

**ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Annual Financial Report**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**St. Matthew responds to COVID-19:**

In these unprecedented times, St. Matthew has responded in extraordinary ways:

- In an effort to support those in our communities facing loss of employment, possible eviction and even basic needs of food and shelter due to the pandemic, we made a gift of \$250,000 in June, in support of five local non-profits serving the neediest in our communities. Those assisted included Catholic Charities, Roof Above (formerly Urban Ministries and Uptown Men’s Shelter), Loaves and Fishes, Crisis Assistance Ministries and Union County Crisis Assistance Ministries.
- Many parishioners enrolled in online giving to support the parish, assisting our ability to continue operating and helping those in need during months when we were unable to safely resume the sacraments. Online donations now account for up to 70% of offertory. Because of the continued generosity of our parishioners, our offertory for the fiscal year 2019-20 was 90% of prior year, even though the last fiscal quarter had a 30% drop in offertory.
- The parish has been able to operate in a streamlined manner since March, continue salary and benefits for full-time and many part-time staff, and yield a modest year-end operational surplus.
- By early May, we were able to offer at our main campus each week Holy Communion services and the sacrament of reconciliation. Shortly after, we were able to safely add three Sunday Masses and daily Mass with the support of our parish staff and liturgical ministry volunteers.
- Although the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act allowed for the lending and possible forbearance of relief funds for non-profits and small business under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), St. Matthew requested no such aid. Thanks to the generosity of our St. Matthew family, our cash position was strong, and because limited funding was available to assist many struggling small businesses, no government aid was requested.

**Financial highlights:**

- We have completed a successful year, expanding our outreach, while managing through the COVID-19 pandemic during the last four months of the fiscal year.
- Despite significantly lower offertory due to the pandemic, St. Matthew ran an operating surplus for the year by lowering certain operating expenses. However, after including pandemic capital outlays, the parish was in an overall net deficit position for the fiscal year. Thankfully, our strong cash reserves absorbed this deficit.
- For the year, registered households increased by 1.3%, offertory collections *decreased* by 9.8% and average contribution per household has *declined* by 11%.
- Operating expenses declined year over year as the parish reduced expenses consistent with fewer in-person parish activities due to the pandemic.
- The table below shows the significant reduction in offertory driven by a temporary suspension and reduction in the Mass schedule from March – June.

<u>Offertory \$000's</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	
July–Dec 2019	3,821	3,843	-1%
Jan–March 2020	1,782	1,966	-9%
April–June 2020	1,309	1,858	-30%
Full Year	6,912	7,667	-10%

***Your generosity allows us to continue our tradition of outreach. Together we:***

### ***FEED***

- Sent eleven shipping containers of food and supplies with a value of over \$300,000 to Haiti, Jamaica and local food pantries during our Monsignor McSweeney World Hunger Drive.
- Fed the needy locally through our food pantry, Our Daily Bread and Mel's Diner ministries, and delivered over 40,000 sandwiches to local shelters, even during the pandemic.
- Provided a monthly hot lunch and dinner to the homeless at Roof Above.
- Operated a food truck to feed approximately 500 hungry of Charlotte each week.

### ***EDUCATE***

- Supported over 6,500 youth of our parish through our vibrant faith formation programs and our contributions to the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools.
- Aided Charlotte families in need to educate their children through our support of Brookstone School, a Judeo-Christian principle based school in uptown Charlotte.
- Provided nine college scholarships through the stewardship and Journey of Faith scholarships.
- Contributed to the education of children in Haiti and in the Holy Land.
- Supported academically gifted at-risk students from Charlotte Mecklenburg Title 1 schools through the Gen-One program, a program assisting first generation college students.

### ***HOUSE & CLOTHE***

- Sent clothing and furniture to Appalachia through our Donated Goods ministry.
- Assisted flood victims in Lumberton, NC through our Christian Responders ministry.
- Created housing options for local homeless families.
- Furnished apartments for refugees.

