

May 2, 2010 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
A Tithing Parish

STEWARDSHIP

Tithing: God's Plan for Giving

REPORT FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

Envelopes	\$8,432.00
Loose Cash	753.00
Non Member Checks	402.00
Easter	390.00
Snow Removal	20,000.00
Poor Box-AID Interfaith	219.46
Holy Land Shrines	<u>210.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$30,406.46

YTD July 1 through March 31, 2010

	Actual	Budget
Operating Income	\$769,294	\$789,974
Operating Expense	<u>743,033</u>	<u>768,572</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	26,261	21,402

MASS INTENTIONS

May 2

Sunday	8 am	For The Community
	9:30 am	Easter Flower Memorial
	11:30 am	Kathleen Marie Althoff †
Monday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tuesday	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Wednesday	12:10 pm	Cathrine Golding †
Thursday	12:10 pm	Iris Shields †
Saturday	5 pm	Anthony Tamberino, Sr. †
Sunday	8 am	Easter Flower Memorial
	9:30 am	For The Community
	11:30 am	All Mothers

†Deceased

POOR BOX

The Poor Box for the month of May will benefit Little Sister's of the Poor.

PARISH EVENTS

Week of May 2

Today! Sunday, May 2

10:45 am Intercessory Prayer
10:45 am Rosary
12:45 pm Youth Ministry Core Team Meeting
10:45 am Flower Planting In Mary Garden
11:30 am First Eucharist Liturgy
4:00 pm Tea Committee Meeting

Monday, May 3

10:15 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Bridge Group
7:00 pm Unified Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 4

9:15 am Catholic Scripture Study Fellowship
6:30 pm Theology of the Body
7 pm Another Look
7 pm Into the Heart

Wednesday, May 5

9:15 am Theology of the Body
1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:45 pm Benediction
7 pm RCIA
7:15 pm AA Meeting
7:30 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 6

5:30 pm Cantor Practice
7 pm Choir Practice

Friday, May 7

10:00 am Set-up for Tea

Saturday, May 8

8:30 am Sandwich Making
12 N Mother's Day Tea

Sunday, May 9

10:45 am Intercessory Prayer
10:45 am Rosary

Dear Parishioners:

Friendship has an extremely important role to play in our lives. Without real friends, life loses much of its appeal. It becomes dull, lonely, and at times, even quite depressing. True friendship is not just useful. It is, in many ways, the staff of life, a necessity for human living. In the encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis* (The Redeemer of Man) Pope John Paul II gave us these remarkable words: "Man (or woman) cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it."

What could be clearer? Life without love makes no sense whatsoever. One of the most common forms of love that we find in our lives is found in friendships. There may be people who have no family or any close relatives. But we would surely pity the person without even one friend. The power of deep friendship is truly remarkable. Think of your closest friends; some of them might be from grade school, high school or from university years. But a true friend is more than someone who just has a history with you. But, as with all valuable things in life, take care of friendships. To have a friend, we must be a friend. "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts." (Thomas Hughes)

Is friendship a ministry? Yes, if it is a true service of love to others. While we are still in the Easter Season, it is good to talk about what happens when we make the decision to love our neighbor. We not only give new life to someone else, but our own life is refreshed and renewed.

May this Easter Season be a great joy and grace for you and your families as you encounter the Risen Lord in one another!

In Christ's love,
Fr. Frank

FAITH FORMATION for Children

Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net)



Middle School – Joanie Carlson
(carlsonj@notredameprep.com)

SUMMER CAMP – *Sherlock Combs and the Case of the Missing Hands* -

August 16-20, 2010

It's coming ... our annual Summer Camp for children entering Kindergarten through 7th grade. Camp helps you meet new CCSFX parish members ... builds community ... is free because it is part of our parish faith formation program ... and is FUN! All parish children are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend. Childcare, for those under age 5, is offered for those adults who help during camp week. Registration information can be found in our annual Faith Formation Booklet available at all the Church exits or online at www.ccsfx.net.

NEEDED for CAMP – Adults, Teens, Campers

- **MUSIC**
 - Teens who play an instrument and are willing to jam with our Camp Band
 - Teens to be part of our Openings and Closings ... mimes and speaking roles.
 - Classroom leaders
- **PREPARATION**
 - Help is needed to peel and stick labels. This can easily be done at home.

