

## OUR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

You can peruse the dollars and cents of our Annual Financial Report to the Archdiocese here is this week's bulletin, along with the notes provided by our Business Manager, Eileen Santschi. My part of this is really to say "thank you" for your generosity, particularly in these challenging times.

You can see for yourself the relatively good news that, while our income for the fiscal year that ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> was down, our expenses were down as well. As Eileen points out in her notes, the diminished income was largely a result of the pandemic, though so many of you continued to be generous even if you didn't yet feel comfortable returning to church on weekends. That's a tremendous testimony to your dedication to our parish community and it puts us in a far better position than many of the parishes in the Archdiocese as we near the mid-point of the current fiscal year. And the fact that expenses were also down hopefully gives you confidence that we're being reasonably frugal with your donations in all the areas where we have a choice. Of course, we don't have a choice when it comes to salaries & benefits, the archdiocesan assessment and insurance, or telephone & utilities, although even those were down a bit this past year.

I do see one challenge ahead, and that's with regard to our Christmas collection. With the limited number of Masses (see my note on that elsewhere in this bulletin), I'm assuming that Christmas offerings will also be down for what is normally our largest collection of the year. So I simply ask everyone to be as generous as possible, perhaps even a bit more so this year. I know you'll do the best you can.

So, one final and very sincere "thank you" to all who have been so faithful and generous, especially during these past eight months. We can only hope that, in many ways, 2021 looks very different from the year that's thankfully coming to an end.

Fr. Bob