

June 2022

Dear parishioners:

Please find attached a copy of the 2021 Financial Statement for Saint André Bessette Parish. We wish to highlight a few items.

SALE OF FIRE HALL LAND - ENFIELD

In July 2020 the Enfield Fire Department and Municipality of East Hants approached the parish to discuss the possible sale of the land on which the Fire Hall is situated that belonged to the parish. In accord with Archdiocesan policy, an assessment was made of the property's value and the sale was completed in 2021. Sale was for: \$198,000, the Archdiocese received 24% and the remaining went to the parish. \$35,000 was used to pay off the outstanding debt for necessary renovations done on the rectory in 2015. This left the parish with approximately \$118,000 which was put in a savings account with the Archdiocese.

ICE CREAM STAND - ENFIELD

In 2021 the Ways and Means Committee at St. Bernard began operation of an Ice Cream Stand (ICS), called Heavenly Scoops, on church grounds near St. Bernard Park. Start up costs were significant (around \$14,000 but please note we have a valuable asset in the building) and we had a net loss of revenue to expenses of approximately \$3,000. The ICS was not open for the full season and we are confident that we are on the road to a successful parish fundraiser going forward. In 2022 we have a student grant to cover a significant part of two salaries for the season.

MITCHELL HALL - FALL RIVER

With the discovery of mould a few years ago Mitchell Hall has been closed until a path forward could be decided. Several maintenance projects were undertaken, at a cost of approximately \$40,000, to bring Mitchell Hall back to life and it is presently ready for use. A huge thank you to all the workers on the maintenance team who put in endless hours on this important project. We now have two good size meeting areas, a kitchen, two bathrooms and a small office or meeting space in Mitchell Hall. Most of the costs on this project are in the 2021 fiscal year but there are a few that carry over to 2022.

FINAL COMMENTS:

You will notice that we have a large surplus for the year. This is due to the fact that the land sale is included in the parish income for 2021. Without the land sale and startup costs for the ICS we were approximately balanced for 2021.

In 2021 our Chair Pat McCarvill needed to attend to his health and Maxine Thibault was named interim chairperson of the Finance Committee. Our committee continues its work under her guidance.

If there are any questions about the finances please direct them to myself or Maxine Thibault. We will do our best to answer your questions.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael J. Walsh,
Pastor

Maxine Thibault,
Interim Chairperson, Finance Committee