

Annual Report

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Community McKinney, TX

July, 2006 - June, 2007



Dear St. Gabriel Parishioner,

You know the saying: a thousand words are worth a picture. The purpose of this report is to give a snapshot in words of the parish during the past 12 months, our 11th year in existence.

There are four parts to this snapshot:

First, a brief statistical account of parish size and growth, ministries and activities from July 06 to June 07.

Second, a look at the future and at the stewardship need for the coming year.

Third, an outline of the pathway to the building of our permanent parish church and the two-step process for completing this in the next 5-6 years. *The first step*: a 3-year capital campaign beginning in 2008 to prepare the ground by retiring our parish debt and preparing the ground for our church. *The second step*: a capital campaign to raise the funds for the construction of the church.

Fourth, thank you. Nothing happens at St. Gabriel's without someone offering gifts of time, talent and treasure; gifts of prayer, service and generous sharing in response to God's call and God's generosity to them. **Thank you** for making all of this possible. I am most grateful for your generosity and for the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

May God bless you in the coming year and continue to guide your stewardship of the abundant gifts God has entrusted to you.

Peace,

Fr. Greg Kelly

Staff Milestones and Changes

Both priests reached milestones in the past year. Fr. Kelly celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination in May; Fr Tuan celebrated his first anniversary on June 3. This year also saw the departure in December of our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Matthew Decker, who took a new position at Camp Rancho Framasa in Indiana; and the departure of Mary Beth Gramlich, Director of Family Life Ministry. The Gramlich family relocated to Atlanta, GA in June. Scott Latta joined the staff in April as our new Youth Ministry Coordinator. Jalynn Mitchell joined the staff as Director of Family Life effective August 1.

We currently have 11 full-time and 8 part-time members of the parish staff. 13 also work part-time on Sunday mornings in our Early Childhood programs.

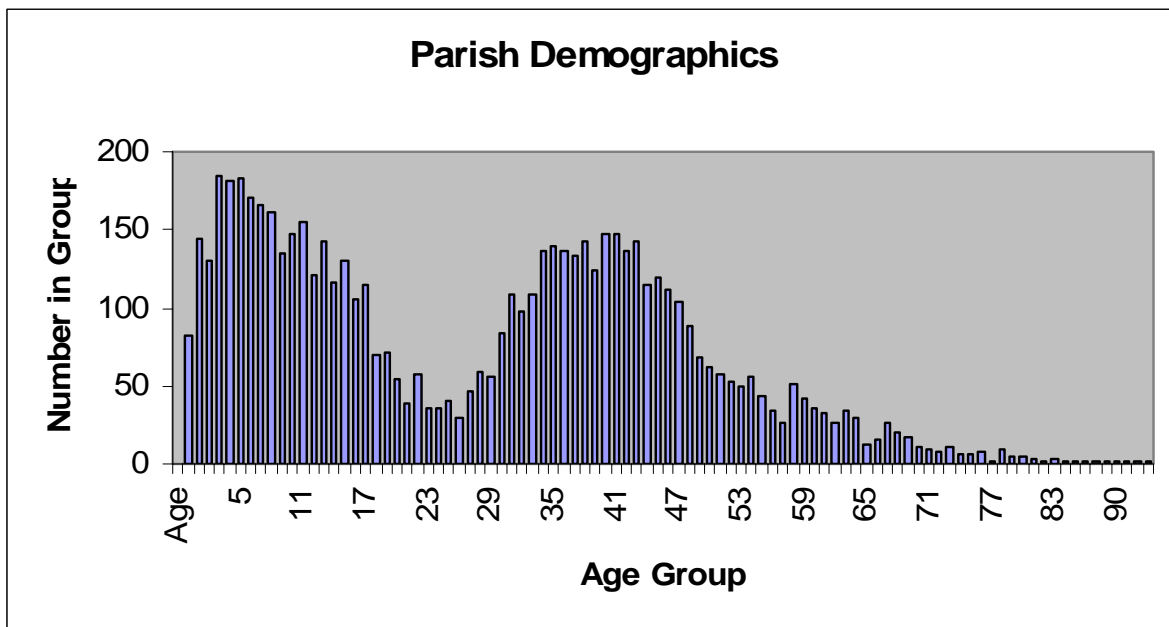
Our pre-school completed its fourth year of operation under the direction of Debbie Santowski.

