



ST ALBERT
THE GREAT
CATHOLIC PARISH



ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights of the last *Fiscal Year*

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

WE WORSHIP



WE LEARN



WE SHARE





Dear Parishioners

To call these “interesting times” would certainly be an understatement.

We’ve seen a pandemic, protests against racial injustice and add to that – it’s an election year. Emotions seem to be running high.

FR. CHRIS WORLAND
Pastor

In March, the Church even closed its doors to the public for 10 weeks.

While we continued to celebrate and stream our Masses every day, I know that our people really missed the opportunity to come to Church and receive the Blessed Sacrament. Some are still unable to safely come to Church and still long for the Blessed Sacrament. This is why we have been praying the prayer for Spiritual Communion at every Mass.

In spite of the smaller numbers at Mass, our collections have only seen a small decline. Not only have our parishioners continued to step up and contribute, many have signed up for on-line giving during this time of pandemic. **What a great witness!**

While we ran a deficit last year, some of this was off set through generous bequests. In addition, we continue to maintain the physical plant. Last summer we completed a major capital project by replacing the entire heating system in the school.

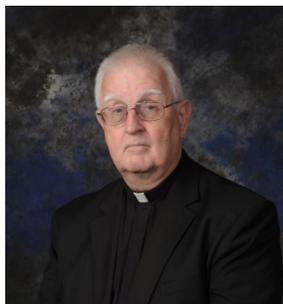
None of this would be possible if it weren’t for the good people of St. Albert who continue to share their gifts even in the midst of these difficult times.

Once upon a time, there was a parishioner who said to their pastor:
*“I know that we are supposed to tithe, but I’m confused about something.
Am I supposed to tithe off of my gross pay or net pay – that is after taxes.”*
The pastor responded: “That depends. Do you want God’s blessings before or after taxes?”

You have given much of yourselves during these “taxing” times and I am grateful.
I am grateful for how you have blessed St. Albert. I pray that God blesses you 10 fold.

In Christ,

Fr Chris Worland



FR. PAT WELSH,
Associate Pastor



FR. DAN MEYER,
Retired in Residence



DAVE ZINK,
Permanent Deacon



DICK STROMINGER,
Permanent Deacon



COMMUNITY LIFE



EVIE FREIMUTH

"All are welcome"! Thirty three years ago we joined St. Albert the Great parish. We have sincerely felt welcomed and blessed to be part of such a kind and loving community. St Albert the Great has truly been our home away from home."



JENN GOBRAIL

"We are so grateful to be part of the St. Albert's community. Our family has made lifelong friendships and our children have built a solid foundation of faith. We are blessed to have our youngest daughter make her First Communion here & look forward to many more celebrations."



PLACIDO MARTINEZ JR.

"I am very blessed & grateful to have landed at St. Albert the Great in Nov. 1998. I retired January 1994 at Wright-Patt AFB, after a 24 year Air Force Career. My daughter was married here at St. Albert's, so I've stayed here in Kettering. I hope to continue active service to our parish with the mercy, grace, strength and guidance of The Holy Trinity."



DR. JON COYNE

"Our family has really enjoyed becoming part of The St. Albert Community. We love the family atmosphere where our kids have friends to share in their religious life. We also value the opportunities that St. Albert provides to serve others in the greater Dayton area."



JOE AND GINNY WADE

"We were married here 57 years ago by Msgr. Rolfes. Our children were baptized here, went to school here, and were also married here. We have enjoyed so many holidays and activities throughout the years. This place is home for us."



NANCY NOWAK

"We have been members of Saint Albert since 1969, have been participants of many councils / boards. It has enriched our spiritual lives, supported us in our Peace Corps calling, and made us more of needs of others through St. Vincent de Paul, and other causes. We have made lifelong friends and felt the continuing prayerful support of the total community."



TIFFANY FRANKLIN

"The STAG community is important to me and my family because it reminds us that God is present and active in our lives and the world. We see the signs of God's love all around us here & have become instruments of God's grace in our own neighborhood, cultural community and our places of employment. We are happy to be apart of the STAG family!"



MOLLY HOWELL

"When looking for a new parish, we chose St Albert because it was warm and inviting, those we Met were friendly and it felt right for us and Our children. We looked at other schools and went to their Mass. St Albert was the right fit for us."



TIM SIKORA

"I like the friendly atmosphere when I go to Mass. The ushers, priests and deacons welcome you as friends. The people get to know you and come up and welcome you. It is a welcoming community."



TOM ROHMILLER

"St. Albert has been our spiritual home for over 40 years. We have celebrated many of our family life events here from baptism through funerals. Like a family group hug, we embrace & support each other as we grow."



ERIN BALDETTI

"I love St Alberts for the welcoming & giving community & the ability for lots of diverse ways to worship & grow together. I love how easy it is to get involved in activities and parties. St Alberts is where my husband and I were married and where my children go to Religious Education class. We all feel at home."



RENEE WOODIE

"St. Albert the Great has given me many life experiences through youth ministry, friendships, prayer and an exceptional education for both of my children."



KAY MOORE

"St. Alberts has been my parish for over 65 years! I was in the very 1st First Communion class. My 3 children were baptized here. I am a Mass coordinator, distributor, and in the choir. It has been such a big part of my life!"

