

**The
St. Vincent de Paul
Mission...**

St. Vincent de Paul is a dynamic, welcoming, faith community committed to inspiring and prayerful worship, quality, lifelong religious education for everyone, and in the spirit of our patron, loving service to those in need.

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2015-2016 Annual Report



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A Message From The Pastor...

Dear Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Family,

We are celebrating 25 years as a parish with the theme of "Moving towards the Future." While we are still young, we have grown to almost 3,000 families and 11,000



people. We have over 110 groups and programs which keep the parish vibrant and filled with continual activity.

As we anticipated our 25 years as a parish last spring, we reached out to our parish family with a survey. With interest indicated for a parish center, a feasibility study was conducted and the results of

that study revealed over 76% of the participants were in favor of pursuing the project. With that information, our parish leadership groups agreed that it is time to move forward with the plans for a parish center. This is the final phase of our 1992 Parish Master Plan.

Archbishop George Lucas celebrated the 25th Anniversary Mass on June 26. This was followed by an indoor picnic. At the Saint Vincent de Paul Feast Day celebration on Sept. 25, the Saint Vincent de Paul Award was extended to all parish groups in appreciation for their support and participation during these first 25 years. After Mass, over 200 people assisted in filling food packets for the Community Service project.

As we look forward to the

next 25 years, we know it takes more than large numbers of people to have an active parish. It takes a spirit of inviting people and assisting them in deepening their faith relationship with God. We are blessed with over 1,800 volunteers, yet we want to invite more to become actively involved.

Please join me in thanking God for the foundation of faith anchoring our parish family. May God guide us as we continue the activities and programs we have begun. May God bless us with new ministries and service during our next 25 years.

Blessings and Peace,

St. Vincent de Paul ... A Vibrant Parish!

- There are 2,992 families in our parish community and 10,763 individual members
- We have grown 4.6% over the last five years and are one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese relative to the number of members
- Over 54% of our parish is under the age of 35
- Our parish has 3,041 children under 18
- Approximately 14% of our family members are active in some way in the parish providing 6,673 volunteer hours each month

Over the last year, we:

- Celebrated 934 Masses
- Baptized 145 adults & children
- Married 36 couples
- Celebrated 32 funerals
- Welcomed 17 adults

into the Catholic Church through RCIA

- Continued to share our resources with nearly 25 organizations & projects around the metro area
- Educated 867 students in our five day school
- Facilitated programs for over 530 Religious Education students
- Welcomed over 700 parishioners and friends to our parish mission

St. Vincent de Paul Parish



Stewardship Prayer

Lord, thank You for everything You have given me. Your gifts are precious, and I pray for Your guidance in helping me use them to do Your Will.

Thank You for the gifts You have given our parish. Pour out Your Holy Spirit and help us as a parish family to use Your gifts wisely, to serve others and to more closely follow You.

Amen

Inspiring & Prayerful Worship

Our Sunday liturgies do not happen without the efforts of numerous staff members and volunteers. Over 120 parish family members volunteer to help with Mass every weekend! Being involved in liturgical ministries at St. Vincent de Paul is a wonderful way to build up the Church.

Our children can be seen assisting the priest and deacon as altar servers or singing in the Awesome Angels children's choir.

Our young people lead a Sunday night Youth Mass once a month and take on all the minis-

tries; musicians, hospitality and gift bearers. When they turn 16 years of age, they can be mandated to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ as EMHCs, or are able to proclaim the Word of God as readers. Our adults also serve during this Mass as EMHCs, readers of the Word of God and Hospitality.

Volunteers are welcome to join the Worship and Envi-

ronment team. This is the group that contributes throughout the year by beautifully transforming the church through the liturgical seasons.

Finally, parishioners lead the music as cantors, instrumentalists, join small ensembles or can sing at Mass as part of the Adult Choir. All our musicians do their part to help lift up our prayer in song.

We thank the Lord for the many gifts shared each weekend, and we pray for many more gifts to be discovered and offered from our many talented parishioners.