80 students in 3-year old, 4-year old, T-K
8 teachers

This fall will see an expansion of the school to 103 students and the addition of JoAnn Heredia as Assistant Director.

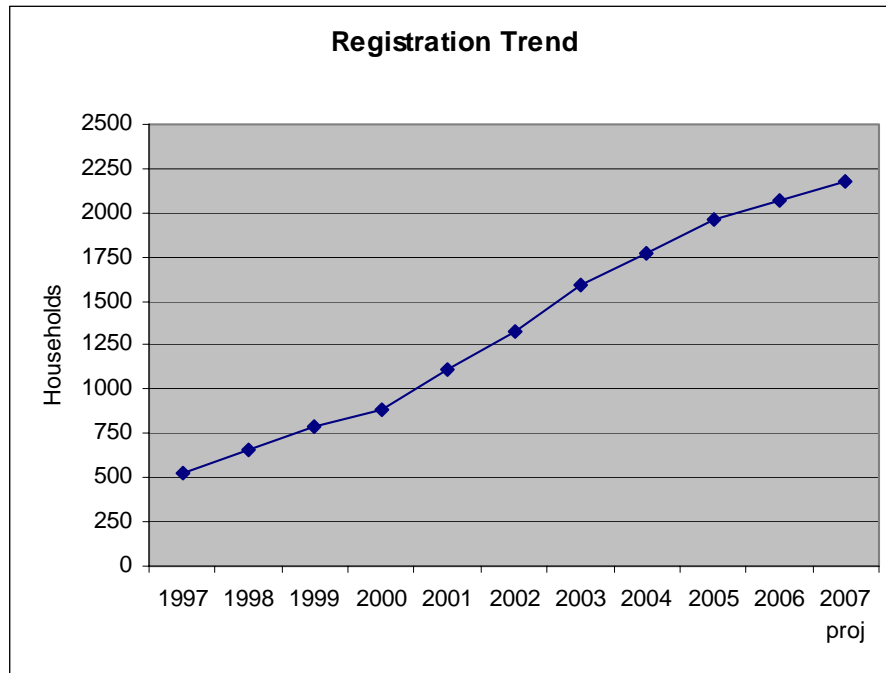
How old are we?

As a community we are still very young as shown on the chart below:



