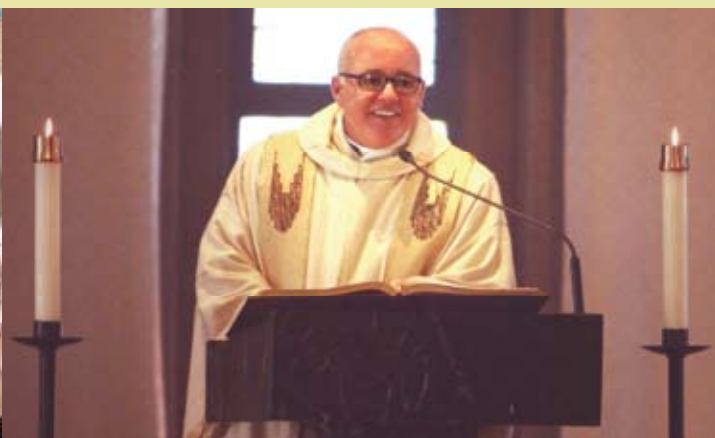
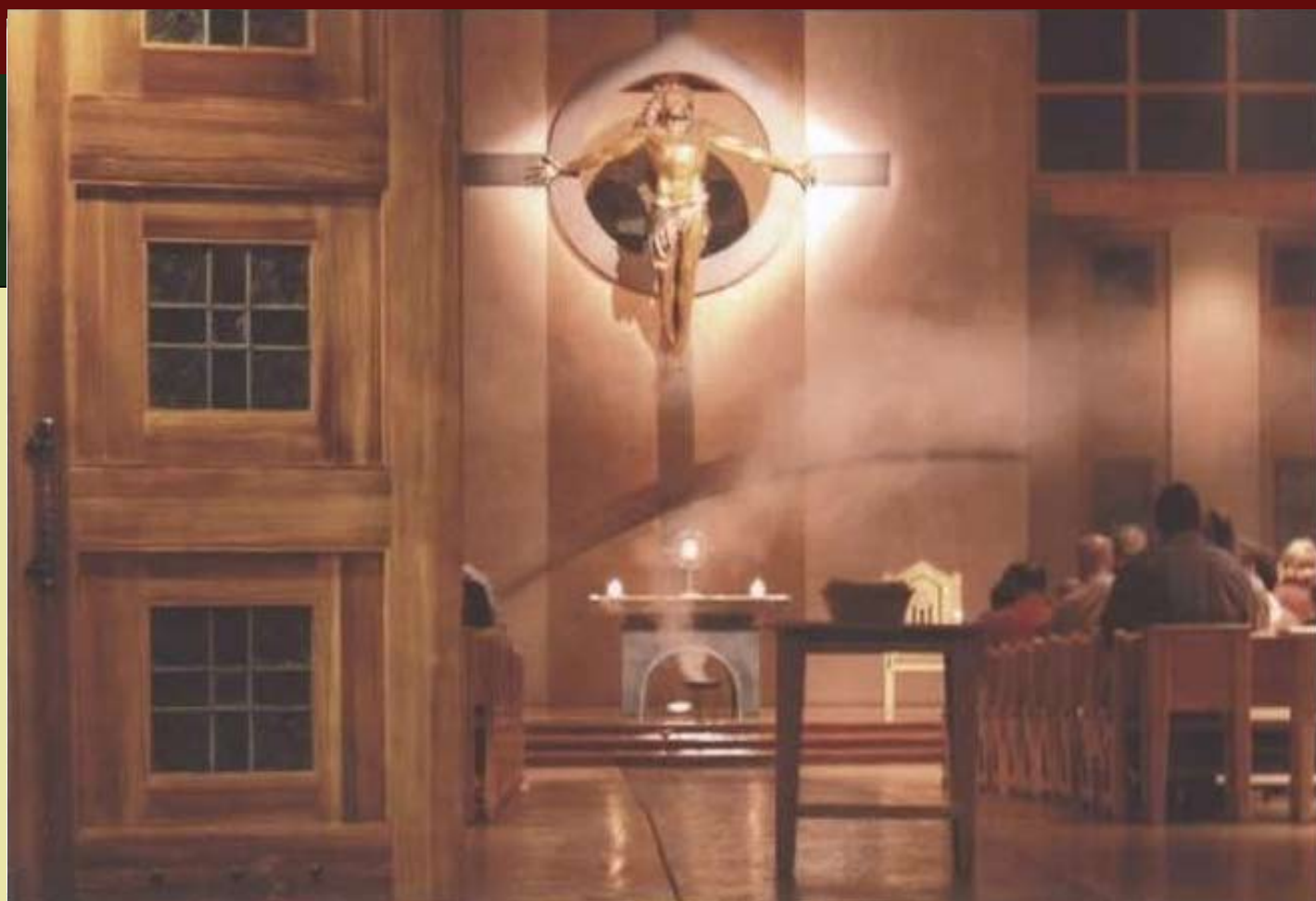


