

Date: January 2009 Parish Council

Business Office Report Submitted to PARISH COUNCIL

Activities for
November and December, 2008:

Included in this packet is the December, 2008 financial report. The checking accounts, D& L savings accounts were reconciled. The Archdiocese of Dubuque and Endowment fund statements will be reconciled upon receipt of statements. The parish income and expenses reflected net income of \$197,584 for the first half of the fiscal year. The favorable variance in income is the results of the following:

Church offertory was favorable by \$36,057 and year-to-date by \$33,024. The Christmas collection was \$32,538 which was under budget by \$8,000. Upfront tuition collections and bequeath appropriations (both cyclical) accounted for approximately \$110,000 favorable receipts variance. Cost containments as compared to budget also contributed to favorable variance.

- At the end of December the savings balance was \$358,517 and the building loan balance was \$391,000.
- Market volatility had a major impact on Church and Education endowment funds this past year. First National Bank reported the Church endowment funds experienced a 16.98% decrease from \$1,614,674 to \$1,331,339 for the 12 months ended 12/31/2008. The First American funds experienced a decline with an ending balance as of 12/31/08 of \$320,983. The fixed rate Church Endowment fund invested with the Archdiocese had an increase in value from \$1,023,063 to \$1,064,360.

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- The Archdiocesan Finance Council announced the following rate changes effective January 1, 2009: Rate paid on deposits reduced from 3.5% to 2.0%. Rate charged on loans reduced from 4.0% to 2.5%.
- Building loan principle payments of \$53,000 were made in January resulting in a remaining loan balance of \$338,000. At the January Finance Committee meeting, a motion was unanimously approved to retire the remaining building debt from proceeds from the Church Endowment Funds invested with the Archdiocese. The five year Phase One Building Campaign was concluded December 31, 2008. Outstanding unfulfilled commitments will be applied to the Building Improvement fund and could be used to replenish the Church Endowment fund. Prior to retiring the building debt from the Church endowment, action is required by the Parish Council to approve this action by a minimum of two thirds majority.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Parish members may obtain a copy of the financial reports submitted with this report at the Parish Office.