

Personal Information

(Please Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Usual Weekend Mass Attended: 5:30 PM 9 AM 11 AM 7 PM

Sharing My Time and Talent

The work of the parish is not unlike the work at your home and the work at your job. You may not realize it, but we are in need of many of the skills that you possess. To help us keep track of these skills, please check all that apply to you. You will be contacted as these skills are needed.

- Accounting Finance Legal
 Architecture Grant Writing Marketing
 Computers Graphic Arts Music/Voice
 Construction HVAC Photography
 Electrical Landscaping Plumbing

Other: _____

Many volunteer opportunities are available that further the work of our parish. Please check all that interest you. No experience is necessary.

- Catechist Mass Greeter
 Lector Eucharistic Minister
 Hospitality Table RCIA Sponsor
 Usher Church Tours
 Volunteer Brigade Oktoberfest
 Party At St. Mike's (Summer Festival)
 Parish Gala (Spring Dinner Dance)

Annual Stewardship Pledge

Prayerfully considering how I will faithfully and generously share my blessings with our parish community, I commit to share my financial resources by making a... (choose one):

- weekly monthly
 quarterly annual

...offering of \$ _____

Starting: Immediately January 2010

Other: _____

I have selected one or more of the following payment options (Check all that apply):

A. Automatic Bank Withdrawal

I understand the amount indicated will be withdrawn from my bank account on the last business day of the week or month, as specified above.

Bank Name _____

Account Number _____

Please include a voided check for processing.

B. Credit Card

I understand the amount indicated will be charged to the following credit card on the last business day of the week or month, as specified above.

Visa MasterCard Expires _____

Account Number _____

C. Weekly Offertory Envelopes

D. Monthly Offertory Envelopes

E. Stock Donation

F. Other (Please specify)

- All information provided within is confidential.
- This is a declaration of intention and is not legally binding.
- Parish contributions are tax deductible.

X _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

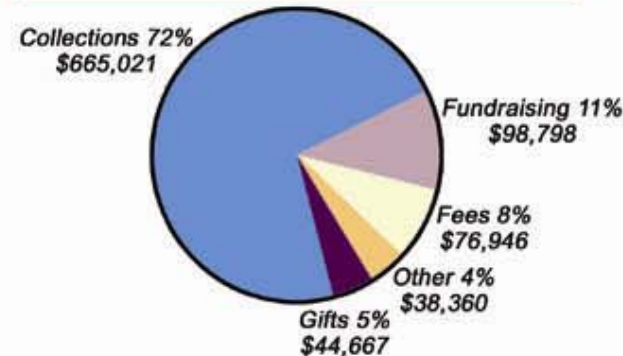
_____ I would like information about including St. Michael in my estate plans.

Financial Results

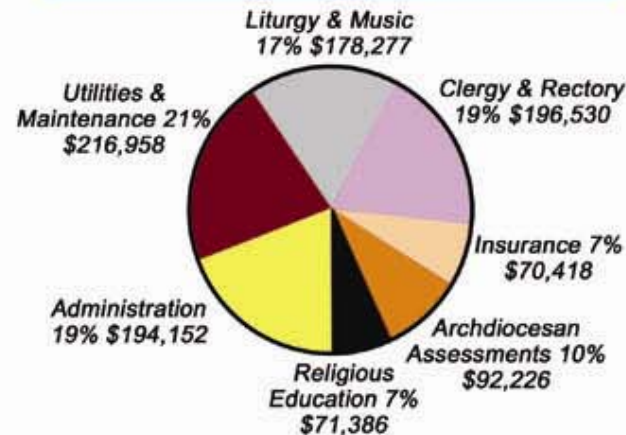
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009

Total Operating Receipts: \$923,792
 Total Operating Expenses: \$1,019,947
 Net Shortfall: (\$96,155)

