

# The Catholic Community of The Good Shepherd on Martha's Vineyard

**Our Lady Star of the Sea-OB      St. Elizabeth's-EDG      St. Augustine's-VH**  
**A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River**  
**Most Rev. George Coleman, Bishop**

## **Good Shepherd Parish**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church  
22 Massasoit Avenue, Oak Bluffs  
(Open year round for Weekend Masses only)

St. Augustine's Church  
56 Franklin Street, Vineyard Haven  
(Chapel open 24/7-no heat in winter)

St. Elizabeth's Church  
86 Main Street, Edgartown  
(Church open 24/7-no heat in winter)

Rectory: 86 Main Street, Edgartown  
Parish Center/Office: 55 School Street, Oak Bluffs

**Mailing Address:**  
**PO Box 1058, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568**  
Office 508-693-0342      Fax 508-693-8517  
Mass Schedule 508-693-3995 (ext.10)  
Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
(10am to 1pm)

**[www.goodshepherdmv.com](http://www.goodshepherdmv.com)**

Pastor, **Rev. Michael R. Nagle**, ext. 13  
(508-878-0331) *frnagle@goodshepherdmv.com*

Parochial Vicar, **Rev. Messias Albuquerque**  
(508-292-3865) *frmessias@goodshepherdmv.com*

Deacon, **Rev. Mr. Fred LaPiana**  
(774-521-4345) *deaconfred@goodshepherdmv.com*

Deacon, **Rev. Mr. Karl Buder**  
(508-693-3333) *deaconkarl@goodshepherdmv.com*

Business Administrator, **Steve Bernier**, ext 14  
(774-521-9479) *stevebernier@goodshepherdmv.com*

Office Manager, **Beth Mello**, ext.11  
(508-693-0342) *bethmello@goodshepherdmv.com*

Office Assistant, **Bernice Lopes**  
(508-693-0342) *bernicelopes@goodshepherdmv.com*

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, **Sue Pagliccia**, ext.12  
(480-276-3071) *sue@goodshepherdmv.com*

Maintenance, **Joe Capobianco**,  
(508-274-1170) *joecappy@goodshepherdmv.com*

## **Prayer For Our Parish**

God, our Father, bless our Parish of the Good Shepherd. Help us to welcome all who come to worship, adore and praise You, the One true God and Father of us all. Jesus, be with us, as we celebrate your life, death and resurrection in Word and Sacrament. Holy Spirit, fill our parish family with your love. Help us to love one another in our parish and in our family. Guide us in your holy will for the present and the future of our Parish of the Good Shepherd.  
**AMEN.**

## **Mass Schedule**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea**

**Saturday 4:00pm  
(7pm-Portuguese)**

**Sunday 8am, 9:30am, and 5pm**

**Daily Mass Monday thru Thursday**  
**8am Parish Center Chapel, OB**  
**1st Friday and 1st Saturday 8am, OB**

## **Reconciliation**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Church**  
**Saturday 3pm**  
**or by appointment with Fr. Nagle**  
**(508-878-0331)**

## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Mission: Knowing that all things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily; recognizing God as the Origin of Life, the giver of freedom and the source of all that we have and are and will be; knowing ourselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts; grateful for all that we have received; eager to cultivate our gifts our of love for God and one another. The Mission of the Good Shepherd Parish is to give witness and to celebrate the Risen Christ's Presence in the life of each person.

To accomplish this goal we ask our parishioners and visitors to recommit themselves to being disciples of Jesus and in so doing we will strengthen our community and help one another to live our faith in the fullest possible way.

**“in necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, freedom; and in all things, charity.”**  
**Augustine**

## **Baptism**

Please call the Parish Office to sign up for our Baptism Prep classes which consist of 3 consecutive one-hour discussions based on the book "Raising Faith-Filled Children". Book and workbook are available at the Parish Office.

## **Reconciliation**

This sacrament is held at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Saturdays at 3pm or by appointment with Fr. Nagle (508-878-0331).

