



# ANNUAL REPORT JULY 2020 - JUNE 2021

Dear friends,

I am grateful to God for blessing us with such a generous and faithful community. This Annual Report gives a high-level view of the last fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. It includes information about families, ministries, sacraments, outreach activity and financials. It also includes stories of hope that illustrate the presence and power of God at work in our lives.

God has blessed us and sustained us during a challenging year. Thank you all for being a part of it. Now His Spirit is moving us toward some exciting ministry opportunities that will facilitate encounters with the Lord Jesus and help us form missionary disciples. I look forward to seeing how God's plan unfolds during this next year.

God bless you all,  
Fr. Don



ST GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL  
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TOTAL REGISTERED FAMILIES  
4,205

One thing that was guaranteed during the pandemic was change. Nothing was quite like it had ever been before. Here are two examples of how our Ministries rose to the challenges of 2020 and Covid.

## SPOTLIGHT TURKEY BASKET PROGRAM PROVIDING MEALS TO TWICE AS MANY FAMILIES



**The Turkey Basket Program will be back again this year. To get involved visit [stgabriel.org/turkey-basket-program](https://stgabriel.org/turkey-basket-program)**

The Turkey Basket Program completed its 20th year of providing Thanksgiving dinner for the poor and needy in Collin County, and it was the most challenging year so far. Yet, over 600 Thanksgiving dinners were provided to families, while making major changes to operations because of Covid. The prior years averaged 270 families so the need was also greater than ever before.

The biggest challenge was changing the distribution method. Historically the Men's club assembled the baskets the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and parishioners fanned out across the county delivering the baskets to those in need. With Covid, however, the process changed to a centralized distribution method which routed all the customers through the St Gabriel parking lot to have the food placed into their car to minimize the exposure to both the customers and the volunteers.

Over 200 volunteers showed up throughout the day of the event to direct traffic and load baskets into cars. Donation collections had to be adapted as well. In the past the men handed out envelopes after Mass and parishioners would include a donation the next week in the offering basket. Last year, with the pandemic reducing Mass attendance and in order to reduce risk, online donations were necessary. Our parishioners continued to be very generous, and the Men's Club used purchasing practices to be good stewards of the money entrusted to them. With the surplus contributions, they made donations to Minnie's Pantry, Meals on Wheels McKinney, Community Food Pantry, StreetSide Showers and our own St Vincent de Paul ministry.

Despite the major changes needed due to the pandemic, the Turkey Basket Program was very successful. We are grateful to the Men's Club and all our parishioners who donated and volunteered to provide a Thanksgiving meal for the less fortunate. The need was great, but the outpouring of God's love was even greater.



## SACRAMENTS & FUNERALS

- **Baptisms: 88**
- **First Communions: 70**
- **Confirmations: 133**
- **RCIA: 13 adults, 5 children**
- **Marriage/Convalidations: 30**
- **Funerals: 28**



### ONLINE MASS BROADCASTS

**540+**  
Most of our Masses and Sacraments were livestreamed providing the opportunity to attend important life events during a time when travel and attendance were limited - connecting family and friends across the world.

## SPOTLIGHT: YOUTH MINISTRY

Keeping our youth engaged during a pandemic

Our youth ministry programs are vibrant and very active with hundreds of youth participants and adult volunteers involved. So, when restrictions were necessary to limit numbers and provide social distancing, our Youth Ministers were the forerunners to utilize technology and continue the ministry in new and innovative ways. They met in a hybrid style of in-person and virtual meetings allowing each group the opportunity for personal connection and weekly continuity of the ministry. We asked Lori Miller, Director of Youth Ministry, some questions regarding these changes.



### WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT TO PUT SO MUCH EFFORT INTO RECREATING HOW YOU RAN YOUTH MINISTRY?

"Because we all still need community and Jesus more than ever. It felt wrong to abandon ministry when the youth were in such great need of it due to the isolation and uncertainty. The youth will only be 11 or 12 or 15 or 17 once. We must give them opportunities for community and support so that the Lord can speak into each year of their development. Canceling youth ministry was not an option. We needed to figure out how we can do it differently so that the youth can continue to grow in community and in faith."

### WHAT WERE SOME OF THE OUTCOMES OF DOING IT THIS WAY?

"We focused on personal connections. We challenged the core teams to make personal connections with families and the youth. This was a new and different ask of them and it bore a lot of fruit. We discovered that personal connection was probably the most needed element of ministry during Covid. It was time-consuming but worth it for all of us. We quickly discovered that a virtual environment is not a tool to build community with young people. We kept a careful eye on the community risk regarding the virus and moved to include more in-person gatherings as soon as we could do so. During in-person gatherings, we focused on building community and maintaining connections which laid the foundation for encounter moments with God."

