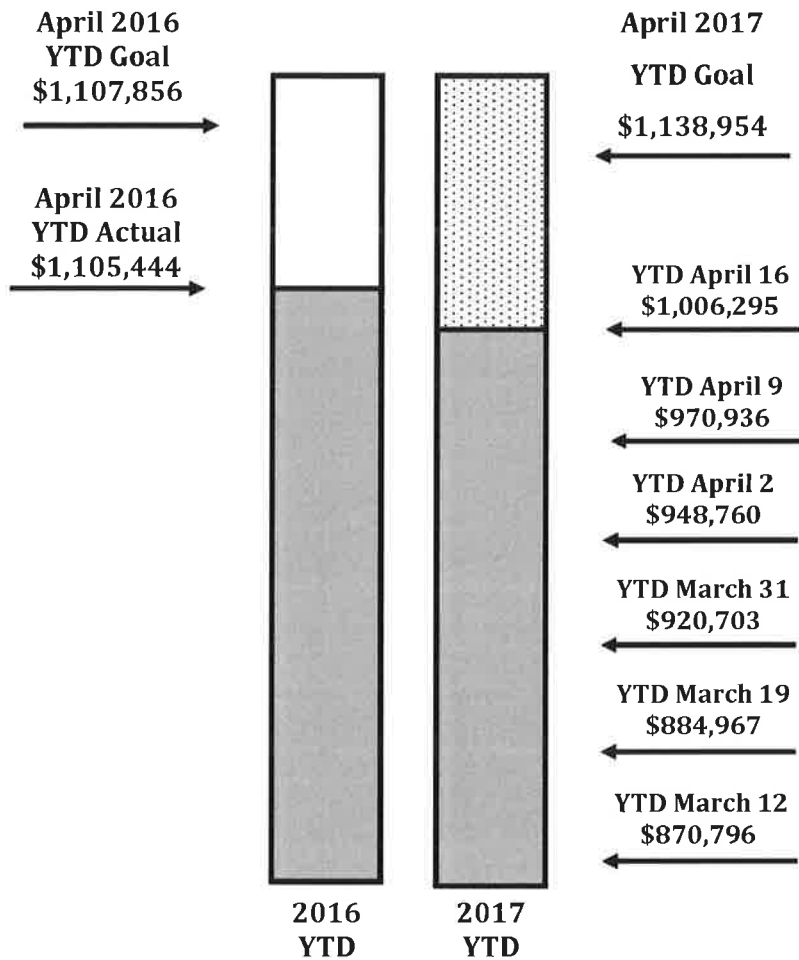


Help Support Our St. Cecilia Family

How Your Contributions Help Support Our Activities and Events

Revenues



School children



2016 Ministry Walk



Anchor YM



Help Us Close the GAP!

Right now we are short about \$105,000 to meet our obligations. To meet our income goal for this year, would you consider contributing a bit extra each week?

We have 1,500 households. If each household could give an additional \$5 per week for the next 3 months, we could close the GAP by \$90,000.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts to spread the Gospel. Thank you for your efforts and sacrifices.

God Bless You!

Some Clarifications for Those Who are Divorced and Those Who are Married "Outside the Church"

- Once a Catholic, always a Catholic. Divorce or marriage "outside the Catholic Church" (before a Protestant minister or civil official) is not grounds for excommunication.
- Civil divorce is a civil matter and does not affect one's status in the Catholic Church. A divorced Catholic, living singly, has every right to participate fully in the Church, including receiving the sacraments of the Church.
- A Catholic who marries in the Catholic Church and becomes divorced is not free to marry again unless his/her prior marriage is declared invalid (or his/her former spouse dies).
- A divorced Catholic who remarries without a decree of invalidity (commonly but misleadingly referred to as an "annulment") remains Catholic, but is unable to receive the sacraments.
- A Catholic is not free to marry a divorced person who is not Catholic unless that person's previous marriage(s) are declared invalid (or his/her former spouse dies).
- A Catholic who marries a divorced person who is not Catholic and does not have a decree of invalidity remains Catholic, but is unable to receive the sacraments.
- A decree of invalidity is granted to a divorced person when it can be proven through a judicial process that an essential element of marriage was missing **at the time of consent**.
- A divorced person who has received a decree of invalidity is free to marry in the Catholic Church (as long as the other person also is free to marry in the Church).
- A Catholic who, without obtaining a dispensation (permission) from the Catholic Church, marries someone outside the Catholic Church is unable to receive the sacraments or serve...
- Those who are unable to receive the sacraments or serve as a liturgical minister are urged, nonetheless, to participate in the Mass as fully as they can.
- Catholics who marry outside the Church are able to receive the sacraments once again if they seek and obtain a decree of invalidity (if necessary), celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, and celebrate their civil marriage in the presence of a priest or deacon.
- The judicial process that investigates the validity of the bond of marriage has no effect on the legitimacy of any children from that union.
- Ideally, the judicial process provides pastoral and spiritual care, helps bring healing and closure to an often-painful past, and helps prepare divorced persons for future healthy relationships.