

St. Benedict Parish
Annual Report
July 1, 2010 — June 30, 2011



St. Benedict Parish Mission Statement -

***Led by the Spirit of God,
St. Benedict Parish is a welcoming Catholic community
living and sharing the love of Jesus Christ
through prayer, service, lifelong learning and stewardship.***

July 2010 — June 2011 Parish in Brief

The Pastoral Council reported results to the parish on the first completed year of our Parish Five Year Plan, *From Maintenance to Mission*, in October 2010. Parish Leadership, which consists of parishioners and school parents who share their time and talents as representatives on councils and commissions and staff members, gathers in the fall at the beginning of each fiscal year to work together towards accomplishment of the goals. We discern ways in which we can work better as a more cohesive unit. Our annual Parish Stewardship Renewal of Time, Talent and Treasure was conducted with 43% of participating households. Thank you to all parishioners who took a step in increasing their pledges and shared their time and talent in a ministry or service.



Renée Lindstrom, Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry, resigned in May to spend more time with her family. Renée began her pastoral work here in July of 2001 and she grew both professionally and personally during her time here. She completed the Archdiocesan sponsored Christifidelis certification program for lay ecclesial ministers seeking a graduate theological degree. She worked with our youth in programs such as Esperanza, Youth Migrant Project, Habitat for Humanity, and Urban Plunge Week. She was also our trainer for the Safe Environment Programs. Renee will be greatly missed!



During the past year, there were 7 Professions of Faith, 27 infants & children baptisms, 14 Confirmations and 36 children who received the Eucharist for the first time. 14 couples held their weddings here and the lives of 16 people were celebrated with Masses of Christian Burial. Faith Formation presented 'Just Matters', a module of JustFaith on immigration through a collaboration of Faith Formation and Human Concerns and Social Justice.



Work was finally completed in replacing the windows in the Parish Center. Some windows were also replaced in Benedict House. Funds for this project were from the rebate of our Annual Catholic Appeal. Two new meeting spaces were created upstairs in the Parish Center by opening up four smaller rooms; the rooms and upstairs hallway were re-carpeted. This was accomplished by hiring school parent Bob Toepfer's construction firm; the seminarian affiliates helped under the direction of maintenance person, Anita Hardwick. Thank You everyone!

The Archdiocesan program for Seminarian Affiliates began its third year at St. Benedict. In 2008, St. Benedict parish made available a house now called Scholastica House. Along with the parish rectory, Benedict House, the Archdiocese would house men who would do pre-seminary work either as seminarians or affiliates. A seminarian is someone who has been formally accepted by the Archdiocese of Seattle for sponsorship in the seminary and is in this formation program to complete prerequisites. An affiliate is someone who is discerning along with the Archdiocese of Seattle the possibility of attending seminary. The seminarians or affiliates would be assigned to do pastoral work at either St. Benedict or one of the neighboring parishes. This year Thomas Tran and Jonathan Cheever were assigned to assist and learn at St. Benedict and we thank them for all they did while here. Thomas is now attending Bishop White Seminary in Spokane. Jonathan is now attending Mount Angel Seminary in Mount Angel, Oregon.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

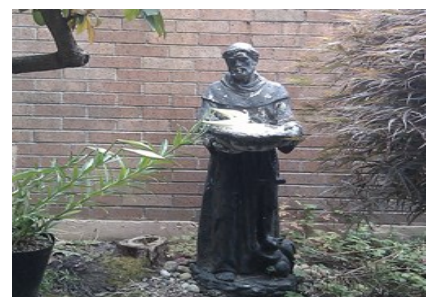
Revenue	2010 -11 Actuals	2010 - 11 Budget	2011 - 12 Budget
Sunday & Holydays Collections	486,835	484,000	475,000
All Program Fees & Fundraising	35,192	31,400	24,700
Liturgy Fees & Offerings	10,345	10,600	7,100
Donations/Gifts/Bequests	14,405	5,000	14,200
Business Income (Facility & Interest Income)	40,241	33,600	62,000
Total Receipts	587,018	564,600	583,000
Disbursements			
Clergy, Pastoral and Support Staff	300,937	318,844	328,574
Operating and Sacristy Supplies	34,897	26,750	30,000
All Ministries, Programs and Celebrations	46,788	26,600	38,200
Facilities - Repairs, Maintenance, Utilities	53,575	50,400	55,100
Assessments, Taxes, Services, Insurance	75,316	72,819	59,200
Parish Subsidy to the School	44,984	44,987	48,176
Parish Non-cash Subsidy to the School	0	0	0
Donations to Others	23,841	24,200	23,750
Total Expenses	580,338	564,600	583,000
variance	6,680.00	0	0