With Gratitude, we review our accomplishments the past fiscal year.

**July
2019**



Fr. Chris gets back from the **Holy Land** safe and sound

Legion of Mary has a booth at the Montgomery City Fair

Garden Guild Farmers Market began

Anniversary Brunch celebrated couples with significant years of marriage

Weavers of Justice presented **Unpacking Racial Power and Privilege**

SAYM Youth Java and Jesus Service, Community Prayer



**August
2019**

Fr. Chris gave a **Holy Land Highlights**, with details of his trip

Leadership Night started back up with all commissions / councils come together

SAYM summer camp out with reflection

PTO Back to School with Coffee & Donuts; The RE team set up a table for RE sign ups

Sensory Friendly Masses started in an attempt to include all

We welcomed seminarian **Broderick Witt**

Run with the Stags

Summer Bible Study was held, *New Beginnings, Finding God in Unknown*



**September
2019**

Labor Day Parade

RE classes started with help of Brody Witt

Parish Picnic started off with the school orchestra

SAYM had a fall season kick off with a bonfire

Legion of Mary had a birthday party for Mary

Seniors Day Out began with a luncheon/entertainment

Anointing of the Sick

Fr. Chris provided a blessing to catechists on **Catechetical Sunday**

Women's Book Study on Tuesday mornings; **Adult Bible Study** on Wednesday evenings



**October
2019**

Mass of Healing and Hope was put on by Dayton Deanery to pray for the Dayton shootings

Social Justice: **2 Feet of Love in Action**

Spirits & Socials **Bourbon Tasting**

Pro-Life put out 30 white crosses in front of church; held Baby Jesus Shower with items being donated to Dayton Right to Life ; held a Life Chain

Feeding 1000 Confirmandi/sponsors

PTO Harvest Hoedown

Blessing of the Pets

SAYM held a Lock In

St. Vincent held a **Bundle Sunday**



November 2019



RE / School students had **First Reconciliation**

Artisan Fest

Vocations Week was honored with an RE / School **Vocations Panel**



Cure'd Award was presented to Fr. Chris for support of school

SAYM Retreat for junior high; Encounter Adoration for high school



1939 Legacy Society Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres was held to on St. Albert Feast Day

Confirmation Enrollment Mass was followed by Coffee & Donuts fellowship

Mass of Remembrance

December 2019



First **Advent Holy Hour** More than 100 people came to Holy Hour with Deacon Dick Strominger and seminarian Broderick Witt, with Benediction, Exposition & hymns

School Musical On Our Way to Bethlehem

PTO **Christmas Tree Sales**

Caring Tree for giving gifts to our community youth/ elderly



Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa

SAYM end of year Bonfire with games, cookies, & bonding



The Joy of the Gospel was given out at Christmas

January 2020



RE / School students were **Confirmed**

SAYM Youth Ministry and RE started back up after the break

Knights of Columbus honored students who won the **School Essay Award**

Wednesday Night Bible Study did a 6-week study *The Way*



Pro Life had their annual **Candle Sales** in accordance with **March for Life**

School **Open House** at the end of **Catholic Schools Week**



Athletic Association Fish Fry

February 2020

80th Anniversary Gala at Presidential

Garden Guild Seed Give Away during Coffee & Donuts

A school event with the **Minor Prophets**, a group of seminarians who play basketball

SALSA Book Group started with study on *The Joy of the Gospel*

Legion of Mary held a **Consecration Study**

Science Fair

SAYM Encounter Retreat

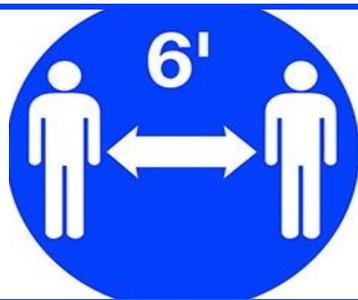
Knights of Columbus **Candidate Forum**

Fr. Dan Meyer joins us

Sensory Friendly Mass followed by **Listening Session**



Christ's Community



6 FEET APART

How we kept our
Church alive during
COVID19

March 2020

Unprecedented times interrupted our Lenten schedule with the hit of the Pandemic

Lent 2020

Many Lenten events were not able to be completed.

Two **Small Faith Groups** started for Lent, based on *The Joy of the Gospel*; **SALSA Book club** started studying *The Book of Joy*

Lenten Morning of Reflection with Fr. Pat & Deacon Dick Strominger

Stations of the Cross / Benediction & Adoration

Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word

40 Days for Life RCIA Rite of Election Parish Blood Drive School Muse Machine

April 2020

By the end of March, the Archdiocese (& CDC) shut down schools, businesses, & parishes.

Holy Week 2020

Masses were streamed online for parishioners to view at home

After Good Friday Mass, Fr. Chris, with crucifix, walked the neighborhood behind St. Albert, **Bringing Church to You**

We had over 50 volunteers for our **Parishioner Outreach Project** where every parishioner was called; along with this, we had **Helping Hands**, where volunteers assisted others in picking up groceries or meds

SAYM hosted **virtual Stations of the Cross** through Zoom

Youth Ministry, RCIA, and RE offered a **virtual meetings** through the app Zoom

Drive Up Confessions

May 2020

Two outside **Rosary Rally's** were held with a huge gathering of cars. We prayed the rosary together in unity.

