturgy and prayer. Those who were in this track learned all about how to put a plan for a mass together in addition to gaining musical skills aimed at being a good cantor.

Each track also had a public speaking assignment that was to be written prior to arrival at the retreat house. Emmaus participants were required to write a “witness talk” about one of four themes: recognizing, listening, interpreting,



Five members of CYM (from left) Eammon Clark, Anna Martello, Bryan Borucki, Meghan Sprankle and David Comberiate attended High-Li at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House. High Li is the high school leadership institute that was directed by Pat Sprankle. The youth learned lessons on how to be Catholic servant leaders.

or responding to God. Acts 29 asked for a speech about those people in an individual's life that acted as prophets for them. Source and Summit people had to write an original list of petitions and choose a song to sing. Each High-LI

participant was required to perform their talk, speech, or petitions and song in front of a camera and veteran public speakers in order to create more efficient deliverers of messages in both formal and informal settings.

The community that formed over the seven days of intense activity would amaze almost

anyone. When a group of similar-minded people gather in order to help each other reach a common goal, (in this case, becoming better church leaders and disciples of Jesus Christ,) lifelong friendships form almost effortlessly. It would be great if our world could be a never-ending High-LI!

SUMMIT LAKE

When spring rolls around, I can tell you that there's one thing on Saint Louis CYM's mind: the annual retreat known simply as "Summit Lake". Nestled in the idyllic mountains of Emmitsburg, there is a retreat center that has no doubt changed hundreds of lives... Saint Louis has been using it for years as a spiritual ignition point for confirmandi, but many also go just to pour fuel on the fire of their love for our Lord. Each year, most participants of Summit Lake are experiencing their very first retreat... and many times, their first close encounter with God. It's incredible to see the transformation that takes place in just 3 days: when everyone first shows up for the bus in the Bishop D room, there is either no interaction or only interaction with already well-established friends... but once the realization that it's safe to open up sets in, (usually by the next morning,) transformations really begin. When the buses pull back into Clarksville, there are usually plenty of tears over leaving people that one has just met. Apart from the social transformation, there is the potentially radical spiritual change... Someone who may have felt disconnected from God, or may not have even really believed in Him is ready to lector at the next daily mass! Like I said: incredible. The best thing about the retreat really is the difference in people's attitudes toward sincerity. It's a wonderful feeling to know that someone you



This past spring, Saint Louis CYM lead a retreat for all high schoolers at Summit Lake. The teens spent their weekend learning about prayer, relationships, and letting God and his spirit live in their lives.



met less than 24 hours ago is trusting of you enough to tell you about their relationship struggles, or what they're most afraid of, or what their deepest flaw is, and so on. Almost nobody does that in their daily lives at work or school... which is a shame. And oh yeah, the quietness is nice too... and so is the homemade bread!



Catholic Youth Ministry



The team of 24 CYM participants poses for a group photograph after a week dedicated to servant leadership.

WORK CAMP

This year, 24 Saint Louis youth participants packed up their bags and left their lives at home for Sussex County, DE. They worked with Americorp and Habitat for Humanity to help build a house for an underprivileged family in the community. They worked on siding. The teenagers worked hard through out the week to build wheelchair ramps, install installation, mount siding, and perform in whatever they were called upon to do. These high school students ranging from sophomores to seniors were all volunteers giving up a week of their summer to serve in the image of God and to try to make this world a better place.

The students were not only build houses for the less fortunate, but to build up their faith in God. The weeks theme was the song, "If I Had Wings," by Darius Rucker. This song reflects on the things wrong with the world and how we as Catholics can try to fix these unjust problems one person at a time. Dr. Pat Sprankle and his team of adult ministers shared their journeys of faith with the teens. The 2009 Habitat for Humanity Work Camp participants grew in the faith and love of the Lord through giving up their time, bodies, and effort for others.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS

This November 152 high school students will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation. These Candidates have been preparing for Confirmation by attending religious education classes through 10th grade and will now be Confirmed in their junior year. The actual Confirmation program began last February. As a part of the Confirmation program Candidates have completed ten service hours to act as Christian witnesses both in our parish and the community. Along with service developing a life of prayer is also an important part of the program. All of the Confirmation Candidates have attended one of three Confirmation retreats where they go away and experience Christ through the sacraments, talks,



