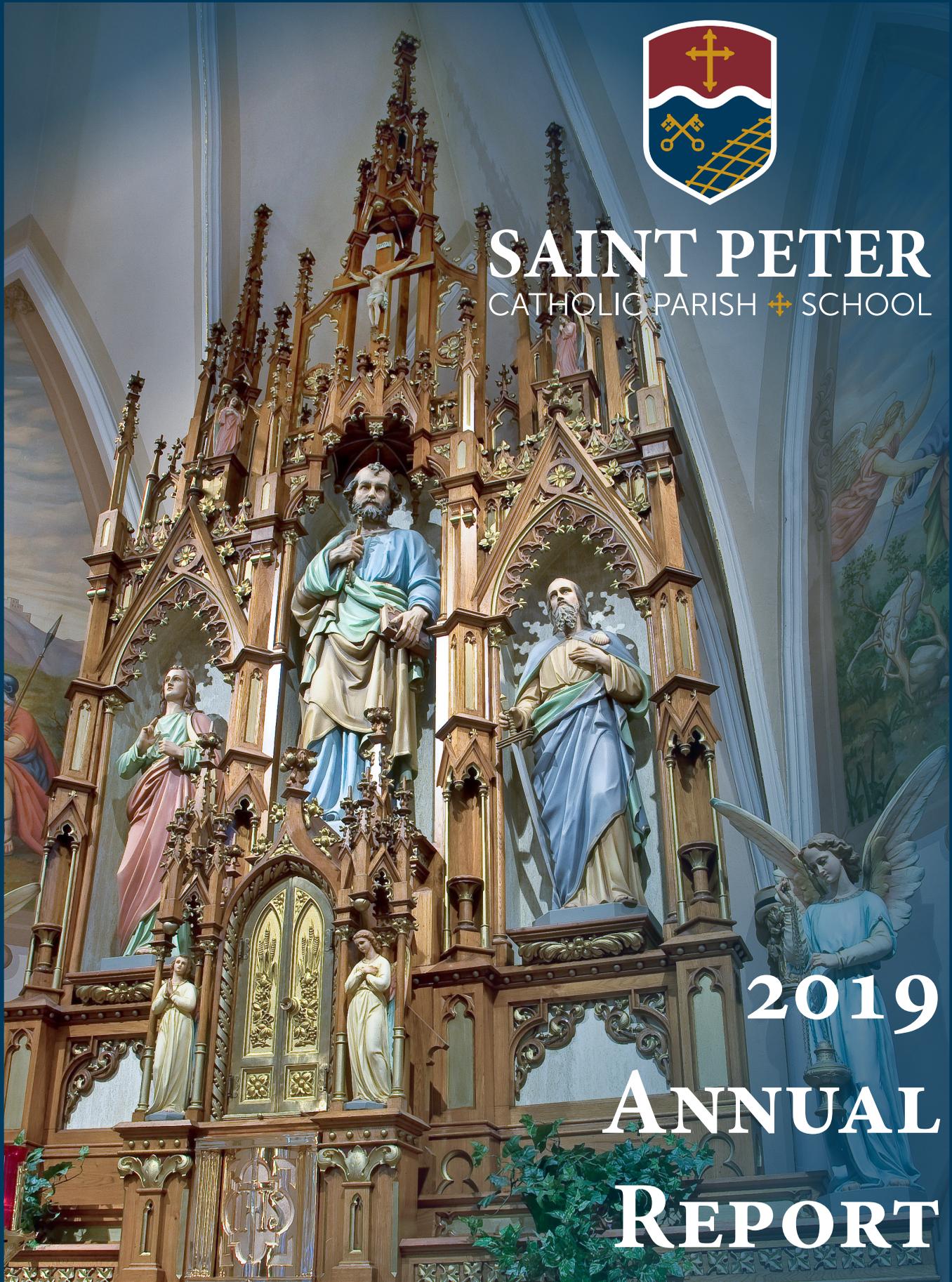




SAINT PETER
CATHOLIC PARISH ✦ SCHOOL



2019
ANNUAL
REPORT

Letter from Fr. Chris

Dear Parishioners of St. Peter Parish,

The Lord is so good to us! I want to thank you for another year sharing the Lord's abundant blessings and continuing to carry out the mission that Jesus Christ has given to us in Ashton – for our good, and the good of our neighbors. I am blessed to present to you the 2nd Annual Report since I have been pastor. I hope that the information within this report helps you to see the reality of our parish – both the good that we need to continue and the things that need our prayerful attention.

