

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Finance Update

For the quarter of October-December 2015

Weekly Offertory Collections \$ 88,047.00 (105.9% of budgeted collections)

Interest/Events/Other Income \$ 16,722.93

Total Income \$104,769.93 (112.7% of budgeted income)

Total Expenses \$119,876.84 (118.5% of budgeted expenses)

Net Loss (Quarter) -\$ 15,106.91

**The expenses were high for this quarter due to un-budgeted expenses for the Year of Mercy and chapel renovations (\$7,000) and new Spanish hymnals (\$5,500).*

For the fiscal year-to-date July-December 2015

Weekly Offertory Collections \$172,189.80 (103.6% of budgeted collections)

Other Income \$ 77,747.15

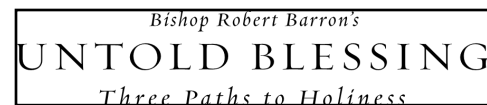
Total Income \$249,936.95 (134.5% of budgeted income)

Total Expenses \$220,483.61 (108.9% of budgeted expenses)

Net Income (YTD) \$ 29,453.34

What Is Financial Peace University?

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. A Financial Peace University (FPU) class is now forming to begin Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00pm. Class materials are \$85.00 while supplies last at the church office. After current supplies are gone, participants may order the kits online at a slightly higher cost. Only one kit is needed per family. For additional information or any questions, contact Mary Kallenbach at 501 407-9232.



God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: *"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness."* The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and then the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You." Our parish continues the *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness* program each Sunday at 9:30 am. To find out more information, please contact Nick Ables or stop by the parish office to sign up.

In the Diocese

St. Edward School Open House

Visit St. Edward School this Sunday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm located at 801 Sherman Street in Little Rock.

Lenten Fish Fry

The Immaculate Heart of Mary in North Little Rock (Marche) have a Fish Fry planned for both Friday, Feb 19th and Friday, March 4th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at the Parish Life Center at 7006 Jasna Gora Drive, North Little Rock. Menu includes catfish, beans, hush puppies, cole slaw, drinks and desserts. Price is \$12 Adults, \$6 Children (ages 6-10) and children 5 and under eat free. Carry outs available for \$12. Please call the church office at 501.851.2763 with any questions.

A Gift for Catholic Couples!

Couples..... want to give each other something really special? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are at Subiaco, Arkansas, February 12-14, 2016 and at Memphis – Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center, April 22-24, 2016. Space is limited. For more information or to apply call Stephen and Elaine Lienhart at 501-312-1119 or email apply@arkansaswwme.org or apply online at www.arkansaswwme.org/apply.

Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Saturday, February 6, 8:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. All 8th grade boys interested in attending Catholic High must take this exam. Please dress in khaki pants, button down shirt, and tie. Call 664-3939 for more details.

Subiaco Academy, a college preparatory school for boys in grades 7-12, is located in western Arkansas just east of Fort Smith. Outside of Arkansas, our students come from the surrounding states of Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas, plus 10 other states and nine countries. Please visit our website at www.SubiacoAcademy.us. If you have questions, or would like additional information, please contact us toll-free at **800-364-7824, 479-934-1034**, or at email admissions@subi.org.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer

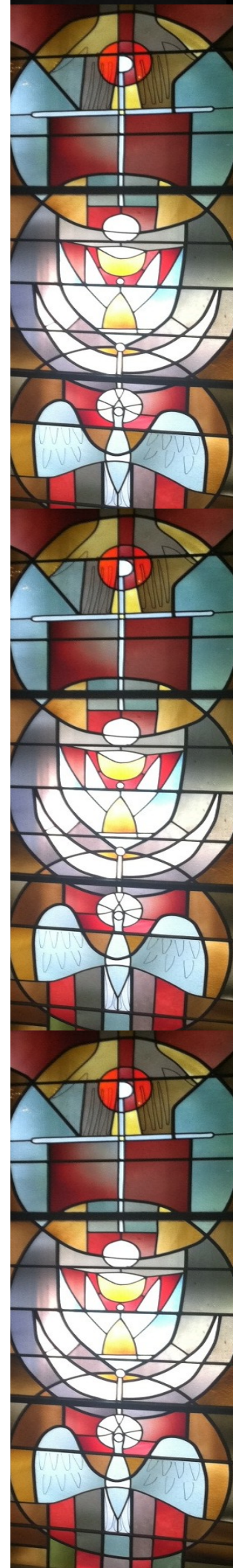
Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like our heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Your loving gaze freed Matthew from being enslaved by possessions and many disciples from seeking happiness in selfish pursuits. Your mercy forgave the adulterous woman, made Peter weep after his betrayal and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.



