

Christi simus, non nostri



Parish Annual Report

2021-2022



St. Columban Parish Yelm, WA



St. Peter Mission Tenino, WA



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A Word from our Priest

Fr. Brian Thompson

Dear Parishioners,

What a full year it has been! As I said early on and continue to say, this parish is probably the smallest in terms of combined families I have ever served, yet incredibly active and vital in terms of love of God, of truth and beauty, and passion in living the Gospel. This year in particular has shown incredible bounce back from these last two years of chaos and worry, as we were able to—more or less—run our full complement of parish programs and activities again and really and truly emerged from the shadow of the plague in the Spring. Attendance is still in need of some recovery, though we are by no means experiencing a collapse or major reduction, as many parishes have. I am hopeful.

Furthermore, we have made efforts to strengthen and streamline the administrative end of the parish: Our new bookkeeper has done a lot to make our finances more transparent and up-to-date; we have reevaluated the job descriptions of the staff and endeavored to compensate them closer to the going rate (yet with a projected budget savings due to one position shifting to part time); we used some of the Called to Serve as Christ rebate to make some technological upgrades in the office, which have helped efficiency; we are currently working to transition to a faster, more reliable, and less expensive telecom carrier; and our staff have and are working to improve matters from office process to campus security.

Looking forward, we have a number of new ideas and initiatives coming for next year. First, with the hard work and planning of our faith formation staff, in the coming school year we will be reviving our youth ministry program under a new model that I hope will successfully meet the needs of our younger parishioners better—especially now that so many participants will have been Confirmed already—which will focus more on personal ownership and understanding of faith and discipleship. Also, I will be continuing to offer a Latin language class after Mass on Fridays, but we will also be adding a few more educational enrichment opportunities to serve our homeschooling families better and utilize our ample classroom space. At present, we are planning to have a seminar on Philosophy and some writing/speaking practice for older kids, as well as a rotating set of art units for younger ones. This is developing live, even now, and I am very eager to do what we can to serve this community need.

At the same time as all these successes in our parish, there are also some very practical challenges. As you will see in this report, our parish is in need of a fairly substantial increase in stewardship (i.e. collection revenue). This last fiscal year, like the last few (though much of that was the plague), we had to take a significant withdrawal from savings to make ends meet. We cannot sustain ourselves if we are routinely paying operating expenses from savings. Now, much of these expenses were a result of efforts to get caught up on some delayed bills and unforeseen expenses, and there were some deficiencies in income we caught (in particular, that St Peter Mission was not being properly assessed for shared whole-parish expenses); nonetheless, in the coming fiscal year we are budgeted to require more income than this year's actual expenses. This is to be expected in a return to full programming, we just need attendance and collections to return alongside it.

Now, I think this is very doable. Honestly, I think a lot of this situation is that our parish has in the past somewhat taken stewardship for granted; there hasn't really been stewardship of treasure renewal efforts in this parish for several years. In the interim, many have come and gone from the community, and in the same span of time, perhaps others haven't had a reason or reminder to assess the amount they are giving to the Church and other causes. So, now is a good time to remind everyone and invite them to participate in supporting the works of the Church.

First and foremost, we need to encourage all families to participate in parish stewardship: approximately only half of

our families give to the parish. If each of the families who do not typically give committed to even as much as \$5 or \$10 a week—ideally using envelopes or online giving so we could keep track of it, we would likely exceed our budget needs. If all families increased by \$5 or more a week, we would be in a very strong position in terms of rebuilding the toll the last three years took on our parish finances. For our retired parishioners who may have a fixed budget, speak with your financial advisor, but there are ways to make annual or quarterly contributions to charity directly from IRAs and the like, with less or nothing being lost to tax in the process.

I know things are tough and a \$5 or \$10 each week increase might be out of the reach of some, but I am sure that—having been made aware—some who are able might take this moment to reassess their own giving and find \$5, \$10, or more is a responsible and sustainable increase. Perhaps, like me, you have become accustomed to giving a certain set amount, but have not reassessed the amount for a few years, years within which your income has increased and thus the proportionate amount committed to charity should have as well. I myself had this realization that I hadn't done the math in a while. So, I increased by \$10 back in the Spring, and have recently assessed again and added \$5 more per week.

