

# Holy Trinity Catholic Church

August 2010



### \*\*\*\*Parishioner Spotlight\*\*\*\*

To introduce or re-introduce members of our parish family, a Parishioner Spotlight will be run in the newsletter each month.

Bob Dietch has been a member of Holy Trinity Parish since March of this year. He is a military veteran, having served our country in Vietnam. He moved to Springfield about 20 years ago from Wichita, KS. He and his wife Debbie have 5 grown children and 11 grandchildren. The family loves camping and fishing.



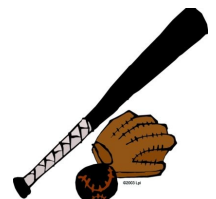
### Award-Winning

#### Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 410, which includes several members of Holy Trinity Parish, was awarded Best Youth Marching Unit in the Midtown Neighborhood Association's 20th annual Fourth of July parade. Congratulations on your achievement!

### Catholic Night With the Springfield Cardinals

Come enjoy an evening of fun with your Catholic friends and Seminarians on August 11 at Hammons Field in Springfield. The pre-game ceremony will include a first pitch thrown by Bishop Johnston and Bishop Leibrecht. The National Anthem will be performed by the SCHS Emerald Wave Band. Everyone will receive a voucher for \$1.00 popcorn! Tickets are \$6.00 each. Gates open at 6:10 p.m. and the game begins at 7:10. Ticket forms are available in the Gathering Area.





## SENIOR RETIREES

We will meet on Thursday, August 12, for 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by a continental breakfast and a morning of Bunco. George and Elaine will be our host and hostess. Hope to see you there!



Please pray for our students, teachers, and administrators as they head back to school this month.

## ST. ANTHONY'S GUILD

St. Anthony's Guild is on summer vacation! Our regular meeting schedule will resume on September 13, 2010.



Happy Birthday to the following members:

SARAH - AUGUST 8  
DORIS - AUGUST 12  
ELAINE - AUGUST 20



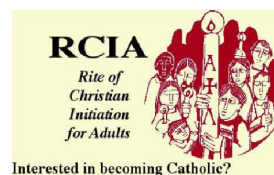
## OUR LADY ROSARY AUGUST 2010

Our Lady Rosary will meet once a month on a summer schedule in August.

We will meet following the 6:30 PM Mass on Wednesday August 11.

Our twice a month schedule will resume in September. Please check the monthly newsletter and bulletin announcements for additional changes.

If you are interested in learning how to make a cord or chain rosary, please call Sharon at 886-9879. Start up materials provided for those attending for the first time.



## CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Have you or someone you know been sitting in the pew on Sunday and not been able to come to the Lord's Table? Do you know someone who would make a good Catholic and doesn't know it yet? Has someone been asking you about Catholicism who might really be asking because they are interested in becoming Catholic? PLEASE, know that you or someone you know is invited to our INQUIRY into Catholicism.

INQUIRY into the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Catholicism will begin on Thursday night, August 19 at 7:00 PM. It will be held in the TRINITY ROOM here at our parish.

INQUIRY lasts for 6 weeks and gives seekers an opportunity to ask hard questions about Christianity and receive truthful, life sharing answers from Catholic Christians. The informal discussions during the inquiry period help the seekers link their personal life stories to the Good News, find out what the process will be like, learn some basics about Catholicism and gives all the opportunity to meet one another. Following INQUIRY those who wish continue through the year meeting on Thursday evenings in preparation for Baptism or Profession of Faith as a Catholic at the Easter Vigil.

Practicing Catholics who are willing to walk as a sponsor with an RCIA participant are also needed. It is a blessed ministry along with an excellent way to grow in your own faith along with others. Let us know.

For more information for yourself or another contact Sister Jeanne at 883-3440 or [jeannegoessling@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeannegoessling@sbcglobal.net)

## HOLY TRINITY BLOG

Have some news you would like to share? A prayer request? Email John Blaine at [blaineyouth@gmail.com](mailto:blaineyouth@gmail.com) and he will add your request to our blog. To view the blog go to [www.holytrinity-catholic.com](http://www.holytrinity-catholic.com).

