

# St. Benedict Parish Realities

Based on Presentation to Archbishop Naumann,  
shared with the parish at his recommendation and  
updated for parish website, June 2017

# Church Building Numbers & Usage

## St. Benedict - seats 450

- 2 Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 Sun.
  - Each over  $\frac{1}{2}$  full during school year
  - Each  $\frac{2}{3}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  full during breaks
- 8:15 Daily Masses
- Adoration
- weekly confessions
- youth group; choir practice; organ lessons

## St. Joseph - seats 268

- 4 pm Saturday:  $\frac{2}{3}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  full
- 10 am Sunday:  $\frac{1}{3}$  -  $\frac{2}{3}$  full
- (+ MHMA 6:00 PM Sunday Mass)
- weekly confessions
- funeral dinners
- occasional family rentals
- other groups that use the basement/field

## Sacred Heart - seats 192

- 1 Weekend Mass: 4:30 Sat.
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{2}{3}$  full
- weekly confessions

## St. Patrick - seats 160

- 1 Weekend Mass: 8:30 Sun.
  - $\frac{2}{3}$  full, less so in winter;
- school building use: few meetings/gatherings;
- Longest operating church in Kansas

\*\*Funerals and Weddings at each location on occasion

\*\*Numbers are based on adult seating in the nave of the church only. (They do not include the cry room or choir loft.)

# Liturgical Challenges

## St. Benedict

- usually sufficient liturgical ministers
- usually choirs with organ at Sunday Masses during school year; Cantor/piano during breaks (more problematic on Holy Days and when BC is not in school)
- good number of BC students during school year

## St. Joseph

- usually find sufficient liturgical ministers, occasional filling of multiple ministries by same person
- cantors at about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Masses; choir with organ one Mass a month; rarely accompanyists

## Sacred Heart

- a few faithful servers, lectors, EMHCs
- cantors at about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Masses; rarely accompanyists

## St. Patrick

- faithful to completing assigned liturgical ministries
- cantor - most weeks, no accompanyists

# Priest Personnel & Other Atchison Sunday Masses

## Current Priest Personnel: Two Priests

- Fr. Jeremy, Abbot Barnabas

Abbot Barnabas is *not* retiring at this time.

## Anticipated Future Priest Personnel:

In conversation with Archbishop Naumann and Abbot James, most likely our parish will become a one priest parish once Abbot Barnabas retires.

Among other things, one priest can say a maximum of four weekend Masses (per Archdiocesan rules, based on Canon Law).

## Non-Parish Sunday Masses in Atchison:

4:00 Sat. BC Mass at Abbey\*

10:00 Sun. Abbey/Student Mass

10:15 Sun. Mount Mass; 10:30 Sun. Mount Infirmary Chapel Mass

6:00 PM Sun. MHMA Mass at St. Joseph Church\*

8:00 PM Sun. BC Mass at Abbey\*

\*Masses when school is in session

# Annual Expenses to Operate Each Site (FY '15-16)

*\*Cost for a specific location includes: utilities, building insurance, maintenance repairs, supplies used at the location*

St. Benedict - \$46,275\*

St. Joseph - \$31,070\*

Sacred Heart - \$13,526\*

St. Patrick (Church & school building) - \$12,847\*

Sacred Heart School - \$3,150 (insurance only)

Parish Rectory - \$41,319\*

St. Patrick Cemetery - \$1,460\* (includes mowing)

Parish Wide - \$816,426 (All other expenses, such as parish priest & lay payroll, Medical Benefits, Cathedral and Assessments, Poor & Needy distribution, SBCS Subsidy)

Variety Store - \$241,530\* (also includes rent, payroll & benefits, subsidies to SBCS & MHMA)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - \$26,331\* (includes mowing and snow removal)

SBCS - \$1,102,270\* (also includes payroll & benefits; excludes restricted funds: such as lunch, athletics, PTC, etc.)

St. John's Oratory, Doniphan - no parish fiscal responsibility: all funds used raised by individuals; St. John's Archdiocesan Deposit and Loans Account pays utilities

# Major Immediate Repairs Needed

St. Benedict - stones falling from towers, significant water leaking into cry room

- Cost - very conservative guesstimation: well over \$100,000 (over \$70,000 for scaffolding alone), waiting for adjusted preliminary budget

St. Joseph - water pipes, water leakage and related tile damage (especially in basement), concrete issues

- Cost - estimated \$24,000 (guesstimated by Parish Maintenance Committee)

Sacred Heart Church - water damage throughout the building

- Preliminary budget - well over \$400,000 (per contractor)

St. Patrick - eventual repainting of ceiling, but no immediate issues

St. Patrick Cemetery - no known issues

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - expansion of grave blocks, possible regrading of gravel roads (within the next few years)...Cost - unknown

SBCS - all major repairs currently being deferred (includes tuck pointing, water leakage in wall of primary wing, concrete work)

*Note: All parish property (churches, rectory, school, cemeteries) owned by Archdiocese... Except St. Benedict Church and land, owned by St. Benedict's College, leased to Archdiocese*

# SBCS Enrollment

## SBCS Students 2016-17:

176 K-8 Parishioners

9 K-8 Non-Parishioners/Non-Catholics

17 Families with 3+ Children Attending K-8

- 8th Grade Class: 29 students
- Kindergarten Class: 18 students
- Preschool Students: 24

Gr. 5-8 attend 8:15 Parish Masses Tues., Fri.