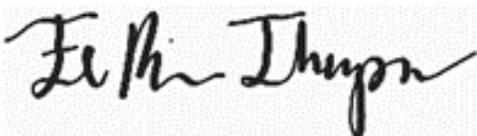
A second help to parish finances would be for as many parishioners as possible to transition to Online/Electronic Giving. Online Giving allows a more consistent and predictable income for the parish and takes away the burden of having to remember to write a check or remember to bring an envelope to Mass. I know it can seem strange, how could one be better than the other if one is giving the same amount? but that added dimension of predictability and automation makes a significant difference for us.

This is not solely a matter for St Columban parishioners either. As in all things, when I say “parish,” I mean both churches. However, turning to St Peter in particular, the Mission has its own unique challenge: having reassessed the percentage of shared expenses that St Peter should bear based on income and family count--and even reducing it by a small so as to not put St Peter's budget too far in the red, St Peter is not going to be as flush with liquid funds moving forward and indeed needs an increase in giving as well. The staff and I put a lot of effort in to finding a percentage that would not be unbearable or punitive, but also fair to the people of the parish church, by not artificially insulating one church from a shared problem.

I am taking a bit of a risk, honestly, keeping all our programs at full steam (and cost), indeed expanding slightly, hoping that we can all step up to support them adequately. However, I have confidence in our communities, and—frankly—if I cut back on staffing and programs, both churches would *still* need more income to make ends meet; so, our options are really to encourage stewardship to match the activity level and program offerings of our energetic little parish, or to serve you less and still have to ask you for more donations than at present—you can hopefully see why I took the tack I have.

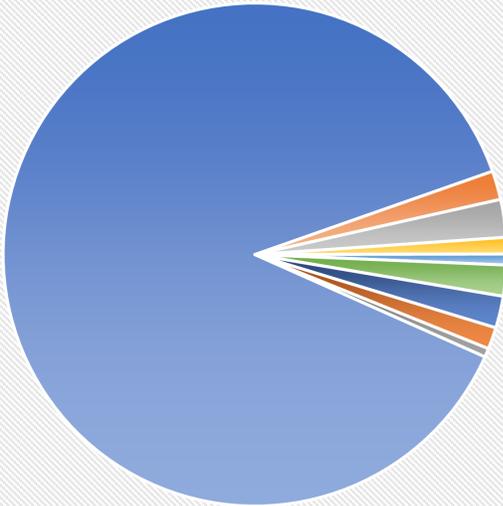
As I said first of all, this is a very active and effective parish, and I am absolutely wowed by how much so. It is just that we have not stopped to take stock of our finances in a while, and this is the moment—coming out of the plague—that it is wise and necessary for us to do so.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Felice Thuyon" in a cursive, flowing script.

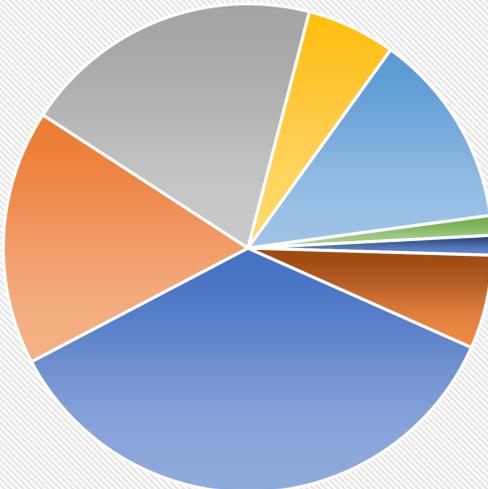
Financial Update

St. Columban Parish ~ 2021-2022



Income

Sacrificial Giving	\$243,642.06
Mass Stipends	\$ 5,126.20
Votives and Flowers	\$ 5,507.33
Religious Education	\$ 2,931.47
Prayer Garden	\$ 6,734.11
Youth Scholarship Donations	\$ 1,933.21
ACA Rebate	\$ 3,876.50
Rental Income	\$ 5,680.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,552.88
Total Income	\$276,983.76



Expenses

Priest Salary Benefits	\$ 54,043.27
Lay Salary/Benefits	\$118,262.79
Assessments/Taxes/Insurance	\$ 63,633.03
Utilities	\$ 41,465.70
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 18,817.82
Religious Education	\$ 4,143.38
Restricted Expenses	\$ 4,155.42
Other Expenses	\$ 19,691.59
Total Expenses	\$324,213.00
Net Loss	\$ 47,229.24