Stewardship - Donations to Others

Annual Catholic Appeal	3,000
Archdiocesan Criminal Justice Ministry	1,833
Cabrini Ministries / Columbia Lutheran	495
Fulcrum Foundation	1,750
Girls on the Run Scholarships	300
Misc. local/national non-profits	900
Misc. international non-profits	700
Multi-FaithWorks & Special Olympics, Seattle	604
Newman Centers—UW & WWU	800
Parishioners Helping Parishioners	9059
Recovery Café , Seattle	1,000
Roar Back Packs—Back to School, Seattle	500
St. Benedict School Auction	1,000
St. Lawrence of Brindisi / Zambia	1,000
Seattle University School of Theology	500
Wallingford Senior Center	400
TOTAL	23,841

Special Collections

Black & Indian Missions	1,281
Catholics Come Home	3,544
Build Hope	2,368
Catholic Community Serv.	5,024
Catholic Relief Service	5,632
Mission Sunday	2,418
Operation Rice Bowl	5,723
Peter's Pence	1,541
St.Martin de Porres Shelter	4,684
St.Vincent de Paul Society	12,327
TOTAL	44,542



July 2010 — June 2011 School in Brief



Goodbye and Thank You- Three of our valued school staff moved on to other adventures at the end of the 2010-2011 school year - Mrs. Maureen Blum, Principal, Mrs. Sandra Convery, Development Coordinator, and Mr. Tony Ancich, School Janitor. Mrs. Blum retired as Principal of St. Benedict Catholic School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. She was initially hired as a one-year interim Principal. Nearly five years later, she left with a reputation for being a leader with vision and heart. She guided the school community through an accreditation process that garnered a full six-year term of accreditation, expanded the Extended Day programs, introduced Mandarin Chinese lessons to the school, and brought in a new hot lunch program. We are so grateful to Mrs. Blum for fostering a vision and a vibrant Catholic educational Community at St. Benedict Catholic School. We will miss her! During her time as Development Coordinator, Mrs. Convery worked hard to build alumni relations, improve the school's website, and update the our marketing materials. Over the last two years, Mrs. Convery also oversaw the St. Benedict Educational Endowment Fund. This endowment, which has been building for a number of years, reached \$500,000 at the end of the fiscal year! Mr. Ancich, School Janitor, resigned in February after nearly five years of service in taking care of our school building and grounds.



St. Benedict Catholic School is proud to announce that William (Willie) Kleffner was named a 2011 National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Graduate. Willie was a 1973 graduate of St. Benedict Catholic School and was selected because of his commitment to living the values that Catholic schools instill in their students. His generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure have not only touched the parish but the whole community. Willie has also been our alumni representative on the Development Committee for the past three years and is very gracious and generous in giving his time and talents to the parish. Congratulations Willie!

The 2010 fiscal year was a very successful one for St. Benedict School fundraising. Aside from our yearly fundraisers the school community committed to renovating our aging library. Over \$88,000 was raised during the Annual Auction to support the first phase of the library renovation. The entire community is excited about this opportunity to provide a modern, collaborative, flexible learning environment for our children and to create new flexible teaching spaces and tools for our staff. For updates on the renovation, visit the school website at www.stbens.net. Thank you to everyone who supported this project and stay tuned for Phase II!



2010-2011 Enrollment:

Preschool	15
Pre-K	22
K-8	177

Total	214
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The Spring Musical was "Beauty and the Beast". Alumni and friends of the School Drama Department gathered on April 2nd, to celebrate and honor Director, Michael Dunlop's 15th anniversary directing musicals at St. Benedict School.