We held an outside **Liturgy of the Word**, which included a special blessing for any 2020 graduates

Monthly Food Collection for Catholic Social Services and **Meals for the Homeless** for St. Vincent de Paul did not slow down. Our volunteers / parishioners stepped up more than ever with the **Blood Drive**

The **Church was Open** on specific times for private prayer, being thoroughly cleaned afterwards

Pope Francis issued a **Day of Prayer, Fasting and Charity**

June 2020

By the end of May, Public Masses resumed.

The new normal

Our **Public Masses** now look different. We have pews blocked off for social distancing, and masks are required.

Adoration Chapel and Small Groups resumed with social distancing practices

SAYM Youth Ministry started back up with in person meetings, with social distancing / masks

We said Farewell to
-Our seminarian Broderick Witt
-Many long term teachers who are retiring or staying home



From Finance Council

In the past year, with your support and the support of our priests, the parish staff, and teachers and volunteers, we have been able to reasonably continue the focus on our mission and most importantly our liturgy.

Additionally, again with your support and the help of bequests, we were able to continue to make needed improvements, additions and repairs to our parish facilities:

- New cafeteria tables and chairs
- Church renovation study
- Roof and window repairs
- Parking lot purchase and related fees and repairs
- HVAC study
- New hot water compression tank
- Asbestos abatement in the Spirit Center and School
- Computer and technology upgrades
- Cameras for security system
- Storm drain repair
- Tree Removal
- New lawn mowers
- Rectory and church painting

In addition to the above, we did a complete update of the boilers and HVAC system in the school at a cost of \$652,000. The old system was becoming very unreliable and was continuing to be costly to repair. The funding will come from the capital fund in the new fiscal year. Also, we want to point out that we did receive a PPP Loan through the Care Act. As we still need to apply and receive forgiveness of the loan, the balance has remained untouched. Hopefully, we will be successful having the loan forgiven and the monies will be available for use in the future.

We continue to be thankful for your continued support of the mission of Saint Albert the Great and to be able fulfill the needs of the Parish.

Sincerely,

Parish Finance Council

1939 Legacy Society

Established in 2005, the **1939 Legacy Society** honors individuals or families who, through planned estate gifts, have made a commitment to St. Albert the Great by including the parish in their will. To learn more about the Legacy Society, contact the office at 937-293-1191.

Welcome New Parish Families

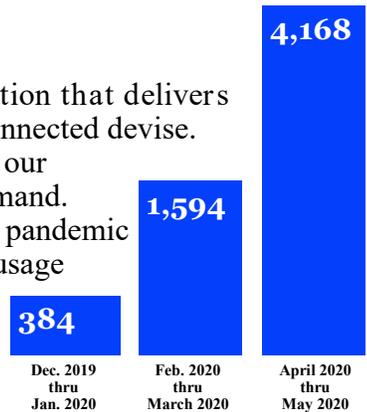
From July 2019 through June 2020, St. Albert welcomed **57** new parishioners / families into our community.

StreamSpot

StreamSpot is our streaming solution that delivers HD quality video to any internet-connected device.

In other words, it allows us to view our Masses from home, Live or On Demand. When our Church closed due to the pandemic in March of 2020, our StreamSpot usage skyrocketed!

See graph to the right. The totals represent the number of unique views, including live and on demand.



Online Giving

Electronic Online Giving Made Easy!

Support your church using debit cards, credit cards, checking account or savings account.

Available thru WeShare:

Recurring Donation set up a weekly or monthly donation
Specific Fund donate to a specific fund, such as Liturgical



Contact the Parish Office, if you need assistance, 937-293-1191

THREE WAYS TO SET UP ELECTRONIC GIVING

From your HOME COMPUTER



Go to www.stalbertthegreat.net. Under Parish Forms & Documents, look for Give Online with WeShare

From your CELL PHONE



Text the word STAG to 833-694-0460. A link will be sent to you, which will take you to Give Online with WeShare

Contact the PARISH OFFICE



Call the Parish Office at 937-293-1191. Or stop by the office. We are happy to help you sign up for Give Online with WeShare

