

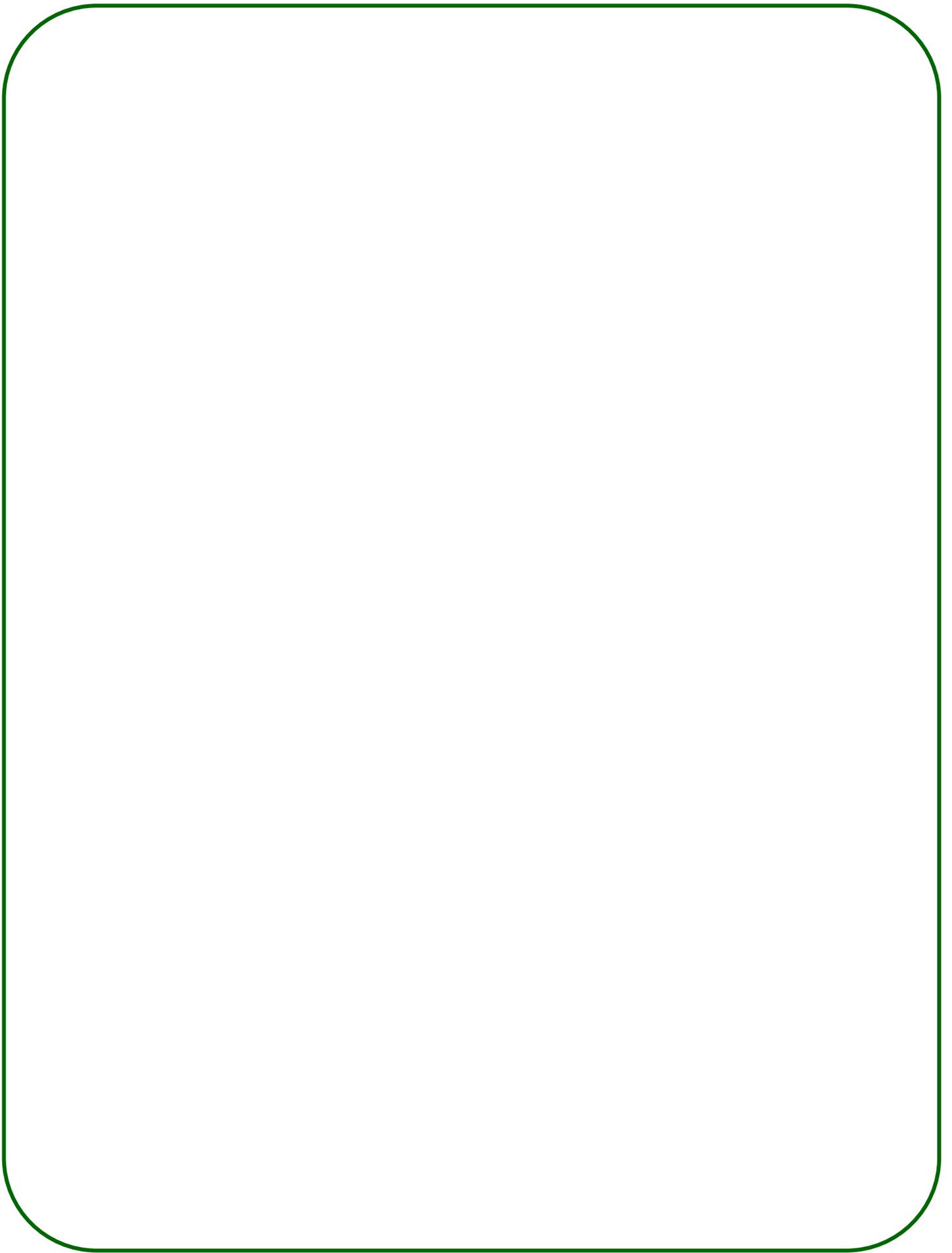
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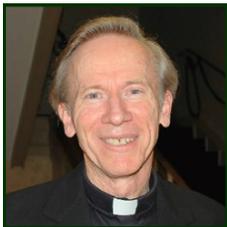
PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Neil J. Herlihy

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am pleased to present to you our Parish Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2022. As we know, we recently have been living in difficult and uncertain times due to the sustained impact of the COVID-19 virus which has greatly affected how we live and how we worship. As the impact of the virus seems to ease, Pope Francis has called upon the faithful to journey together “in seeking God boldly and in concrete ways” and to “keep our gaze ever fixed on Christ” while remaining “close to one another.” We continue to embrace a healthy unity as a faith community as we heed the words of Our Holy Father and go forward on our journey of faith.