If you can help, please contact Pat Allshouse (pallshouse@ccsfx.net) for more information.

FLOWERS FOR MARY'S GARDEN

This weekend, the Family Activities Committee planted flowers in Mary's Garden. They are in need of families/individuals willing to water and weed the garden throughout the spring and summer. Please contact Liz Scarbrough (essquirrel@yahoo.com; 410-472-1141) or Amy Bateman (amybateman@comcast.net; 410-828-6246) if you can help.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

For the past two weekends, copies of our annual parish Faith Formation Booklet (yellow) have been available for pick-up at each of our Church entrances. This contains all the information to register you or your family members for our parish pre-school, religious education, sacramental preparation or summer programs for the 2010-2011 year. These booklets will no longer be mailed out. **You may pick up a copy this weekend** or access this information on our parish website, www.ccsfx.net. Registration materials are due in by **May 25, 2010**. Thank you for your prompt attention.

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

The Spring Parish General Meeting, required by our Philosophy of Governance, will be held on **Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 at 7 pm in the Church Hall**. The agenda includes discussion and vote on the Goals & Objectives and proposed budgets for the community committees; the parish budget for 2010-11; a revision in our Philosophy of Giving; movement of the Tabernacle and Blessed Mother statue; and, the opportunity to voice your thoughts, ideas, and concerns for CCSFX.

The proposed Goals & Objectives and committee budgets are posted on the parish website (www.CCSFX.org) at the "Committee" tab for each of the respective committees. Committee budget proposals are subject to modification by the Finance Committee and our pastor. A limited number of printed copies will be available for review prior to the PGM in the Gathering Space. All relevant materials will be presented by PowerPoint at the Meeting.

As "owners" you are strongly encouraged to participate actively in the PGM. This is your opportunity to express in a public forum your interests in the life of CCSFX.

BRIDGE GROUP

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! The CCSFX monthly bridge group is in full swing. We play the first Monday of each month—next game is **Monday, May 3, from 1 to 4 pm**, in the lower Hall. We would love for you to join us. Please **Bring Your Own Beverage**.



NEXT PARISH CLEAN UP DAY, Saturday, May 8. We were able to do some sprucing up of the parish

grounds on our April 24 clean up day, but the turnout was low. May thanks to those parishioners who were able to help out!

**There is still much to do.
Come on out and HELP!**

Meet in the upper parking lot at 9 am, wear your work clothes and bring gloves and tools!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

John Mojzisek (jmojzisek@ccsfx.net)

YOUTH MINISTRY – Thanks to all who made our Lent program so successful. The fun continues this spring:

Sunday, May 2nd – Core Team Meeting 12:45 to 2 pm

Sunday, May 9th – No meeting – Happy Mother's Day!

Friday, May 14th – Lock-In - 8 pm until 8 am Saturday morning

Sunday, May 23rd – Senior Farewell Picnic, 12:45 to 3 pm

Contact me for more information:

jmojzisek@ccsfx.net

SERVICE – Our teens are again participating in the Baltimore Appalachia Work Camp, June 27 – July 3. One group will stay at the Holy Trinity Monastery and work all week in Baltimore City, the other group heads out to Terra Alta, West Virginia. Both groups perform basic home repair and landscaping for those in need. Spots are limited and forms are due by the end of the month so contact me immediately if you would like more information and registration materials.

City of God Prayer Group-Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Chapel. Contact Mary Alice Spadaro at maryalicespadaro@comcast.net.

National Day of Prayer – May 6 - All across America, people will be praying for our Nation. Please try to attend Mass this day and pray for our Nation, repent for our sins and give God the honor and worship He deserves.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA



Thank you to all who purchased tickets or have helped in some special way. The Mother's Day Tea is sold out. Reminder: Even if you did not purchase a ticket to the tea, the Boutique will be open to all from 12 Noon until 5 pm for shopping in the lower hallway. Seating for the Tea will begin at 1 pm. Please remember to bring your ticket and your prettiest tea cup and saucer with you. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for the tea, please call Pat Badore at 410-561-1066.

MARIAN DEVOTIONAL
May 15th & 16th, 2010

Please join us as we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will gather after the 5 pm, 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses and process to the Marian Garden. There we will crown Mary with a floral wreath and pray the Liturgy of Loreto.