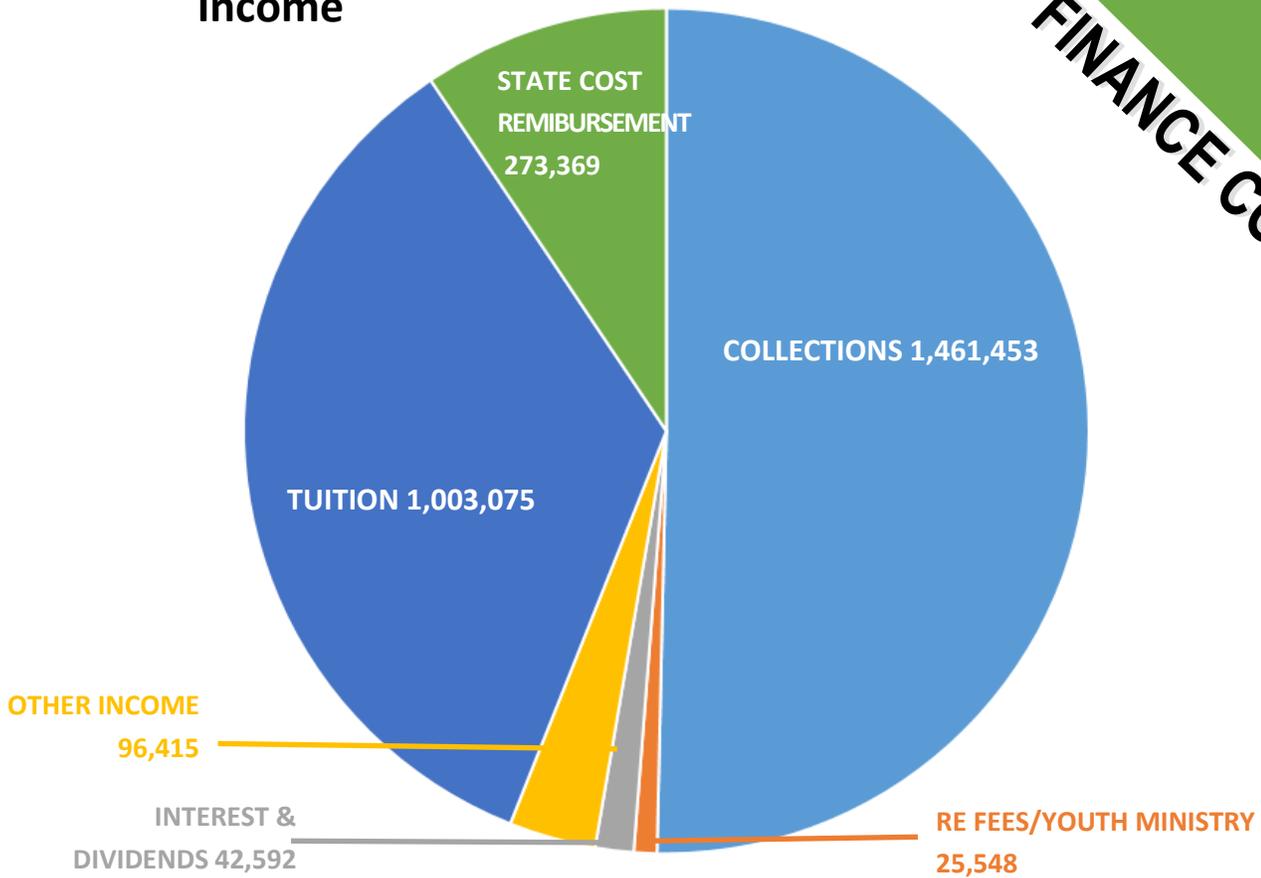
Statement of Revenues & Expenses

Fiscal year 7/1/2019 thru 6/30/2020

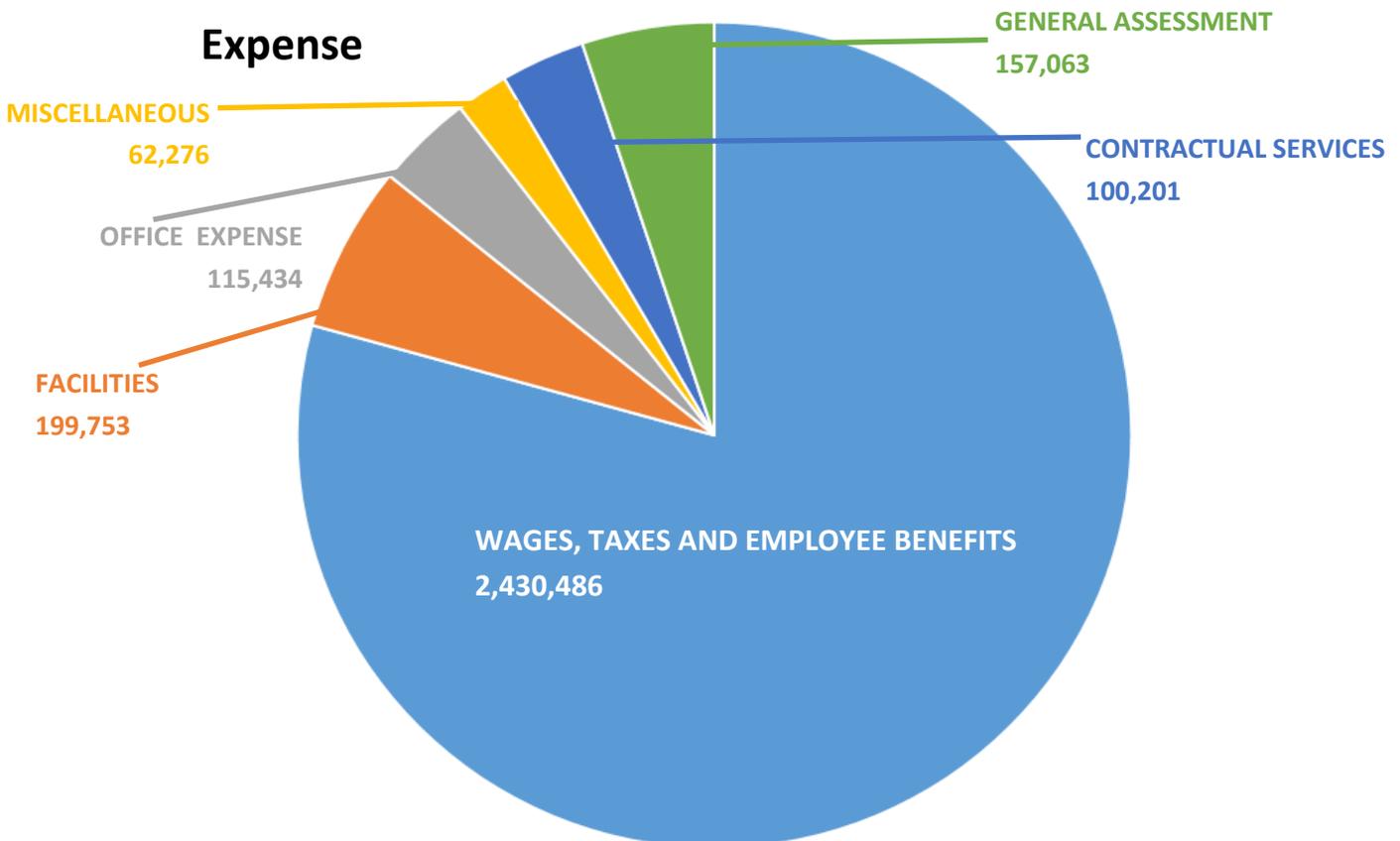
	<u>2019-20 Actual</u>	<u>2019-20 Budget</u>	<u>2020-21 Budget</u>
Income			
COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,395,758	\$ 1,540,000	1,440,000
DONATIONS	\$ 65,695	\$ 71,000	61,000
MASS STIPENDS	\$ 12,010	\$ 10,000	10,000
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FEES/YOUTH MINISTRY	\$ 25,548	\$ 27,000	27,000
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	\$ 42,592	\$ 41,000	41,500
OTHER INCOME	\$ 84,405	\$ 66,000	72,000
TUITION FROM PARISH FAMILIES	\$ 416,858	\$ 459,590	426,798
TUITION FROM OH ED CHOICE	\$ 586,217	\$ 569,900	498,800
STATE COST REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 102,218	\$ 111,000	95,000
SPECIAL ED REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 171,151	\$ 230,000	170,000
Income Totals:	\$ 2,902,452	\$ 3,125,490	2,842,098
<i>Parish</i>	<i>\$ 1,522,942</i>	<i>\$ 1,664,000</i>	<i>1,561,500</i>
<i>School</i>	<i>\$ 1,379,510</i>	<i>\$ 1,461,490</i>	<i>1,280,598</i>
Expense			
WAGES	\$ 1,710,368	\$ 1,752,893	1,660,052
PAYROLL TAXES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 720,118	\$ 730,082	750,443
FACILITIES EXPENSE	\$ 199,753	\$ 214,600	216,200
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 115,434	\$ 120,050	119,550
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 62,276	\$ 72,900	70,600
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 100,201	\$ 165,500	118,500
GENERAL ASSESSMENT Totals	\$ 157,063	\$ 153,000	160,000
Expense Totals:	\$ 3,065,213	\$ 3,209,025	3,095,345
<i>Parish</i>	<i>\$ 1,110,599</i>	<i>\$ 1,147,359</i>	<i>1,133,046</i>
<i>School</i>	<i>\$ 1,954,614</i>	<i>\$ 2,061,666</i>	<i>1,962,299</i>
Income - Expense:	\$ (162,761)	\$ (83,535)	(253,247)
<i>Parish</i>	<i>\$ 412,343</i>	<i>\$ 516,641</i>	<i>428,454</i>