Outreach & Helping Others

As part of our mission, St. Vincent de Paul Parish serves the entire Omaha community and beyond by sharing time, services and financial resources.

There are many ways in which individuals and groups of parishioners assist people in need, just as St. Vincent did. Here is a sampling of those efforts:

- Provided over \$72,000 in support and assistance to service agencies, ministries



- and individuals in need
- One Can Help collected over 2,235 bags of groceries and cash donations for our food pantry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Juan Diego Center and Heart Ministry
- 308 people were helped with rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc.
- For the eighth year, our parish garden provided tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables to Stephen Center and COPE each week from August through mid-September
- Community Service Day combined with the Pope, Patron and Pasta celebration where shoe patterns were cut to make shoes for Ugandans through Sole Hope

- and care packets were put together for area shelters
 - Emily McKeone received the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul award in recognition of her work developing and establishing funding for the Water for Zambia project which provides clean water to over 900 people daily
 - Used Uniform sales generated over \$3,200 for a variety of Outreach efforts
 - 272 Trivia Nite contestants raised over \$4,600 for numerous Outreach projects
 - Parish volunteers provided about 50 meals for the residents of Catholic Charities Women's Shelter this year
- These efforts show the commitment of our parishioners to fulfill our mission to serve others.

The Religious Education programs support and train our volunteers and parents to work with children in Pre-K through 8th grade to form their faith.

Approximately 230 volunteers gave of their time to teach and assist in our Religious Education programs during this past year. Through experiences of community, worship and outreach, we strive to provide an atmosphere where students can grow in their relationship with Jesus and others, while learning and living their faith.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is provided for 4 year olds through 2nd grade during the 9:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. Sunday

Masses. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) gathers 3 through 7 year olds together in a Montessori approach for faith formation on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons.

Over 500 grade 1 through 8 students gathered at one of two class times on Wednesdays. A special program, Christian Initiation of Children (CIC), offers students an opportunity to "catch up" on their faith formation and receive the sacraments. Our volunteers commit to weekly participation during the school year for these programs.

The 2016 summer offering brought Archdiocesan trained young adults with

Totus Tuus to our students in grades 1-12. Grades 1-6 met during the day

and grades 7-12 met in the evenings. Students attended Mass daily in addition to learning about our faith through skits, song and prayer. The end of the week brought water play and a picnic for all!

Sacrament preparation sessions and retreats for the Religious Education and School students get them ready for First Communion,

Reconciliation and Confirmation. These gatherings bring over 400 families of 2nd, 7th and 8th grade students together to receive these sacraments.

Through our Religious Education program, we will help our students develop a deep understanding of prayer and worship, and appreciate its relevance in their lives.



Adult Formation

Our mission is to provide opportunities for our parishioners to foster lifelong growth in their faith.

Pope Francis called the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy this year from Dec. 8, 2015 through Nov. 20, 2016. The theme of Mercy was examined in various ways throughout the year.

Here is a sampling of some of the Adult Formation opportunities during 2015-16:

Studies:

10 different studies were offered which included:

- EPIC - Journey through Church History
- Psalms: Schools of Prayer
- Theology of the Body (Young Adult Group)

- Beloved, a Marriage Enrichment offering
- Mercy: A Bible Study

Books:

- *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis
- *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly
- *Mercy in the City* by Kerry Weber

Retreats, speakers and evenings of reflection:

- Fall Evening of Renewal with Deacon Tom & Kathy Schulte
- Advent Evening of Reflection with Fr. Jim Rafferty
- Parish Mission with Fr. Larry Gillick & Sr. Bernadette O'Reilly
- Women's Morning of Reflection with Nancy Flaherty

- Growing in Faith Series presenters were Fr. Kevin Joyce, Fr. Kevin Schneider, Erik Krakowski and Sr. Jeanne O'Rourke covering Prayer, Culture and Values, Laudatio Si by Pope Francis and Making Mercy Real.

Faith Sharing Groups:

- Women of the Well
- That Man Is You
- Mothers in Fellowship
- Christian Family Movement

During the year, we had over 1,200 people participate in the various

Adult Formation classes, retreats, small group studies and events offered through St. Vincent de Paul.