CYM Leadership Team members were introduced to their new responsibilities and challenges at a recognition dinner

prayer, reflection and their peers. Candidates must also join the parish for different prayer services and masses. Lastly they attend 7 Confirmation classes in the fall leading up to their Confirmation. Please be praying for these 152 candidates as they prepare to receive this sacrament on November 1st and 8th 2009.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day is a worldwide event that enables us to celebrate our Catholic faith. Every three years or so, people from around the globe embark on a pilgrimage to a specific destination. Last year, WYD '08 took place in Sydney, Australia. 11 of us from St. Louis Church traveled 23 hours by plane and journeyed Down Under in order to participate in this wonderful experience. We not only grew in our relationships with each other, but also grew in our relationship with God. Our faith lives bloomed immensely, from listening to different speakers at Catechetical sites, to rocking out to Christian Singer Matt Maher, to watching the Pope zoom by in his Pope-mobile, to participating in an overnight Vigil at Randwick Racecourse, complete with the entire congregation of 4,000,000 carrying lit candles. We not only toured the beautiful beaches and Taronga Zoo, but also Saint Mary's Cathedral and various other churches all around Sydney. It was amazing to see how many people from all the different countries celebrating our same faith and praising the same Lord! The theme for this past World Youth Day was "Receive the Power of the Holy Spirit," quoted from Acts 1:8. We all received the gift of the Holy Spirit in a myriad of ways, including through each other and those around us. The next World Youth Day will take place in Madrid, Spain, in 2011. Coming back, we were all changed in some way and are still sharing our experiences from Down Under.





Religious Education

SUMMER 2008

Under the direction of Moira Monk, 177 campers, 123 youth volunteers and 42 adult volunteers “powered up” at Vacation Bible School’s Power Lab. Those in attendance learned that Jesus gives us the power to be thankful, help others, be brave, live forever and tell others about God. Each morning, our campers generously contributed paper, pencils, crayons, glue, folders, back packs and many more school supplies for the students at the Sisters Academy of Baltimore.



Our Faith in the Family program said good bye to Peg McEvoy, who moved to Indiana, and welcomed MaryAnne Johnson as the new Coordinator of Family Religious Education. Under the mantra of “Faith is an Action Word,” 138 families enrolled in and committed to the challenge to live the belief that faith isn’t just a word; it is something to be acted on everyday. Faith is believing, it’s praying, it’s teaching, it’s helping, it’s joining and following... it is actively being a Catholic and actively passing on the Catholic faith to the 230 children in grades K through 8 whose parents have chosen this path in the faith formation of their children.

In July, we said “until we meet again” to Linda Soule, whose family is temporarily living in Germany and welcomed Mary Kolb as the new Coordinator of Wee Praise, our Sunday morning lectionary based catechetical program for our 3, 4 and 5 year olds.



FALL (BACK TO SCHOOL)

On September 15th, Fr. John Rapisarda returned to Saint Louis to speak to the many volunteers who attended our annual "Opening Faith Formation Gathering". Fr. John reflected on the theme "Blueprints for Life... Building on the foundation of Christ". His words and wisdom inspired our catechists and assistants to begin the new catechetical year with confidence and God's grace.

At 9:00A.M. and 11:00A.M. on Saturday, September 27th, the school bell rang and 428 children in grades K-5 and SPRED (Special Religious Education for children with disabilities) gathered to meet their catechists and classmates and begin a new year of faith formation. We'd like to thank the 66 adult volunteers and 16 youth volunteers who gave of their time every Saturday morning to ensure that our young experienced a meaningful and fun filled year.

Fr. Dominique began a new tradition of gathering with parents and parishioners for

Saturday morning "Coffee and Conversation". Topics for discussion included; "What is faith? Why believe?" "How can you mend a broken heart? Celebrating Reconciliation!" "The Mass... boring or other?" "Does the family that prays together really stay together?" and, "Does God vacation? Discovering the divine in the ordinary."

