

Sharing Our Hearts and Hands with Our Parish



HOLY CHILD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

****STEWARDSHIP****
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, March 8, 2020 12:30 pm
Refreshments in the Balzer Room
Everyone Welcome

**Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 8, 2020**

Mission Statement - We, the people of Holy Child Parish, are a community of Baptized Catholics living in the eastern sector of Regina. We believe we are called to build the Kingdom of God through worship, service and education, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the direction of the Archbishop, and the leadership of the Priest given to our Parish.

Chairperson: Charlene Rogalski Secretary: Maureen Wild
Vice-Chair: Jamie Schneider

1. Opening Prayer - Father Brian
2. Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting
3. Adoption of March 3, 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes
4. Annual Meeting:
 - 4.1 Questions from the floor to Parish Council Members
 - a) Liturgy Cecile Hebert
 - b) Social Justice Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmerson
 - c) Ecumenism Marian Grady
 - d) Finance (incl. Bldg/Grds) Paul Ponak, Dave Helmerson
 - e) Hall/Catering Wayne Matt
 - f) Deanery Representative Vacant
 - g) Members at Large Kathy Schneider,
Gary & Tina Bojczuk
 - i) Special Events Committee Sr. Anna Aulie
 - j) CWL Shirley Campbell
 - k) Men's Club Wayne Matt
 - l) K of C Wayne Matt
 - m) Parish Team
 - 4.2 Elections:
 - 2 Members at Large
 - Vice-Chairperson
 - Deanery Representative
 - 4.3 Other Concerns or comments
 - 4.4 Pastor's Remarks
5. Closing Remarks
6. Next AGM will be on Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in the Balzer Room
7. Motion to Adjourn
8. Closing Prayer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<i>Budget 2019</i>	<i>Actual 2019</i>	<i>Budget 2020</i>
Revenue:			
Sunday Collection (Envelopes, Loose)	300,000	290,444	290,500
Catering revenue	40,000	37,207	37,500
All other revenue	<u>31,066</u>	<u>34,565</u>	<u>35,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	371,066	362,216	363,000
Expenses			
Remuneration (Staff Wages, Workshops, Benefits)	220,000	219,369	220,000
Church (Repairs, Supplies)	25,000	29,225	25,000
Hall (Cook, Grocery, Supplies, Repairs)	20,000	24,909	20,000
Rectory (Utilities, Supplies, Taxes)	9,500	9,073	9,200
Office (Supplies, Photocopier, Telephone)	9,500	11,641	10,000
Assessment/Priest Pension	56,000	54,273	53,000
Occupancy (Utilities, Insurance, Security)	40,000	37,118	38,000
Grounds (Maintenance, Garbage Disposal)	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,481</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	388,000	392,089	380,200
OPERATION SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-16,934	-29,873	-17,200

Designated Funds Collected in 2019:

Building Fund	\$4,563	Share Lent (D & P)	\$3,395
Families In Need	\$8,983	Propagation of Faith/Mission	\$1,190
Education of Seminarians	\$1,215	Holy Land	\$2,327
Needs of Canadian Church	\$894	Pope's Pastoral Works	\$1,155
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$810		

Annual Appeal for 2019: Parish Target was \$48,003. Parish raised \$53,489.

2019 STATISTICS: Baptisms: 37 Confirmation/First Eucharist: 30 Marriage: 3 Deaths: 18
RCIA (Adult Baptism/Confirmation): 9 RCIA (Full Communion): 1

FINANCE REPORT – 2020 PARISH AGM

Parish operations in 2019 showed a significant shortfall, exceeding the budget expectation by some \$13,000. There are three main factors that have contributed to this position –

- Sunday collections down \$10,000 (*from budget*). However, collections were up \$2,200 from 2018.
- Catering/hall revenues did not meet expectations by \$8,000 (*i.e., budgeted revenue minus expenses*)
- Office/hall/grounds purchases/maintenance that were necessary during the year resulted in unbudgeted expenditures of \$17,700

Further, the 2020 budget reflects a \$17,200 deficit. Not ideal to 'plan' for a shortfall, however in the present time, a shortfall is a realistic result. In spite of 2019 operations & 2020 projections, Holy Child Parish is strong financially. The Parish can withstand the negative results being encountered.

