

# CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

## Fiscal 2009 Annual Report

November 2009

### Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners:

Well, no one said it was going to be easy. It's time to report on the St. Augustine's Parish finances for fiscal 2009. We finished the year with a surplus and remain financially sound, however; some trends have emerged which I would like to bring to your attention. The figures on the reverse side detail the financial results of St. Augustine's Parish for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

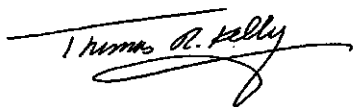
Revenues have declined significantly and steadily each year since 2007. These declines are principally due to reduced weekly collections and declining investment income. The smaller collections are reflective of the ailing economy, and hopefully will turn more robust as the economic outlook improves. The decline in investment income occurred as we committed our reserves to making substantial capital improvements to our buildings over the past several years. To date, we have spent more than \$3 million on such improvements. This source of income will not return to its previous levels as the reserves are no longer available to generate investment income. Offsetting these revenue declines, to some degree, is a negotiated increase in the rent paid by the French American School for the use of our school building.

Expenses have fared a bit better. Through our concerted efforts to reduce spending, operating expenses actually declined in 2009. We are beginning to see benefits from the increased capital spending as the costs of maintenance and utilities have declined or are growing more slowly. We also restructured some programs to reduce spending where possible as we try to optimize the benefits of each dollar spent on our religious programs. While we will continue these efforts in 2010, it is likely expenses will increase in the year ahead.

As a consequence of the factors mentioned above, the Parish reported positive Net Revenues Before Improvement Projects for 2009 of \$55,356. After accounting for Improvement Projects, (these are unanticipated capital expenses during the year), the 2009 Surplus was reduced to \$37,856, still a strong, positive result. That's the good news. The bad news is that Total Revenues have declined steadily each year since 2007 for the reasons stated above. Our task for the future is reversing the declines in revenues.

We are very fortunate at St. Augustine's. Through the continued generous contributions of our parishioners' time, talents, and treasures, we have come through a difficult year. Our mission remains to serve the spiritual and religious needs of our parish and its surrounding communities, and with your continued help and prayers, I am confident we will succeed.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,



Monsignor Thomas R. Kelly  
Pastor

If, after reviewing this document, you would like more detailed financial information, please contact me or a member of the Parish Finance Council listed below.

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**CHURCH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE**  
**Financial Results Fiscal Years Ending August 31,**

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
Regular Collections	\$554,023	\$613,340	\$653,550
Rental Income	373,795	307,417	296,589
Investment Income	26,323	88,806	131,511
Other Income	31,245	31,773	17,578
Extraordinary Donations	8,950	30,431	42,255
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$994,336</b>	<b>\$1,071,767</b>	<b>\$1,141,483</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Salaries/Benefits	\$387,281	\$389,160	\$358,226
<b>Building Expenses:</b>			
House/Living Expense	38,431	32,353	57,684
Utilities/Insurance	183,849	194,045	173,873
Repairs/ Maintenance	85,526	126,689	93,433
Subtotal	\$307,806	\$353,077	\$324,990
<b>Religious Programs</b>			
Religious Education (Subsidy)	\$84,141	\$81,774	\$85,080
Parish Ministries	9,899	27,417	50,401
Church	36,351	44,650	30,968
Administrative	32,357	49,104	45,313
Subtotal	\$162,748	\$202,945	\$211,762
Church Assessment	81,146	78,584	70,805
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$938,981</b>	<b>\$1,023,766</b>	<b>\$965,783</b>
<b>Net Revenues Over Expenses, Before Improvement Projects*</b>	<b>\$55,356</b>	<b>\$48,001</b>	<b>\$175,700</b>
<b>Improvement Projects*</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>181,111</b>	<b>54,361</b>
<b>Annual Surplus / ( Deficit ) After Improvement Projects*</b>	<b>\$37,856</b>	<b>(\$133,110)</b>	<b>\$121,339</b>

\* Improvement Projects include unanticipated capital expenses. The figure for 2008 includes a major expense for replacement of the school's boilers.