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SUNDAY OFFERING COMMITMENT  
AND  
ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009



*FOLLOWING JESUS AND CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST, WE WORSHIP GOD AND SERVE OTHERS.*

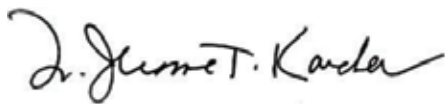
Dear Parish Members:

It is a wonderful grace to see how our lives make an impact on our world — whether that be the world of our families and friends, neighbors, co-workers or our parish.

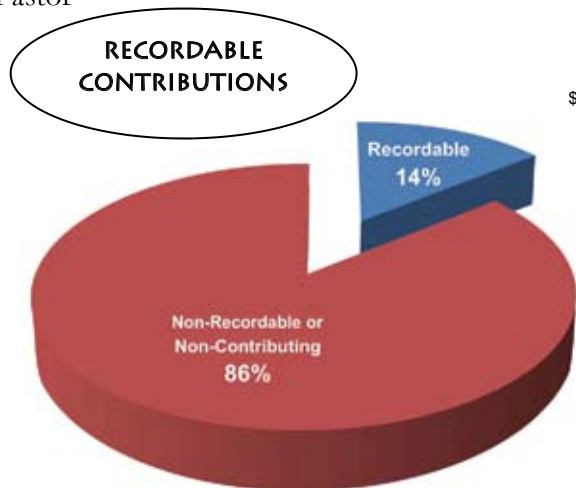
We each have gifts to share with one another as we are being led by the Holy Spirit to be good stewards of all that we have been given through God's generosity to us. Working together at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, we have been richly blessed by each family and parishioner that has come here to worship God and encounter the Lord Jesus among us. In this way we have become a "church family" while sharing our joys and sorrows. This bond we share in the Church is rooted in our ever deepening desire to live together more fully in Christ. It is in this spirit that I ask you to prayerfully consider what your commitment to the financial stewardship of our parish will be for the coming year. Your commitment enables us, even in tough economic times, to plan for our ministries for the building up of the Kingdom of God in our world.

Enclosed is some very important information that I ask you to review and reflect upon. I am very grateful to those who have faithfully supported Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. If you have not been able to financially support the parish, this is your opportunity to step up and to share some of the burden that others have carried in the past. Only with your dedication are we able to enjoy the beauty of our church and property as well as our liturgies and ministries. We are blessed by your gifts of time and God-given talents. Please also seriously consider your financial stewardship of our parish.

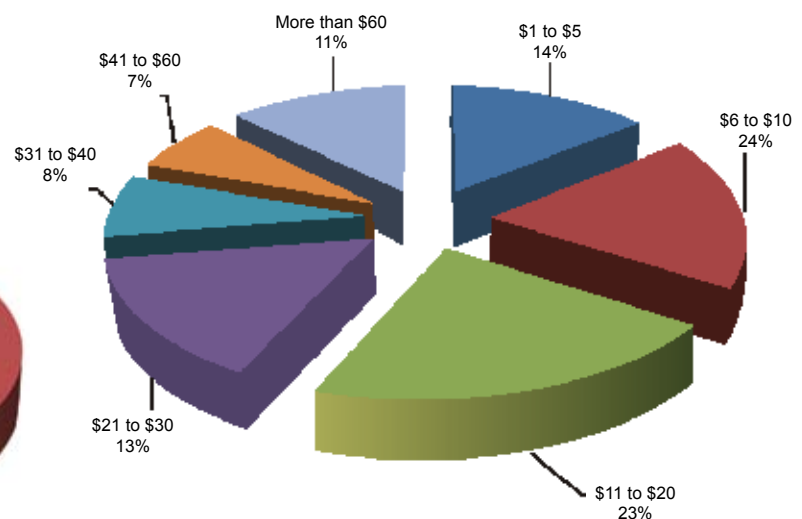
May God reward you for your generosity,



Father Jerome T. Karcher  
Pastor



WEEKLY RECORDABLE LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTIONS



### PLEASE MAKE A COMMITMENT TO OUR SUNDAY OFFERING...

- 85% of parishioners either do not give in a recordable way or at all.
- 57% of parishioners who do give in a recordable way contribute less than \$20 weekly.
- Is the amount you give now the same as last year or even 2 or 3 years ago?
- Do you give a planned amount regularly each month or week?
- Do you contribute in a recordable way using an envelope, check or EFT?
- Do you make contributions based on the gifts that God has given you or do you give from what is left over?
- Do you let the collection basket pass by without an intentional plan for giving?
- Please consider giving at your next higher level or beyond.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE USED FOR OUR IMPORTANT MINISTRIES.  
THE FOLLOWING SHOWS THE GOOD THAT COMES FROM YOUR  
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO OUR PARISH.