The Parish has continued to engage an independent party to do a review of its financial accounting – bank reconciliations, payroll, etc. This same individual has been used for the past few years & has a good understanding of the procedures/processes within the Parish. He offers recommendations, etc. in areas where they can be beneficial to operations. He is satisfied that the office is following sound financial practices in the day-to-day operations.

Thank you to Fr. Brian for his guidance & leadership and to the office staff for their dedicated efforts in making Holy Child Parish a Welcoming place.

EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Sacramental Programs:

The Parish Team assisted by various parishioners organize information evenings for those preparing for the sacraments of **Baptism, Confirmation/First Eucharist and Reconciliation**. Sacramental preparation for children is centered in the home with support from the parish and the Separate Schools.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process where those interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church gather with members of the faith community to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This is a time for spiritual growth and reflection on our call to a life of ministry and service in Christ. The whole parish community is instrumental in welcoming and initiating new members.

Spiritual Formation:

Wednesday: A group meets weekly on Wednesday morning, using special reflection materials, focusing on prayer and scripture.

Bible Study Program, a group meets weekly to study the scriptures readings, "Sunday by Sunday".

Parish Home Ministry assist the sick, dying and grieving members of the Parish. People are visited by trained volunteers who share the presence of Jesus with those in need by their compassion, friendship and often the gift of the Eucharist. This ministry of care is also extended to the Wascana, General, and Pasqua Hospitals, Santa Maria and personal care homes. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from a Parish Home Minister, please call the office 306-789-8276 to make arrangements.

Advent, Lent & Easter: During Advent and Lent prayer materials, bulletin inserts and reflection times appropriate to the season are made available. The Way of the Cross is prayed weekly during Lent. Other opportunities are offered during the year including reflections on the Sunday readings and seasonal reflection sessions throughout the year.

Prayer Calendar: On a monthly basis, a small group of parishioners gather to prepare prayer intentions for each month=s prayer calendar. They keep in mind personal, community and global needs and events, and then develop them into general community prayers. It is available at the beginning of each month in the bulletin.

Parish Library: The parish library is located in the Kubash Room. Parishioners are welcome to browse and borrow books/tapes during office hours or before and after Mass. We encourage all to make use of our library resources for personal and family spiritual and educational growth. We also have some videos to borrow.

Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation: Members of the parish are invited to participate in this program which is designed to build up interest in learning and loving your faith and ministry. Over twenty members of the parish have completed this three-year monthly program with the support of the pastoral council. Contact the parish office if you are interested in the wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith.

LITURGY

The task of the liturgy committee is to work with the parish team to help plan and prepare the Sunday liturgies as well as seasonal liturgies that are held at our parish.

The liturgy committee includes 8 members that take on the task of training and scheduling their particular ministry. We need approximately 60-70 people (not including music ministry) each weekend to help at the three liturgies so the more volunteers we have, the easier it is for everyone.

A challenge for our parish is making sure all of the ministries are filled for each celebration. If you feel like you could contribute to the life of the parish by helping out in any of the ministries, please contact the parish office and your name will be passed on to the liturgy committee.

WITHOUT YOU - THERE IS NO LITURGY!

REGINA DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The mandate of the Regina Deanery Pastoral Council (RDPC) is to serve as a liaison between our respective parish councils and the Archbishop by way of the Archdiocesan Parish Council.

The RDPC meets monthly at Holy Rosary Cathedral. Representatives share information about parish activities and programs that are of benefit to all as well as concerns that are relevant to the various parish communities.