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

Election of new Parish Council members will take place at masses on August 14 and 15.

Short biographies for the candidates are noted below. If you are unable to attend mass the weekend that the election will be held and would like to vote, please contact the parish office.

Each parishioner will be able to vote for up to three candidates.

### TERRY (HUME) TOUHEY

I have been a member of Holy Trinity since 1980. I attended St. Agnes from K-12, and have a B.S. in Elementary Education from MSU, and a M.Ed from MU. I have been an usher and a greeter for many years. Long ago, I served as a PSR teacher, financial committee home visitor, RCIA Sponsor, and more recently on the original Renew team (WhyCatholic) when it was introduced to the parish. I continue the WhyCatholic experience. My grown children and their families are Aimee and Bruce Swisshelm, Avery, Olivia and Graham; and Ryan and Kari Touhey, Quinn and Rowan (due 9/20/10). I have been employed with Springfield Public Schools as a Special Education Resource Teacher. Since semi-retirement in 2007, I have worked part time with students struggling to achieve basic skills. I have been active in several educational organizations. If elected, I would be proud to support our church as a member of Parish Council.



### KYLE S. JOHN

My wife of 17 years, Melissa Bondy, and I, along with our sons Brennan (12) and Garrett (10) have been parishioners since 2007 when we relocated from Joplin to Springfield. We traded Monaghans, leaving Fr. Justin at St. Mary's for Fr. Fergus here at Holy Trinity. We're not yet certain whom to believe about the golf stories. I work at St. John's Clinic as a child psychiatrist. Melissa and I have served the diocese as a marriage preparation lead couple for the past 4 years. Having recently completed a Family Honor's, Inc., course on Catholic Christian Sex Education, we're also helping with the confirmation team to prepare our youth for full participation in our Catholic faith. Additionally, I serve as a greeter and usher. I'm pleased to volunteer for the parish council; I believe all parishioners are capable and should play an active role in our church family.



### RICK GARAND

My wife Michelle and I have been active parishioners at Holy Trinity since 1998. We were married at Holy Trinity and we have two children, Kaytelan and William. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus and have helped with church functions in the past. I volunteers as a Cub Scout den leader and I am active in St. Agnes School functions where my children attend school. I am devoted to my family and I believe I would be an asset to the Parish Council.



### ELIZABETH PADDOCK

I was born and raised in a Catholic family, and have always considered my faith and the Church to be cornerstones in my life. I have been a member of Holy Trinity Parish since 1987 when my husband Joel and I moved to Springfield from Kansas. I am a Eucharistic minister and a lector; it is a real blessing to me to serve the parish in proclaiming God's word and in sharing Jesus in the Eucharist. Professionally, I am a teacher, and am passionate about working with my students. I teach political science at Drury University, and have worked closely with my students in helping them achieve active and responsible citizenship. One way I have combined my spiritual life and teaching life has been in serving as a member of the RCIA team. I have taught in the Holy Trinity RCIA program for more than a dozen years. I have gained more from those who have chosen to join our Catholic community than they may have learned from anything I have taught them. I am far richer in my spiritual life because of their presence in our Parish. I also have taught in the PSR program in past years (at various times, I taught grades 7 through high school), and have served as a member of the Confirmation team several times, either as a teacher or as a sponsor. I am fortunate to have found such a warm and welcoming home in Holy Trinity Parish. I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Parish Council. If elected, I hope to serve the Parish well.



### BRIAN STOWELL

My name is Brian Stowell. My wife Debbie and I have two children; Courtney, 15 and Dylan, 11. Before moving to Springfield in January of 2000, I proudly and honorably served in the United States Marine Corps for eight years. After going through RCIA, I was fully instated in the Catholic Church on Easter 2006. I currently serve as an usher at Holy Trinity. My family and I have been members of Holy Trinity Church for 10 years. If elected as a member of the parish council, I intend to represent my fellow parishioners with an open mind and open heart, all the while maintaining the utmost care when helping to make decisions to better our parish as a whole.



