



Saint Anne Catholic Community  
2015-16 ANNUAL **REPORT**



**Pastoral Council**

Juanita Chretien  
 Teresa Del Valle  
 Erik Konicki  
 Sean Maher  
 Claire Mueller  
 David Quin  
 Stephen Schwarzbach  
 Doug Mischlich  
 Rev. Al Sinasac, C.S.B.

**Finance Council**

Alan Arnold  
 Kimberly Dennison  
 Paulette Golden  
 Paul Pinkston  
 Jerry Aucoin  
 Kurth Dohmann  
 Daniel O’Leary  
 Laura Sayavedra  
 Rev. Al Sinasac, C.S.B.



**Saint Anne Catholic Community**  
 2140 Westheimer Road  
 Houston, TX 77098  
 713.526.3276

Online contributions to Saint Anne Catholic Community are made through Faith Direct – [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) Parish code: TX629

[www.saintanne.org](http://www.saintanne.org)  
[www.stannecs.org](http://www.stannecs.org)  
[www.saintannefoundation.org](http://www.saintannefoundation.org)

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Letter from the Pastor ..... 1  
 Financial Report ..... 2  
 Stewardship Summary ..... 3  
 Music Summary ..... 3  
 Religious Formation Summary ..... 4  
 St. Anne Catholic School Summary ..... 5  
 St. Anne Foundation Summary ..... 5



## Our Mission

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Anne, are called to follow the example of Christ and witness His living presence as we welcome in love and respect all who walk on our journey of faith.

### Saint Anne Catholic Community

One of the oldest and largest churches in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Saint Anne Catholic Community has been providing spiritual leadership and guidance to the Upper Kirby, River Oaks, and Montrose areas within Houston since 1924. The Parish, under the direction of the Basilian Fathers, offers PK–8 education at St. Anne Catholic School and a large array of religious formation for parishioners.

# PASTOR LETTER



My Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you the Saint Anne Catholic Community 2015-16 Annual Report.

As you can see in the highlights of this report, our community thrives as we continue to serve each other and our broader community in a variety of ministries. As a community we are a beautiful mosaic with each of us contributing our time, talent, and treasure to enhance our faith community. I am proud of what we have accomplished, and also look forward with you to meeting the challenges of the future.

In our annual report to the Archdiocese for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 we noted:

183 Baptisms	97 Weddings
513 Students in our Day School	133 Confirmations
38 Funerals	728 Students in our CCE Program
144 First Communion	22 Adults in RCIA

A metric worth noting is that Saint Anne Parish has 4,356 families and 10,302 individuals as registered members of the church for the fiscal year. For 2014-15, there were 4,166 families registered and 7,935 registered individuals.

Over the last year, we have been listening closely to our fellow parishioners. Throughout the year and in our most recent Ministry Fair we have heard from you about your desire for more opportunities to participate in spiritual, social, and service stewardship opportunities – particularly in the areas of adult faith formation, and enhanced engagement with our many communities (singles, families, men, women, senior adults, and older teens). Ministry leaders are taking this feedback into account as they plan their activities over the next year. We also invite and encourage you to reach out to Pastoral Council and our Ministry Leaders if you feel the Holy Spirit moving you toward greater personal engagement in our parish community.

We also heard from many of you in 2016 as we developed a new long-term Master Plan for the facilities on our parish and school campus. I am very grateful for the many parishioners who contributed time, input, and ideas. As we move into the New Year you will hear more about the results of the Master Planning process and next steps. We will continue to work closely with all of you as we move ahead in this important work.

We constantly seek to be responsible stewards of the financial resources that our parish commits to the work of our ministries and to the care and maintenance of our parish facilities. 2015-16 was a solid financial year – the parish met our revenue goals and prudently managed expenditures within our budget. For context, our primary source of all funding comes from each of you in your offertory gifts. The funds we raise together as a community support our liturgical, worship and pastoral expenses, as well as our rich and varied educational, spiritual, and sacramental ministries.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Pastoral and Finance Councils for their steady and prudent guidance, as well as the Saint Anne staff and our many dedicated Ministry Leaders. And of course to all the parishioners of Saint Anne, whose consistent support and generosity helps to keep our community growing and strong - thank you.

As our parish community heads into a new fiscal year, I ask that we each recommit ourselves to being the disciples that Christ calls us to be in our daily lives. With deepest sincerity I thank you for making Saint Anne Catholic Community a flourishing example of God's mercy and love, as well as an outstanding example of how each of us can teach goodness, discipline, and knowledge.