The RDPC also organizes activities, workshops and Archdiocesan gatherings. A schedule of the services held during the Easter Triduum was published in the Leader Post.

This appointed position is currently vacant.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

“I truly tell you, just as you did it to these who are members of my family, you did it unto me.”

Matthew 25:40

Our Goals/Purpose:

- Education of the parish community about social justice issues;
- Identify and assist local groups promoting social justice for those struggling to maintain human dignity;
- Annually support one or two internationally accredited projects which promote peace and justice.

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We currently have 12 members and new members are always welcome. We welcomed three new members this past year.

We continue to inform and educate parishioners through the parish bulletin on human rights issues and events in which we are involved.

Food Basket donations are collected monthly for the Marian Centre, Chili for Children, Visitation House; Carmichael Outreach and Transition House.

We continue to accept eye glasses for overseas.

The Giving Tree project brightens the lives of many people at Christmas due to the generosity of our parishioners.

Members of our group attended D&P workshops, Regional Meetings and the Regional Assembly in Christopher Lake; Community Connections meetings where the cultures of our community were showcased at a celebration held March 10, 2019; meetings on homelessness in Regina and liturgies for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse.

Financial donations were made to our Chalice Sponsored Child; Holy Child “Families in Need’ fund; Carmichael; Habitat for Humanity; refugee sponsorship and support; and the Cuernavaca Quilt project with a quilt being handmade by Faye Helmerson.

Our small fundraisers of a raffle, DECA garage sale, Steve Bell concert and Fair Trade items were very successful. Fair Trade items sold were coffee, tea, dried fruit, olive oil, spices and soap.

We presented a petition to be signed on “Saskatchewan Call for Conscience Rights Campaign.”

We also presented a paper to Parish Council on our concerns about ‘Environmental Issues’ and what we as a parish could do.

Social Justice, along with the support of the parish, was honoured to receive a special Canada 150 Medal and certificate from Senator Salma Atauklahjan.

So once again our sincere THANK YOU to our Holy Child Parish family; Fr. Brian; the office staff; and the Social Justice Committee Members. We could never accomplish what we do without the combined efforts of everyone.

May God Bless All of You, Co-Chairpersons, Agnes Parisloff & Faye Helmerson

“Those who shut their ears to the cry of the poor will themselves also cry and not be heard.”

Proverbs 21:13

MEN'S CLUB

The Holy Child Men's Club is a group of parish men that meet once a month to foster fellowship and support our Pastor and Parish for the progress and the well being of the church.

Our meeting consists of 30 minutes of business and finishes up with games and fellowship. The business portion is very important to help organize our activities, and field the many requests for sponsorships and donations. We meet the third Sunday of the month and always welcome new members.

Highlights of the past year include:

- * Assist the parishioners as requested by the pastor
- * Parish Breakfasts January and March
- * Financial support for Sr. Anna & the children's choir, as requested
- * Grey Cup Raffle
- * Joint Christmas potluck supper and a June BBQ with the C.W.L.
- * Provide assistance to St. Theresa and St. Catherine elementary schools

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A new President was installed in November 2018. This individual became ill and was deceased December 1, 2018.

The past president took over the duties and was appointed President for 2019. The executive was informed the president would not continue beyond December 31, 2019. The president would initiate discussions and take action required to facilitate the future direction of the council. The council had been dealing with the situation for a few years and the same individual was president for many years.

Everyone was asked to express their views. Options open to the council were presented and information provided as to what was required to follow through with certain actions. Members were asked to develop a work plan to implement different actions for presentation to council members.

One of the ladies developed a survey with various questions and everyone received a copy and was asked to return them. Our main goal was to see who was willing to step up to become president as well as other options that could be followed.

Once the results of the survey were received, we presented the different options and one was to become inactive. No one was willing to step up to take over as president or contact person in order for the council to continue. After much discussion we decided we needed to make a motion to disband.