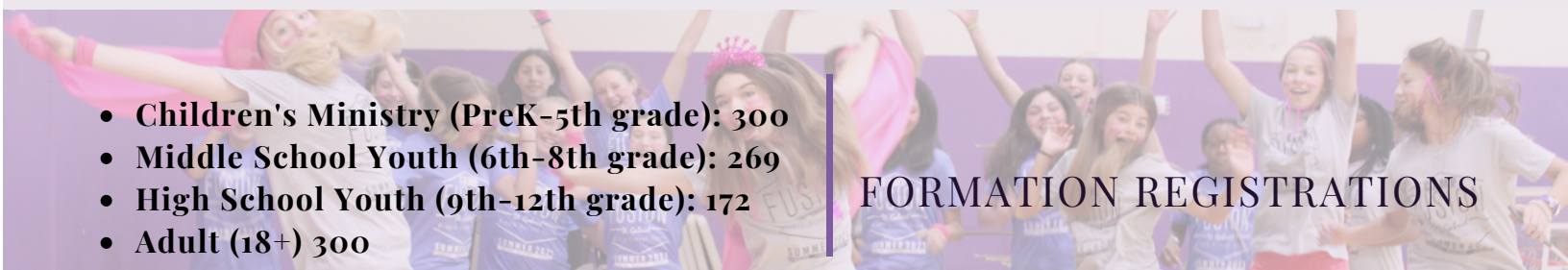
### HOW DID THE LORD MOVE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE LAST YEAR?

"This situation created a desire in our young people to invest in community, not just participate. They sought out each other and God. They were driven to prayer to help them make sense of what was happening. Some young people have brought their families back to Mass. Many received the Sacrament of Confirmation with a joyful heart."

**We are so proud of our staff and volunteers in all of our ministries to keep the formation programs running during the pandemic. Do you have a child or youth? It's never too late to register for the formation programs. Visit the website: [stgabriel.org](http://stgabriel.org).**

- **Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade): 300**
- **Middle School Youth (6th-8th grade): 269**
- **High School Youth (9th-12th grade): 172**
- **Adult (18+) 300**

## FORMATION REGISTRATIONS







FISCAL YEAR 2021: JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021

# FINANCIALS

	Jul 20 - Jun 21	Jul 19 - Jun 20
<b>INCOME</b>		
Collections	3,157,047	3,010,469
Fundraisers & Inv Income	7,792	38,442
Fees and Other Revenues	256,824	445,166
Other Gifts	-	45,883
HOPE/Building Fund and Outreach	276,453	441,188
PPP Loan Forgiveness	226,485	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,924,600</b>	<b>3,981,148</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Compensation and Benefits	1,202,550	1,244,631
Contributions and Assessments	443,187	466,838
Professional Fees	63,785	39,955
Insurance and Risk Management	55,105	45,363
Supplies, Maintenance, and Other	553,769	576,943
Utilities	138,375	154,202
Fees and Loan Interest	243,347	239,492
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,700,117</b>	<b>2,767,423</b>
<b>NET INCREASE</b>	<b>1,224,483</b>	<b>1,213,725</b>
Building Loan Principal Payments	312,956	305,931
<b>NET INCREASE after Loan Principal Payments</b>	<b>911,527</b>	<b>907,794</b>
Supplemental Non-Cash Expense: Depreciation	996,549	982,182



*We're so excited that Deacon Elijah will be our first priestly vocation next year. He was ordained a transitional deacon this past year.*

## FINANCIAL YEAR COMMENTARY

- Collections increased 4.9% to almost \$3.2M
- Online giving increased to 64% of total collections
- Income included \$226,485 from forgiveness of the Small Business Administration PPP loan received in the previous fiscal year
- Expenses were below budget and down 2.4% for the year
- Expenses included an exterior refresh of the Bishop Kelly Center

*Note: These numbers are unaudited. The complete audited financial statements will be available in late September at [stgabriel.org/finance-council](http://stgabriel.org/finance-council)*

## THANK YOU

A COMMUNITY  
UNITED IN THE  
HOPE OF CHRIST

Thank you for your financial stewardship during this last year of uncertainty. Your continued generosity supports ongoing implementation of our Parish Pastoral Plan, including the launch of new evangelization and formation initiatives like Alpha, Connect Groups and a focus on families and young adults!