SCHOOL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Revenue	2010 -11 Actuals	2010 - 11 Budget	2011 - 12 Budget
Tuition & Registration Fees	1,064,605	1,128,743	1,132,451
Extended Day & Kid's Club Revenue	169,524	157,365	163,660
Development Funds	65,575	50,000	50,000
Parish Subsidy	44,984	44,984	48,176
CYO, Camp, Field Trips, Graduation, Milk/Hot Lunches, Spring Musical, Sweatshirt & Year-book Revenue	46,602	42,786	56,818
Wurst Festival & Raffle Income	95,407	77,250	94,372
Auction & Fund a Dream Income	191,572	93,100	79,000
Scrip Income & Parent Club Funds	19,101	19,270	19,270
Donations/Gifts/Bequests	9,166	1,030	1,000
Other Business Income	15,032	11,060	98,918
Total Receipts	1,721,839	1,585,588	1,743,666
Disbursements			
Faculty & Staff Salaries & Benefits	1,232,554	1,274,784	1,286,669
Special Student Financial Aid	26,865	30,900	31,827
Operating, Program, Classroom, Off-Campus Expenses including CYO, Camp, Field Trip, Graduation, Milk/Hot Lunches, Spring Musical, Sweatshirt & Yearbook Expenses	110,257	142,730	139,331
Extended Day Expenses	20,280	18,200	18,746
Workshops & In-services	14,043	1,878	16,298
Development Expenses	13,332	13,240	19,058
Accreditation / Other Business	347	1,000	1,000
Wurst Festival & Raffle Expenses	39,763	36,050	38,000
Auction & Fund a Dream Expenses	76,863	25,750	26,525
Parent Activity & Scrip Expenses	23,308	10,000	15,600
Celebrations, Scholarships, Appreciation	12,725	9,270	7,424
Facilities - Repairs, Maintenance, Utilities	68,067	60,707	78,444
Professional & Technical Services	13,620	18,540	19,100
Assessments, Taxes, Insurance, Dues	40,053	41,674	42,853
Total Expenses	1,692,077	1,684,723	1,740,875
variance	29,762	-99,135	2,791

FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION YEAR TWO (2010-2011) SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

We are pleased to present a summary and highlights of our Year Two accomplishments for our parish *From Maintenance to Mission: St. Benedict Parish Strategic Plan, 2009-2014*.

- The Parish and School continue to take steps to create a more cohesive community: Parish members took a more active role in the planning of the Wurst Festival; school news and events were more prominently featured in the Parish Bulletin; the Parish and School web-sites were consolidated and are now found on one site – www.stbens.net; the Pastoral Council contacted recently registered Parish families with children to encourage them to consider St. Benedict School; a concerted effort was made to strengthen the lines of communication among the School and Parish Councils and Commissions; and the Parish Staff developed a new, more comprehensive bulletin layout to increase awareness to newer and current parishioners alike. All in all, everyone is excited about the direction which our Parish and School are heading and are encouraged by the increased level of communication and participation already taking place.
- The Worship and Spiritual Life Commission, along with the Faith Formation Commission, took on the effort of encouraging participation in liturgical ministries and strengthening the prayer and liturgical life of the Parish. Parishioners were personally encouraged to write reflections on the weekly Worship Aids, a workshop on the new Roman Missal was hosted, recruitment for Sunday greeters has increased the number of friendly faces welcoming you to church every Sunday, and efforts to recruit more members for the choir were successful!
- The Stewardship Commission continued to improve upon the ways of welcoming people to the Parish by providing a more consistent opportunity for parishioners to interact with each other after Sunday evening mass (similar to Coffee Hour in the morning). Volunteers are always appreciated to assist with this effort! The Commission also hosted two more Catherine of Siena *Called & Gifted Workshops*, bringing the total to over 200 parishioners & school and parish staff members who have taken the workshop to discern the gifts they have received from the Holy Spirit. Continuing this process in small groups sessions were also held following the workshops to discuss how these gifts can be shared in our parish. The improvements to our welcome process and communication to parishioners are ongoing and additional ideas will continue to be welcomed throughout the year.
- The Finance Council developed a card to build awareness of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) and to allow parishioners who tithe via EFT to have a tangible gift to include in the collection basket. Stay tuned for more details and the roll out of this program soon!