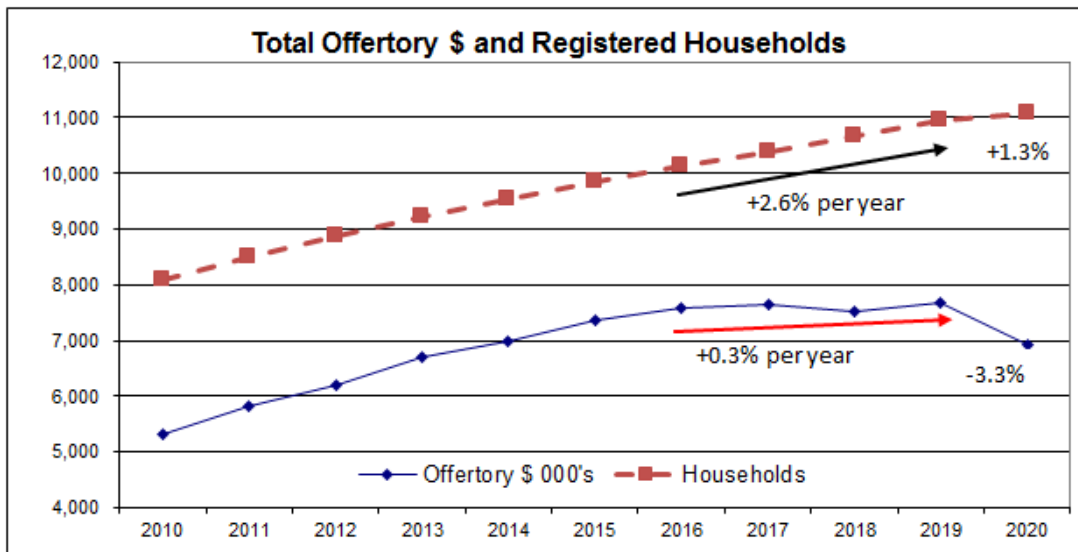
### ***SUPPORT***

- Assisted over 2,000 at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter by providing food baskets and gifts.
- Helped families in life-crisis by staffing five clinical counselors, and hosting 17 support groups.
- Supported and strengthened over 100 ministries and programs of our parish.

**Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**

In \$ Thousands	Year Ended June 30				
	Actual		Budget		Budget
	2019	2020	2020	Variance	2021
Offertory	\$ 7,667	\$ 6,912	\$ 7,350	\$ (438)	\$ 5,050
Faith Formation fees	392	323	328	(5)	242
Education Building Rent	309	300	308	(8)	304
Donations	414	248	164	84	131
Other	374	264	270	(6)	192
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,157</b>	<b>\$ 8,048</b>	<b>\$ 8,420</b>	<b>\$ (372)</b>	<b>\$ 5,918</b>
Facilities Operating Expense	\$ 1,682	\$ 1,496	\$ 1,509	\$ (14)	\$ 1,417
Ministry & Liturgy	1,410	1,231	1,284	(53)	1,028
Diocesan Assessments	1,079	1,013	1,168	(155)	1,078
MACS Subsidy	1,020	1,227	1,128	99	1,200
Faith Formation	1,158	987	1,143	(156)	895
General Administrative	1,027	1,061	1,070	(9)	1,052
Charity	476	485	500	(15)	274
Counseling	187	228	203	25	217
Other	46	35	46	(11)	20
<b>Total operating expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,086</b>	<b>\$ 7,763</b>	<b>\$ 8,051</b>	<b>\$ (288)</b>	<b>\$ 7,181</b>
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>\$ 1,071</b>	<b>\$ 284</b>	<b>\$ 369</b>	<b>\$ (84)</b>	<b>\$ (1,262)</b>
Renew St. Matthew collections	\$ 186	\$ 168	\$ 180	\$ (12)	\$ 120
Diocesan Capital Campaign	83	30	-	30	-
Interest Income	155	190	120	70	80
Proceeds from Property Sale (1)	-	-	-	0	450
Capital Expenditures (1)	(59)	(1,255)	(500)	(755)	(250)
<b>Net Capital/Financing Activity</b>	<b>\$ 365</b>	<b>\$ (867)</b>	<b>\$ (200)</b>	<b>\$ (667)</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 1,436</b>	<b>\$ (583)</b>	<b>\$ 169</b>	<b>\$ (752)</b>	<b>\$ (862)</b>

(1) 2020 capital expenditures were primarily for the purchase of a new rectory (\$725,000) to house all our priests in one location and provide space for visiting priests; for the replacement of our sanctuary sound system (\$184,000); for improvements to the intersection at our Waxhaw campus (\$170,000); for new signage at our main campus (\$50,000); and for upgrades to our live-streaming capabilities (\$60,000). St. Matthew expects to largely offset the cost of the new rectory with the sale of the former rectories during fiscal year 2021.



