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My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am pleased to share with you our Annual Financial Report for 2023-2024. I am thankful we can come together as a parish to worship, evangelize, and serve each other and those in need. Thank you.

We are grateful for the time Deacon Henry Vinklarek served our parish. Sadly, he died this summer in Houston, and his wife, Alicia, sends her love and gratitude to all of you for your prayers and support. Meanwhile, our sacristans, lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and ushers have continued to ensure our liturgies are celebrated properly and with reverence. Please consider sharing your time and talent by getting involved in one of these ministries, as they are all in need of new members. The music ministry enhanced our prayer at Mass and through sacred concerts such as the Seven Last Words during Lent and Lessons & Carols during Advent. "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God" (Heb. 13:15).

The Religious Education Department enjoyed another wonderful year. Starting with 50 children attending Vacation Bible School, there were 45 students enrolled in Christian Formation: nine received their First Sacraments, four were Confirmed, and one was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil through RCIA. Our Regina Caeli Homeschool Co-op continues to provide academic support and activities to families from ours and surrounding parishes and the annual Saint Nicholas Celebration was great fun as always. Our Youth Group is well-attended, and our Adult Formation programs included the popular reading and discussion groups led by John Bugbee.

Our parish received two direct benefits from your contributions to the Annual Diocese Appeal (ADA): Parish Share receipts totaled \$ 13,380, and we were awarded a \$2,500 Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Grant. The Grant, as well as your financial support from the second collection process, enabled us to assist a growing number of guests. Our Soup Kitchen served over 4,500 individual meals and over 5,000 individuals from 2,000 households received groceries from our Food Pantry. We also forwarded \$18,000 in contributions to Uganda, \$10,000 to Haiti, \$2,000 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and \$2,000 to IMPACT.

Our Finance and Pastoral Councils work together to ensure the financial needs of our ministries and parish operations are being met. I feel confident we can continue to accomplish that goal if our 226 registered and active families are able to contribute \$2,094 per year, or about \$40 per week. If you are already tithing \$40 or more per week, thank you. If you are not, but are able to, please know how much your support is needed.

I am humbled by the hard work and dedication undertaken by our parish staff and volunteers to serve you. May God bless them and all of you for your faithful support of our Parish.

Yours in service to our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Mary Lukyamuzi". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

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

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER
Annual Report
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Offertory Collections	430,968	455,000
Justice & Peace (Charity) Outreach	46,222	47,000
Grants, Fees and Other Income-(Note 1)	78,148	24,000
Repair & Maintenance Fund	55,581	-
Investment Income	29,668	30,000
Transfers from Investment Fund	-	50,000
TOTAL INCOME	640,586	606,000
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Parish Operations	244,408	242,882
Liturgy and Worship	79,580	83,199
Faith Formation and Evangelization	54,225	55,828
Charity and Outreach	70,334	51,419
Facilities	92,051	86,723
Diocesan Assessments	81,141	85,948
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	621,739	606,000
 OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	 18,847	 -
 FUNDS ON HAND	 <u>6/30/2024</u>	 <u>6/30/2023</u>
Cash in Bank	69,355	30,083
Investment Account	1,715,636	1,503,163
Diocese Master Fund	109,128	96,992
Building Fund	224,754	212,383
Unrealized Gains(Loss) on Investment Fund	258,553	199,547
Transfers from Investment Fund	30,000	45,000
Note 1- Employee Retention Credit of \$	30,452	-