**PARISH DISCIPLESHIP  
2008—2009**

**WE SERVE...**

- 76 MUSIC MINISTERS
- 164 EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
- 94 LECTORS
- 74 FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS
- 92 ALTAR SERVERS
- 19 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEMBERS
- 104 HOSPITALITY MINISTERS/DONUTS
- 29 MONEY COUNTERS
- 11 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
- 7 FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
- 40 ALTAR GUILD/ENVIRONMENT MEMBERS
- 12 YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM MEMBERS
- 19 RCIA TEAM MEMBERS
- 194 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SOCIETY MEMBERS
- 37 REACH OUT MEMBERS
- 15 BEREAVEMENT MINISTERS
- 125 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS
- 42 PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE/RESPECT LIFE MEMBERS
- 146 PARTICIPANTS IN INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK
- 100'S PARISH FESTIVALS & FUNDRAISERS



**WE ARE SERVED...**

- 2306 FAMILIES WITH 3829 CHILDREN SERVED BY SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH
- 518 STUDENTS IN FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY
- 25 PARTICIPANTS IN YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
- 250 ADULT FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPANTS
- 202 PARTICIPANTS IN BIBLE STUDIES
- 125 CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS
- 62 NEOCATECUMENATE (SPANISH)
- 25 MATRIMONIOS EN CRISTO



**WE ARE BLESSED...**

- 2850 REGISTERED PARISHIONERS/FAMILIES
- 202 BAPTISMS
- 69 CONFIRMATIONS
- 130 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS
- 26 MARRIAGES
- 36 FUNERALS



**OUR MINISTRIES**

Sunday Collection Offering	\$ 1,019,457
Christmas, Easter and other Holy Day Offerings	52,405
Sacramental Donations	26,865
Ministry Registration, Retreat Fees & Donations	57,696
Fundraisers (excluding Septemberfest)	71,115
Special Gifts & Other Income	60,166
Diocesan Award	18,000

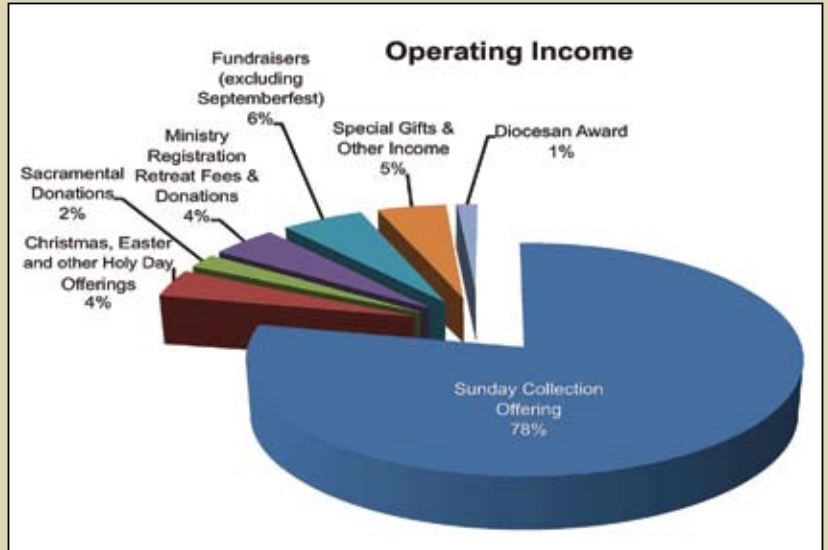
**OPERATING  
INCOME**  
07/01/08 TO 06/30/09

**Total → \$ 1,305,704**

**Special Collections for Diocese**  
 Diocesan Second Collection Offerings — \$63,621  
 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA) 2009 — \$93,000

OR

**Special Parish Collections**  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offerings — \$78,577  
 Church Building/Property Maintenance — \$89,917  
 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA) Rebates — \$35,000