## **Anointing of the Sick**

This is a sacrament of healing. Do not hesitate to call Fr. Nagle if you or a member of your family wishes to receive this sacrament in your home, at the hospital or nursing home.

## **Care of the Sick or Homebound**

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.

## **Marriage**

Please make arrangements at least one year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

## **Marriage Preparation**

In the Diocese of Fall River, Marriage Preparation includes 1) an initial meeting with the priest who is preparing you for Marriage, 2) the FOCCUS profile, 3) Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning Classes (these are off-island), 4) the FOCCUS evaluation, 5) Planning the Liturgy meeting, 6) Rehearsal and 7) Your Wedding. Since the Island is a very popular place for weddings, we need to schedule a date at least a year in advance to avoid being disappointed and then begin the preparation process 8 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office 508-693-0342.

## **Sacred Heart Cemetery**

Please call the Parish Office if interested in purchasing cemetery plots or obtaining any other information in regards to the Sacred Heart Cemetery or you may also contact our Cemetery Commissioners Deacon Fred LaPiana (774-521-4345) or Allan "Buddy" DeBettencourt 508-693-2283.

## **New Parishioners**

The Good Shepherd Parish welcomes all who join us for Masses. All are invited to register. Please call the office at 508-693-0342.

## **Parish Registration Forms**

Good Shepherd Parish is in the process of setting up a brand new data base (Parish Soft). We are asking that you fill out a registration form (*one form per person in family*) and get it back to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at church, at the office, or in this bulletin (see page 8 & 9).

## **Moving**

Please notify the Parish Office when you move.

## **St. Vincent De Paul Society**

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me" We strive to see the face of Jesus in the poor that we serve. All Holy Day collections go to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Parish Office at 508-693-0342.

## **Curious Corner**

Questions, concerns, what you have heard on the street - Insert in the Curious Corner Box in the back of the church - Answers will be forthcoming.

### **Prayer Groups of Good Shepherd Parish**

\***The Grace of God Charismatic Prayer Group** prays on Wednesdays at 10am (Parish Center Chapel beginning Oct.)

\***The Novena to Our Lady of Fatima** - prayed on Wednesdays at 3pm (Parish Center Chapel)

\***The Morning Cenacle** is prayed on Saturdays at 7:30am (Parish Center Chapel)

\***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - First Friday of the month 8:30am-6pm (Parish Center Chapel)

\***Holy Rosary** before and/or after Daily Mass

\***Scripture Reflection Group** (Bilingual-Portuguese/English) Every Wednesday at 7pm at parishioner's homes

(Call Valerio Destefani at 508-250-3233 or Deacon Karl at 508-693-3333 for location this week)

*Grupo de Reflexão – quarta-feira, sete horas, nos lares*

\***Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction** (Portuguese) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm (Parish Center Chapel)

*Adoracao e Bencao do Santissimo Sacramento, toda terceira quarta-feira de cada mes, sete horas na capela do centro paroquial*

\***Charismatic Prayer Group** (Portuguese) Every Monday at 7pm (Parish Center Chapel)