### PAT MCKOWN

I joined the Catholic Church through the RCIA program in 2006. I served as a RCIA sponsor in 2009. I am a Eucharistic Minister at mass and also for the homebound. I also spend time volunteering for The Kitchen. I am married to Stephanie McKown and would be proud to serve on Holy Trinity's Parish Council.



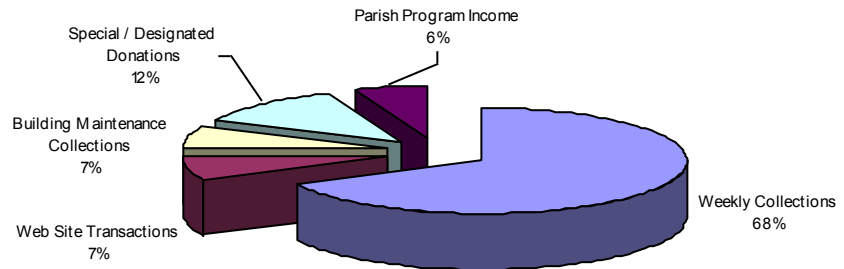
# ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The accompanying statements and graphs show the financial activity of Holy Trinity Parish for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. This report summarizes the detailed report approved by the Parish Finance Committee and submitted to the Diocese of Springfield – Cape Girardeau on July 31, 2010.

## SPECIAL NOTES

Included in the budgeted and actual amounts are funds received through weekly collections as well as amounts received for the Building Maintenance Fund. It should be noted that “normal” maintenance items, such as janitorial services, utilities, routine repairs and replacement of most plant items, is budgeted and paid for through the Parish Operating Account. The Building Maintenance Fund is held in a separate account and intended to cover the cost of major repairs or new acquisitions.

Statement of Revenues



## MAJOR REPAIRS

Major repairs and renovations during this past year included replacement of several roof A/C units on the older section of the Parish Center, repairs to the A/C – Boiler unit in the main church, the renovation of the Trinity Room and upgrades to the kitchens in both the Allen Room and the Social Hall. The cost of these major projects was covered by the Building Maintenance Fund supplemented by very generous special gifts from several Parish organizations and individuals.

## 2010 – 2011 BUDGET

For the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year the Finance Committee has adopted a very conservative budget which takes into account the realities of the present economic difficulties. Wherever possible, we will attempt to keep Parish expenditures below the budget guidelines while maintaining the level of programming and support that marks Holy Trinity as a vibrant and growing faith community. We count on your continued support to make these efforts a reality.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

The Parish Finance Committee meets monthly to review financial activities. They also regularly review the internal controls for receiving and accounting for contributions. These internal divisions of responsibility follow accepted accounting guidelines and are important in maintaining the integrity of our financial operations as well as the confidence of our parishioners.

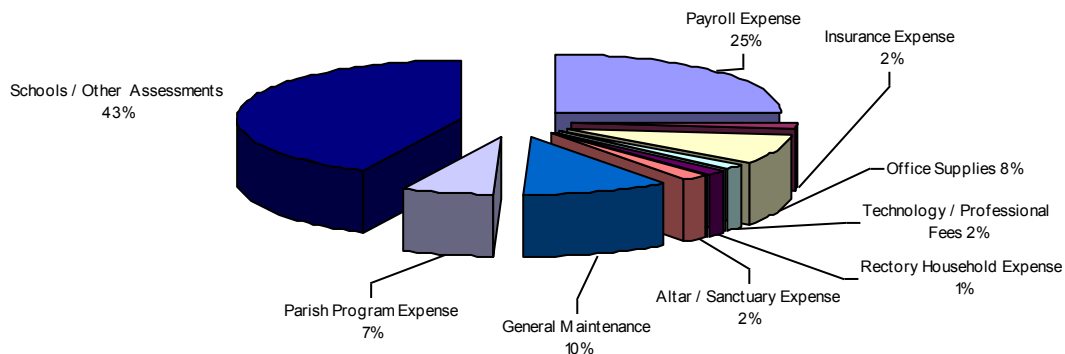
As always, should you have questions or concerns having to do with the financial operations of the Parish, please feel free to contact me. I will be happy to answer your questions and assist you in any way possible.