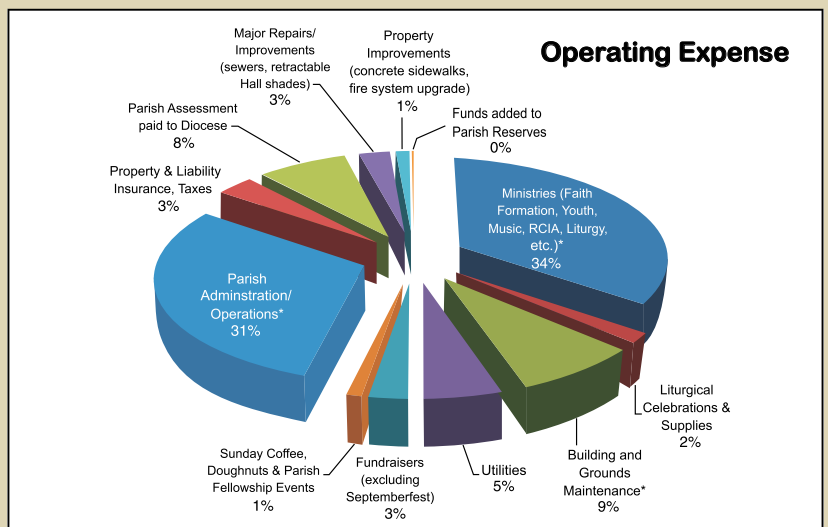


Ministries (Faith Formation, Youth, Music, RCIA, Liturgy, etc.) *	\$ 450,857
Liturgical Celebrations & Supplies	20,841
Building and Grounds Maintenance*	111,776
Utilities	69,608
Fundraisers (excluding Septemberfest)	34,563
Sunday Coffee, Doughnuts & Parish Fellowship Events	14,301
Parish Administration/Operations*	400,232
Property & Liability Insurance, Taxes	44,133
Parish Assessment paid to Diocese	104,544
Major Repairs/Improvements (sewers, retractable Hall shades)	35,846
Property Improvements (concrete sidewalks, fire system upgrade)	16,560
Funds added to Parish Reserves	2,443

**OPERATING  
EXPENSE**  
07/01/08 TO 06/30/09

**Total → \$ 1,305,704**

\* Includes Salaries, Employee Benefits,



# Prayerfully Consider Being a Good Financial Steward

## HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

The amount that is given is always a personal decision between you and God. Nevertheless it does call for a decision! Each person is called to contribute according to their gifts, means and ability. As always, charity involves a sacrifice, an “offering,” of myself for the good of another. Our charitable giving, then, is based on “Equal Sacrifice...Not Equal Gifts.” The chart below may be helpful in determining your decision for an appropriate weekly amount.

SUGGESTED WEEKLY OFFERING (BASED ON 50 WEEKS PER YEAR)			
ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME	10%	5%	3%
\$20,000	\$40	\$20	\$12
\$30,000	\$60	\$30	\$18
\$40,000	\$80	\$40	\$24
\$50,000	\$100	\$50	\$30
\$75,000	\$150	\$75	\$45
\$90,000	\$180	\$90	\$54
\$100,000	\$200	\$100	\$60
\$150,000	\$300	\$150	\$90

Since every talent, gift, grace and financial resource is a gift from God, our Sunday offering is a sign of giving to God the first fruits of His gifts to us. This is what the Sunday offering is all about: giving back to God! We are reminded of God’s generosity to us and we give back to Him through being generous to others, especially to the ministries of the Church. The above Suggested Weekly Offering is an indicator of the percentage of the first fruits of your household income that you can give back as a contribution to the parish. As Christ called the disciples, He also calls upon us now to reflect on the gifts He has given us and to return a portion of those gifts to Him. Do we give to God first from the gifts we are given as an act of faith? Or do we give from what we have “left over” or “extra?”

Each parishioner/household receives a Commitment Card. You will be asked to complete and return this card to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday offering collection basket. It is important that we receive a Commitment Card from every parishioner/household. Without this information, there is no way to properly budget and provide for the ministerial needs of the parish.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

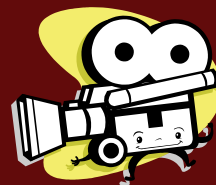
# WHAT SACRIFICE ARE YOU WILLING TO OFFER TO HELP YOUR PARISH MINISTRIES BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD?



Cup of Coffee  
\$3 Each Visit



Fast Food Night Out  
\$20 For a Family of 4



A Movie Night Out  
\$50 For a Family of 4

## *MAKING A COMMITMENT IS A SIGN OF OUR ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST'S CALL TO BE HIS DISCIPLES...*

Each parishioner is asked to indicate the amount that they will commit to the financial stewardship of our parish; and prayerfully consider the weekly or monthly amount of their new Sunday Offering Commitment using a recordable method of contributions (envelopes, checks or EFT).

Parish members who have participated in the life-giving ministries of the parish such as Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Bible Study, Masses, liturgies or social events have enjoyed the benefits and graces of parish life in our well maintained and beautiful parish property. As “participants” in the parish, parishioners are now asked to truly be a “partner” **by becoming a regular contributor to the Sunday Offering.** It is, in fact, through the generosity of regular contributors that Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is able to offer many wonderful parish programs, ministries and liturgies.