GOSPEL OF LIFE

Project Rachel Vera Bradley/Longaberger Basket BINGO on June 12th, 2010 at 7PM (doors open at 6PM), at **St. Clement's Church**, 1212 Chesaco Ave., Baltimore MD. *This event will help women and men who have suffered abortion trauma and need the financial support to participate on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.* Tickets are \$15.00 in advance, \$18.00 at the door. Ticket includes admission, door prizes, and 3 card strips for all 20 games. Special bingo games and raffle tickets will be available to purchase separately. For tickets, please call Kathy Parkerson at (410) 788-4961.

DRESSER FOR LIFE

Please don't forget the "Dresser for Life" in the gathering space. We need newborn items, diapers, wipes, infant clothes, even a check made to the Pregnancy Center North would be great. If you have larger items, like a crib or bassinet, call Rob Bart 410-472-9091, or Jim Althoff 410-527-1045.

Pregnant, need help? Call the Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL-OK Suffering Post-Abortion Syndrome? Call Project Rachel 410-354-6900 or visit the website: www.project-rachel.net <http://www.sfxforlife.org>

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Wednesday, May 5th

Join us in Community Adoration to the Lord

Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 5th**, beginning after the 12:10 pm Daily Mass and concluding with Benediction at 6:45 pm. Can you help? We hope that more parishioners will commit to spending at least one hour with the Lord in Adoration and Prayer. Come to the Chapel and join us as we Adore the Lord together in silent Community. Bring your children and a friend! Visit the Gospel of Life website Adoration Page – <http://www.sfxforlife.org/adoration.htm>

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Every weekend we have seven opportunities to be of service to our fellow-parishioners and there is always room for one more volunteer. Consider being a liturgical minister when attending Mass. "What's available for me?" you ask. Well, take your pick:

Altar Server – Choir – Eucharistic Minister – Greeter –
Lector – Scriptures for Children – Usher

In the Gathering Space, there is a bulletin board on an easel. Sign the MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS sheet. Someone will contact you within the week. The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier needs you!

Next Sunday's Readings

May 9, 2010

1st Reading ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 15:1-2, 22-29
2nd Reading REVELATION 21:1—14; 22-23
Gospel JOHN 14:23-29

The readings will be more meaningful and familiar if you take the time to read them before Mass.

UNITE FOR SIGHT

CCSFX will be collecting glasses through June to benefit Unite for Sight. This organization supports eye clinics worldwide to help eliminate patient barrier to eye care. Look for the bins in the Gathering Space. All eye glasses are needed! For more information, contact Cheryl Barrows at 410-329-9787



THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Contact Deacon Don

deacondon@ccsfx.net or 410-785-0356 x12

LITURGY CORNER

It made its appearance at the very special Easter Vigil Mass on the evening before Easter Sunday. As the symbol of the Risen Christ, it was processed into the worship space with great solemnity. "It" is the large candle which stands beside the ambo (lectern, pulpit) all throughout the Easter season. (Notice: only 40 days of Lent, but **50** days to celebrate Easter, the greatest feast of the entire Church year.)

After Pentecost Sunday – May 23 this year – the Easter Candle will be moved from its place in the sanctuary to the area in front of the window behind the Baptismal Font. As the year proceeds, this "Light of Christ" candle is a part of the celebrations of the sacrament of Baptism. Likewise, the Easter Candle is used at funerals, being placed in front of the casket, in recognition that the deceased has been baptized into Christ and has now been called into the eternal presence of that same Christ.

All candles . . . large or small . . . when used at liturgy symbolize the Light of Christ in our lives. In fact, all the other candles are meant to serve as replicas of the Easter candle. This is particularly true of the hand-held candle used at Baptism. In summary, lit candles everywhere are reminders that Christ is the Light of the World who dispels the darkness of sin and calls all of us to risen, eternal life.



MEAL BLESSING FOR EASTER SEASON

God of love, you shower us with blessings. In this season of joy when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, you continue to bless and protect us. As we prepare to share this meal, keep us mindful of those who are so often hungry. As believers who have put on Christ in Baptism, make us bearers of compassion and justice. Bless the food and the love we share. Amen.