I can be reached at 417-883-3440 or by e-mail at [fstewart@holyspringfield.com](mailto:fstewart@holyspringfield.com).

Thank you again for your continued generous support of Holy Trinity.

Frank E. Stewart

Statement of Expense

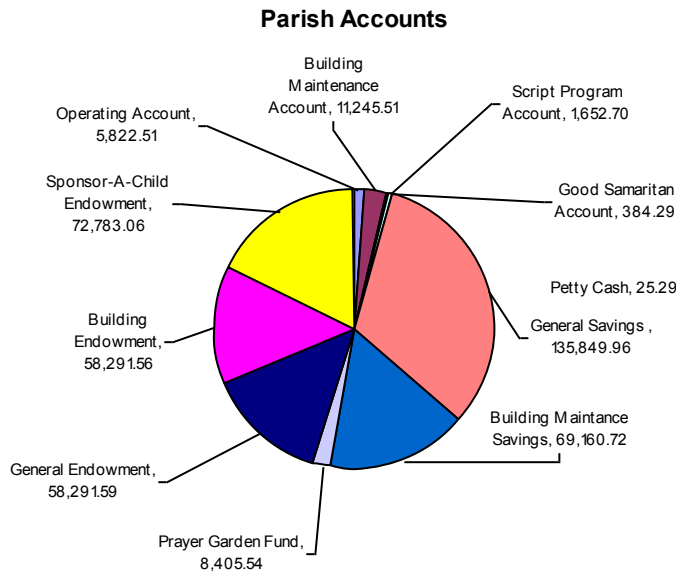


## Profit & Loss

	<u>2009-2010</u>		<u>2010 - 2011</u>
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Operational Income</b>			
<b>410.00 · Parish Operational Income</b>			
410.10 · Weekly Collections	669,220.00	626,906.68	653,596.83
410.20 · Web Site Transactions	52,060.00	68,595.00	69,966.90
410.50 · Building Maintenance Collections	62,970.00	62,525.00	132,868.33
410.70 · Special / Designated Donations	78,770.00	111,700.95	100,780.29
<b>420.00 · Parish Program Income</b>	<u>18,060.00</u>	<u>54,780.88</u>	<u>31,078.87</u>
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b><u>881,080.00</u></b>	<b><u>924,508.51</u></b>	<b><u>988,291.22</u></b>
<b>Operational Expense</b>			
<b>510.00 · General Expenses</b>			
510.00 · Payroll Expense	221,500.00	227,089.20	223,708.18
510.20 · Insurance Expense	16,750.00	15,086.00	16,039.01
510.30 · Office Supplies and Expense	77,240.00	75,424.09	77,594.53
510.40 · Technology / Professional Fees	10,420.00	16,850.49	15,465.80
510.50 · Rectory Household Expense	19,000.00	11,197.26	15,226.64
510.60 · Altar / Sanctuary Expense	16,240.00	19,311.62	19,462.51
<b>520.00 · Maintenance Expense</b>	97,350.00	94,222.51	144,767.73
<b>540.00 · Parish Program Expense</b>	55,090.00	62,469.44	61,737.74
<b>560.00 · Schools / Other Assessments</b>	367,490.00	388,029.61	414,289.08
<b>Total Operational Expense</b>	<b><u>881,080.00</u></b>	<b><u>909,680.22</u></b>	<b><u>988,291.22</u></b>

### FUND AND ACCOUNT BALANCES

The Balance Sheet graph gives a visual indication of the distribution of Parish funds. In viewing this, it must be remembered that a number of these funds are restricted, meaning that the monies in these accounts have been directed toward specific uses and the Parish is only able to access the earnings but not the principal. It is our practice to reinvest earnings so that funds will continue to grow.



### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

In addition to supporting the work of Holy Trinity, our parishioners have generously supported various special collections during the year. As these are "pass through" items, they do not show on the financial reports. They are listed here for your information. The Diocese Development Fund has also been generously supported by the parishioners of Holy Trinity. Again, this is a "pass through" item. The Parish DDF goal for this year is \$170,600.00.

### PASS THROUGH COLLECTIONS

Aid to Church in Eastern Europe	873.00
Campaign for Human Development	1,262.00
Catholic Communications	1,612.00
Catholic Home Missions	755.27
Catholic Relief Services	1,181.00
Church in Latin America	839.00
Diocesan Schools Support	3,688.00
Diocesan Seminary Support	5,330.00
Holy Land	1,958.99
Haiti	9,618.28
Peters Pence	934.11
Religious Retirement Fund	8,276.63
Rice Bowl	1,346.00
Springfield Catholic Cemeteries	1,473.00
The Kitchen	2,183.26
Vincentian Mission	3,163.51
World Missions	894.00

## HOLY TRINITY HEALTH MINISTRY AUGUST, 2010

Dear Friends:

Many of us view our faith as a resource. This month we would like to share some thoughts on ***Faith Hardiness***, which focuses on using our faith as a resource. May we with Paul say, "We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend; and though badly hurt at times, we are never destroyed" (II Cor.4:8,9).

How can I use my Faith as a Resource in my Life? The following check list may help you to obtain the Faith Hardiness you desire.

- How would you describe your ***overall health?***
- How does your ***faith help you care*** for your body, influence your thinking, affect your relationships, willingness to get into God's word and affect how you go about your work?
- Are you generally able to ***trust God*** to provide for your needs, or are you more often in an anxious state?
- Are you able to see ***change as an opportunity*** and not primarily a loss?
- Can you recall a time in which ***difficulties increased your awareness of Christ's presence*** in your life?
- What support do you gain ***from other Christians*** in everyday life?
- On a regular basis, what activities do you do to ***nourish your faith and relationship with God?***



How can Faith Hardiness help me in my struggles and life? First, faith hardiness helps us to appreciate the gift of wholism and helps us to see the balanced life we can live when we can trust God to provide for all of our needs. It helps us to understand our health and life in light of our faith. Everyday we can benefit from God's perspective on our life. There is a powerful faith dimension to all of life, in our physical bodies, minds, relationships, and work. Second, it helps us to see change as an opportunity and not primarily a loss. It helps us to feel like we have some control over our life as we walk hand in hand with God. Third, difficulties can serve to help increase our awareness of Christ's presence in our life. Fourth, faith hardiness helps us to apply Biblical truths, prayer and devotion, with the blessing and support of other Christians in our everyday life.

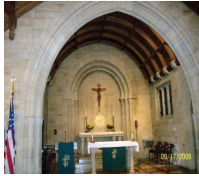
What does God's Word say about Faith Hardiness? God's word encourages us: "who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation..." (1Pet.1:5). Faith is indeed our foundation in standing strong through the storms of life. May our lives reflect the prayer of the psalmist: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me (Ps.51:10-12).



# **HOLY TRINITY MEN'S CLUB**

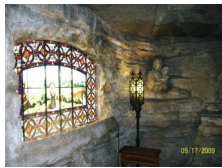
## **ANNUAL RETREAT FOR MEN**

We will be taking off on Thursday, September 16<sup>TH</sup> for our annual parish men's retreat at White House in south St. Louis County – high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River.



It will be a very relaxing time of peace, quiet, good rest, good food and inspiring talks to bring you closer to Christ. You will come away with a new perspective on your life and a wonderful inner peace to face problems with new courage. Come along!

For your reservation call Rod at 883-3440,  
or 839-9061 TODAY!



**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 17, AT 7 PM.**

**“BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND HIS MIGHTY POWER.”**

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 6:30 AM  
Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM  
Wednesday: 6:30 PM

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\*Facilities are Handicapped Accessible

## Mission Statement

We, the Holy Trinity parish community, seek to live the gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing our faith through committed efforts to know, love and serve God.