Faith in the Family participants shared popcorn at an afternoon matinee and fall movie night, visited the cultural exhibits at the Franciscan Friary, gathered on All Saint's Day for a special learning activity and on November 15th, joined together with Saturday Religious Education to witness a very funny & faith filled presentation by the Spoon Man, who traveled here from Michigan. The Spoon Man sang and danced and of course... tapped on his spoons, while he taught us that "Prayer is Worth More than a Million Dollars."

Be sure to visit our website www.stlouispish.org/reled to see more photos!





Religious Education

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS AND WINTER 2009

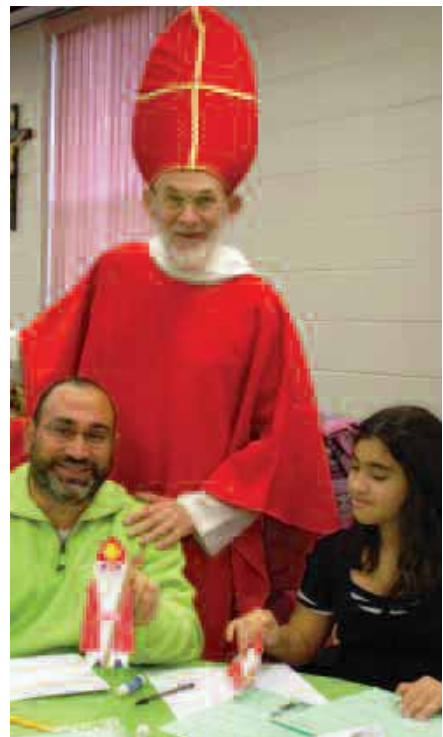
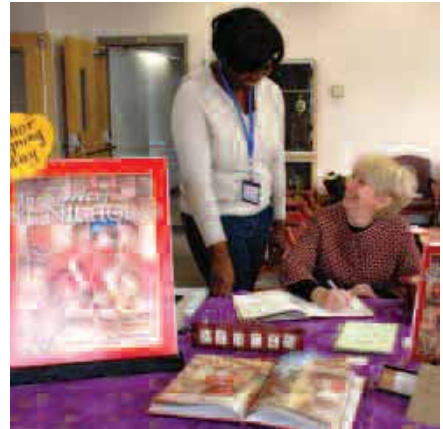
Saturday morning religious education students and Faith in the Family participants celebrated the Feast of Saint Nicholas with author/parishioner Ellen Nibali, who read her newly published book, *The Secret of Saint Nicholas*, to wide-eyed little ones in stocking feet. While Ellen autographed copies of her storybook for families in attendance, Saint Nicholas himself talked with the children after tucking a prayer & surprise of golden chocolate coins in their shoes.

On December 10th, 175 students from our parish religious education programs, Saint Louis School, Trinity School and Woodmont Academy celebrated the gift of Reconciliation for the very first time and continued their preparations for First Communion.

As Christmas drew near, ornaments disappeared from our annual Advent Giving Tree and packages appeared which more than fulfilled the wishes of many, many Howard County families in need. A special thank you to Mary Barbera and Cassie Thompson who, in conjunction with Neighborhood Network, coordinated this year's "Adopt-A-Family" service project and an even bigger thank you to the many parishioners for your overwhelming contributions of toys, clothes, gift cards, and other gifts. We also thank the many families who filled their "Advent Giving Box" and purchased Advent candles & wreathes. Your generosity allowed us to contribute \$200 to our parish "Needy Family Fund" and over \$1,500 to our Haiti Committee.

Our Faith in the Family community gathered for more matinees and winter movie nights, pizza and parish trivia, ceramics night and toured the Basilica in Baltimore. At each activity, an effort was made to collect diapers, wipes, socks and gift cards for the House of Ruth in Baltimore. We thank the many families who contributed throughout the entire year and enabled us to sponsor this ongoing service project.

On a cold February Saturday morning, nearly 100 fifth grade religious education students stood outside and waited for our mock "Soup Kitchen" to open. When they finally sat down to a Corn Flake and orange juice breakfast, they listened to stories and learned lessons about hunger, not just on a global scale, but right here in Maryland and Howard County. Our 5th graders prayed and shared ideas of how they could personally help those less fortunate.



LENT/EASTER AND SPRINGTIME!

