

## Finance Committee Report for 2022

In 2022 there were 649 families registered with Holy Family, 25 St. Anne Chesley, 70 St. Francis Xavier, Carlsruhe. During the year:

- 14 children were baptized at Holy Family and 6 at St. Francis Xavier
- 3 adults were received into the Church through the RCIA program
- 18 funerals were held at Holy Family, 1 at St. Francis Xavier, 1 at Chesley Funeral Home
- 4 marriages were celebrated
- 43 “shut-in” parishioners receive communion regularly

During the year, the largest financial undertaking for Holy Family other than regular operating expenses, was the beginning of the project to expand the Lenhard Room and update the kitchen. In 2022, this consisted of hiring architects to prepare drawings, as required by building regulations. This process was nearly completed in 2022, and will be finished in early 2023. Cost to December 31 2022 for this was \$65,296. There will be approximately \$15,000 expense incurred yet in 2023 to complete these drawings. When completed, the Parish will have architect drawings ready to proceed with tendering/construction. As you know, given initial cost estimates, this project has been delayed for the time being until conditions are more favourable.

Also, during 2022, Holy Family Parish experienced a break-in and theft from the showcase in the entrance of the church. Following this, it was determined that the security system required updating and improvements. The first phase of that was completed in 2022 at a cost of \$4,443.

It is important to note that, while Holy Family Parish figures reflect a net operating surplus of \$9,772 at year end, that is only possible due to significant bequests received during the year. Without those bequests, the parish had an operating deficit of \$45,330, or 13.7% of operating expenses. The parish cannot depend on bequests each year to offset operating deficits. Please consider this when budgeting your weekly support for the parish.

There were no extraordinary expenses at St. Anne’s in 2022. For 2023, St. Anne’s will be replacing the eaves trough on the church. There may also need to be some work done to deal with tree roots that are possibly impacting the foundation of the church. St. Anne’s figures reflect a net operating deficit for the year of \$2,016.

St. Francis Xavier replaced an exterior door to the church hall in 2022 at a cost of \$1,548. For 2023, new stairs are planned to be installed at this same church hall door. Similar to Holy Family, St. Francis Xavier was the beneficiary of significant bequests during the year, resulting in the parish have a net operating surplus for the year of \$43,889. Without the income from bequests, however, the parish would have had an operating deficit of \$10,951.

Bequests from deceased parishioners are very gratefully received, and are a huge help to our parishes. Many thanks to our past parishioners who remembered their parish in their final wishes and reflected that in their Wills.

Finally, thank you to parishioners who support our parishes weekly throughout the year. Without your support, the parishes would not be able to celebrate mass in our communities, provide events such as The Chosen, host various small groups, provide food and other support to poor people in our community through St. Vincent de Paul, or send food and clothing to Third World countries through Canadian Food For Children. Your support enables all these things and more. Thank You!

God Bless,

Fr. Romelito, Marlene Poechman, Linda Lehman, Jane Godin, Claire Wardlow-Barnard, Don Ruetz and John Hunt