It is our hope that you will find at least one Adult Formation offering that will help you deepen your faith and allow you to strengthen your relationship with our God.





A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father, Creator of all life, watch over that which is Yours. As Our Lord Himself was sent, So are we sent to do good and to lead by example, a life worthy of Your eternal love.

God the single protector of human weakness, hear the prayers we humbly offer for those who are in peril, especially the unborn, the aged, the handicapped, the suffering, and the terminally ill. Grant to them Your mercy, heavenly assistance, and spiritual protection so that they might continue to fulfill Your earthly design.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral Ministry is about caring for the spiritual, emotional, physical, educational and financial needs of our parishioners.

Each fall, the parish offers a Sacrament of Anointing Mass for individuals experiencing an illness or dealing with health struggles and for their caregivers.

The Pastoral Staff made 103 hospital visits to parishioners last year. Our designated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion provided Communion every Saturday to all Catholics admitted at Immanuel Hospital and to homebound parishioners. There were also Communion Services provided at Maple Ridge, Parsons House and Sunridge Village senior living

communities.

Our Priests and Pastoral Ministers helped grieving families prepare for funerals. Bereavement ministry is available to parishioners who have lost a spouse or a child. The funeral lunch team provides meals following a parish funeral. Our parish Memorial Mass around All Souls Day brings families together to pray for their loved ones and for those who have died. A six week grief support group is presented twice yearly to aid people struggling with a loss.

The Caregiver Monthly Gathering and Solutions Group provided support for parishioners caring for loved ones with chronic illnesses. They come together for pray-



er, fellowship and to talk about their questions as a caregiver and much more.

Our Priests, Deacons and Pastoral Ministers organize the preparation of engaged couples in our parish through the FOCCUS preparation program.

Each person has different needs and as a parish community we embrace these needs as we support each other.

Youth Ministry

There are many ways to help empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus. Whether it is in shared prayer, fellowship, learning or mission, not all of them happen at the parish on a Sunday evening.

In addition to our weekly L.I.F.E. youth group meetings, we have a number of activities throughout the year:

- “On the road” opportunities



for youth to gather and build community offsite include the “CLUE” Junior High Youth Rally, a Bowling Night and trips to other parishes to hear nationally known speakers like Steve Angrisano and Mike Patin.

- In June, youth in grades 7-12 took part in *Totus Tuus*; a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship.

• In July, 26 young people and their chaperones attended a Steubenville Conference in Springfield, MO. These conferences are an invitation to spiritual growth featuring music, speakers, Eucha-

ristic Adoration and Reconciliation.

- After returning from Springfield, a group of young people from the parish headed to the St. Augustine Indian Mission where they joined youth from 5 Omaha parishes for a week of service on the Omaha Reservation.
- A group of Middle School aged students attended YouthServe, a three-day service learning program, and helped at the Food Bank while learning about Catholic Social Teaching.

The 2016-17 year will see more offerings for our Junior High Ministry and the start of Small Discipleship Groups in addition to our regular activities. All of this is done in an effort to bring our young people closer to Jesus.

The school was once again blessed with many gifts and accomplishments during the 2015-16 school year. We continued with the theme, "Let All That You Do Be Done In Love." The goal was to interact with all we meet with the heart of Jesus.

This was the fifth year of offering preschool classes at St. Vincent de Paul. We welcomed 96 preschoolers into our community. These young students now have the opportunity to participate in a quality Catholic preschool, and then easily transition into the remaining elementary school grades.

These young students continue to bring an even

more youthful innocence to the classroom, and will have the opportunity to continue on in the learning environment of our school. We are excited to watch them grow.

The 2015-16 school year continued a wonderful tradition of numerous academic successes.

As part of the Archdiocesan school system, one of our goals is to develop students who will succeed in the Archdiocesan secondary schools. In 2016, 94% of our graduating eighth graders enrolled in one of the metro Catholic high schools, and 25% of those graduating students received scholarships.