Financial Stewardship

One of the priorities that I have focused on is making sure that we continue to have the best accounting practices and financial controls so that we can guarantee accuracy, transparency, and trust in our money handling operations. This year, you will notice that our fiscal year (July 2018-June 2019) numbers provide a more complete picture of our financial status. Please see the comments alongside the figures for details on our financial status. Regarding our money handling procedures, when I arrived last year I had received some comments, both from parishioners and diocesan administrators, that we had some room for improvement. During 2018 we tightened these up – not because there was reason to distrust anyone, but so that there can be no room for accusations and everyone's reputations are protected.

I invite everyone to re-examine their stewardship habits. The Lord blesses abundantly those who are generous in supporting his work. Many of our parishioners have given, and continue to give their time and talents to the parish. However, the demands on parishes to utilize professional assistance have increased, and many of our parishioners who once could give their time and service are no longer able to offer their talents due to age and health constraints. This means that the dollar amounts that have been contributed in the past are not being augmented with works of service, and do not go as far. The Lord told Moses to offer a tithe – a tenth of his material goods – to the service of the Lord (see Genesis 14: 19-20). This offering came to the Lord through Melchizedek, and is painted on the mural to the left of the high altar in our church (see picture). I encourage each of you to consider how you might increase what you offer to the Lord at St. Peter, so that we can continue to proclaim the good news for generations to come.



Five Year Plan

This Lent we will be conducting a series of events to invite and gather feedback about where we are as a parish and the things we need to work on together to continue to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to the world. This process will collect this feedback and develop a five year plan – a strategic set of goals to address the challenges we face and to plan well for the future of faith in Ashton at St. Peter. These opportunities will include a survey, town hall meetings, and small group listening sessions. In the Easter season, with the help of the parish groups, committees and councils, we will formulate a comprehensive plan incorporating everything from building maintenance to community outreach and faith formation. Please look for more details this winter and know that everyone is invited to participate.

As you know, I am always willing to listen to your concerns and feedback. Please reach out at any time if you have anything to share with me. May God bless you, and St. Peter Catholic Parish and School for generations to come!

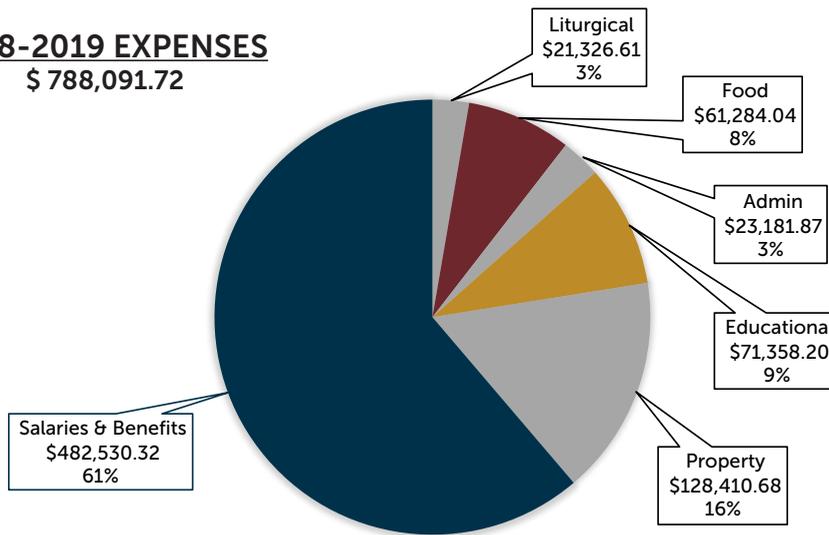
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Financial Stewardship