Send your Spirit on every one of us so that this Jubilee of Mercy may be a time of grace for each of us personally and empower your Church to go forth with renewed enthusiasm to bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

— Bishop Anthony B. Taylor



Our Lady of Good Counsel

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:00 and 11:00 am
2:00 pm Spanish Mass
Weekdays: 8:00 am on Tues, Thurs, & Fri;
6:00 pm on Wed
Holy Days: To be announced

Adoration: 24 hours, 7 days a week

Sacraments:

Confession: 3:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday
5:15 pm—5:45 pm, Wednesday
(or anytime by appointment)

Infant Baptism:

Call the Church office to register

Marriage:

Those considering marriage need to notify the parish priest of their intention to marry at least six months prior to their intended wedding date. Wedding dates will be finalized only after consultation with the priest or deacon. Attendance of an approved marriage preparation program required. Please call the parish office for further information.

Organizations & Ministries:

Altar Servers: 666-5073
Eucharistic Ministers: 666-5073
Finance Council: 490-5902
Food Box: 666-5073
Knights of Columbus: 993-8636
Our House Meals: 993-2136
Religious Education for Children: 666-5693
Pastoral Council: 529-8125
Perpetual Adoration: Margaret Switlik
adoration@goodcounselLR.com
Respect Life: 920-2483
St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers: 225-5037
Minibus Drivers: 666-5073
VIRTUS Coordinator: 455-3107

Bulletin deadline is Wednesday 12 noon.

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Newsletter - Published Quarterly. Submit articles to parishoffice@goodcounselLR.com

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Parish Pastoral Council President: Ray Hanley

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Finance Council Chairman: Marty Kallenbach

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

Friday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

The office is closed for lunch from 11:30-12:30 pm

Parish Registration:

Registration forms are located at all entrances to the church. Please fill one out and return it to the church office or drop it in the collection basket.

Ministry to the Sick

If you would like to be anointed before going into the hospital or have Communion brought to someone homebound, please call the parish office. Your contacting the parish office helps us to minister to our homebound / hospitalized parishioners. When registering in the hospital, please register as Catholic and as a parishioner.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 31, 2016

Mass Schedule & Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:30 pm	+Ron Thompson <i>By Betty Fehrenbach</i>
Sunday 8:00 am	Rosine Emma Konyaole <i>By Bruno & Rolande Konyaole</i>
11:00 am	+Maria Nguyen Hoi <i>By Maria Nguyen</i>
2:00 pm	Parish Intentions
Tuesday 8:00 am	+Anna Tran Linh <i>By Maria Nguyen</i>
Wednesday 6:00 pm	+Ana Tran Tinh <i>By Maria Nguyen</i>
Thursday 8:00 am	+Phero Nguyen Hoi <i>By Maria Nguyen</i>
Friday 8:00 am	In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings <i>By Maria Nguyen</i>
Saturday 4:30 pm	+Ron Thompson <i>By Vicki Mabry</i>

Mass Intentions

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of prayer and the most efficacious prayer we can offer for our loved ones, living/deceased. Call the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for your family and friends.

Flowers for the Altar

If you would like to reserve a weekend for altar flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or an anniversary, please contact the parish office to schedule.

2/6 & 2/7 Liturgical Ministers

4:30 pm—Saturday
Lector: Evelyn Hodges
EM: Paula Martin
Nancy Craig
Donna Dare

8:00 am - Sunday
Lectors: Danny Naegle
EM: Dorothy Ware
Mary Kay Scott
Michael Switlik

11:00 am - Sunday
Lectors: John Breen
Helen Evans

EM: Gilda Skrmetti
John Ekeanyanwu
Jennifer Ekeanyanwu
Carl Meurer
Lilian Felicitas
Sheryl Banak
Janet Breen

Altar Servers:

Brittany Seymore
Laura Plouch
Julienne Medrano
Gavienne Medrano

2/6 & 2/7 Minibus Schedule

4:30 pm - The Sullivan's
11:00 am - Pat Patterson



Readings for the Week

Sunday Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
or 13:4-13
Luke 4:21-30

FOCUS: Love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts. Without it, we gain nothing..

Monday 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Mark 5:1-20

FOCUS: Words spoken in love have the power to bring about change in the lives and hearts of others.

Tuesday Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22:32

FOCUS: God always fulfills the promises he makes.

Wednesday 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Mark 6:1-6

FOCUS: Our expectations can blind us to God's goodness and grace, which always surrounds us.

Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
Mark 6:7-13

FOCUS: Jesus prepares the disciples to help build up the kingdom of God by sending them out to heal the sick and drive out demons.

Friday Sirach 47:2-11
Mark 6:14-29

FOCUS: When faced with hard decisions, seek the Lord.

Saturday 1 Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34

FOCUS: God sees our hearts, hears our prayers and responds with compassion.

