



# ST. JOAN OF

## *Catholic Church*

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### **What your Pastor Has Been Doing**

#### **An Amazing Parish**

I, along with a few staff from both parishes, will be attending the Amazing Parish Conference in Kansas City this June. The Archdiocese will be paying for most of it.

In order to attend, I am required to attend four, ninety-minute, pastor training sessions over Zoom with a group of pastors from around the country. The emphasis so far has been to focus on parish staff and to work on building the necessary building blocks of an Amazing Parish, which they believe are the culture of prayer, the culture of active discipleship, and the culture of teamwork.

#### **Midtown Catholic Name**

With the introduction of the name, *Midtown Catholic*, which refers to our family of parishes, there have been a few questions.

**Is anyone losing their job?** No, but responsibilities will probably shift.

**Will the parishes keep their names?** Yes, both parishes keep their names. The parishes are not closing, the church buildings are not shutting down. The names will not be removed *in any way*. Each parish retains its own Tax ID, Finance Council, and Canonical rights. *The name "Midtown Catholic" is really just for operational purposes - maintenance, ministry, and mission.*

**How will we do St. Vincent de Paul calls?** Normally, if someone calls who is not from our neighborhood (parish boundaries), we refer them to another SVDP Conference. Since there are two parish boundaries to consider, this could be confusing. One possibility may be to combine the conferences, though more discussion needs to happen before we can come to a final decision.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The primary way our parishes fulfil the archdiocesan pastoral vision to "live mercy" is through our outreach programs. The St. Vincent de Paul Conference is one of the main ways we do outreach at both of our parishes. Conferences are currently located in 31 parishes, where 500+ volunteer members make home visits (currently phone calls) to their neighbors in need to provide person-to-person services, including assisting with housing, utility and transportation needs. In 2019 the conferences contributed over \$700,000 to help our neighbors stay in their homes.

It came to my attention this past week that our Conferences at both parishes may need a little reenergizing to ensure this important work continues. I've been in communication with Deacon Marty Smith, the Executive Director of the Omaha SVDP District, to begin strategizing a way forward for both parishes. , the Executive Director of the Omaha SVDP District, to begin strategizing a way forward for both parishes.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff Lorig

**MAY 2, 2021**  
**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



## SJA Financial Report - March 2021

### Summary

Results in March were good, with operations benefitting from the application of \$53,294 from the Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP), and our investments enjoying a good month in the market. Overall, our operating results were net positive for the month by \$40,196, which was favorable to our plan by an eye-popping \$67,966. See below for more details. Our investments (excluding the remaining balance of the PPP) increased by \$21,041. Our total cash position (investments plus current cash) improved by \$66,054.

### Operating Results

March was the second of three months in which we will apply PPP funds from the second PPP program. The unused portion of the current PPP loan is \$47,708, which will be applied in April. Excluding the PPP contribution, March operations were favorable to plan by \$14,673: \$6,638 from favorable revenue and \$8,034 from better-than-expected expenses. On the revenue side, we continue to see modest unfavorable variances in weekly contributions (both envelopes and maintenance gifts), but – at least in March – this shortfall was more than offset by higher tuition and lunch program receipts. Expenses continue to be favorable due to lower personnel costs, and continued favorable results in maintenance and utilities expenses.

Year-to-date our operations are in the black by \$83,244, substantially better than our operating plan, which expected a cash loss of \$131,467. Of course, this favorable result has been driven from the two rounds of PPP (\$153,560) and a one-time parishioner gift of \$30,000 (see January's report).

Year-to-date, operations are favorable to plan by \$29,330, though still representing a cash loss of \$102,137. Absent special events, our revenue in March this year was considerable higher than last year. This is to be expected as last March saw the COVID shut-down of both church services and our school. We have reduced expenses year-to-date (\$830,537 down to \$806,551).