Letters were once again provided to each member about the date of the vote to disband and that they would need to be present at the meeting in order to vote. Copies of this letter were forwarded to Diocesan President, the Bishop and our council Spiritual Advisor.

Once again, all options were presented prior to the motion and vote. After the vote to disband was passed the members were informed of the transfer procedure, provided with transfer slips and given information about meeting dates and times, names of people to contact for all parishes in our area. The Diocesan president was advised by telephone of the result to disband.

National was contacted to see if members could pay their membership direct to national without belonging to a council. The answer was no. This request was prompted by the fact that many did not wish to transfer but would have supported the league under different circumstances.

In May our members were honoured with pins and a special strawberry social. All members were contacted to attend.

A closing mass was celebrated in October and once again all members were contacted to attend. Transfer information was provided.

Final distribution of funds was passed and the bank account closed once all transactions were completed.

All pertinent information and documents are stored at the church. This information was provided to the Diocesan President and parish priest.

The council charter was sent to National Office.



ARCHBISHOP O'NEILL COUNCIL # 8896



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Archbishop O'Neill Council of the Knights of Columbus (Chartered May 08, 1985) is a Catholic family service organization-centered in Holy Child Parish. The Council has approximately 118 members who support a variety of causes through their fund raising and programs.

Archbishop O'Neill Knights of Columbus conducts a number of activities within the Parish and Community. These activities include:

- Church Programs
 - Ushers & hospitality, Cup and Bread ministry, collection, reading at Masses
 - Providing workers for bartending, catering and maintenance of grounds and buildings
 - Pro-Life events – March for Life, yearly membership, annual banquet fundraiser
 - Parish Council representation
 - Vocations Endowment Fund – initiative through the K of C Charitable Foundation with support/encouragement from the Bishops of the Sask diocese & Eparchy to provide financial support (equal) to all Sask seminarians
- Youth Programs
 - Support for Camp Monahan – fundraisers and volunteering for grounds maintenance
 - Coats for Kids/Adults program – purchase &/or collection of clothing for distribution
 - Columbus Park – a main minor baseball facility in the city of Regina
- Family Programs
 - Rosary program
 - Parish brunches
- Community Programs
 - Salvation Army annual Kettle campaign - Army Christmas Cheer program
 - Sponsor a resident's bingo at the Santa Maria Nursing Home
 - Support Special Olympics with organizing and coaching sporting events
 - Helping with mass at the Wascana Hospital by providing porters, Eucharist ministers and readers
 - Clothing gathered and delivered for use by patrons at Marian Centre (& others)
- Council Programs
 - Dinner meetings
 - Visiting the sick & bereaved
 - Honour guard for funerals of members
 - Participate in State and District events/activities
 - Support Canadian Blood Services with donations
 - Chapter football pool program

Financial support is provided to variety of organizations that are aligned with our faith teachings such as Pro-Life, Birthright, Camp Monahan, Regina Food Bank, Sophia House, Alpha, Marian Centre, Catholic Health Association, Special Olympics, K of C Indoor Games and Holy Child Parish.

For more information, please logon to the following websites - www.kofc.org or www.kofcsask.com
Online membership is a new option & encouraged..... www.kofc.org/joinus

Norbert Philippe – Grand Knight (GK) @ norphi@sasktel.net; 306.789.0073 (H)

Gordon Evans – Financial Secretary (FS) @ evans5959@myaccess.ca; 306.789.5532 (H); 306.536.7217 (C)

Paul Ponak – Membership Director (MD) @ prponak@sasktel.net; 306.790.9317 (H); 306.550.5035 (C)

Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 8, 2020
Pastor's Remarks
Fr. Brian Meredith

Holy Child Parish continues to be a welcoming community in so many ways. Here are a few examples.