Archdiocesan Collections

Catholic Home Missions	\$ 345.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 277.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 740.00
Northwest Catholic	\$ 368.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 509.21
Priest Pension Fund	\$ 554.45
Rice Bowl	\$ 536.85
World Mission Sunday	\$ 331.00

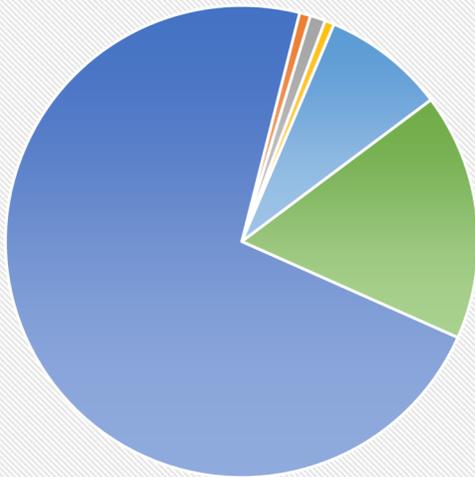
Bank Balances as of June 30, 2022

Checking Account	\$ 30,767.70
PRF Savings Account	\$ 50,506.54
PRF Building Fund	\$ 26,514.99
PRF Youth Savings	\$ 27,069.88



Financial Update

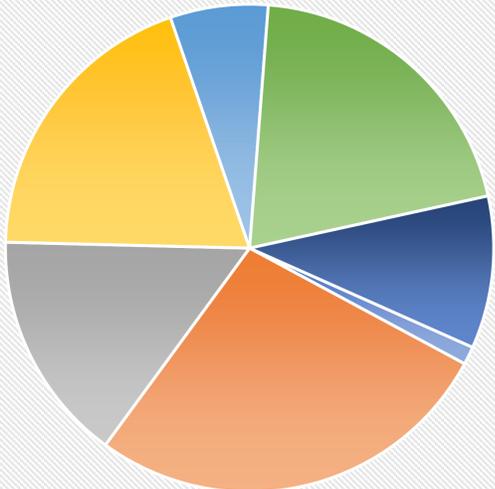
St. Peter Mission ~ 2021-2022



■	Sacrificial Giving
■	Mass Stipends
■	Votives and Flowers
■	Restricted Donations
■	ACA/CTSC Rebates
■	Interest Income
	Total Income

Income

\$	48,567.31
\$	500.00
\$	706.08
\$	430.00
\$	5,630.80
\$	11,364.30
\$	67,198.49



■	Priest Salary Benefits
■	Lay Salary/Benefits
■	Assessments/Taxes/Insurance
■	Utilities
■	Repairs/Maintenance
■	Pastoral Services
■	Other Expenses
	Total Expenses

Expenses

\$	507.11
\$	1,528.64
\$	6,499.31
\$	8,205.81
\$	2,747.42
\$	8,623.95
\$	4,285.69
\$	42,394.93
	Net Profit
\$	24,803.56

Archdiocesan Collections

Catholic Home Missions	\$	20.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$	20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	740.00
Northwest Catholic	\$	100.00
Peter's Pence	\$	91.00
Priest Pension Fund	\$	256.00
Rice Bowl	\$	536.85
World Mission Sunday	\$	30.00

Bank Balances as of June 30, 2022

Checking Account	\$	21,261.86
PRF Savings Account	\$	128,341.70



Our Parish Year by the Numbers

Sacraments & Funerals



St. Columban Parish		St. Peter Mission
13 Baptisms		1 Marriage
21 First Eucharist	4 RCIA	3 Funerals
19 Confirmations	7 Funerals	10 Anointings
4 Marriages	20 Anointings	ഒരുവർ



Demographics

	St. Columban Parish	St. Peter Mission
Registered Households/ Families	285	44
Households/Families receiving envelopes	168	40
Households/Families contributing ONLINE	40	4

Faith Formation Enrollment

6	Kindergarten
38	1st -5th Grade
28	Middle School (Grades 6-8)
6	High School (Grades 9-12)

May They Rest in Peace †

Lance Laakso, Noella Novarra, Robert Bussey, Adeline Uselman, Janice Suver, Kirk Taylor, Patricia Schiesz, Faye Ann Thoma, Gracie Sudano, Paula Yantis