As a Parish family, we have been blessed with a strong sense of community spirit, and with a firm spiritual foundation. This spiritual foundation also serves as the basis of our stewardship efforts. Many have given generously and consistently of their time, talent and resources in these difficult times and have received great blessings in return. In addition, we continue to creatively approach our outreach to the sick, the elderly, and those in our faith community who are in need in some way.

Our faith community is also blessed with great spiritual vitality which is reflected in our Eucharistic Adoration, in our sacred liturgies, and in our awareness of the growing need to foster vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. This spiritual vitality is also reflected in our vibrant ministries and programs, and in many other ways. Details concerning our various ministries and programs are presented in this report.

In 2020, shortly before the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we commissioned a survey to more fully evaluate our plan to expand our Parish facilities by providing more pastoral meeting space for our adult and youth ministries, as well as additional parking and administrative space to more effectively serve the needs of our people. The survey results indicated that the plan was overwhelmingly supported by our parishioners. However, due to the sustained impact of the COVID-19 virus, rising costs and ongoing inflationary pressures, we continue to keep the plan on hold. We strive to be “prudent and patient”, and we will revisit our plan after the current economic situation stabilizes. As prudent stewards, we continue to set aside financial reserves for future Parish expansion and we believe that we are well-positioned to meet the challenges of our dynamic faith community.

As you review this Annual Report, I invite you to spend time in prayer asking Our Lord to continue to bless our vibrant Parish and its wonderful people. Please also reflect on what God may be calling you to do to enrich and strengthen our faith community. I thank you for your generosity and commitment, and also thank you for the great privilege to serve as your Pastor. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Neil J. Herlihy

Pastor



A LETTER FROM OUR FINANCE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Bill McLendon

From the Parish Finance Council

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Finance Council is made up of members of the parish with significant business and financial experience. The Council operates as an independent consultative body to our pastor, Fr. Neil Herlihy, and serves to assist him in fulfilling his duty as a good steward of parish resources in accordance with the financial policies and practices of the parish and the Archdiocese. The Council is regulated by universal law as well as by norms issued by the Archdiocese and is charged with reviewing the financial goals and objectives while promoting the spiritual growth of the parish. As part of that process, we are pleased to present our 2021—2022 Annual Report.

Our parish has a large number of activities, ministries, and support activities which require significant financial resources. This Annual Report is prepared to present an overview of the generous financial contributions our parishioners have made and how those funds have been invested in our current parish operations or being set aside for future investment in our infrastructure.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Finance Council held six meetings and performed the following functions:

- Reviewed and approved the annual budget
- Reviewed and discussed the monthly financial results of the parish
- Discussed and analyzed potential capital improvements, funding sources, and financing alternatives
- Reviewed various parish metrics and trends
- Reviewed parish accounting policies and practices in accordance with standards established by the Archdiocese
- Signed and submitted the annual year end parish certification letter to the Archbishop by which each member of the Finance Council affirm to the best of their knowledge the Parish's compliance with the Archdiocesan guidelines
- Assisted in the formulation and communication of the annual financial report to the parish community

Fr. Neil and the parish leadership wish to thank all of our parishioners for their generosity and are committed to the responsible stewardship of our parish financial gifts and resources. The last two years have presented many new challenges which have required adjustments to parish operations. However, through the continued generosity of our parish community along with the fiscal responsibility of our pastor and staff, your parish is in a very strong financial position and prepared for the future. Further, Fr. Neil and the Finance Council are committed to transparency of financial matters with respect to the parish. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Jim Shields or John Revell, COO of Saint Brigid Catholic Church (jrevell@saintbrigid.org or 678-393-0060).