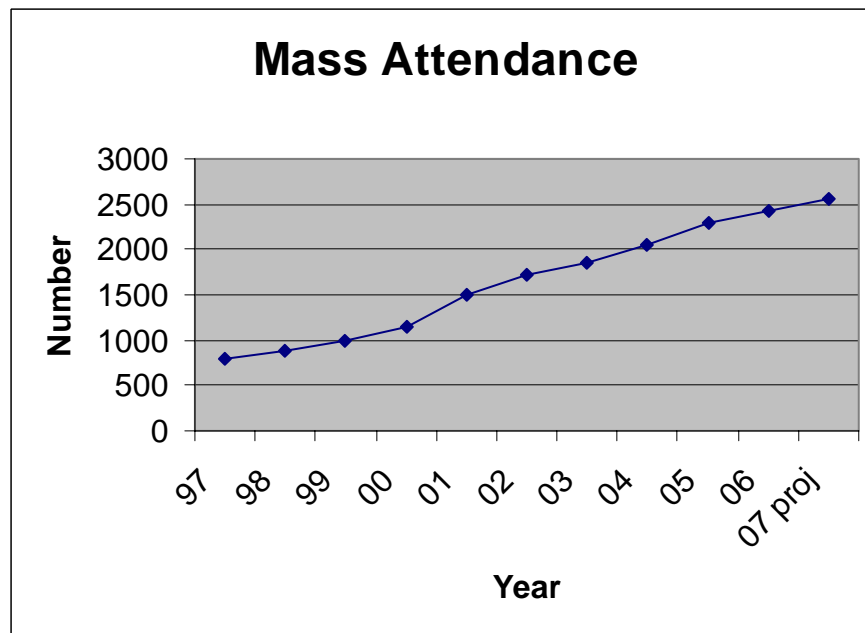
Parish Households

1996: 285; a year ago: 1958; Current: 2139



Celebrating the Eucharist

Last year average weekend attendance: 2419; this year: 2550; up 5.4%



Ministries and Activities

Sacramental Life

Adults Baptized at Easter	10	Confirmation: High School Youth	72
Adults received into the church	15	Adults	5
Children Baptized at Easter	4		
Youth Baptized at Easter Vigil	1	Weddings	9
Children Received into the Church (Confirmation and Eucharist)	4	Convalidations	6
Infant Baptisms	130	Funerals	10
First Reconciliation	94		
First Eucharist	92		

Liturgical Ministries and Groups

Eucharistic Ministers	285		
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick	51	8 Coordinators, 43 Communion Ministers and volunteers serving 10 facilities	
Lectors	40		
Music Ministry	62	Cantors	13
Prayer Chain	56	Rosary Society	6
Hospitality Ministers	64	Altar Care	18
Sacristans	16	Eucharistic Adoration	99
Altar Servers	49	Monthly Praise and Worship Nights	80-150
Bread bakers	58		

Passing on the Faith

	Totals	Average per week
Nursery	49	13
Children's Liturgy of the Word	365	98
Toddler Faith Formation	77	21
Clusters	32	
Clusters with families participating	309	581 children 3yr old-8 th grade
Home-Centered Faith Formation families	70	134 children 3yr old-8 th grade
Vacation Bible School	342	
Youth helpers	108	
Adult helpers	138	

Youth Ministry: Get It-Live It-Pass It

Contact w/ Middle School Youth	257
Contact w/ High School Youth	247
Attended at least 1 High School Youth Night	164
Youth (MS & HS) that went on a Retreat	157
Middle School PHAT Camp Campers	74
Middle School PHAT Camp HS Counselors	36
HS teens in Small Faith Sharing Communities	16
High School Youth Night adult Core Team	13
Adults supporting in some way to the ministry	175+

Adult formation

Catholic Scripture Study for Women:	160	
Catholic Scripture for Men	24	
ReMembering Church	8	
Christ Renews His Parish	115	(61 women, 54 men)
Gospel Study	12	
Adult Clusters	4	w/ 70 participants

Family Life

Sponsor Couples	26	Single Friends	20
Wedding Coordinators	10	Marriage Enrichment Participants	160
Engaged Couples	20	Prepare to Launch Participants	80
Grief Support Participants	25	Blood Drive Participants	120+
Divorce support Participants	18		

Outreach

Helping Hands Meals	14	Working Boys Center-Quito	40+
Clothe a Child	10	Pro-life Ministry	21
Jesse Tree	4 (300 givers)	Mission Mississippi	26
Ministry to the Imprisoned	14	St Vincent de Paul	22
Samaritan Inn	2	Communities in School Mentoring	4
Collin County Adult Clinic	1		
Food Shuttle	8		
Mardi Gras	100 (325 attending)		
Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets	75 (100's giving)		
Coat them w/ Love	4 (100's giving)		
McKinney Food Pantry Drives	20 (100's giving)		
Boys and Girls Clubs of CC	1 (Many donors)		
Caring Clowns	5 (5 adults, 1 teenager, and 3 children under 7 years old)		

Outreach Financial Support

Working Boys Center of Quito Ecuador	\$10,000
Pre-school support for school	2,688
Mission Mississippi	5,426
St. Vincent de Paul	62,306
Community Lifeline	12,000
Clothe a Child	1,500
Pro-life Ministry	15,921
Ministry to Imprisoned	1,629
McKinney Food Pantry	6,000
Samaritan Inn	1,220
Communities in School	370
Helping Hands	859
Collin County Adult Clinic	<u>1,200</u>
Total	\$121,119

Fellowship

50+	150	50+ Women's Circle	47
Craft Night	14	Women's Club	22
Men's Club	75	Mother's Group	65
Knights of Columbus	117	Boy Scouts	80
Single Friends	10-20		