Liturgical Volunteer Count

St. Columban Parish	St. Peter Mission
7 Altar Servers	1 Altar Server
8 Cantors	2 Cantors
1 Choir (7 members)	1 Choir (3 Members)
4 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	3 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6 Readers	4 Readers
1 Master of Ceremonies	3 Sacristans
3 Sacristans	6 Ushers/Greeters
14 Ushers/Greeters	1 Church Environment Minister
10 Church Environment Ministers (Altar Society)	3 Rosary Leaders



Holy Week &
Easter

Activities Summary

Prayer and Study

St. Columban Parish	St. Peter Mission
Eucharistic Adoration Latin Class Rosary Prayer Group Stations of the Cross	Bible Study First Friday Mass Rosary Rally Stations of the Cross

Outreach

St. Columban Parish	St. Peter Mission
Christmas Giving Tree Project Communion to the Homebound/Hospital Diaper Drive for PREPARES Respect Life/March for Life (Virtual)	Knights of Columbus (KofC) Baby Bottle Drive KofC Coats for Kids (November) Society of St. Vincent de Paul Winter Clothes Closet
	Back to School Drive Christmas Giving Tree Project Communion to the Homebound/Hospital Sock Drive

Events

St. Columban Parish	St. Peter Mission
Daughters of Mary Coffee Hour (Monthly) KofC Breakfast (Monthly) Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair (August) Oktoberfest (September) SVdP Walk/Run for the Poor (September) Our Lady of Guadalupe Las Mañanitas (December)	Las Posadas (December) Lent Soup Supper (March-April) Daughters of Mary Spring Bazaar (April) KofC Annual Outdoor Sale (May) KofC Annual Coats for Kids Car Show (June)
	Coffee Hour (Weekly) Lent Soup Supper (March-April)

Please consider Online Giving!

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments and pledges to help sustain your church. Please sign up today! Visit <https://saintcolumbanyelm.org/stewardship/> and choose "Give to St. Columban Parish" or "Give to St. Peter Mission." Or scan the QR codes below. You will then be directed to create or log into your Vanco account. Help is also available by calling the Parish Office at (360) 458-3031.

Give to St. Columban



Give to St. Peter



Year-end Reports

Consultative Bodies

Pastoral Council

Members: *Judy Cusick (Chair), Sheila Johnson, Jerome Didier, Joseph Judge, Dennis Stumpf*

No activity to report for Parish Year 2021-2022

Faith Formation & Liturgy Committee

Members: *James Briggs (Chair), Katie Hennigan, Jennifer Langham, Bonnie Geray, Nathan Ramos*

No activity to report for Parish Year 2021-2022

Finance Council

Members: *Joe Judge, Mari Evans (St. Peter)*

With the end of St. Columban's fiscal year, it is time to reflect on the financial aspect of what transpired. As we have moved through the COVID crisis, collections have climbed a bit but still were not sufficient to cover our projected routine expenses and projects. To complete the year, we had to access our savings account and defer some projects. This shortfall is a direct correlation with lower Mass attendance. For a weekly update of the financial stewardship please refer to the Parish Bulletin.

We exceeded our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal (\$31,256.66 against a goal of \$24,555) but again participation was low at only 27%.

We ask all members of the Parish to pray for all our parishioners affected in some way by the COVID crisis and the present economy. We hope that in the coming year everyone's situation becomes better and we can achieve the normalcy we all crave. Father Thompson and the Finance Council thank all of you for the time, talent, and treasure you still managed to give under these difficult a positive and conditions. Your efforts have made a positive and lasting impact.

St. Peter Mission Advisory Commission

Sherry Bachmann (Chair), Bernie Schwarz, Marilyn Ritter, Dianne Weston, Bob Bacon

The St. Peter Advisory Commission reviewed and discussed issues and suggestions, made recommendations and helped implement projects and changes at St. Peter Mission.

- Gabriela Makinster resigned her position as part-time Clerk/Ministry Coordinator in November. We have been managing with all volunteer workers and have been blessed with some new ministry volunteers
- An underground automated watering system was added for the prayer garden and grass
- New Sanctuary doors (3) were installed
- New sinks were installed in the kitchen to replace the original 1980 sinks.
- First Friday Mass began at St. Peter Mission in January 2022. This replaced the monthly adoration
- Annual landscaping contracted maintenance included root treatment of the arborvitae trees
- St. Peter Mission again met and exceeded our Annual Catholic Appeal goal

All Advisory Commission members are actively involved in the parish, and represent the people and the community. Our hope is to make the worship experience at St. Peter as meaningful as possible and to address pastoral, spiritual and facility needs. The commission looks forward to our future opportunities as well as challenges. We humbly ask you to please pray for us.