As the Lenten season began, the excitement and preparation for First Communion was in full swing. Students gathered for enhancement classes, cut and created quilt squares, prayed and worked on many lessons both at home and in class, painted ceramic blessing cups, tasted the unconsecrated host and on April 22nd gathered with Fr. Dominique for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which they were about to receive for the very first time on May 2nd and May 9th. Our First Communicants would like to thank our priests, parents, catechists and entire Saint Louis community who prayed for them and helped them prepare to receive the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. They would also like to thank Bonnie Chopyk for piecing together and sewing their quilt. This year's quilt raffle collected \$1,060 for the children in Haiti. The lucky winner of the 2009 quilt was Charlotte Valatkavage. Charlotte is the grandmother of Fatima Lalehchini, one of our First Communicants.

Each year our students are treated to an amazing stage production by our Parent Resource Team. This year was no exception as elementary religious education gathered with Faith in the Family participants on April 25th to see the traditional Christian folktale, *The Tale of the Three Trees*, come to life. A very special thank you to Linda McNamee and the other members of the team who painted and created the scenery, choreographed the music, sewed the costumes, and beautifully acted out this meaningful lesson of trusting in God's plan for all.





Stewardship

take 4
HOURS EVERY
WEEK FOR GOD

TAKE ONE HOUR A WEEK FOR THE EUCHARIST

Saint Louis Parish has Mass each day, Monday through Saturday and seven weekend Masses. Over 100 people, attend daily weekday Masses and about 5,000 people attend the weekend Masses. The parish also celebrates a monthly Children’s Mass and a Youth Mass, featuring the Youth Band.

The Children’s Chapel is a unique way for families with toddlers and small children to celebrate Mass at Saint Louis. The chapel simulcasts the Mass as it is being celebrated in the church. It is a great way for parents to teach their young children about Mass. The Children’s Chapel is open during the 4:00 PM Saturday, 9:30 AM Sunday and 11:15 Sunday Masses.

TAKE ONE HOUR FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

Saint Louis parishioners participate in many forms of prayer. Besides taking time for personal prayer at Mass or at home, parishioners also attend:

- † Weekly Adoration of the Eucharist on Sundays in the 1889 Chapel
- † Monthly Taize Adoration in the Church
- † Prayer Groups
- † Praying with the Respect Life Committee
- † Personal prayer through Lectio Divina

TAKE ONE HOUR WEEK FOR SERVICE TO THE PARISH, SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY.

The Independent Sector, a non-profit leadership forum, states that one hour of volunteer service in the state of Maryland is approximately worth **\$21.20***. Multiply this amount by the approximately **1056 parishioners** who volunteer in parish and school activities at Saint Louis and you get **\$22,387.20**. Multiply that amount by 52 weeks in the year and you get **\$1,164,134!** Thank You Saint Louis Volunteers!

** Figures are from 2007. Visit the website at www.independentsector.org*

TAKE ONE HOUR OF SALARY PER WEEK AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH IN TITHE

The offertory collection for 2008-09 totaled almost \$2.2 million, an 2.3% increase over last year. Over the past year the parish has seen a dramatic increase in the number of parishioners who use the “EFT” (electronic funds transfer) method of making an offertory gift. Over 300 parishioners participate in the program.

The average offertory gift per household to Saint Louis Church in 2008-09 was \$516.00. Thank you for your generous support of the parish!

Even our young parishioners “Take Four” during the week! Below are a few of the ways our “little” stewards gave their thanks to God last year:

- † Molly did the dishes
- † Hannah cleaned the kitchen
- † Bill shared a cookie
- † Ryan was nice to his brother
- † Katie walked the dog
- † Garrett shared his books
- † Cole gave his old clothes to the poor
- † James gave money to the homeless

Saint Louis parishioners contributed \$350,157 in cash and tens of thousands of dollars more in donations of food, clothing, other items and in-kind services to dozens of charitable organizations in 2008-09.