Pastoral Planning

A pastoral planning process began in January to conduct a thorough review of parish ministries and activities and to reformulate a parish mission and values statement. This was introduced to parish leadership in February at the Community Exchange and a survey of the parish was conducted on April 21/22. The survey asked three questions: 1) what do you see as St. Gabriel's greatest strength? 2) what do you see as St. Gabriel's greatest weakness? 3) why do you come to St. Gabriel's? 1276 responses were received. Two planning teams, one composed of parishioners at large, another of parish staff, met 3 times in June. They reviewed input from the parish survey and formulated a new parish mission and values statement. This work will be ongoing through the end of 2007.

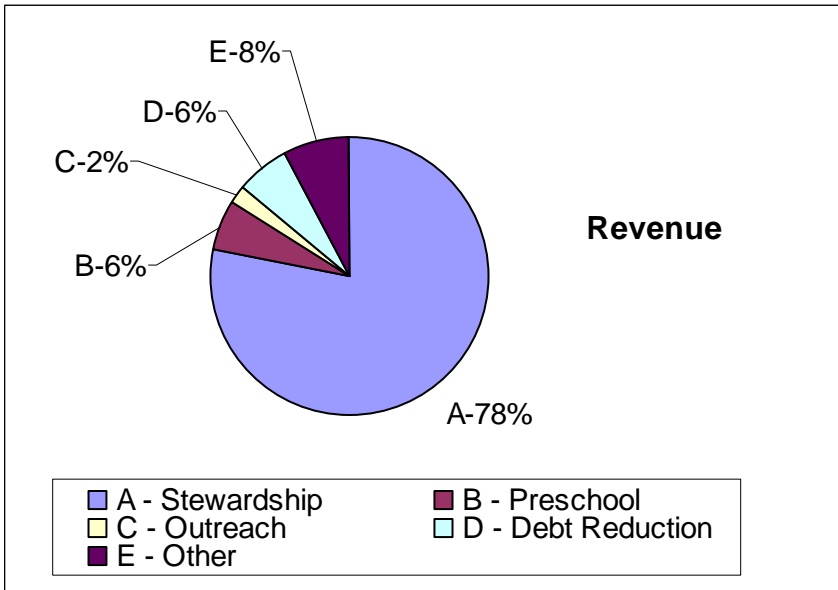
Clearing the Ground

The "Big Check" program was implemented in March of 2006 to accelerate the retirement of our parish debt and the beginning of the construction of the permanent church. Additional principal payments have been announced at weekend Masses in March, July, October, 2006; and in January, April and July of 2007. Quarterly payments will continue through the coming year as funds are available.