Sherry Bachmann, Advisory Commission Chair
July, 2022

Ministries & Parish Groups

Daughters of Mary

Dawn Bauer, President; Katie Hennigan, Treasurer; Cindy Waters, Secretary

July of 2021 group's name was changed from St. Columban's Women's Club to Daughters of Mary. Prayer chain started by Maria Teresa Siegemund but is now coordinated by Jennifer L, Sandy S and Donna G is an ongoing effort to support private prayers requested. Cards of Comfort: Ongoing effort of signed encouraging cards from parishioners (NOT just the women) are distributed to residents of Rosemont and Easthaven. Hospitality hours after Sunday Masses. Originally was slated for the 1st and 3rd but finally decided it would be on the 2nd Sunday. Those that attend seem to appreciate the effort made.

Christmas Giving Tree evolved from parishioners purchasing individual requests for clothing or gifts to a variety of gift card amounts. This received a HUGE response from parishioners. Cards were distributed by St. Vincent de Paul.

Christmas Cookie social after the Christmas Eve Mass had at least 7 kids and their families in attendance. Annual Spring Bake/Book/Plant sale in April. Generous donations of baked goods, indoor and outdoor plants and a large assortment of books made the sale a success.

First Communion and Confirmation receptions in May and June. A total of 40 Communicants, Confirmands and their families were celebrated. Karena Peterson made beautifully decorated cookies as special gifts. Father's Day Brunch about 53 people total were served delicious quiche breakfast. During Yelm Prairie Days and the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids annual Car Show hot dogs, chips, soda, water and baked goods were sold. We, as a group, were humbled by the generosity of those in attendance. Seven Sisters Apostolate; this first year of praying for our Priest was a success. Looking forward to more volunteers this upcoming year.

Year-end Reports

Ministries & Parish Groups (continued)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Leadership: *Leslie Seffern, Jerome Didier, Paul Shlichta*

Outreach During Parish Fiscal Year:

No. Utilities paid	33	\$8,385.03	Includes 2 utilities paid with EFSP CARES grant
No. Rent subsidies paid	21	\$9,783.00	
No. Food/Gas cards distributed	63	\$4,581.57	
No. Other (propane, misc.)	23	\$5,497.4	
Total amounts SVdP paid out		\$28,247.02	

No. Families helped 140 (x average of 3/family = 420 people helped)

140 (x average of 4/family = 560 people helped)

Note: Parish contributions were the primary source of income with 2 utilities paid out of designated EFSP Cares grant funds.

Deposits from St. Columban 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 \$13,646.11

Direct deposits made by SVdP

2021 WALK for the Poor:	\$2,039.00
Donations made directly to SVdP:	\$761.32
Wood:	\$400.00
<u>Aquatic:</u>	<u>\$645.00</u>

Knights of Columbus, St. Columban Council #17152

Darren Johnson, District Deputy; Bill Gonzales, Grand Knight

During the 2021-2022 parish year the Knights of Columbus of St. Columban Council #17152 reengaged the community by holding various events to reconnect parishioners with the Church which gave Knights opportunities to exhibit our values of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Brother John Scotto led the way with restarted breakfasts after Sunday Masses. Many parishioners welcomed this return and appreciated the hospitality offered, along with the hot meal .

Our largest event was the 4th annual Coats for Kids Car Show. This year the event was hosted in conjunction with the Yelm Prairie Days, and this resulted in the largest turn-out of cars and spectators to this event. For many in Yelm this was the first time they've heard about the Knights or even stepped foot on our parish property. This will result in many more coats distributed to our local area school children around Thanksgiving time.

We look forward to many more activities in this year ahead and ask for your prayers. Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney, pray for us.

Chad Lucero, 2022-23 Chancellor

Winter Clothes Closet

Led by John Bauer

The St. Columban Winter Clothes Closet conducted its 5th year of operation. Its mission remained the same: To provide warm clothing to those in need, no questions asked". Despite some staffing limitations, due to our transition out of COVID-19 restrictions we were still able to provide support to over 160 people, which was twice as many people compared to the previous year. This was only made possible due to the generous contributions of our parishioners and the giving of time by our volunteers.





First Communion Mass (May)

Confirmation Mass with Abbot Marion (June)



Spring Bazaar (April) Coats for Kids Car Show (June)



Parish Picnic/Ministry Fair July