<i>School</i>	<i>\$ (575,104)</i>	<i>\$ (600,176)</i>	<i>(681,701)</i>

Summary of Changes in Fund Balances	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,299,381
<i>Parish/School Income-Expense</i>	<i>\$ (162,761)</i>
<i>Bequests, Rebates and Interest</i>	<i>\$ 369,712</i>
<i>Capital Purchases & Tithes</i>	<i>\$ (255,432)</i>
<i>Other*</i>	<i>\$ (55,604)</i>
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 3,195,296
Change	\$ (104,085)
*Includes activities from St. Albert Nutrition Services, Athletics, and PTO	

Income



Expense



*Some income and expense accounts have been combined on the pie charts for simplicity. For example, tuition from parish families and tuition from Ohio Ed Choice have been combined on the chart as "Tuition".

WE WORSHIP



Worshipping during Covid19

Our world changed in March of 2020. Our Lenten activities were cut short; our small faith groups were stopped, Benediction / Adoration and Stations of the Cross all stopped. Our church and school were shut down. Businesses and stores all shut down. It is times that we have never seen before. However, St. Albert the Great found ways to continue to worship and Bring Church to You.

Our Masses have always been streamed with our **StreamSpot**—and it is a good thing! Our StreamSpot rate of parishioners viewing Mass online skyrocketed. See page 8. After the Good Friday Noon Mass, Fr. Chris Worland, with the crucifix in hand, **walked the neighborhood** behind St. Albert the Great. We had over 50 volunteers be involved in our **Parishioner Outreach Project**, where we called every parishioner to ask how they were and if they had any prayer intentions. We had **Helping Hands**, where parishioner volunteers would help other vulnerable parishioners to get groceries or medicines. Fr. Chris provided a Podcast presentation for guidance to cope with Covid.