### Cash and Investments

Our cash and investments have increased by approximately \$283 thousand since July 1. This continues to be promising news, though we need to be prepared for market corrections at some point. The Cash-Invest tab reflects a new entry for a D&L Fund. This is a program managed by the Archdiocese that permits a parish to "park" cash in excess of immediate needs (say the next 90 days) into an interest-bearing account. Though the yield is low – approximately 1% – the program is administratively convenient, and a low yield is better than no yield, which is what our current checking accounts accrue. We will be looking for opportunities to utilize this facility in the future, perhaps for some club funds.

### Special Projects

There were no significant expense items during March.

### PPP

We have not yet received instructions from FNBO regarding the procedures to request forgiveness of the loan. We foresee no issue.

### Dual-Language Academy

The documents with the Omaha Catholic Consortium regarding a lease for 2021-2022 to accommodate the Dual Language Academy (DLA) were executed on March 26. The lease rate will be \$90,000 for the year, of which St. Joan is obligated to spend up to \$10,000 to facilitate the transition of SJA students to the DLA program.

### 2021-2022 Budget

We are slightly behind schedule, but preparation of the 2021-2022 budget will be a high priority in the next few weeks.

### Archdiocesan Audit

Delayed by COVID, we finally received the written comments from the Archdiocese reflecting its audit of our financial processes in early 2020. In our opinion the audit did not reflect any material issues. We summarized our response and replied on March 19.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

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## *Mass Intentions*

		Requested by
<b>Monday, May 3, 2021</b>		
8:30 am	† Frank Kumor	(Huelskamp Family)
	<i>School Mass for Christendom Academy*</i>	
<b>Tuesday, May 4, 2021</b>		
8:30 am	† Poor Souls	
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
	<i>School Mass for SJA Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade*</i>	
<b>Wednesday, May 5, 2021</b>		
8:30 am	† John Farrell	(Leone Farrell)
	Litany of St. Joseph after Mass	
	<i>School Mass for SJA 3rd thru 5th Grade*</i>	
<b>Thursday, May 6, 2021</b>		
8:30 am	† Patrick Bystrek	(Josephine Dillon)
	<i>School Mass for SJA 6th thru 8th Grade*</i>	
<b>Friday, May 7, 2021</b>		
8:30 am	Special Intention	
	Liz Nieland	(Nieland Family)
	Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after Mass	
	<i>School Mass for Christendom Academy*</i>	
<b>Saturday, May 8, 2021</b>		
5:00 pm	† Gabriel Scalise	(Scalise Family)
	<b>Fr. Greg</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 9, 2021</b>		
8:00 am	SJA Parishioners	
	<b>Fr. Greg</b>	
10:30 am	† Ruth M. Quinn	(Wayne Quinn)
	<b>Fr. Lorig</b>	

\*Students will use the entire section of pews to the right of center aisle.

**Please remember those who are sick in our parish, and those we have been asked to pray for:** Oliver Smith, Ron D'Agata, Rosemary Hays, Dolores Nevárez, Father Greg's family, Julie (Nebbia) Hamick, Sherry Smisek Nickel, Josynne Sherlock, Anna Maria Leo, Jerry Hogya, Bev Sladovnik, Shirley Bardsley, Connie Wade, Maxine Kantor, Maria Menjivar, Ken Renkenberger, Sam Marchese, Nadine Hansen, Anto Kinsley, Steve Hamill, Andrew Ascherl, Bob Mercier, Grace Fascianella, Roger Pedroza, †Robert Swanson, †Patricia Toye

## *We Welcome the Newly Confirmed*

*James "Francis of Assisi" Cook*  
*Ivan "Christopher" Francisco-Antillon*  
*James "Charles Borromeo" Graves IV*  
*Nathaniel "Thomas the Apostle" Heath*  
*Alexander "Joseph" Janousek*  
*Emma "Katherine Drexel" LaCrosse*  
*Bryce "Lawrence" Micek*  
*Caroline "Joan of Arc" Michonski*  
*Carson "Henry" Scofield*  
*Hope Elizabeth "Maria Goretti" Valdivinos*  
*Daniel "Michael the Archangel" Wells*