Gr. K-4 - 10:15 Mass Wed. in school "Chapel"

## PROJECTED SBCS Students 2017-18:

171 K-8 Parishioners

9 K-8 Non-Parishioners/Non-Catholics

14 Families with 3+ Children Attending K-8

- 8th Grade Class: 18 students
- Kindergarten Class: 18 students
- Preschool Students: 23+ students

\*\*Numbers based on those we expect to attend

# School Tuition & Subsidy

## 2017-18 (Year 4 of Tuition)

SBCS Tuition (for first child within a family - subtract 20% for each additional child):

- Parishioner: \$2,000
- Non-Parishioner: \$4,200
- Non-Catholic: \$4,900

Approximate cost to educate each child: \$6,645

*Note: Average Catholic Elementary School Parishioner Tuition in Archdiocese - \$3,500*

Fundraising Goal: 20% of school expenses

Expected Sacred Heart Variety Store Subsidy: \$8,500/mo to SBCS; \$1,667/mo to MHMA

Budgeted Parish Subsidy: approximately \$400,000 (remember, budgeted parish collections: \$825,000/yr)



# Parish Education and Activity

2016-17 CCD - 57 students participate  
(2015-16: 50 students)

CGS - 42 students participate (from 18 families),  
mostly homeschool families, Level 1 Room used  
by Pre-K & K school and CCD students

Youth Group - tied for largest youth group  
attending RCYC

School of Faith opportunity every semester

A few additional Bible/Book Studies

Over 20 Volunteers at the Variety Store work 15  
or more hours a week

Parish Angel Tree Project Coordination for  
Catholic Charities - over 100 individuals aided

2 Knights of Columbus Councils + 4th Degree

Adult and Youth Pro-Life Groups

Eucharistic Adoration thriving, especially when  
BC students present

Bulletin coordinated by volunteer, improved  
design and transparency

Establishing a Parish Cemetery Board, with  
subcommittees for Mt. Calvary & St. Patrick's  
Cemeteries

# Stewardship (FY '15-16, unless otherwise noted)

953 Registered Households

Total Parish Donation (FY '15-16): \$827,016.41

- Average Donation Per Household (based on if all donations were from registered parishioners):
  - \$865.08/yr or \$16.60/wk
  - Approximately 1.8% of estimated median household income
  - Over 90% of total parish income (excludes Variety Store)

*\*\*Includes EFT, Envelopes/Checks/Loose Cash in Collections*

*Other sources of parish income:* includes fundraisers, activity fees, rental fees, bequests, other general gifts

## Archdiocesan Fees and Expenses:

Cathedral and Assessments: \$127,285.11  
(FY '16-17: \$101,369.31)

Extra Collections that go to Archdiocese:  
\$9,122.45

Call to Share: \$71,666\* (goal: \$62,344)

*The Leaven:* \$15,498 (parish charged \$21 for all who receive the Leaven);

*Income:* \$3,597\* (from parishioners paying the parish their \$21 fee for the paper)

*\*Not included in Total Parish Donations*

# Endowments

St. Benedict Parish - \$25,833.56

St. Joseph Parish Maintenance - \$31,901.97  
(from sale of St. Joseph Rectory)

Mt. Calvary Cemetery - \$24,600.01

St. Patrick Cemetery - \$34,939.86

\*\*as listed in CFNEK 2015-16 Annual Report

St. Benedict's School - \$1,445,694.51

- as of 12/31/16
- Approximately 5% of endowment total goes to school annually
- (FY 2016-17: \$65,000)

# Archbishop's Response to Our Parish Realities

Complete Strategic Planning Process for Parish:

Work with Steve Ehart (Mission Strategy) and Leon Roberts (Real Estate & Construction)

- Share this information with the small core group first and then disseminate to other key parish personnel, and then parish
- With the core group, develop goals for the Strategic Plan; then establish teams for each goal
- Priority should be people and ministries, instead of facilities
- Would be wise to plan in accord with probable future reality (i.e., one priest)

Goals:

- Archbishop's Pastoral Priorities
  - Conversion
  - Evangelization
  - Outreach to Those in Need
  - Catholic Education in All Its Forms
  - Stewardship
- Facilities Vision (recommendations needed first, as they will greatly affect the work of the other committees)
- Financial
- Parish Life Participation
- Facilities Maintenance