- Parishioners come from a great variety of nations and cultures.
- Catholic Schools are connecting to the parish in a variety of ways.
- The parish has welcomed and encouraged seminarians, supported the work of mentoring new priests, and welcomed visiting priests.
- People in the various ministries come from diverse backgrounds and cultures.
- The “Life In the Spirit” weekend was a new parish endeavor this year, and over 30 people participated.
- The Christmas Musical included children and youth of various ages and cultures. They raised the spirits of the audience members through their wonderful singing and acting; and they raised over \$300 for Habitat for Humanity.

Each person in the parish plays an important part in helping to create a welcoming environment in the community. Your caring, respectful, and compassionate spirit is vital to the life of the parish and enables Holy Child Parish to be a home for all of us.

One of my hopes this year is for our parish community to be able to develop youth groups for grades 5-6 and grades 7-8. To do so, many people will need to be involved in helping to develop leadership teams who would provide guidance and run the youth groups. My hope is that high school students, young adults, and other adults will consider being part of the leadership teams. If you are interested in being part of a leadership team, please let me know.

Lastly, thank you to the parish staff, to the people on the various committees, to everyone involved in the various ministries and parish groups, to those in the Catholic Schools, and to all members of the parish for your prayers and support.

May the Holy Spirit bless you and your families with peace and joy in 2020.

Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 2019
Minutes

In attendance: Fr. Brian Meredith, Charlene Rogalski (chairperson), Sr. Anna Aulie, Shirley Campbell, Bev Domm, Gordon Domm, Marian Grady, Cec Hebert, Dave Helmerson, Faye Helmerson, Gail Kraft, Andrew Lindenbach, Kathleene Pamer, Agnes Parisloff, Dianne Poitras, Paul Ponak, Lynda Putzlocher, Jamie Schneider, Kathy Schneider, Eleanor Selinger, Maureen Wild (secretary)

1) Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 12:35 with praying the Our Father.

2) Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting

Moved by Cec Hebert and seconded by Shirley Campbell that the agenda be accepted as presented.

3) Adoption of February 11, 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved by Cec Hebert and seconded by Lynda Putzlocher that the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

4) Annual Meeting

4.1 Questions from the floor to Parish Council Members

a) Liturgy – Cecile Hebert

- There were no questions for Liturgy.

b) Social Justice – Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmerson

- Agnes said Social Justice is doing good and thanked everyone for supporting.

c) Ecumenism – Marian Grady

- Marian reported that twelve different churches participated in World Day of Prayer on March 1 with a good turn out from Holy Child.

d) Finance (including Building and Grounds) – Paul Ponak, Dave Helmerson

- An overview of the Financial Statement along with commentary is included in the Stewardship booklet. Paul said the parish is in the positive compared to what was expected. This is due to expenses being held. The budget for 2019 is again showing a deficit. The parish is in a strong financial position and well equipped to handle.
- The financial operation was reviewed by Bruno on February 19. He provided a letter the next day indicating he sees no concerns with the operation of the parish. Bruno complimented Fr. Brian and the staff.
- Paul added that he hopes collections will steadily increase. This will play an important part.
- Gordon Domm asked about leaks in the roof. Leaks have been repaired. Are trying to keep repair costs down. The parish has over \$150,000 for the purpose of capital or building fund: about \$111,000 is from Capital Fund, which was established after the sale of St. Joseph's rectory (i.e., \$74,000 from sale plus interest over the years); and about \$40,000 in Building Fund. There is also about \$800,000 available for operating from investments and chequing of which about \$450,000 was from sale of St. Joseph's church and about \$100,000 was from funds that were initially pledged to Resurrection Parish but that pledge of funds was forgiven/cancelled. Fr. Brian said it is good that operating and capital/building funds are separate for the purpose of assessment. The parish is generous but the funds must be utilized responsibly because funds can be used up quickly if there is any major repair in future years (e.g., roof replacement).
- Gordon Domm asked about lighting within the building. It has been changed except for the church because of scaffolding.
- Dave indicated that there are no issues with building and grounds. The roof is in good shape. The metal rafters accumulate frost. When it warms up, there may be condensation from melting frost. There is air flow but insufficient insulation which has been a problem since the building was constructed.