ANOTHER LOOK

At Mass on Christmas and Easter, there are always a number of "inactive" Catholics present. This can be an evangelizing opportunity for us to welcome them in such a way that they may begin to think about returning to the faith of their Baptism on a regular basis, rather than just once or twice a year.

Next Tuesday evening, May 4, the parish offers an opportunity for inactive Catholics to meet and discuss whatever may be keeping them away from the Church or whatever it was that prompted them to drift away or even to have felt pushed away.

Think of family members and friends for whom this opportunity may be coming along at just the right time. Suggest that they stop by. This is a conversation, not a formal study program. The session (not more than one hour) begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

A fully-initiated Catholic Christian has received the three sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For any number of reasons, some adult Catholics have so far missed out on the sacrament of Confirmation. In just three weeks, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, adults will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Confirmation along with other adults at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on North Charles Street.

To arrange to participate in this adult sacramental celebration, please contact Deacon Don no later than next Sunday, either before or after any weekend Mass or at deacondon@ccsfx.net or at 410-785-0356 x12. (The next opportunity for Confirmation will be in the Fall.)

FIRST EUCHARIST CONGRATULATIONS

On the weekend of April 17th and 18th, twelve of our parish children received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. This weekend another twenty-eight children will join them at the Table of the Lord. Our parish community and our Church are strengthened by their enthusiasm and witness. Thank you for your prayerful support. Please continue to pray for these little ones:

Megan Anzalone
Nicole Behrens
Ava Flannery
Celia Flannery
Julianne Giza
Elizabeth Del Guercio
Winston Chodnicki
Cabrini Class
David Mahon
Liza Regan
Duncan Troy
Olivia Yazigi
Talbot Buck
Alexander Burchell
Ryan Callahan
Kathryn Gendron
Elle Lochary
Katherine Oertel
Kate Saumell
Cooper Goetze
Katherine Blair
Molly Asher
Patrick Atwood
Connor Cadigan

Alexandra Cashman
Summer Crawford
Michael Doyle
Christopher Doyle
Christopher Hanley
Matthew Hanley
Spencer Knolle
Claire Lamoureux
Grant Levitt
Julia Marine
Hannah Popowski
Lauren Rasmussen
Amanda Rodier
Jordan Smith
Claire Walsh
Aidan Walton



Philosophy of Giving

(original document)

Since 1990, our community has operated from a clear philosophy of giving. When you join our community you become an owner, you belong. St. Francis Xavier does not exist to provide services as needed.

We exist as a community to help each other grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our mission statement directs our work.

We cannot do God's work without financial support. To carry on our mission, we ask each member to determine in advance the level of financial support they will provide in the coming fiscal year. Members are asked to give according to their means and expect to receive according to their needs.

We ask our members to sign commitment cards for each year. Contributions can be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly. Our goal is to encourage members to give by check, monthly if possible. Over 90% of our contributions come in monthly checks, many are mailed in.

All parish operating expenses are paid from offertory income. We do not charge for religious education or sacraments; nor do we take up collections for flowers, have second collections or conduct fund raisers.

We must meet our approved offertory income budget in order to accomplish our mission. Our expenses grow due to inflation and mandated increases. Our Finance Committee monitors all expenses carefully, but we need everyone to take a proprietary interest in the financial health of our community.

The best solution is for every member to become an "owner" - sign a commitment card, and make a regular contribution. This is the only way a faith community can operate in a secure fashion.

Philosophy of Giving

(Proposed Revisions in **bold**)

Since 1990, our community has operated from a clear philosophy of giving, **one which flows naturally from our philosophy of governance.** When you join our community you become an owner, you belong. St. Francis Xavier does not exist to provide services as needed. We exist as a community to help each other grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our mission statement directs our work.

As “owners,” **community members have the responsibility and the opportunity to give of themselves according to each one’s gifts and abilities in three areas: Time, Talent, and Treasure.** There are many opportunities to share one’s time and talent both within and outside this community, for example, in the multiple ministries encompassed by the Liturgy Committee and in the various programs and projects conducted by the other parish committees. **In the sharing of ourselves we go beyond “ownership” to active participation in the service of Christ to our sisters and brothers.**

We cannot do God's work without financial support. To carry on our mission, we ask **all** members to determine in advance the level of financial support they will provide in the coming fiscal year. Members are asked to give *according to their means* and expect to receive *according to their needs*. [Italics added]