SVdP students success-

fully participated in a variety of math, speech, art and writing contests throughout the city.

Outreach remained a high priority for our staff and students. Our outreach efforts are a constant reminder of our responsibility to share the gifts we have been given by God.

At the start of the 2015-16 school year, we welcomed Dr. Lisa Nelson. Dr. Nelson succeeded Mrs. Paula Elgert as Assistant Principal. Dr. Nelson brought

many years of Catholic school experience to SVdP. She has been a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Omaha area. She also worked in the Catholic Schools Office as Director of Standards and Assessments. We feel blessed to have Dr. Nelson as part of our school community.



SPREE

Another milestone was attained as SVdP celebrated the 20th anniversary of SPREE (Sharing Parish Responsibility for Excellence in Education) on Oct. 2nd, 2015. As has become tradition, the SVdP parish community came out in great number to support our amazing school.

The funds raised through SPREE continue to play a vital role in managing the annual operating expenses of our school. These dollars help balance our annual budget, arrange for more affordable tuition and purchase updated materials and equipment. Proceeds have also been used to maintain and improve the SVdP facilities.

Inner-city Catholic schools and other Omaha outreach projects were once again the recipients of a portion of the proceeds from SPREE.

SPREE 2015 - "New Year's Rockin' Eve," once again brought the SVdP community and its friends together in support of our award-winning school.

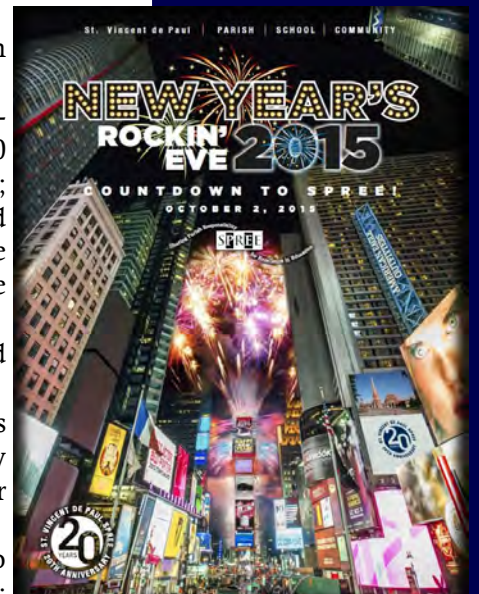
Some Highlights...

- Over 455 parents and friends attended SPREE 2015
- SPREE 2015 raised over \$250,000! \$225,000 of that goes to the School Operational Budget
- SPREE donated approximately \$18,100 of the proceeds to benefit SVdP Outreach efforts and aid

in our school's tuition assistance program

- The event raised approximately \$20,300 for our Fund-A-Item; the funds generated were used to purchase iPads and portable technology carts
- The Raffle generated over \$15,800
- The Sign-up Parties were once again very popular, and this year raised over \$12,300

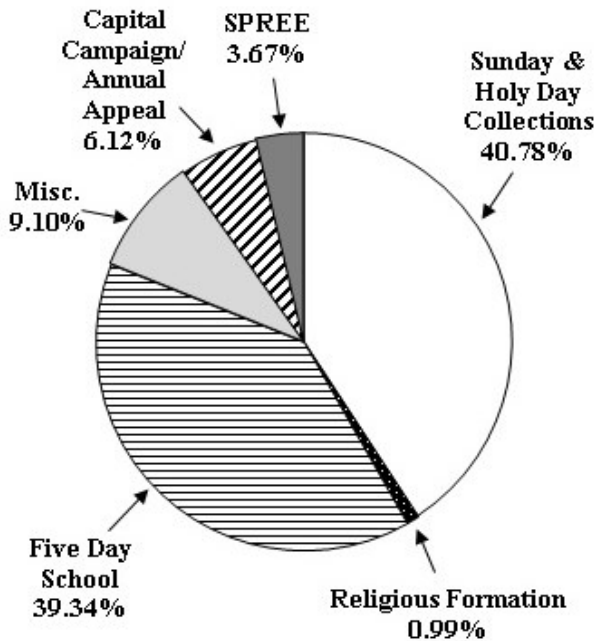
Congratulations to our General Co-Chairs; Jill & Chris Gries, Michelle & Tony Militti, Christy & Jim O'Meara and JJ & Jerry Schenkelberg, along with over 450 volunteers, for coordinating another fabulous event.