A few of them are listed below:

- † Apostleship of the Sea
- † Catholic Charities – Archdiocese of Baltimore
- † F.I.S.H. of Howard County – Monthly Food Drive
- † Franciscan Center in Baltimore City – Monthly Food Drive
- † Grassroots
- † Howard County Pregnancy Center
- † Little Sisters of the Poor
- † My Brother's Keeper - Monthly Food Drive
- † Operation Welcome Home – Gift Cards for the Military
- † Our Daily Bread - Christmas Party for Single Men
- † Up County Family Center – Recipient of the monthly food drive
- † Western Maryland Parishes (St. Joseph and St. Mary's) – Coat and School Supply Drive





Preserving Our Treasured Legacy

Preserving Our Treasured Legacy, the capital campaign for Saint Louis Church continued to make strides in the 2008-09 year. Although the parish did not begin any new projects this past year, the campaign continued to receive new gifts and pledge payments that decreased the balance owed on the mortgage to just under \$850,000.

POTL Beginning Balance July 1, 2008.....\$1,378,000
POTL Ending Balance June 30, 2009\$844,144
Total New Gifts and Pledges Paid.....\$533,856

In the Fall of 2008, the Wall of Honor was installed in the space between the narthex and the sacristy that faces the Memorial Garden. The Wall of Honor, which lists all contributors of \$10,000 or more to the Archdiocesan Heritage of Hope and/or the Preserving Our Treasured Legacy Capital Campaigns was created as a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork depicting each of the worship spaces Saint Louis has used in its 154 year history, starting at Doughoregan Manor and ending with the current church.



Wall of honor artist, Patrick O'Brien puts finishing touches on the painting as Msgr. Luca looks on with gratitude.



The five panels list the names of the donors who made gifts of \$10,000 or more to the capital campaign(s) to build the new church and renovate the Pastoral Center.

Saint Louis Legacy League

In the Fall of 2008, the Saint Louis Legacy League was formed to provide an opportunity for parishioners and friends to include a gift to Saint Louis Church and/or School in their estate plans. The Planned Giving Ministry is comprised of parishioners with varied financial and legal backgrounds who offer assistance to parishioners about ways to give a legacy gift to the parish and/or school.

MEMBERS OF THE 2008-09 PLANNED GIVING MINISTRY

Edmund "Skip" Coale, *Chairman*

Committee Members:

Jim Bryja
Chris Cunningham
Mary Helfrich, *Parish Development Director*
Mike Mellott
Scot Morris
Mary Ann Scully
Rick Wagener

There were two inaugural gifts to the Legacy League in 2008-09:

- † *The Murphy-Faulstich Endowment Fund*, established by Pastoral Associate, Marianne Faulstich, to benefit Saint Louis Parish and Archdiocesan Priests.
- † *Patricia and F. Patrick Marlatt* – Bequest for the benefit of Saint Louis Parish

Planned gifts may support a parish ministry or be used for the general benefit of the parish. Planned gifts support:

- † ***Offertory Collection***
- † ***Religious Education***
- † ***Adult Enrichment Programs***
- † ***Catholic Youth Ministry***
- † ***Saint Louis Music Ministry***
- † ***Church Maintenance and Repair***
- † ***Parish Outreach***
- † ***Saint Louis School***





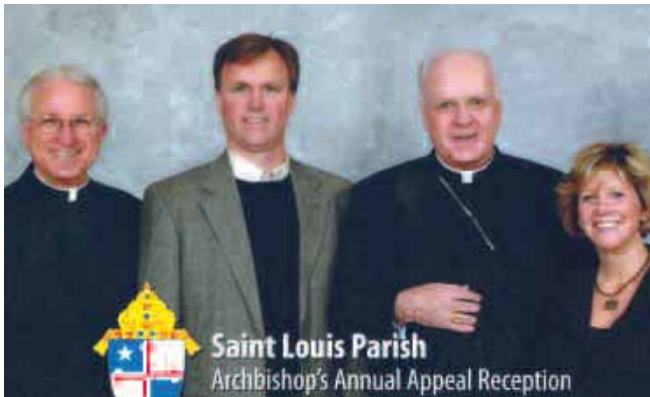
Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2009

Saint Louis Parish raised an astounding \$450,000, 244% of the original parish goal of \$184,000, for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. A new approach of holding an "in-pew" solicitation resulted in 926 total gifts, an increase of 267 gifts (40%) over 2008. The Archdiocese of Baltimore and six partners benefit greatly from the generosity of the members of the parish community who contributed to the appeal.