We ask our members to sign and submit financial commitment cards for each year. Contributions can be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly. Our goal is to encourage members to give by check, monthly if possible. Over 90% of our contributions come in monthly checks, some of which are mailed in. **There is also the option of electronic transfer.**

All parish **general** operating expenses are paid from offertory income. We do not charge for religious education or sacraments; nor do we have second collections. **On occasion, we will engage in “dedicated fund raising” events to financially support projects and causes not covered or envisioned in the ordinary parish operating expense budget.** We must meet our approved offertory income budget in order to accomplish our **central** mission. Our expenses grow due to inflation and mandated increases. Our Finance Committee monitors all expenses carefully, but we need everyone to take a proprietary interest in the financial health of our community.

The best solution **for giving of our treasure** is for every **owner** to sign a financial commitment card, and make a regular contribution. This is the only way a faith community can operate in a financially secure fashion.

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Fellow Community Members,

Below is the parish's Operating Income and Expense Statement for the first three quarters of the current fiscal year - July to March. Please note the following:

- Total Income for the first nine months of the year is \$20,000 below what was budgeted for the period. The primary reason for this is a decline of \$30,000 in offertory collection versus what was budgeted. A significant reason for the shortfall was the December and February cancellations of weekend services because of snow storms. While most parishioners gave their Sunday offering in subsequent weeks, it is impossible to make up the full amount lost those Sundays.
- Expenses are below budget by slightly more than income - \$25,000
- With income down \$20,000, and expenses down \$25,000 from budget, the parish is slightly (\$5,000) ahead of its budgeted \$21,000 surplus for the three quarters

We will continue to provide this information in the bulletin at the end of each quarter. We welcome any questions or suggestions for improving the manner in which the parish's financial operations are reported.

The Finance Committee

**CCSFX Income & Expense Summary
July 2009 to March, 2010 (YTD) of FISCAL YEAR
2010**

	<u>YTD</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Bud vs</u> <u>Act</u> <u>Variance</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2010 vs</u> <u>2009</u> <u>Variance</u>
OPERATING INCOME					
Total Offertory Collections	\$770,457	\$801,155	-\$30,698	\$833,097	-\$62,640
Less: Project Share Remittances	-25,763	-37,503	11,740	-55,327	29,564
Haiti Collections	70,079	20,000	50,079	23,261	46,818
Less: Haiti Remittances	-67,974	-20,000	-47,974	-23,261	-44,713
Poor Box Income	9,534	18,747	-9,213	12,928	-3,394
Less: Poor Box Remittances	-9,534	-18,747	9,213	-15,803	6,269
Less: Charities Remittances less than Donations	-12,842		-12,842	-21,713	8,871
Archdiocese Collections	9,838	10,600	-762	11,045	-1,207
Less: Archdiocese Remittances	-9,838	-10,600	762	-11,045	1,207
Lenten Appeal Rebate	40,996	26,000	14,996	27,323	13,673
Less: Lenten Appeal Remittances	-18,322	-13,000	-5,322	-13,661	-4,661
Social Ministries Receipts				3,320	-3,320
Less Social Ministries Payments	-177			-3,320	3,143
Donations, Misc & Interest Income	8,496	5,072	3,424	10,265	-1,769
Pamphlets, Books, Bulletin Income	657	4,250	-3,593	4,678	-4,021
Benefit - golf tournament	3,687	4,000	-313	4,106	-419
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Total Operating Income	769,294	789,974	-20,503	785,893	-16,599

OPERATING EXPENSE

Salaries	241,506	243,088	-1,582	252,403	-10,897
Employee Benefits	74,115	63,859	10,256	63,337	10,778
Facilities including utilities, repairs, maint, insurance	215,886	230,272	-14,386	187,134	28,752
Administration	31,057	36,299	-5,242	37,106	-6,049
Worship	23,442	22,729	713	18,974	4,468
Evangelization, catechesis, committees	39,922	61,240	-21,318	46,847	-6,925
Archdiocese assessment	105,000	105,750	-750	103,500	1,500
Catholic Review net of income	12,105	5,335	6,770	14,293	-2,188
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Total Operating Expense	743,033	768,572	(25,539)	723,594	19,439
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Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	26,261	21,402	5,036	62,299	(36,038)

Does not include Capital Campaign Income or depreciation.