WE ARE A VIBRANT AND WELCOMING CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT RECOGNIZES GOD’S PRESENCE IN ALL THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE.
It is my pleasure to present to you the St. Benedict Annual Pastoral and Finance Reports for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years. I am grateful for your patience as the transition of leadership and grief period that our parish community experienced with the passing of our Pastor, Fr. Bob caused the delay of the 2017-2018 report. I thank you all for your prayers and support for Fr. Bob and his family, and also for remaining faithful and steadfast.

The past two years saw the historical kick-off of our parish capital campaign, *Living Our Faith, Building Our Home*. I thank you for your overwhelming support that enabled us to reach our goal of $3.5 million by pledge and 56% pledge payment. With just 44% of cash payment remaining, we are now closer to seeing our dreams come true. I thank especially the campaign and building committees and those who worked behind the scenes to ensure the campaign's success.

The Annual Reports include the pastoral reports which illustrate our charity to those in need through various ministries and organizations within our parish. We continue to meet the needs of our growing community and thrive as a vibrant people of faith through the celebration of sacraments, liturgies, prayer, lifelong formation opportunities, service and outreach. We now have more than 30 active ministries. Additionally, we worked to effectively advance our mission and vision for both our parish and St. John Bosco School communities.

St. Benedict is blessed to have a school as part of our parish community to further our mission of evangelization, education and faith formation of our children. I thank the parents, students and staff of our St. John Bosco School community for their commitment to upholding quality Catholic education in our community. The 2018-2019 academic year witnessed a significant enrollment in the preschool program. We will continue to sustain this growth from the base upward in the coming years. This year also saw tremendous progress in the mission advancement and academic performance of the school.

Although the financial reports show that our total income declined significantly, we took proactive measures and made effective adjustments to reduce expenses. Doing so allowed us to continue our quality programs and ministries.

Once again, I thank you all for your prayers and support to me and our St. Benedict parish community. May God continue to bless and provide for you as you support the Church and all those we serve.

Fr. James Aboyi
Parochial Administrator
Liturgical ministers generously give their time to prepare and serve at each Mass and liturgical celebration throughout the year. It takes over 30 volunteers to make each Liturgy possible. We are always encouraged by the number of parishioners who find meaning, purpose, connection with others and personal satisfaction by participating in Liturgical Ministries. These volunteers make possible the vibrant celebrations and welcoming environment for which our parish is so well known.

The Sacraments are special moments in our spiritual lives when we experience the grace of God. Our Church celebrates Sacraments within our greater faith community, helping us grow closer both to God and to one another. Sacraments strengthen our call at Baptism to live as disciples of Christ and to be witnesses to the Gospel.

Faith formation is an on-going process that continues throughout our lives. We are deeply committed to providing engaging, high-quality opportunities that help parishioners of all ages experience God in new ways. Through the strengthening of our own faith, we are then able to share Christ's message with others.
ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide organization that puts faith into action by feeding, clothing, housing and healing those in need. St. Benedict Parish is fortunate to house an on-site food pantry that served nearly 2,500 people within our parish boundaries last year. The generosity of our community helps make their important work possible.

2,429  CLIENTS SERVED  
1,541  FOOD BAGS DISTRIBUTED  
126  HOME VISITS  
5,287  SERVICE HOURS

We are pleased to coordinate with many external organizations like The Boy Scouts of America, Refugee Resettlement Ministry, and Furnishing Dignity that work from and within our parish. Our community is deeply enriched by their presence and we are proud to be a partner in the work they accomplish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The #12246 Council of The Knights of Columbus is greatly involved in parish life at St. Benedict. The Knights make possible regular blood drives, fellowship events, community fundraising and much more. They are a group of hard-working volunteers who help keep our church running smoothly and provide role models for our youth.

194  COATS DONATED  
7   ADOPTED FAMILIES AT CHRISTMAS  
12   TIMES SERVED SVDP DINING ROOM  
3   PARISH BLOOD DRIVES

$56,859  IN TOTAL DONATIONS

$48,000  IN TOTAL FUNDRAISING
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Build the Kingdom of God, individually and communally, by fostering discipleship and thanksgiving through:

- The celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments,
- Prayer and lifelong Catholic formation,
- Service with, and for, one another and the greater community.

FAMILY PROMISE

For two weeks each year, Family Promise serves homeless families right here on campus. In addition to providing a safe place to stay, volunteers pack toiletries, snacks, and food to be sent along with them after their stay at St. Benedict.

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<th>Families Served</th>
<th>Volunteers</th>
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<td>13</td>
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FAMILY SERVICE SATURDAY

For a fifth consecutive year, our parish family has actively lived out our Catholic values by participating in Family Service Saturday. This event combines nine hands-on service projects into a single Saturday to benefit local organizations that serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. The work of this day impacted over 3,000 people simultaneously allowing even the youngest members of our parish community to participate in meaningful service.