We held outside **Rosary Rallies**, with great turn outs! Both times, our parking lot was filled with cars! And we held an outside **Liturgy of the Word**, which included a blessing for any 2020 graduates. We had **Drive Up Confessions**, and **opened our Church** (limited hours) for quiet prayer.

Our Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and RCIA groups all held **virtual meetings through Zoom**, allowing for continued faith formation. Online resources were provided on our website for ideas on *Being Church at Home*. We held an **outside graduation** for our 8th graders, which included a blow up screen and slideshow.



In addition to the above, our service to others did not stop. Our Monthly Food Collection flourished with people bringing canned goods and food items. Our Meals for the Homeless did not delay with people providing casseroles and fruit / cookies for St. Vincent de Paul Shelter. Our annual Blood Drive was not postponed, with people coming out to much needed blood.

Parish Pastoral Council

As part of our goal to improve welcoming and encourage new membership, our Parish Council initiated the plan for new **Welcome Videos** for our **Parish and School**. Fr. Chris and Sherry Gabert both did great jobs in their roles for these videos. These videos were designed for our website (Parish and School homepages); however, we published them using all communication devices, such as social media and our Gathering Space TV.

Advent Holy Hour



With seminarian Broderick Witt and Deacon Dick Strominger, we held our first (in a long time) Advent Holy Hour. This event was a collaboration of many staff members, including RE, Music, Communications, Events, Youth Ministry, and Faith Formation.

Benediction and Adoration were both a part of this Holy Hour, along with hymns and praise.

WE WORSHIP



Lenten Morning of Reflection

During Lent of 2020, a Lenten Morning of Reflection was held in the Spirit Center. About 50 parishioners attended to listen to Fr. Pat Welsh and Deacon Dick Strominger talk about the Sacrament of Healing. Small group discussions were held in between the presentations.

Sensory Friendly Masses

During the fiscal year of 2019, Sensory Friendly Masses were initiated by the Archdiocese in an effort to be more inclusive with special needs. St. Albert the

Mass of Remembrance / Anointing of the Sick

In September of 2019, we celebrated the sacrament of **Anointing of the Sick**. Fr. Chris and Fr. Pat prayed with 50 parishioners for healing and strength. In November of 2019, in coordination with All Souls Day, we held our annual **Mass of Remembrance** where names of our beloved dead were read with a candle burning in memory.



Pro Life

Pro Life Group had another successful fiscal year. In October, the team put out **30 white crosses** in front of Church to represent the aborted babies. They also held a **Baby Jesus Shower**, with items being donated to Elizabeth's New Life Center. In January, they held the traditional **Pro Life Candle Sale**, with all proceeds again going to Elizabeth's New Life Center. In March, the **40 Days of Life campaign** was interrupted with the Covid19 pandemic.

The Ark of the Covenant Praesidium of the Legion of Mary

Before the pandemic, the group's usual service included taking communion on Wednesdays to the Oaks of West Kettering to Catholics over the year, and hosting Christmas Mass there, as well as **home visits** to some of our 205 Legion of Mary auxiliaries. The primary evangelization effort was organizing 23 volunteers to staff a free **Catholic Information Booth** for 12 hours a day at the Montgomery County Fair, giving away many sacramental items, such as 281 rosaries with explanations. To keep Catholics in the Church, the Legion of Mary 1) hosted a Birthday Party for Our Lady with 27 present, 2) co-hosted a Parish Coffee & Donuts with Catholic literature, 3) provided free Miraculous Medals and religious prizes at the parish picnic, as well as 4) hosting sixteen people for an eight-week Marian Consecration Study Group seminar that started February of 2020, in the Spirit Center.



Once the pandemic suspended in-person events, we continued to meet weekly by video and phone conference. Each week we wrote personal letters to the eight Catholics and two non-Catholics we had been visiting previously at the nursing home. The Marian Consecration group shifted to video conference to finish in March of 2020. We made phone calls for the parish census, phoned our auxiliaries monthly, hosted a monthly video conference for our auxiliaries, repaired rosaries, and sorted donated materials.

WE LEARN



School / Education Commission



The fiscal year of our school started out with the annual *Run with the STAGS* event, and the “**Back to School**” Coffee & Donuts with the help of PTO and Education Commission. Highlights of the fiscal year were

Fall 2019: Labor Day Parade, Harvest Hoedown (PTO)

Winter 2019: School Christmas Musicals

Winter 2020: Catholic Schools Week, Open House, Fr. Chris receives the Cure's Award for his dedication to the school, Science Fair.

During Vocations Awareness Week, seminarian Brody Witt organized a basketball game against the school 8th graders and the Minor Prophets, a basketball team of seminarian interns.

Spring 2020: School Dances and Muse Machine, 8th grade graduation.



Vocations

During Vocations Awareness Week, the School, Youth Ministry and RE combined forces for a **Vocations Panel**, which included priests, nuns, seminarians and married couples. The 4th and 5th grades in the school also had a visit from Fr. Steve Dos Santos from the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Through these conversations, the students were exposed to various ways in which they can serve God by living their vocations.