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Al A. Sinasac C.S.B.*

Rev. Al A. Sinasac, C.S.B.  
Pastor  
Saint Anne Catholic Community



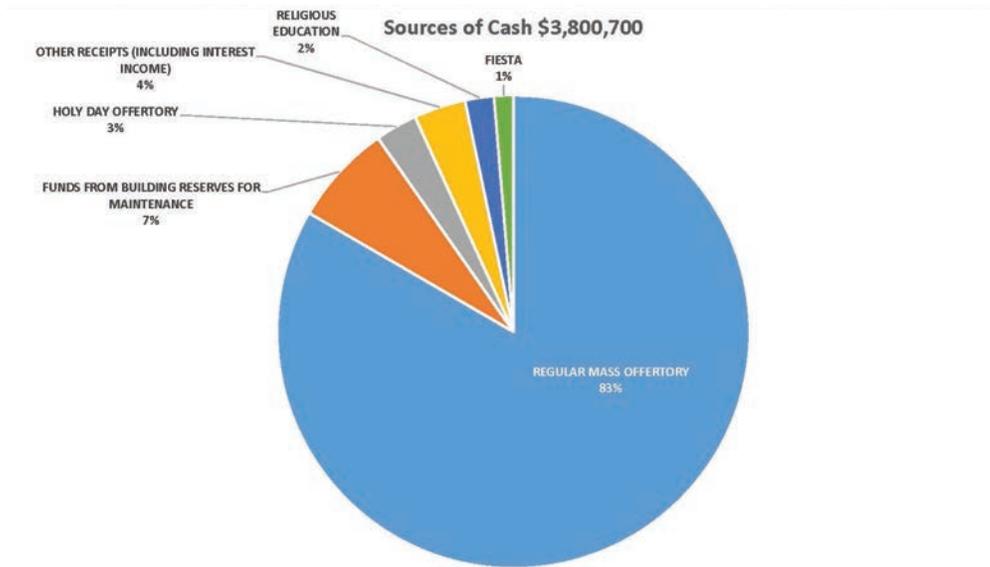


# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

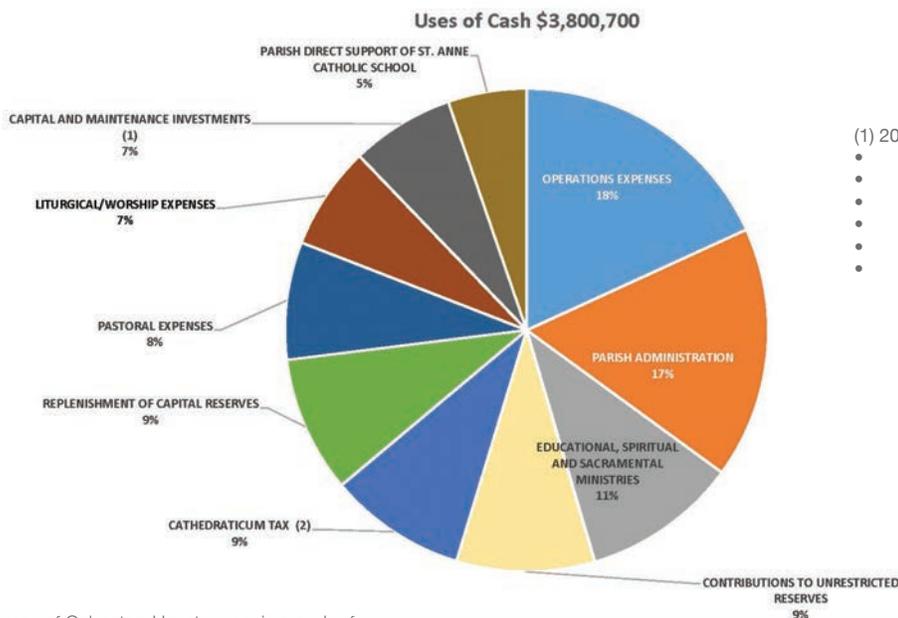
# \$3,800,700

Fiscal year is July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

## SOURCES OF FUNDS



## USES OF FUNDS



- (1) 2015-16 Capital and Maintenance Expenses:
- Bride's room phase one renovation
  - Sacristy renovation
  - Stained glass restoration
  - Church lighting/programming
  - Exterior church cleaning
  - Master plan

(2) The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires each of its parishes to make an annual payment or Cathedraticum Tax that supports the Archdiocese's expenses and activities.

# STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY



This past year has been one of rewarding growth and accomplishment for Stewardship at Saint Anne.

## Mosaic Theme

Saint Anne Catholic Community is truly a universal church represented in the mosaic of our many different ethnicities, cultures, lifestyles, and languages that define our faith community. Because of this diversity, the word mosaic has become the central theme for Stewardship and is represented in our printed collateral. This defining theme was inspired by I Corinthians 12:12 - "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ."

## "Best Ever" 2016 Ministry Fair

With over 80 ministries, Saint Anne's 2016 Ministry Fair was blessed with unprecedented attendance, volunteer participation, and enthusiasm. Hundreds of parishioners joined the Fair, chatted with ministry representatives and got involved as new volunteers, members, and participants in record numbers. Sincere appreciation for all who participated!

