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My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Holy Comforter Financial Report for the first half of the 2023 fiscal year is presented here. Operating costs continue to rise, but we were fortunate enough to receive funds from two sources that assisted us in meeting our budgeted expenses. Our parish share from the Diocese appeal process was \$13,000; and we qualified for an Employee Retention Credit of over \$30,000 through the CARES Act. As a result, we have been able to continue our service to you, our church family, local communities, and others in need.

The Worship Department continues to be blessed by our newly reestablished homebound Eucharistic ministry. It is important that we are able to reach out to our faithful parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass. Our sacristans, servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and ushers continue to ensure our liturgies are celebrated properly, reverently, and safely. The music ministry continues to enhance our prayer at Mass and at sacred concerts such as Lessons & Carols during Advent. If you are able, please consider volunteering your time to these ministries.

This has been a spiritually productive time beginning with an enrollment of 55 for Vacation Bible School. We gathered again at CCS focusing on the Holy Eucharist in keeping with the Bishops' National 3-year Revival. There are 46 young parishioners enrolled in Children's and High School Christian Formation: 8 children are preparing for First Sacraments; 4 teens in Confirmation; 2 adults and 1 child are on their journey through the RCIA process; and 10 teens are involved in our Youth Group! Our Advent and Christmas traditions included the St. Nicholas Celebration. Over 40 children attended, which was followed by a wonderfully delicious potluck and a chance to decorate gingerbread houses and cookies. And the innocent reenactment of Our Lord's Nativity was enjoyed by parishioners and visitors alike.

The Outreach Ministry staff and volunteers continue to serve our community outdoors on 3rd Street but are happy to invite Soup Kitchen guests back inside in February. There were 2,544 grocery bags distributed to 962 individuals Monday-Wednesday; and 2,341 meals were served on Thursdays. In December you donated toys and gifts for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, we received a Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Grant of \$2,500, and we supported PACEM for two weeks by providing nightly dining space for the women. Your contributions and financial support to our Social Ministries have sustained us and enabled us to support the people of Haiti, Uganda, and elsewhere across the globe, as well as the good works of IMPACT, and the St. Vincent de Paul Holy Trinity Conference right here at home.

I'm so happy to call Holy Comforter a home where we support one another spiritually, emotionally, and physically. I am humbled by the stewardship on display and grateful for the hard work of our staff and dedicated ministry volunteers. I thank you sincerely. May God bless you abundantly.

Yours in service to our Lord,

Very Rev. Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi, V.F., Pastor

Parish Finance Council: Gary Krutul (Chair), James Allen (Recording Secretary), Nicki Athey, Peter Frazier, Greg Gerling, and Peter Zinman

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
Semi-Annual Report
July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Offertory Collections	231,318	227,500
Justice & Peace (Charity) Outreach	28,493	23,500
Grants, Fees and Other Income	60,621	37,000
Repair & Maintenance Fund	46,930	-
Investment Income	19,906	15,000
TOTAL INCOME	387,268	303,000
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Parish Operations	124,544	121,441
Liturgy and Worship	38,647	41,599
Faith Formation and Evangelization	27,186	27,914
Charity and Outreach	26,422	25,710
Facilities	44,598	43,362
Diocesan Assessments	42,528	42,974
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	303,925	303,000
 OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	 83,343	 (0)
 FUNDS ON HAND	 <u>12/31/2023</u>	 <u>6/30/2023</u>
Cash in Bank	148,837	28,557
Investment Account	1,561,223	1,503,163
Diocese Master Fund	101,788	96,992
Building Fund	221,325	212,383
Unrealized Gains on Investment Fund	65,088	199,547
Transfers from Investment Fund	30,000	45,000

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