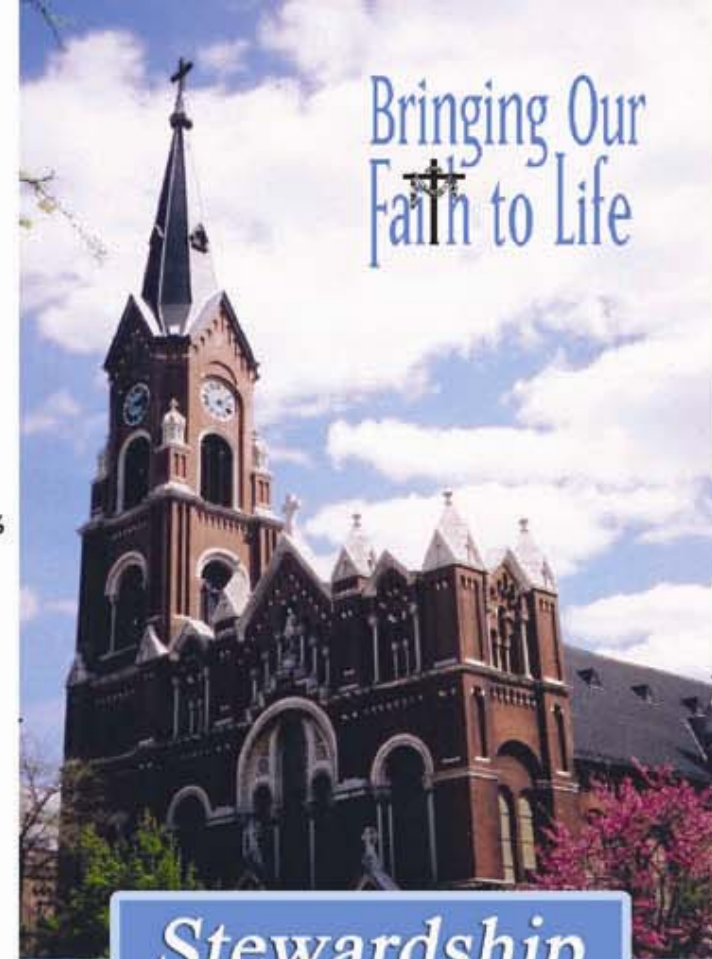
Where The Money Came From



Where The Money Went



A financially healthy parish should be able to cover its operating expenses with collections alone. But, as the above charts show, collections cover less than two-thirds of the Parish's operating expenditures. This shortfall must be met with less reliable income sources such as fees and fundraising events, among others. While we have done a lot to reduce expenses in recent years, we remain wholly dependant on your continued generosity to return St. Michael's to a firmer financial footing.



Bringing Our
 Faith to Life

Stewardship Pledge Form

ST. MICHAEL
 IN OLD TOWN

A Redemptorist Catholic Parish

"God will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times so that many will thank God for your gifts."
 (2 Corinthians 9:11)

2010 Stewardship Program

From The Pastor's Desk...

Dear Parish Family,

The form you hold is simple. It will determine what St. Michael in Old Town will look like a year from now. Will we be celebrating because we have positively addressed our funding needs? Will we be energized because we had volunteers for the many activities that we want to see happen? Will we find ourselves still struggling with the same issues because nothing has changed? How and if our parish will be any different a year from now is in your hands.

Along with this goes another question: Will I be any different? Will I express my gratitude to God by continuing to serve? Will I finally get involved after always expecting others to do the work? Will I be part of the challenge or part of the solution? Will I recognize that it's only when I invest myself into something that it begins to have real meaning for me?

It doesn't have to be complicated. We know what we need to do. The challenge is to do it. At St. Michael's we are often asked to help. Can you offer...your time? ...your talent?... your financial resources? How will I respond? You and I are in the driver's seat. We know where we need to go. Will we join together to put our good intentions to the "pedal?"

I want to especially thank all who continue to be so very generous with their time, talent, and treasure. You are a real blessing from God for all of us. In turn, God blesses you. Each of us here at St. Michael's thanks you for "bringing your faith to life." We are better because of you! But think of what we could do if we had more people like you? It's as simple as that.

Blessings always,
Fr. Richard Thibodeau, C.Ss.R.
Pastor

The Benefits of Automatic Payment

We offer the convenience of automatic payment by credit card or direct bank withdrawal. This is a secure system between St. Michael's staff and our bank. No third-party providers are involved.

The benefits to you and to the parish include:

- Your contribution is always here, even when you cannot be here.
- Reduces the job of counting the offertory collection each week.
- Removes the task of remembering your envelope and checkbook.
- Allows you to give steady support and not depend on what's in your wallet or purse each weekend.
- There is less chance for error.
- For credit card withdrawal, you can receive the "pay back" rewards on your contribution or use them to increase your contribution.

Many of us already pay mortgages, credit card bills and health club dues this way. Please consider switching to automatic payment.

We will provide envelopes to automatic payers who check the "Weekly Envelopes" box on the pledge portion of this form. You may use these envelopes in the Offertory collection to indicate your support by automatic payment.

Where do I spend my money?

Meter Parking in Chicago...
...\$8.00 to \$20.00

Rib dinner for two...
...\$60.00 to \$100.00

Monthly health club dues...
...\$70.00 to \$200.00

In support of my parish...
...?

Where do I spend my time?

Checking Facebook or Twittering...
...2 hours

Attending a Bears or Bulls game...
...3 hours

Watching American Idol, Top Chef, CSI and Dancing With The Stars...
...4 hours

Volunteering for St. Michael's programs...
...?

How much should I give?

Many people of many different means are parishioners here. We ask that, if you are still earning, you give weekly what you are paid for one hour of your time. This "One Hour Rule" is an easy way for you to calculate your fair share of the weekly support for St. Michael's.

If you can give more than this amount, please remember you are giving to God's Church to support His work. If you are no longer earning, please give what you can.

We are very grateful to you for the financial support you have given. We ask that you take this opportunity to review your current level of giving.

Financial Pledge Guidelines

This guide illustrates the One Hour Rule and will assist you in determining an appropriate pledge amount.

| Annual Income | Weekly Offering or | Monthly Offering |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|
| \$25,000 | \$12 | \$52 |
| \$50,000 | \$24 | \$104 |
| \$75,000 | \$36 | \$156 |
| \$100,000 | \$48 | \$208 |

This is for our regular Offertory collection

This pledge represents your commitment to our regular **Offertory Collection** for the coming year. This is not a special collection.