Conversations and observations at the 2016 Ministry Fair highlighted parishioners' desires for more spiritual, social, and service stewardship opportunities.

**Adult Faith Formation** – for bible study, spiritual retreats, devotionals and prayer groups

**Focused Ministries** – for singles, families, men, senior adults, and older teens

We are responding to this interest with exploration and development of new ministry concepts with interested parishioners, and looking forward to launching exciting initiatives.

## Call to Commitment

Saint Anne Catholic Community values all three dimensions of stewardship – time, talent, and treasure. The Saint Anne Parish Commitment Card encourages all parishioners to secure the ongoing financial well-being of our wonderful parish and also become more involved in the fulfillment of ministry activity.

## Enhanced Communications

This year was blessed with strong developments in Stewardship communication with the introduction of Flocknote messaging with ministry members, colorful vertical banners for ministry promotion, and increased Ministry Spotlights and InFocus articles in our weekly bulletins. The forthcoming Parish website will create even more opportunity to share Stewardship statistics and stories of spirituality, service, and camaraderie.

## Ministry Outreach

Saint Anne's ministry leadership and members demonstrated that they really "walked the talk" in giving back to the local community in prayer and service. Many parish groups have volunteered time and talent as well as donations of earthly goods to appreciative individuals and charities.

# MUSIC SUMMARY



The activities of the Music Ministry, under the leadership of director of music, Matt McCue, include providing music at all five English-language masses each weekend, with the singing led either by a cantor, or by the Saint Anne Adult Choir at the 11 a.m. Mass between September and June. The Saint Anne Handbell Choir performs at many 9 a.m. masses between September and June. We provide the music and cantors for the weddings and funerals that occur at Saint Anne. McCue also conducts the St. Anne School Choir that sings at many school events and at several 9 a.m. Sunday masses during the year.

We currently have over 40 parishioners involved in the Saint Anne Adult Choir, 20 cantors, and 10 ringers in the

Handbell Choir. The St. Anne School Choir has over 30 members.

In Spring 2016, the Adult Choir and the Handbell Choir had the privilege of representing Saint Anne on a pilgrimage to Spain, which included singing in cathedrals in Montserrat, Barcelona, Sigüenza, Toledo, and Avila. They also played a public concert in Madrid.

The Serafines, the Hispanic children's choir, is under the direction of Beatrice Garcia. It consists of 50 members and performs throughout the year.



# RELIGIOUS FORMATION SUMMARY

## The Early Childhood Catechesis Program

The Early Childhood Catechesis Program (Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade) at St. Anne Catholic Church currently has about 130 students working actively with 16 volunteer catechists. The program prepares young children towards their sacrament of reconciliation and first communion in the second grade by meeting two times a month and learning about God's word. We follow grade level curriculum by using "Our Sunday Visitor" as our main textbooks and Activity Sheets. The classes are made of prayers, activities, crafts, and lessons based on the theme or gospel of the day. Parents get involved by attending parent meetings, where they learn and discuss different liturgical times and topics; community services are also shared by parents and students.

## Youth Ministry

EDGE meets Sundays 3:30–4:45 p.m. with typical attendance 20–25 youths. It also meets one Friday a month for social events. The EDGE ministry has continued to pick up throughout the year. EDGE is a wonderful mix of traditional CCE and games. We discuss the catechetical theme for the week, dive into scripture, discuss current events, and with any time left the kids lead a Q&A.

Confirmation meets three Sundays a month, August–May, from 6:30–8 p.m. Following the Confirmation Guidelines, it is a two-year process. Two Sundays a month we study Creed, Morality, Prayer, or Sacraments. The third Sunday is called Life Night. During our Life Nights, we take on a topical subject such as the election, bullying, and chastity. We also spend time answering questions the teens leave in a question box. Our Confirmation Candidates have also taken an active role in Life Teen Mass. You will find them greeting families at the door, singing with the band, and lecturing.

The Confirmation Retreat was attended by 48 teens. The theme of the retreat was Life after Confirmation. Teens listened to speakers sharing their vocations and how God leads. We had a seminarian, campus minister, hospital chaplain, missionary, and Fr. Al. It was a wonderful day completed with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We are now discussing ideas for ways to keep teens engaged in ongoing catechesis post-Confirmation. We are researching new ways that we can incorporate technology to help us reach young people.