To read the daily readings online, go to www.usccb.org/nab/today.shtml

The Annual Black & Indian Mission Collection

Today, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs, particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Blessing of Throats – In observance of the Feast of St. Blaise (patron of throat illnesses), on February 3rd, Fr. Josh will offer a blessing of throats at the 6:00 pm Mass.

Ash Wednesday

Lent will soon begin - The following is the Mass schedule for *Ash Wednesday February 10*: Mass times will be **8:00 am (English) & 6:00 pm (Bilingual)**.

Stations of the Cross will begin Friday February 12 at 6:00 pm. There will be a **Soup Supper** each Friday during Lent following Stations:

Soup Supper Schedule:

Feb. 12 Parish Council
Feb. 19 Jubilus Cast & Crew & Laotian Community
Feb. 26 Hispanic Community
Mar. 4 Vietnamese Community & West Indies Community
Mar. 11 Nigerian Community & OLGCL Youth Group
Mar. 18 Filipino Community

Parish Council Election

We have our three new Parish Council members: Sarah Bernhardt, Jorge Marquez and Mike Smith. Thank you for your willingness to serve! And we express appreciation to Linda Giger, Ray Hanley and Cassie Kozon for their years of service to the Pastoral Council.

Handyman Services for Seniors & Disabled Parishioners

An OLGCL parishioner is offering volunteer handyman service for minor home repair, electrical work and plumbing repairs. Call the parish office at 666-5073 to give contact information.

Prayer List for the Sick

Walter Hanak	Marion Holt	Barbara Daniels
Cora Morrison	Marie Morris	Michael Nunes
Jimmy Reppo	Paula Lorenz	Loretta Longinotti
Michael Banak	Blanche Ryle	Davidson Landers

Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers.

Names will remain on the prayer list for a period of 4 weeks with each request. Please call the Parish Office to add a name.



Calendar

Sun	1/31	Mass 8:00 am Adult Education Classes 9:30 am P.R.E. 9:30 am Mass 11:00 am Clases de Catecismo 12:30 pm Knights of Columbus Freethrow 1:00 pm Gym Misa en Español 2:00 pm Catholic Campus Ministry 6pm/Room A Life Teen 5:00 pm—7:00 pm
Mon	2/1	Light to the Nations Prayer 4:00 pm/ Parish Conference Room Confirmation Year 2 6:30 pm
Tues	2/2	Mass 8:00 am
Wed	2/3	Confessions 5:15 pm Mass 6:00 pm/ St. Blaise Blessing during Mass Edge 6:30 pm
Thur	2/4	Mass 8:00 am RCIA 6:30 pm
Fri	2/5	St. Joseph's Covenant Keepers- 6:00 am in Room A Mass-8:00 am Senior Moment! - 9:00 am in Room A Patriotic Rosary—3:00 pm Devotion to the Two Hearts - 6:00 pm
Sat	2/6	Devotion to the Two Hearts - 7:30 am Year of Mercy First Saturday •Church, Holy Door and Chapel Open 9:00 am •Confessions 10:00 am—11:45 am •Mass 12:00 pm •Confessions 1:00 pm—2:35 pm •Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Eucharistic Benediction 4:00 pm Vigil Mass 4:30 pm / St. Blaise Blessing after Mass
Sun	2/7	Mass 8:00 am / St. Blaise Blessing after Mass Adult Education Classes 9:30 am P.R.E. 9:30 am Mass 11:00 am / St. Blaise Blessing after Mass Clases de Catecismo 12:30 pm Misa en Español 2:00 pm Catholic Campus Ministry 6pm/Room A Life Teen 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Coming Up:

2/8	Financial Peace University begins—7pm
2/10	Ash Wednesday Masses: 8 am & 6 pm Bilingual
2/12	Stations of the Cross begin—6 pm Soup Suppers begin after Stations of the Cross
2/13	First Reconciliation Retreat and Practice—9:30 am Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary—12:00 pm
2/14	Rite of Sending—11 am Mass Rite of Election—2 pm at Immaculate Conception
2/16	Parish Council Meeting—6:30 pm
2/17	Comité Hispano—6:30 pm
2/20	First Reconciliation—9:30 am
2/24	Capital Campaign Committee Meeting—6:30 pm

Stewardship

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.” (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less self-centered and more God-centered.

Regular Contributions	\$4,885
Children's Contributions	\$ 34
Formation House Milk Fund	\$ 52

Projected weekly expenses: \$8,169



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February

- **Universal:** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.
- **Evangelization:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Question of the Week

By summarizing Jesus' teaching and example, Paul's "Canticle of Love" provides an examination of conscience for this Jubilee Year of Mercy: Is my love for others patient and kind, not jealous or pompous? Is it not self-seeking or quick tempered? Does it not brood over injury or rejoice over wrongdoing? Does it rejoice with truth? Does it bear, believe, hope, and endure all things?



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