The success of this event is the culmination of numerous hours and tireless dedication from so many. The entire St. Vincent de Paul Community thanks everyone that contributed!

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Financial Report - Year Ending June 30, 2016

SOURCES OF FUNDS



Operating Revenue

Sunday & Holy Day Collections:	\$2,500,531
Five Day School Tuition & Fees:	\$2,412,325
Religious Formation:	\$60,459
Miscellaneous Revenue:	\$558,203
(such as after school care, pre-school, children's collections)	
\$5,531,518	

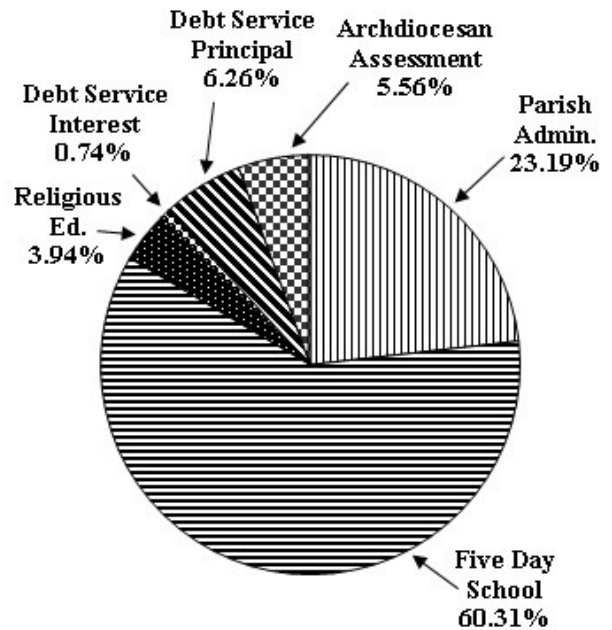
Other Sources of Funds

Capital Campaign/Annual Appeal:	\$375,297
SPREE:	\$225,000
Total Revenue	
	\$6,131,815

Expenses

Parish Administration:	\$1,390,406
(salaries, outreach, operations)	
5-Day School:	\$3,615,542
(salaries, materials, supplies)	
Religious Education:	\$236,237
(youth and adult programs)	
Debt Service-Interest:	\$44,479
Debt Service-Principal:	\$375,297
Archdiocesan Assessment:	\$333,072
Capital Equipment:	\$0
Total Expenses	
	\$5,995,033

EXPENSES



Making Sense of It All

- Mortgage balance on July 1, 2015 was \$1,328,461
- Mortgage balance on June 30, 2016 was \$971,107
- \$375,297 of principal reduction was provided by the Capital Campaign and Annual Appeal
- Sacrificial giving surpassed the previous year by \$78,619, and was above the budgeted amount this fiscal year by \$46,651
- Sacrificial giving is budgeted to increase by 1.19%, or \$27,390, for the 2016-17 fiscal year
- Total Operating Expenses for the 2015-16 fiscal year were kept below the budgeted amount by \$108,764

Parish Assets & Liabilities - Year Ending June 30, 2016

Assets

Unrestricted Assets	
Operational Funds	\$408,373
Restricted Assets*	
Directed Gifts (Construction Funds)	\$107,481
SPREE Funds (Funds dedicated to future school projects)	\$73,339
Annual Appeal Funds (Facilities Repairs & Improvements)	\$162,854
Annual Appeal Funds (Principal & Interest Payments)	\$194,224
Maintenance Reserve (Major Building Maintenance)	\$267,933
Educational Endowment	\$1,224,335
Parish Endowment	\$121,776
Plant and Equipment (Parish Facilities)	\$19,363,007
Total Assets	\$21,923,322