EDGE: 32 Confirmation: 86 Catechist: 16

## Continuing Catholic Education

Continuing Catholic Education for Children at Saint Anne Parish is currently run by the director of catechesis for children, Scott Harr and Alicia Barboza. In addition to these administrators, the program has 34 volunteer catechists working with children from Pre-K 4 up to 5th grade. One of the main functions of the program is Sacramental

Catechesis; it is catechesis, not only the children who will receive sacraments for the first time, but also for the parents who are called to raise these children as good and honest Catholics. We currently have 329 students in Pre-K up to 5th grade. Out of the total 329 students, 97 will be receiving First Reconciliation and Communion while 14 are on the way to Baptism in RCIA for Children.

## Adult Confirmation

Adult Catholics, 18 years or older, who have received First Eucharist can receive instruction to celebrate the Sacrament through a ten-week program. Our 2017 program began on January 3 with 10 participants. On Pentecost Sunday, Confirmations will be celebrated by the Bishop at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formation process in which interested adults may explore Catholicism over time in a communal, relaxed environment and eventually enter into the Catholic faith community. RCIA gatherings, with the experience of worship and opportunity for service, help participants find their spiritual home. This January, 8–10 people have entered the Inquiry process, four will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil and 12 will celebrate First Communion and Confirmation in May. The people who began the journey in January 2017 will come into full communion with the Catholic Church in November.

## Infant Baptism

Five times per year, classes are offered in English or Spanish to assist parents and godparents to prepare for the baptism of their infant children. Each parent class is host to about 25 couples, and the godparent classes are normally attended by from 15–30 godparents. Saint Anne's baptism team prepared more than 150 couples to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with their infants.

## Hispanic Ministry

Hispanic Ministry is led by the Director, Sylvia Salinas, M.Div. She works under the direction of the Pastor, Fr. Alvin Sinasac, C.S.B. with Fr. David Zapalac, C.S.B. Liturgies and both cultural and religious devotions are celebrated in Spanish throughout the liturgical year. Lay ministry leaders coordinate all of the liturgical ministries and ministers. A strong emphasis is placed on education. It is important that the faithful understand the theology, tradition and history of the liturgy and religious devotions. The Hispanic Ministry serves a large and diverse population of Spanish-speaking faithful. They are an integral part of our Saint Anne Community in their vibrant, devout and traditional religious celebrations offered to all of the parish community.

# ST. ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUMMARY

[St. Anne Catholic School](#), one of the largest ministries of Saint Anne Catholic Community, serves over 515 students in Pre-Kindergarten through the eighth grade and their families. The school celebrated its 85th year of Catholic education in 2015-16.

Each year, the school hosts FIESTA, a day-long community festival for the entire parish. Funds brought in through sponsorships, raffle ticket sales, and the booth revenue during FIESTA in October 2015 was the largest fundraiser for the school community.

FIESTA 2015 brought in revenue of \$345,558. Of the \$249,741 total net proceeds, \$199,751 remained with the school and \$49,990 was distributed back to the parish. FIESTA proceeds are used for general budgetary expenses.

The school also enlists an Annual Fund. The money raised from the Annual Fund provides financial assistance for the technology development, professional development for teachers, and enrichment through the arts. In the Annual Fund's second year, the school maintained 100 percent participation amongst the faculty, staff, and the School Board. The school raised \$160,000 to support these areas.

Finally, the school was blessed with a generous \$200,000 donation from the Basilian Fathers for tuition assistance. This incredible gift helps the school to remain committed to providing a Catholic education to many families.



*FIESTA Madness was a huge success – raising over \$340,000 for St. Anne Catholic School.*

## FOUNDATION SUMMARY

Since 1982, the [St. Anne School Foundation](#) mission has been to provide financial support to maintain and strengthen the learning environment of St. Anne Catholic School.

The goals of the Foundation are:

1. Provide an annual grant to support the school's operating needs.
2. Continue to build the St. Anne Endowment to ensure the school's financial stability.
3. Award scholarships to encourage spirituality, academic excellence, diversity and community service.

During fiscal year 2015-2016, the Foundation conducted two major fundraising initiatives.

The Father John Robbins Bourse Campaign raised \$161,475 to provide \$90,000 for 18 Bourse scholarships for the 2016-17 school year and to continue to grow the scholarship fund in support of enriching the diversity of the school. The Bourse fund, which began in late 2009, currently holds more than \$768,000 for ongoing scholarship support.

In February 2016, the 18th Annual Foundation Gala, La Soirée d'Annonay, raised \$616,335 less expenses of \$181,988. Proceeds provided an annual grant to the school of \$125,000 and helped grow the St. Anne Endowment. In 2016, the school used this donation primarily for campus security.

The Endowment is currently \$2.5 million, with additional annual contributions added each year after the school receives its grant and other expenses are covered.

In May 2016, through the generosity of donors from the Saint Anne Community and beyond, the Foundation also awarded 25 scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year totaling \$28,500 for student scholarships and \$2,600 for faculty scholarships.

The Parish and the school are truly thankful for the generosity of the St. Anne School Foundation donors who continue to provide valuable support to the school for many years.