PTO PTO's revenue for the fiscal year was **\$17,276.83**. We were unable to do major spring fundraiser due to the pandemic that would have incorporated the Walkathon, Knollwood gift cards, and miscellaneous events. The revenue that was made is broken down as follows: Christmas Tree Sales (profit of \$8,088), Pie Sale (\$3,915), Kroger Rewards (\$2,001), Spirit Days (\$1,788), Amazon (\$216), Hoedown (\$593), Penguin Patch (\$146), Box Tops (\$36, and Chipotle fundraiser (\$491).



Religious Education

The Religious Education department offers faith formation on Sunday mornings for ages 3 years - 8th grade; preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation; Mass server training; and Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School.

Over the past fiscal year, over **250 students attended Sunday morning religious education classes** and **98 students prepared for Sacraments**. Some of the highlights of the year include:

-our annual tradition of **Feeding 1000**, where candidates and sponsors prepared 100 casseroles for St. Vincent DePaul

-a new tradition of an **All Saints' day parade** during Sunday morning classes and -the kick-off of **Childrens' Liturgy of the Word during Lent**.



Embracing the challenges and opportunities offered by the pandemic, we offered **virtual Children's Liturgy of the Word** and **virtual religious education sessions** with special guests seminarian Brody Witt and Fr. Chris. These adaptations have opened the doors to the **online religious education** and **family catechesis** options that we are able to offer for 2020-2021.

Thank you for all the prayers and support over the past year!

Athletic Association

The Fish Fry is the primary method for funding the Athletics program for parishioners and students. St Albert offers six different sports for kids age Pre-K through 8th grade. These funds help us offer sports at a low cost to our families, to keep facilities and equipment updated, and to help fund other Parish projects. With over 200 volunteers and sponsors in 2020, we were able to host the event in February prior to the impact of the pandemic to help raise **\$22,000** after expenses with 10% of that money going directly back to the Parish, \$10,000 used to fund Sports programs, and the rest going into reserves for future needs or Parish projects.

Adult Faith Formation



Throughout this fiscal year, the adult faith formation has been strong. Many book studies and bible studies were conducted, including small faith groups that started at the beginning of Lent. Women's Book Study group completed several books. Highlights were a book about Compassion & Contemplation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, and *The book of Joy*. Some highlights of Wednesday Evening Bible Study are a study on the book of Job and a 6 week study called *The Way part 1*. During Lent, small groups were formed, studying *The Joy of the Gospel*, which was giving out at Christmas time. However, the study was cut short due to the covid19 pandemic.



Social Justice in Action

The Social Justice in Action welcomed a panel discussion called The 2 Feet of Love in Action. This was on social justice and charitable works, and included guests from the Dayton Co-op and Gem City Market.

RCIA

This has been an exceptional year for all, including those coming into the Church. We welcomed two baptized Christians into the Church in August 2029 and in January 2020. After what seemed like the longest Lent ever our elect was baptized and two already baptized candidates were fully initiated into the Church on July 5, 2020. A rising 9th grader joined them in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation; liturgically correct/covid-style.



SAYM Youth Ministry

We have had an amazing year in Youth Ministry. We offered meetings every week for junior high and high school students to gather, pray, and celebrate their identity as disciples of Christ. We also increased our extracurricular activities, hosting extra events such as bonfires, lock ins, and adoration nights for teens to gather for prayer, service, or community building.

Our Adult Volunteer team grew from 3 to 7 members, allowing us to increase and diversify our opportunities to meet. Before the pandemic moved us to an online format, we were averaging 10-15 high school teens and 20-25 junior high teens at each meeting! We are a community that meets often and regularly, accepts teens from all walks of life, and provides mentorship from a strong team of faithful adult volunteers. SAYM gives thanks for our many volunteers who have supported us this year, especially those who have gifted us with their time, energy, meals, and monetary support. Our success depends on the good hearts of St. Albert. We are blessed and we give thanks!"



WE SHARE



Garden Guild



We are dedicated to growing food locally using organic methods, in an effort to feed our families, parish and the local hungry. Since 2010, the guild has raised and donated \$26079.00. **This past year the Guild made a donation of \$3000.00 to the St Albert's St Vincent committee to assist those in need in our parish community.** These donations are made possible from our Farmer's Market sales and the generous donation of time and monies from guild members and supportive parishioners. The Guild continues its efforts in working with many other parish groups and our school throughout the year. We participated in the Artisan Fest, held our annual Seed Give Away and started the Adopt A Flowerbed program to help keep our parish grounds looking their best. We continue to help our youths with their service hours and the Eagle Scouts with projects.

St. Vincent de Paul St. Albert the Great Conference

The members of the St. Albert the Great St. Vincent de Paul Conference are often called to participate personally and directly in helping the needy by person-to-person contact and by the gift of one's heart and friendship. The COVID-19 virus implications have forced us to come up with innovative ways to reach our neighbors in need.

In the last fiscal year, we have provided food (\$4,227), utilities (\$8,800), rent (\$14,600) furniture/appliances (\$1,081) totally \$28,758 in relief to our needy neighbors.