- The Faith Formation Commission (FFC) was very active in creating new ways to motivate all parish households with children and youth to participate in parish activities for children and youth. The FFC encouraged families to participate in all formation offerings including sacrament preparation and Faith Formation Wednesdays. The FFC also made a commitment for small group sessions during Advent and Lent every year. They provided additional resources to build better understanding of the Liturgy and to encourage prayer by making available the “Word to Go” Liturgical Year weekly Sunday reflections, Advent-Christmas reflections, the Lent and Easter Season Sacred Calendar, and sharing information in School Connections. The FFC also encouraged parishioners to participate in the ministry of hospitality at Mass by making one-on-one invitations and arranging for Reconciliation and Eucharist families to bring up gifts at 10 AM Sunday masses.
- Lastly, the Human Concerns and Social Justice (HCSJ) Commission, in cooperation with the Pastoral Council and Staff, identified new ways to expand parish participation in social justice efforts. These efforts resulted in numerous service projects, advocacy efforts, and the creation of the “Friends of St. Benedict HCSJ” list, which includes 70 active parishioners/families that remain on call to assist with ongoing HCSJ efforts. Thanks to those on the list! Additionally, in conjunction with our School, Seattle Public Utilities granted us \$2,000 to further our efforts towards recycling, composting, and reducing waste. To that end, the HCSJ Commission has also helped increase awareness and our Parish commitment to reducing waste by hosting recycling awareness seminars at coffee hours and organizing the St. Vincent de Paul truck for recycling clothing and used household items. With regard to our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi in Limulunga, Zambia, the HCSJ and the Friends of Limulunga Committee continue to strengthen our relationship through various ways including plans to visit the St. Lawrence of Brindisi parish in October 2011. We are excited to continue this blessed partnership with our sister parish. Thanks to all for your hard work!

If you have a desire to learn more about what’s to come in Year 3 of our Five Year Plan, please visit our parish website, where a copy of the Plan is posted on our homepage. Additionally, if you’d like to personally get more involved in seeing our Plan come to life, we encourage you to seek out a parish staff member or a fellow parishioner who serves on a Council or Commission, to help point out ways that you can serve and share your gifts with the rest of your parish community.

Thank you for your continued support of this plan and your work to make St. Benedict Parish a more vibrant community of believers. May God’s blessings and grace be with each of you!

St Benedict Pastoral Council



ST. BENEDICT PARISH

October 30, 2011 -Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Dear St. Benedict Parishioners,

Having just returned from Zambia with our parish delegation to visit our sister parish, St. Lawrence of Brindisi in Limulunga, I am deeply filled with gratitude. First of all, I am grateful that I was able to make the trip to Zambia once again. After our visit in 2007, I hoped to be able to return one day to renew and strengthen my personal connection as well as the connection between our two parishes. Second, I am grateful for our parishioners who made it possible for the five of us to go to Zambia. We felt the prayers and support of all of you when we gathered for prayer, met with St. Lawrence parishioners, or had our own delegation meetings. Third, I am grateful that some of our parishioners had the insight to form a relationship with another parish in another part of the world. This relationship enriches both of our parishes and helps both of us to grow closer to Jesus Christ. Finally, I am grateful to be the Pastor of St. Benedict Parish. Some days it is hard to believe that this is my tenth year as Pastor here at St. Benedict. I have learned so much about being a priest and have felt honored in so many ways. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of your lives.

This gratitude extends to this Annual Report. This year's report once again shows the vitality of our parish and how generous St. Benedict parishioners are in sharing time, talent, and treasure with one another and with many people outside of our parish. We have much to be grateful for as a parish and this report will help you know better what we are doing here at St. Benedict. I sometimes think that we are so busy that we forget to stop and reflect on all we have done, and how grateful we should be for all that is happening around us.

I want to extend a thank you to everyone who helped to prepare this report, especially our parish staff, and specifically Marlene Liu. As you know by now, Marlene resigned her position as Pastoral Assistant for Administration and Stewardship which she held since 2008. I am thankful for all that Marlene did for our parish while she was on the staff. Even though she was a member of St. Anthony Parish in Renton, she was deeply committed to our parish as well. We wish her well in the future.

Enjoy reading about our successes. I hope that we will soar into the future with the help of everyone in our parish. Thanks for your generosity and enthusiasm as St. Benedict parishioners.

In the peace of Christ,

Father Steve Sallis, Pastor