SAINT LOUIS PARISH PARTNERS

- † Saint Ambrose Parish – Baltimore, MD
- † Saint Joseph Parish - Midland, MD
- † Saint Mary Parish – Lonaconing, MD
- † Saint Louis Parish Needy Family Fund
- † Saint Louis School
- † Sisters Academy of Baltimore – Baltimore, MD

On Sunday, January 25, a donor appreciation reception was held for those who have made consistent gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal since its beginnings. Over 100 people were in attendance. Archbishop Edwin O'Brien was the guest of honor and representatives from our parish partners were present to share their stories about how the money they receive from the Annual Appeal is used at their organizations.



Msgr. Luca is joined by Chris and Kathy Cunningham and Archbishop O'Brien at the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Reception.

The student body of Sisters Academy says "Thank You"!

Hello Parishioners, How are you? I hope everything is going well with the church. I hope we can visit sometime soon. I deeply appreciate the financial support Sisters Academy receives from Saint Louis. I plan to attend Seton/Keough or Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. Either one would not be options for me if I didn't get the education I need at Sisters Academy. Your support helps us in our learning. I look forward to seeing you one day!

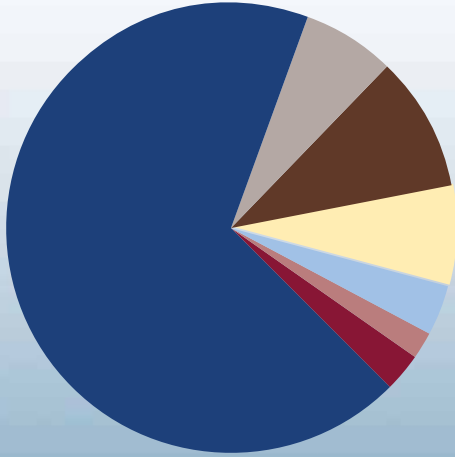
— A 7th grade student at Sister's Academy










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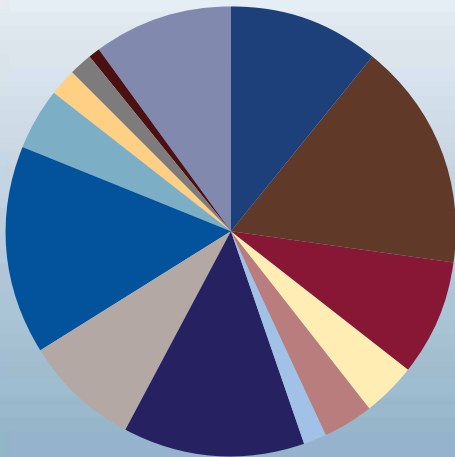
ST LOUIS PARISH REVENUE















July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009



 Offertory & Holy Days \$2,166,492	 Archdiocesan Collections \$119,791
 Charitable (1) \$211,366	 Cemetery \$55,810
 Religious Education, Youth Ministry & Adult Education \$308,367	 Other: Bequest, Votive Candles, Pamphlets, Weddings, Funerals, Catholic Review \$85,347
 Church Benefit (2) \$224,880	
TOTAL INCOME: \$3,172,052	

ST LOUIS PARISH EXPENSES



 Charitable Outreach \$350,167	 Facilities: Utilities, Insurance, Repairs & Maintenance \$472,570
 Religious Education & Youth Ministry Programs & Staff \$516,455	 Liturgy Supplies and music \$142,600
 Administration & Salaries \$267,907	 Catholic Review \$63,432
 Church Benefit Expense \$117,173	 Debt: Interest Payments (4) (5) \$54,649
 Archdiocesan Collections \$119,791	 Other Miscellaneous: Votive Candles, Pamphlets \$20,361
 Cemetery \$51,881	Sub Total Ordinary Expenses: \$2,857,509
 Archdiocesan Tax (3) \$410,682	 Capital Expenditures \$314,543
 Pastoral Ministry \$269,841	TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$3,172,052

- Notes:**
- (1) In addition to the above Charitable Income, Saint Louis Parish raised an additional \$422,062 thru June 30, 2009 for the Archbishop's Lenten Appeal for a total of \$633,428.00
 - (2) Church Benefit included the Picnic and the Concerts
 - (3) To support the ministries of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, each parish is assessed an "Archdiocesan Tax" according to a sliding scale
 - (4) Parish debt on the Church & Pastoral Center as of July 1, 2009 was \$844,141.91
 - (5) Payment on debit and capital improvements



Saint Louis School

A Strong Tradition and A Promising Future

Thanks to the dedication and generosity of our many friends, and the hard work and commitment of our faculty and staff, Saint Louis School enjoyed another successful year in our long and strong history. It was a year blessed with new beginnings, wonderful traditions and exciting opportunities for our students.