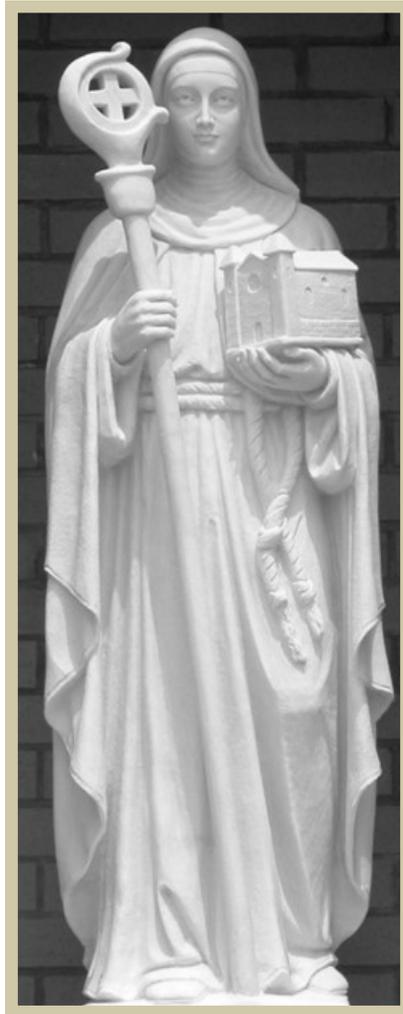
Respectively Submitted,

William McLendon
Finance Council, Chairman

SAINT BRIGID FINANCE COUNCIL FOR 2021-2022

Bill McLendon, Chairperson
Brian Dooling
Nancy Ketchum
Mike Pavelec
Jim Shields, Sr.
Kathleen Lubert
Tommy Marsh

We thank the Finance Council for their continued dedication and service to Saint Brigid Catholic Church and its parishioners.



Mission Statement of the Parish Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council is established as a consultative body to provide assistance through financial analysis, planning and policy development to the Pastor in the administration of the parish financial resources and expenditures. The council is regulated by universal law as well as by norms issued by the diocesan bishop. Underlying this premise is to plan ways for the parish to meet its financial goals and objectives and promote the spiritual growth of the parish.

PARISH INFORMATION

As Of June 30, 2022



Households (July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022)

Registered Families: 4315

Registered Individuals: 14,431

Under 3 years of age:	217	30-39	1762
3-10	1127	40-49	1675
11-13	622	50-59	2423
14-18	1307	60 and over	2653
19-29	2645		

Sacraments Celebrated:

Anointing of the sick	235
Baptisms (Children)	148
Baptisms (Adults)	4
Confirmations	167
Funeral Masses	42
First Communions	131
Marriages	38

Christian Formation and Education Participants:

RCIA/RCIC Participants	31
Parish School of Religion (Ages Preschool to 5th grade)	289
Edge Program (6th—8th grade)	103
Life Teen Program (9th—12th grade)	96
Saint Brigid Day School	76
Special Needs	20

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

INCOME:

Offertory	3,389,576
Annual Appeal Refund	75,650
Religious Education	107,429
Day School	278,448
Interest Income	76,494
Columbarium	242,925
Endowments	(109,509)
PPP Income	23,351
All Other Income	42,930

Total Income: 4,127,294

EXPENSES:

Liturgy	(355,567)
Admin. & General	(602,196)
Religious Education	(343,581)
Facilities	(456,571)
Rectory	(60,900)
Day School	(283,374)
Music	(180,477)
Archdiocesan Support	(613,016)
Other Parish Expenses	(111,364)

Total Expenses: (3,007,046)

INCOME OVER EXPENSES:* 1,120,248

ARCHDIOCESAN

2ND COLLECTIONS:

Catholic University	3,470
Archdiocesan Seminarians	23,625
SVDP-Archdiocese	7,116
Campaign for Human Development	4,106
Retirement Fund for the Religious	9,966
Catholic Charities	25,449
Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry	3,877
Black & Indian Missions	4,157
Catholic Relief	7,518
Holy Land	5,272
Catholic Home Mission	4,504
Catholic Communications	3,946
Latin AM-Cent/EastEur/World Miss	3,378
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	5,311
Mission Co-op	3,643

Total Arch 2nd Collections 115,338

PARISH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Habitat for Humanity	34,947
Youth Ministry	10,681
Mustard Seed	117,782
Pregnancy Assistance	11,067
St. Brigid Day School	8,709
St. Vincent de Paul-Parish	437,557
SVDP Building Expansion	11,453

Total Parish Special Collections 632,196

Total Second Collections 747,534

-Please note:

-Offertory number above, as well as Second Collections, reflect BOTH registered and non-registered parishioners.