by the Numbers

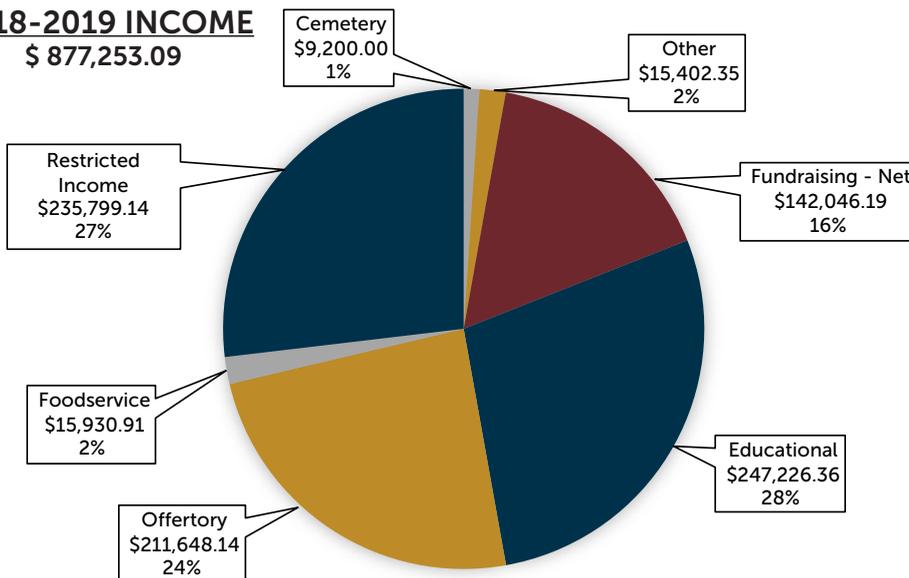
2018-2019 EXPENSES

\$ 788,091.72



2018-2019 INCOME

\$ 877,253.09



This past year we have benefited greatly from both an increase in fundraising event income, and improvements in offertory. We have been able to make long needed improvements to our parish property, including new gutters on the church and other small maintenance that has been put off for some time. Included are totals for the year, and a breakdown of our fundraising income. I would like to point out that while many consider our fundraising to be the largest source of income, Offertory and Educational Fees make up just over 50% of our income. Our fundraising income is an important part of keeping the parish going and growing – but your regular stewardship support and the educational apostolates of the parish (school and faith formation) are both larger sources of income.

Fundraising

Benefit Dinner	\$ 35,164.36
Fish Fry	\$ 43,987.84
Holy Spirit Hustle	\$ 20,521.16
Scrip	\$ 13,045.89
Other	\$ 29,326.94
TOTAL	\$ 142,046.19

QUICK STATISTICS

18 
NEW PARISH FAMILIES

33 ADULTS
26 CHILDREN

15 
BAPTISMS

 **10**
FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

5 
WEDDINGS

11 
CONFIRMATIONS

11 
FUNERALS

St. Peter Catholic School

Forming the Next Generation

ENROLLMENT

73
STUDENTS



GRADES
3K-5

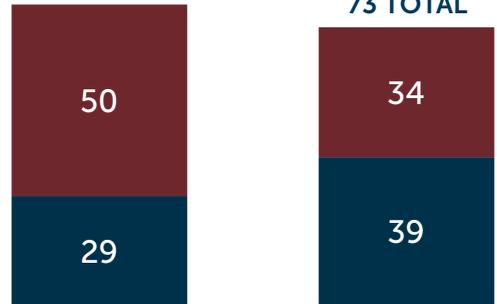


St. Peter School Students visit the Kalscheur Farm Pumpkin Patch.

St. Peter Catholic School is dedicated to continuing the strong tradition of Catholic education, academic excellence, and the formation of morals, values, and the Faith, in a Christ-centered community.

- *Mission Statement*

PARISH MEMBERSHIP



2018-2019 School Year

2019-2020 School Year

■ Parishioner Students ■ Non-Parishioner Students

Faith Formation

Handing on the Faith

51
STUDENTS

37 HIGH SCHOOL
CLASSROOM HOURS

32 K-8
CLASSROOM HOURS

GRADES
Kindergarten - 10th



Do not be afraid to be saints. Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light. Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten your ways.

-Pope Saint John Paul II



2018 Confirmation Mass at St. Bernard, Middleton

May the Lord continue to guide and bless all of our Parishioners and every work of our Parish. To support the work of St. Peter Parish consider donating at the link below.

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