- Gord Domm commented that the sign is good but noticed it's a struggle to change in cold weather. He asked whether any thought had been given to a LED sign. Gail Kraft said it had been looked into but the cost was very high. Kathy Schneider added it would cost about \$25,000 to \$30,000. The current sign was about \$6,000. Marian Grady mentioned that moving/flashing signs are difficult for some who have problems with vision.

e) Hall/Catering – Wayne Matt

- Dave Helmerson reported that the gas valves for the stove and seven other leaks in the supply line under the floor of the furnace room have been repaired.
- Occasionally when the hall is full, noise from the kitchen has disturbed people close to the bar and kitchen. Al Exner and Greg fixed by tightening the sliding shutters.
- The sensor on the dishwasher was not working properly and was replaced. The rinse must be 180 degrees F in order to sterilize. If there is a major problem with the dishwasher, it will have to be replaced because parts are not available.
- Gail Kraft added that the Health Inspector reviewed the kitchen and all is in order.

f) Deanery Representative – Vacant

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g) Members at Large – Jamie & Kathy Schneider, Sue Pitura, Gary & Tina Bojczuk

- Nothing to report.

h) Youth Member at Large – Michael Elliott

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i) Special Events Committee – Sr. Anna Aulie

- Sr. Anna reported that several activities have involved different people: Wee Wonder for children from 2 to 4, Baby Jesus in the pageant was from Eritrea, and the Epiphany party.
- Sr. Anna will facilitate a discussion on a small section of Pope Francis' document Call to Holiness.
- The bus trip to Caronport for Briercrest's Christmas production was well attended. Sr. Anna is organizing another trip in May for the Sound of Music.

j) CWL – Shirley Campbell

- Shirley reported the CWL is going through a transition and doing recommendations. They will know later in the year.

k) Men's Club – Wayne Matt

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l) K of C – Wayne Matt

- On behalf of the K of C, Paul Ponak thanked the parish for their support. The Archbishop O'Neill Council at Holy Child continues to be very active assisting the parish and priest.
- Upcoming activities include 40 Cans for Lent, State Convention in Moose Jaw in April, and Mothers' Day Breakfast.
- Online membership is a new option.

m) Parish Team

- Fr. Brian expressed thanks for support and involvement in the parish. He is also thankful for the support to the parish team and staff and for welcoming Andrew, who is doing very well.
- Marian Grady talked about the culture diversity within the RCIA group preparing for Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil. There will be fourteen baptisms, one profession of faith, and ten Confirmations and First Eucharist. It has been an interesting challenge but Marian is very excited.
- Sr. Anna said the scripture study each Thursday during Lent will focus on Luke's Gospel emphasizing Jesus' love of hospitality.

4.2 Other Concerns or Comments

- Andrew Lindenbach thanked everyone for the wonderful welcome which has helped in his discernment to the priesthood.

4.3 Pastor's Remarks

- Fr. Brian gave an update following Kelly Banga's presentation about domestic conflict. On Holy Child's new website, there is a list of resources in the local community where a call can be made by clicking on the phone number. There are also resources from the Government of Saskatchewan to assist in dealing with any type of abuse of children.
- The Holy Child website has a link to the Archdiocese of Regina page including a video from Fr. Brad and update on where the Vatican is going in terms of the Summit.
- Kelly Banga has been connected with Fr. Brad. Work is being done on a new committee to help Fr. Brad. Fr. Brian thanked Lynda Putzlocher for organizing the presentation by Kelly Banga which has led to the creation of something new.

5) Closing Remarks

- Charlene Rogalski thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

6) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Paul Ponak and seconded by Gordon Domm that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

7) Closing Prayer

The meeting ended at 1:14 p.m. with praying the Glory Be.