-The Annual Appeal refund has been set aside to help with future capital improvements.

-*Reserves have been set aside to primarily assist with proposed expansion and capital improvement needs.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING GUIDE

What proportion of God's Gift do you currently give back to God? Use the chart below to find what percentage you are currently giving. Find your income at left, and then move right until you find your weekly offering. What percentage are you giving? Could you take a step?

Annual Household Income	Weekly Gift To My Parish				
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
10,000	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00
20,000	4.00	8.00	12.00	15.00	19.00
25,000	5.00	10.00	14.00	19.00	24.00
30,000	6.00	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00
40,000	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00
50,000	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00
75,000	14.00	29.00	43.00	58.00	72.00
100,000	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00
125,000	24.00	48.00	72.00	96.00	120.00
150,000	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00
175,000	34.00	67.00	101.00	135.00	168.00
200,000	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

Luke 6:8

Grateful and Generous

Stewardship means giving back to God in gratitude for all He has given us. Giving from our treasure, our money, is a pillar of our faith—just like attending Sunday Mass or participating in parish ministries.

- When I give money, do I share my “first fruits” or merely what is “left over”?
- Can I increase my offering to my parish by 1% this year?
- Can I commit to tithing to build up the Church (5% to support my parish, 1% to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal and 4% to other charities)?

When do you know that you have given enough of your treasure? When He stops giving to you.

Pray for God's guidance, keep an open heart, and use the giving guide above to help make your decision.

Thank you for your continued generosity to support our parish and its mission.

Thank you for sharing your gifts in love of God and neighbor.



Dear Lord,
Send your Spirit to open my heart and mind.
Give me wisdom to guide my faith journey of stewardship.
Help me to graciously recognize that everything is a gift from You.
Inspire me to use these gifts generously to give back to You.
AMEN



OUR PATRON SAINT - SAINT BRIGID

Saint Brigid lived in Ireland in the 5th century; a holy woman, granted by the grace of God, great gifts of spiritual leadership, devotion in prayer, patience and compassion. Brigid is probably the best-known Irish saint since Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. She was born in County Kildare around the year 457. It is widely believed that her parents belonged to noble families, and it is generally accepted that her father, Dubtach, was a Christian.



Refusing many offers of marriage, Brigid became a nun and received the veil from Saint Macaille, the abbot and bishop of Longford. With seven more women she founded the Convent of Cill-Dara, the Church of the Oak. Saint Brigid's small convent quickly became known as a great center of religion and learning. Today a major city, Kildare, stands on that same location. Saint Brigid also founded several monastic institutions and schools, which explains why she has always been regarded as a "patroness of students".

Saint Brigid traveled extensively throughout Ireland, carrying on the great work begun by Saint Patrick, but there is no real evidence to suggest that they ever met. Brigid was one of the most remarkable women of her times, and despite the numerous legendary, extravagant, and even fantastic miracles attributed to her, there is no doubt that her extra-ordinary spirituality, boundless charity, and compassion for those in distress were real.

The best-known story about Brigid is of her visit to a dying pagan chieftain, who after days of semi-consciousness, awoke to find Saint Brigid's Christian Cross on his chest and Saint Brigid praying beside him. Thankful to God's graces for saving him, soon afterward he converted and was baptized by Saint Brigid, along with his entire village.

February 1 is Saint Brigid's "feast day", and it is still customary to obtain a cross at that time, in the hope of receiving the saints blessing. The phrase, the "Queen of the South: the Mary of the Gaels," in other words, "Brigid and Mary Be With You," has been applied to her, not just in Ireland, but worldwide, for she has been honored and respected all over the world.

Parish Vision Statement

Saint Brigid Catholic Church, with Jesus Christ as our foundation, continually strives in all Parish activity, to praise the Father, in the Son, through the Spirit; and to proclaim and share the Good News of Jesus Christ within our community and beyond, through our liturgies and ministries.

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Brigid Catholic Church commits by the grace of our Lord, to be a people of God, who in a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather in worship and prayer to become more Christ-centered in our lives and actions, while teaching and treasuring the traditions of the Catholic Church.

Stewardship Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
My parish is composed of people like me;
I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
and a parish with a noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with Your help, O God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things
that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

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