In the fall of 2008, we joyfully launched our new Pre-K program, welcoming our littlest angels to our halls in two half-day sessions. By extending our programming to these young children, we hope to meet the increasing demand of our community, while providing our youngest students a faith-based, developmental education. It is our ardent hope to expand our Pre-K program in the years to come.

This past year was again a testament to the incredible generosity of our community. Tuition



and fees do not cover the cost of a Saint Louis education, and we must continually rely on fundraising to help bridge the gap in our operating budget.

We are overwhelmed by the continued support of our parents, grandparents, parishioners, alumni, and corporate sponsors who, even in these difficult economic times, continue to support Catholic education in our own parish.

As we look back, we feel blessed to have received the assistance of so many in our community and we want you to know that we appreciate your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your continued

generosity in these times of economic uncertainty, renews our belief that the education of our children is of paramount importance and, now, more than ever, is our best investment. Thank you so much!



GUARDIAN ANGELS

Throughout the year we have been blessed to have received some in-kind donations and restricted gifts from people in our community. Because of their generosity, we have been able to fund unbudgeted tuition assistance, new band

equipment and technology purchases. We even have a new outdoor picnic table and benches! These gifts come from the heart, as well as the “wallet” and are given without regard to recognition or acknowledgement, but we wanted to recognize our Guardian Angels anyway!

- † The Blee Family
- † The Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- † Catering by Uptown
- † The Goyena Family
- † The Pereira Family
- † Flynn and O’Hara
- † The Magnolia Family Foundation
- † Richard and Judy Reinhard
- † Giant Foods · Safeway · Target
- † School Pictures, Inc.
- † Donations in memory of Fred Strub
- † Zepp Plumbing & Heating

Capture the Spirit

Our Annual Appeal campaign, Capture the Spirit, served as the foundation for all fund-raising at Saint Louis School, generating over \$75,000 this past year.

In addition, our Home School Association sponsored many fundraisers throughout the year that were not only financially successful, but a great deal of fun, as well. Because of this annual operational support, we are able to continue our mission of keeping tuition increases low, while maintaining the excellent level of educational programs offered to our students. From Gift wrap to Gift cards, and Dollars-for-Donuts to Laps-for-Learning, your generosity has been extraordinary and we cannot thank you enough!

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On May 18th, 2009, over 130 parents and friends of Saint Louis School gathered for our 17th consecutive year to celebrate and support a favorite tradition – the Saint Louis School Golf Classic. The proceeds from Golf Tournament, unlike the rest of our fundraising dollars, are used for a necessary capital expenditure in the school for that particular year. This year the event was held at Waverly Woods Golf course and we were

blessed with a beautiful, blustery day and the continued generosity of our business sponsors and golfers. Over \$34,000 was raised which enabled us to purchase all new desktop computers for our technology labs, as well as fund a student scholarship for the upcoming year. A special “Thank You” goes to our chairperson, Fred Boos and his partners at Atlantic Capital Advisors and Hatteras Financial Corp., as well as Al Gleeson and Al Gleeson Electrical Co., our Title and Platinum Tee Box sponsors, for their benevolent leadership.