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## INCOME & EXPENSES

### INCOME

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<td>Less Capital Improvements</td>
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<td>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash</td>
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<td>Cash Balance, End of Year</td>
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### INCOME BREAKDOWN

#### 2017-2018* - Actual

- Plate: $1,028,729
- Christmas: $24,650
- Easter: $18,690
- Net Fundraising & RE Fees/Retreats: $16,971
- Restricted & New Building Gifts: $20,757
- Other Income: $33,673

Total Income: $1,143,470

#### 2018-2019* - Actual

- Plate: $1,006,797
- Christmas: $20,319
- Easter: $15,172
- Net Fundraising & RE Fees/Retreats: $31,591
- Restricted & New Building Gifts: $19,310
- Other Income: $24,883

Total Income: $1,118,073

*Fiscal Year for Twelve Months Ends June 30.

### LIVING OUR FAITH/BUILDING OUR HOME CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AS OF JUNE 2019 FROM INCEPTION

- Income
  - Cash Received From Pledge: $1,617,738
  - Non Pledge Cash & Interest Income: $255,425
  - Total Campaign Cash Received: $1,873,163
  - Architect & Consulting Fee: $378,263
  - Other Expenses: $402,285
  - Total Campaign Expenses: $1,470,878

- Architect & Consulting Fee: $378,263
- Other Expenses: $402,285
  - Net Campaign Cash Flow: $1,470,878
**EXPENDITURES BREAKDOWN**

*Fiscal Year for Twelve Months Ends June 30.*

$911,101

- Personnel $604,888
- Building Management $124,343
- Parish Expenses $81,045
- Formation Expenses $19,997
- Diocesan Assessments $80,709
- Interest $120

Total Expenditures $911,101

$880,495

- Personnel $587,737
- Building Management $125,720
- Parish Expenses $82,619
- Formation Expenses $16,274
- Diocesan Assessments $71,175
- Interest $274

Total Expenditures $883,800

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

$8,702

- Catholic Home Missions $472
- Catholic Relief Services $1,065
- The Catholic University $115
- Gospel of Life Appeal $342
- Holy Land $1,620
- Mission Sunday $466
- Native American & Black Missions $627
- Peter's Pence $288
- Priest & Religious Retirement Fund $1,634
- Special Needs for the Global Church $480
- Stations of the Cross & Soup (SVDP) $434

Total Collections $8,702

Charity & Development Appeal $104,261
Each of us, by virtue of our baptism, is called to be living disciples of Christ and share the Good News with others through our actions and words. We embrace this call to serve by sharing our blessings and gifts of time, talent, and treasure with those most in need as we work together to care for and strengthen the Kingdom of God.

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for him through kindness and generosity in our everyday lives. We are grateful to have an incredible parish community that does just that. Many parishioners commit a certain number of hours each week to prayer and charitable activities. This past year, St. Benedict parishioners impacted the lives of hundreds of individuals and families in need through various ministry outreach opportunities and parish events, including: Family Service Saturday, the Christmas Giving Tree, Refugee Resettlement Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul parish food pantry, serving meals to the homeless, Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, Maggie’s Place, crocheting blankets for comfort, visiting the sick and elderly, Bereavement Support Group, Divorce Care, and bringing Holy Communion to the homebound.

The Finance Council is committed to serving the parish community through wise and effective budgeting and allocation of funds. One way to do this is to encourage parishioners to actively tithe through Faith Direct, an online means for faith-filled giving. eGiving has proven to be the most cost-effective way for the Parish of St. Benedict to receive the generous donations from parishioners. This method of contribution has provided our parish with a hassle-free and consistent cash flow, enabling us to operate more effectively.

The Reasons for our parishioners to consider using Faith Direct are:

Faith Direct is easy - Manage your giving online, with a quick phone call or via the convenient iPhone App.

Faith Direct saves time - No more worrying about remembering to write a check each week or finding envelopes every Sunday morning. (And with new bank fees for check usage, you might save money too!)

Faith Direct is good stewardship - Electronic gifts make accounting more efficient and saves paper and resources.

Faith Direct is reliable – The parish still receives your weekly donations our many ministries depend on even when you are traveling or unable to attend Mass.

Faith Direct is a blessing for our parish - A “win-win” for everyone! Ready to sign up? Visit www.faithdirect.net. Use parish code AZ582 for your enrollment.

All parishioners are invited to discern how they can best share their gifts of time and talent and continue to be effective stewards of their treasure in 2020. Doing so will enable our parish community to grow together as we continue to do the good work outlined in this report and fully realize the vision of our future.