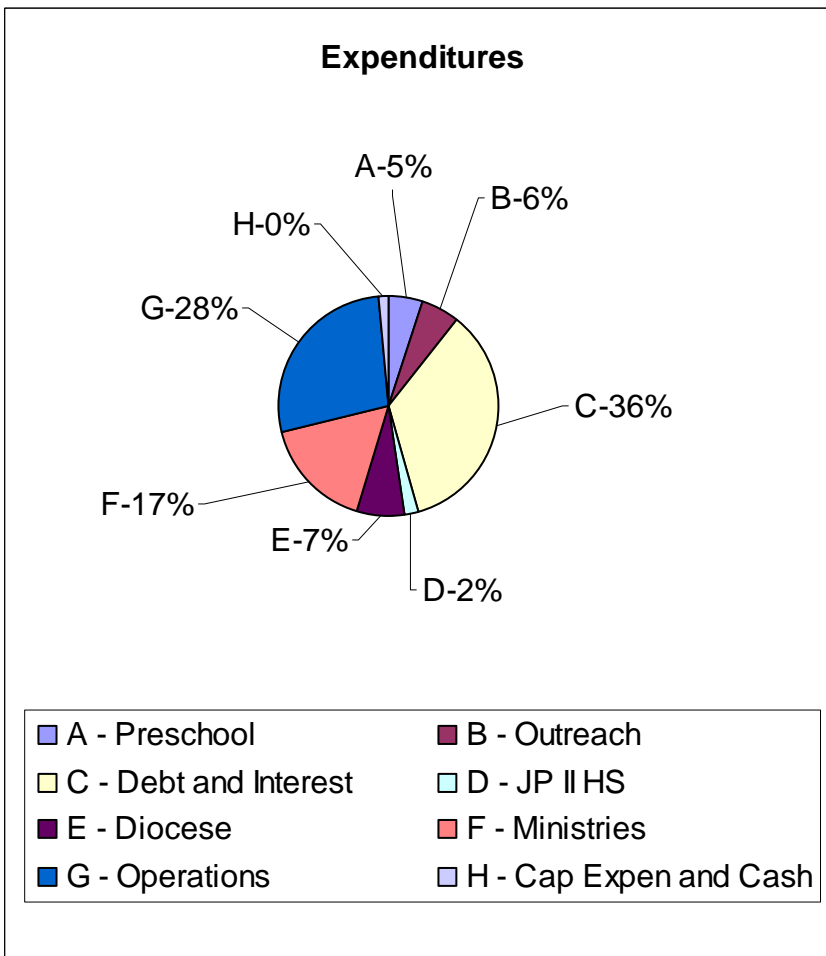
Extra Debt payments	Amount	Interest saved
Since inception:		
March, 06	139,815	\$251,620
July, 06	121,000	204,886
This year:		
October, 06	85,000	\$125,538
January, 07	100,000	129,415
April, 07	120,000	133,460
July 07	<u>75,000</u>	<u>71,670</u>
Total this year:	\$380,000	\$ 460,083
<i>Regular monthly paym't</i>	<u>277,444</u>	
 Total reduction for year:	 657,444	
 Total parish debt, July 1, 2007:	 \$4,340,723	
July 1, 2006:	\$5,023,167	

In 2008 the parish will begin a three-year capital drive to further accelerate the payment of the debt and the beginning of the construction of the parish church.

Summary of Income and Expenditures, July 2006-June 2007



A - Stewardship	\$2,194,863
B - Preschool	\$162,521
C - Outreach	\$59,688
D - Debt Reduction	\$173,651
E - Other	\$217,045
	\$2,807,768



A - Preschool	\$147,114
B - Outreach	\$157,528
C - Debt and Interest	\$1,009,789
D - JP II HS	\$61,000
E - Diocese Assessment	\$201,460
F - Ministries	\$474,653
G - Operations	\$793,652
H - Cap Expen and Cash	-\$37,428
	\$2,807,768

Looking Ahead

2008

Stewardship Goal for 2008: \$2,300,000

This is the same as the 2007 goal. This includes \$100,000 to be used for additional payments on our parish debt through the end of the calendar year 2007.

2008-2010: Clearing the Ground

Beginning in January we will begin the first of two consecutive capital campaigns resulting in the construction of our parish church. The first step will be a three-year campaign to clear the ground for the church by accelerating the payment of the remaining debt on our first two parish facilities. This campaign is designed to position us to begin raising the funds for the permanent church. Planning for the church will begin in 2009.

2011—2013: Raising the Walls

This second capital campaign will raise the funds to begin construction of our permanent parish church. This will seat between 1200-1400 people and accommodate the many worship needs for our growing parish. It is to be located on the parking lot between the parish center and the community center.

2007-2008: Pastoral Planning Process

The pastoral planning process will be completed later this year and the fruits of that process will form the basis for parish programs and activities in the next five years. Two teams have spent many hours during June and July of this year studying the data from the parish survey and formulating a new parish mission and values statement.

Call to Stewardship

Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,

It is You who calls us to stewardship in our lives. It is You who sowed the seeds of talents in us and have helped us to harvest a multitude of blessings in this world.

Help us to be the faithful steward, to share abundantly from our storehouse of blessings to glorify Your Name.

Help us to place our trust firmly in You, secure in Your promise to multiply Your goodness to those who seek You and Your kingdom.

All that we have is Yours. Bless us with a spirit of generosity. Make us a gift to others in Your Name.

Amen