Liabilities

Mortgage	\$971,107
Current Liabilities	\$284,732
Total Liabilities	\$1,255,839

* Restricted Assets

These funds are not available for the general operation of the parish or school. These funds were received and directed for specific purposes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

CASH FLOWS FROM PARISH OPERATIONS & RELATED ACTIVITIES

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	16-17 Budget
Operating Revenues				
Sunday and Holyday Collections	\$ 2,430,857	\$ 2,401,606	\$ 2,500,531	\$ 2,468,390
Five Day School Tuition & Fees	2,042,833	2,296,950	2,412,325	2,473,550
Religious Education	63,609	61,419	60,459	63,000
Other Revenues	411,620	617,275	557,723	559,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 4,948,919	\$ 5,377,250	\$ 5,531,038	\$ 5,563,940
Operating Expenses				
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$ 3,910,917	\$ 4,044,140	\$ 4,072,306	\$ 4,214,669
Instructional Materials & Liturgical Supplies	129,504	125,495	135,753	129,200
Utilities & Maintenance	347,340	375,432	376,045	398,641
Archdiocesan Operations Assessment	338,588	338,930	333,072	330,262
Interest on Debt	92,738	68,949	44,479	27,597
Other Expense Categories	449,295	587,985	658,081	688,571
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 5,268,382	\$ 5,540,931	\$ 5,619,736	\$ 5,788,940
Net Operating Income	\$ (319,463)	\$ (163,681)	\$ (88,698)	\$ (225,000)
Plus: SPREE Revenues	225,000	225,000	225,000	225,000
Total Regular Principal Payments on Debt	(409,367)	(357,649)	(375,297)	(394,126)
Principal Paid from Operational Reserves				
Principal Paid from Capital Campaign/Annual Appeal	409,367	357,649	375,297	394,126 *
Less: Principal Payments on Debt from Operations	0	0	0	0
Net Cash Flows from Operations	\$ (94,463)	\$ 61,319	\$ 136,302	\$ -

* Amount is to be funded with pledges from the Capital Campaign & Annual Appeal.

SPREE revenues above subsidize school operating expenses.

Remaining SPREE proceeds are used for special school-related purposes.

St. Vincent de Paul 2015-2016 Annual Report

PRIESTS

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Pastor
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Associate Pastor

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SCHOOL

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Carly Barth,
President



What Is Next At St. Vincent de Paul. . .

As we begin the 2016-17 fiscal year for St. Vincent de Paul, we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our parish. It has been a wonderful beginning; from our first Mass in 1991, to the dedication of our church in 1998, to the completion of the 20th Anniversary project in 2012. We have accomplished many amazing things.

In addition to our “physical” growth, we have also done an amazing job growing as stewards. As we try to fulfill our parish mission, we continue to serve those in need by:

- Collecting bags of groceries through the *One Can Help* effort
- Sharing a percentage of the funds from Sunday Giving, SPREE, Trivia Night, the Used Uniform sale and our Christmas Giving Project

- Giving fresh vegetables from our parish garden to various shelters and centers
- Providing help with rent, utilities, food and clothing to families in need

Our parish has a memorable history, but our future is equally bright. We continue to attract new members. We currently have almost 3,000 families registered in the parish, and these new families are immediately engaging. Their participation is a promising sign and will provide a stable future for our parish.

With this growth comes the need to continue to plan for our future. As the parish leaders reviewed the results of the feasibility study conducted in May 2016, it has been decided that now is the time to begin planning for the con-

struction of a much-needed parish center.

The proposed Parish Center will be a two-story, 22,000 square foot addition to our campus. It will be located to the west of the church and courtyard. The center will include:

- A large hall that can seat 350 to 500 guests
- Five flexible meeting rooms that can be configured to accommodate various sized groups
- An Outreach Center with food pantry, private counseling space and educational programs
- Full-service kitchen
- Ample restrooms on both floors

This is an exciting time in our parish and **Thank You** in advance for your support. There will be a lot of information shared over the next few months.

Stay Tuned...

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