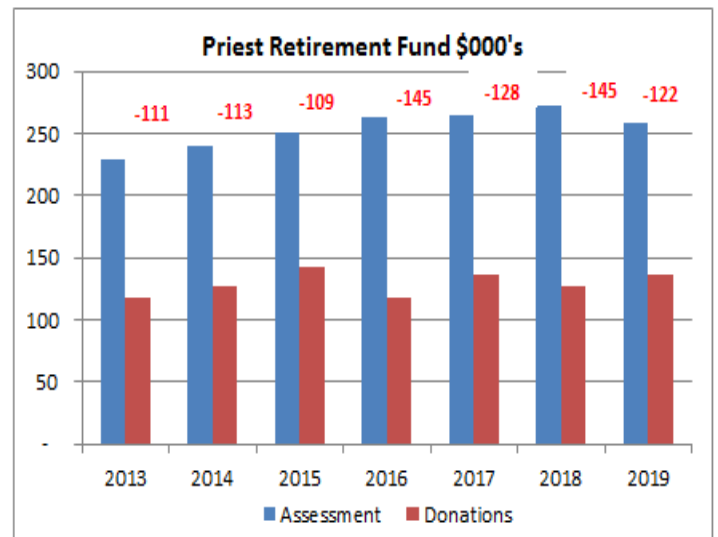
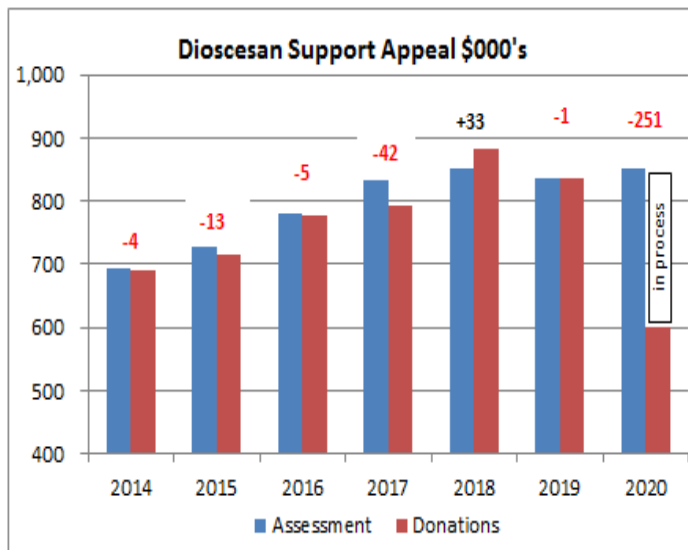
## Challenges ahead...

### Getting through the pandemic to our exciting future

- The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly reduced offertory income in the last four months of our fiscal year. This decline in giving has improved somewhat with the reopening of limited Masses and Communion services. Expenses continue to be evaluated and reduced where possible.
- We need your help! If you cannot attend Mass, please consider supporting St. Matthew through electronic giving by visiting Faith Direct ([www.stmatthewcatholic.org/heartfeltgiving](http://www.stmatthewcatholic.org/heartfeltgiving)). Many thanks to those parishioners who already give electronically.

### Shortfalls from Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA) and Priests' Retirement Assessment

- St. Matthew exceeded its 2018 DSA assessment for the first time in five years and narrowly missed its 2019 goal by \$1,000. However, we are currently running \$35,000 behind our 2020 goal in gifts and pledges.
- If we do not meet the 2020 assessment, we must make up the shortfall from our operating funds.
- Additionally, for over ten years, we have not met our Priests' Retirement assessment from the diocese, and the shortfalls continue to be over \$100,000 per year. Again, this is a mandated assessment, and any shortfall must be made up from our parish operating funds.



### What you can do...

- Prayerfully consider increasing your offertory giving so that our parish can successfully manage through the pandemic without depleting our cash reserves, while still reaching out to those in need, a hallmark of St. Matthew.
- Give to the DSA (online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa) or make a check payable to "DSA" and place it in the offertory). Your gift benefits many in need throughout the diocese.
- Help us meet our Priests' Retirement goal by giving generously in support of our many faithful retired priests.
- Continue to pray for the safety of all and for those suffering as a result of the pandemic.

### Parish Finance Council

Kevin O'Hara, Chair

Bob Desch, Bill Kane, Butch Mayer, Ray Misiunas, Peggy Peterson, Mike Ruff and Joan Slep

## *Parish Balance Sheet*

<b><u>\$ In Thousands</u></b>	<b>June 30</b>	
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Cash	\$ 7,876	\$ 8,582
Other	77	38
Land	5,376	5,335
Rectory	1,042	307
Parish Center	1,818	1,806
Church Sanctuary	4,469	4,469
New Life Ctr and Education Bldg	16,978	16,985
MACS Equity Education Bldg	(5,500)	(5,500)
Furniture/Equipment/Vehicles	3,446	3,192
Main Campus Assets	27,629	26,593
Land South Campus	3,002	2,795
Building South Campus	4,151	4,139
Furniture/Equipment	241	241
St. Matthew South Assets	7,394	7,175
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 42,977</b>	<b>\$ 42,388</b>
Accounts Payable/ Other Current	\$ 88	\$ 79
Other	787	880
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>959</b>
<b>Parish Equity</b>	<b>42,102</b>	<b>41,429</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 42,977</b>	<b>\$ 42,388</b>

- As of June 30, 2020, the parish's cash balance is approximately \$7.8 million. Due to this strong cash position, made possible by the generosity of our parishioners, St. Matthew did not need to request government aid in the form of PPP loans. We anticipate our existing reserves will enable the parish to continue to manage through the pandemic and to eventually at least partially fund future facility improvements at both the Ballantyne and Waxhaw campuses.