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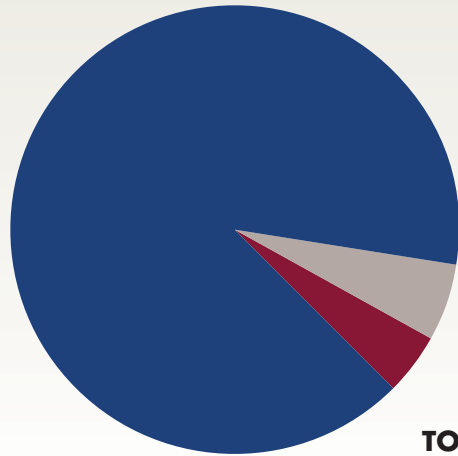
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SCHOOL REVENUE *(excluding student activities' revenue)*

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

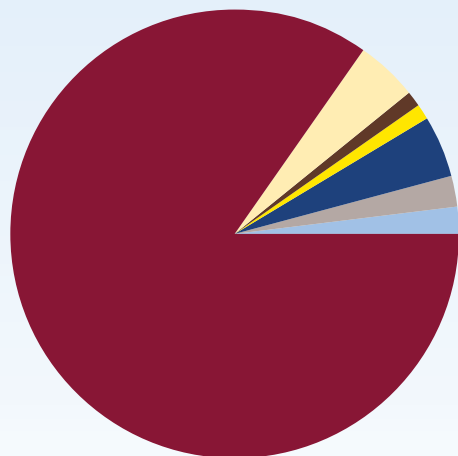


- **Tuition & Fees \$2,675,461**
(includes financial aid assistance of \$135,000 from Parish & \$11,790 from other sources)
- **Fundraising \$169,627**
(includes Annual Appeal, Golf Classic, HSA fundraising \$157,992, Other Gifts & Donations \$11,635)
- **Other Income \$93,375**
(includes interest income, Summer Camp & misc. other)

TOTAL REVENUES: \$2,938,463

SCHOOL EXPENSES *(excluding self funded student activities' expenses)*

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009



- **Salaries & Benefits for Teachers and Staff \$2,485,175**
- **Instructional \$134,080**
Textbooks, Instructional materials, equipment & technology expense
- **Misc. Student Services \$27,681**
- **Insurance \$34,895**
- **Administrative \$131,944**
Other general expenses, Professional Development, printing, office supplies, postage, office machine expense, hospitality, etc.)
- **Facilities \$66,209**
Capital Expenditures, Repairs & Maintenance and Supplies
- **Utilities \$49,948**

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$2,929,932

NET INCOME \$8,531

UNRESTRICTED CASH FUNDS

School Reserves* \$935,369

*The school strives to maintain 4 months operating reserves for future anticipated repairs and expenses according to the Archdiocesan Factors of Viability recommendation.

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Altar Guild	Music Ministry – <i>Choir</i>
Altar Servers	Music Ministry – <i>Contemporary Music</i>
Archbishop's Annual Appeal	Music Ministry – <i>Musicians and Cantors</i>
Baptism Ministry	Parishioner Information Table (<i>Narthex</i>)
Bereavement Ministry/Mourning Team	Pastoral Council
Catholic Daughters of the Americas – <i>Saint Louis Court</i>	Pastoral Visitors
Catholic Youth Ministry	Picnic (<i>Clarksville Picnic</i>)
Children of the Light Prayer Group	Prayer Group
Children's Playgroup	Quilter's Group
Communications	Religious Education- Adult
Deaf Ministry	Religious Education – <i>Elementary</i>
Divine Mercy	Religious Education – <i>Middle/High School</i>
Elizabeth Ministry	Respect Life Committee
– <i>Meals for Families with a Newborn</i>	Retrouvaille
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Feed the Hungry – <i>Monthly Food Collection</i>	Scouting – <i>Boy/Cub Scouts</i>
Feed the Hungry – <i>Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen</i>	Scouting – <i>Girl Scouts</i>
Finance Committee	Scripture Study – <i>Evening</i>
Garden Club	Scripture Study – <i>Prison Ministry</i>
Good Samaritans	Scripture Study – <i>Women's Daytime</i>
Haiti Sister Parish	Sisters Academy of Baltimore Outreach
Home-School Association	Social Concerns
Hospitality Ministry	Special Event Planning
Knights of Columbus	Sunday Eucharistic Adoration
Lectors	Taizé Adoration
Liturgy Committee	Vacation Bible School
Marriage Encounter	Wee Praise! (<i>Sunday Pre-School</i>)
Marriage Prep/Pre-Cana	Welcoming Committee
Military Ministry	Western Maryland Sister Parish
(<i>Welcome Back to Service Men & Women</i>)	Young Adult Ministry

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