The generous donations from parish members and the parish collection has greatly supported our efforts. In addition, we are working closely with the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership to leverage federal financial support in addressing the large bills neighbors have accumulated. This combined with moratoriums on eviction and utility shut-offs has greatly assisted the many neighbors that are now unemployed and without income.



Spirits & Socials

New this fiscal year, our Event Coordinator developed Spirits & Socials, community building events. In October 2019, an estimated 60 parishioners purchased tickets to our first **Bourbon Tasting**. They sampled from 11 different bourbons, listened to live music, ate some delicious food, and met some new friends. A big thank you to Rick Vogel for the StAG customized bourbon glasses for all who bought a ticket to this event and to all who sponsored & donated the bottles!



In November 2019, St. Albert Parishioners shopped and supported local vendors at our **Artisan Fest** held in the Parish Center. Our very own Garden Guild sold their delicious pesto among many other treats! Other vendors included: Terry Bevis, Kathy Zamonski, Laura Carter, Colleen Chambers, Terri Hamlin, Merty Beyer (and her granddaughters), Wendy Nikolai, St. Albert Youth Ministry, Kim Contreras, Marcie Campion, Sally Northcutt, Jennifer Swafford, Lori Wintrow, Patricia Schlangen, Elaine Schweller-Snyder, Pauline Dill, & Knights of Columbus. This year's Artisan Fest will be November 21st & 22nd.

WE SHARE



Senior's Day Out

We had another successful fiscal year with our Seniors Day Out program. It did get cut short due to the pandemic. However, in the beginning months, we had good turn outs and wonderful entertainment. The highlights were The Ragedy Edge Duo, The King's English Trio, Kettering Show Choir, and the school children's choir.



Knights of Columbus

Highlights of the last fiscal year from Knights of Columbus:

- In August of 2019, we welcomed all members and their family for a Second Sunday of the month Social.
- In January of 2020, the Knights held the 8th annual essay contest for the school. The theme was about Vocations.
- In February of 2020, the Knights held the first Candidate Forum. Contested seats in the upcoming primary election gathered to answer questions and give talks.
- In March of 2020, the Knights donated Bibles for all the First Communicants.

Communion to the Homebound

Before the coronavirus, St. Albert the Great parishioners visited and took Communion to **6 area retirement/nursing homes every week**. We prayed with all the Catholic residents and held Communion services each week. For those unable to attend, we visited and prayed with them in their rooms and gave them Communion. We also have many dedicated volunteers that visited and took Communion to the homebound each week. Due to Covid-19, all nursing homes have been closed to the general public to protect the elderly. We can't make our weekly visits, however we have kept the homebound in our prayers, sent cards, made phone calls, etc. We have also run errands for them and offered assistance to them. Let us pray that a safe cure to the coronavirus will be found soon so we can once again visit the shut-ins of our parish face to face. We do miss you!

Meals for the Homeless

Over the last fiscal year, approximately **600 casseroles and approximately 220 industrial sized cans of fruit or vegetables & 650 dozen cookies** were provided to St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Shelter.



Monthly Food Collection

Over the last fiscal year, **over \$23,000 worth** of the following items were provided to Catholic Social Services of Miami Valley:
non perishable food items: canned meats, canned fruits/vegetables, pasta, beans, peanut butter, mac&cheese, crackers
infant needs: diapers, formula, cereal
personal hygiene: deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo.



80th Anniversary Gala

On February 14, 2020 our Parish Celebrated its 80th anniversary by attending a Gala at the Presidential Banquet Center. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner, were treated to an open bar, and danced the night away to music... all while meeting some new parishioners and catching up with the familiar ones.

See more photos on back page

80TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Gala

To celebrate 80 years as a parish, we held a Gala at the Presidential Banquet Hall. Dinner, music, drinks, photo booth, and more! It was a great time for all who attended.

A special thank you to **Lauren Schierloh**, St. Albert's Event Coordinator, for all your hard work and planning to make this event special.



WAYS TO GIVE & BE CONNECTED

WeShare

Electronic online giving located on the homepage of our parish website.

Funds

General Fund
Building and Grounds Fund
Liturgical Needs Fund
Friends of St. Albert Fund
Sr. John Maureen SC, School Tuition Fund

Flocknote

Two ways to sign up with our communication tool
1. Smart Phone: Text the word "albert" to 84576
2. Online URL: stalbertthegreatkett.Flocknote.com

1939 Legacy Society

Established in 2005, this society honors individuals / families who, through estate planning, have made a commitment to St. Albert the Great.

Memory Pavers

The grounds of St. Albert the Great Spirit Center offer memory pavers & bricks, which can be engraved with the name of a loved one.

Connect with Us

Website: www.stalbertthegreat.net
Facebook: @StAlberttheGreatKettering
Twitter: @StAlKettering

ABOUT ALBERTUS MAGNUS



St. Albert, our Patron Saint, was born in Germany in 1193. The Feast Day is November 15, and he is the Patron Saint of Natural Science. He has been called the "Doctor of the Church" and "Teacher" because he was the teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas. He is the only scholar of his time to be called THE GREAT!



3033 Far Hills Avenue
Kettering, Ohio 45429