*Grupo de Oraçao, Carismatico (portugues) segunda-feira, sete horas na capela do centro paroquial*

~~~~~  
\***Liturgy of the Hours** - Deacon Karl Buder will give private instruction on the Church's official daily prayers, using the Book of Christian Prayer. Call 508-693-3333.

\***Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Join us as we knit and pray every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm (Parish Center)

\***Adult Catechism Class** - Every Monday at 6pm at the Parish Center conducted by Deacon Karl Buder

\***Wednesday Morning Book Group** - Meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to 11:15am at the Parish Center. **NEW Book:**

**Thomas Merton's - NEW SEEDS OF CONTEMPLATION.** Anyone interested in joining the book group call Fran Tierney at (508)627-7265. You are welcome to join at anytime as the books are read and discussed at each gathering.

**Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina** - Tuesdays at 1pm & 7pm, Parish Center. Please contact Peggy McGrath, (508)696-7370 for information.

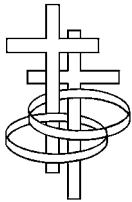


**Our Lady Star of the Sea Church**

|             |      |                                                         |
|-------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat Sept 11 | 4pm  | Joyce Balboni                                           |
| Sun Sept 12 | 8am  | Jeremy T. Wayne-19th Ann.                               |
|             | 9:30 | Reid Shaw                                               |
|             |      | Paul McCarthy                                           |
|             | 5pm  | Bea Silvia                                              |
| Sat Sept 18 | 4pm  | Billy Vieira - 36th Ann.<br>Frank S. Vieira - 42nd Ann. |
| Sun Sept 19 | 8am  | Bradford L. Sylvia                                      |
|             | 9:30 | Albert Sylvia                                           |
|             | 5pm  | Jena Pothier                                            |

**Daily Mass Intentions (Monday-Thursday)**  
**8am Parish Center Chapel**

|     |      |    |                                                     |
|-----|------|----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Mon | Sept | 13 | Deceased Members of<br>Hanselman & Peltier Families |
| Tue | Sept | 14 | Karen Crall Fallon                                  |
| Wed | Sept | 15 | George V. Tankard, Sr.<br>Robert "Fuzzy" Robinson   |
| Thu | Sept | 16 | Francis Coutinho                                    |



**Wedding (St. Elizabeth's):**  
September 15 - 11am  
Christine Struble & Terrence Nirmaier  
September 18 - 3pm  
Erin Kelly & Kevin Hines

**Diocesan Special Collection**  
September 25/26  
Cardinal Medeiros Residence

**Mass Times for all US Parishes**  
Visit [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org)  
Or  
Call 734-794-2100

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Gospel: (Luke 15:31-32)**

[The father said to the oldest son,] “My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

**Reflection:**

The verse you just heard/read is from the beloved parable of the prodigal son. The two sons behave in such a human way. The younger son thinks only of the pleasures of the moment. He spends everything he has, and only when he is reduced to nothing, when he suffers loneliness, shame, and physical want, does he remember his father. The elder son is equally human. He follows all the rules and works hard, and is jealous and resentful when his younger brother seems to be rewarded for his bad behavior—to have his cake, and eat it too! Only the father behaves in a way that is divine, forgiving the younger, loving the elder, and longing to draw them both to the banquet table.



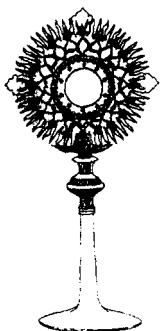
**Wednesday Morning Book Group** - Meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to 11:15am at the Parish Center. **NEW Book: Thomas Merton's - NEW SEEDS OF CONTEMPLATION.** Book is now available for purchase (\$11.00) in the parish office. Anyone interested in joining the book group call Fran Tierney at (508)627-7265. You are welcome to join at anytime as the books are read and discussed at each gathering.

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman Needs Volunteers:** This program is an Elder Services of Cape Cod & The Islands Program. After training and certification, volunteers will be assigned to a Cape Cod or Island facility to observe and monitor conditions and to address residents' concerns. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program provides nursing and rest home residents with a means and opportunity to voice their concerns about their care and treatment. Training October 27, 28, 29, 2010 to be held at the Elder Services Office in South Dennis. If interested, please contact 1-800-244-4630, ext. 501.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter: It is the start of a new school year.** Strengthen your marriage and family to make this year a God filled year. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are September 17-19, September 24-26 and October 22-24. For more info. visit [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** Bishop George Coleman will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2010. This celebration will take place on Sunday, October 10th at 2pm at St. Julie Billiart Church in North Dartmouth. If you would like an invitation, please contact the parish office at 508-693-0342 before September 22nd.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Our next gathering will be on Wednesday, September 15th at 7pm at the Parish Center. All are welcome. Please see our brochures and nomination forms at church. *"You created every part of me, knitting me in my Mother's womb. For such handiwork, I praise you. Awesome this great wonder!" Psalm 139:13-14.*



**Eucharistic Adoration :**

Thursday, September 30, 2010

7:00 to 8:00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church - The Saint who wasn't always right

Reflection, Silent Adoration, Great Music

**Mark your Calendars:** The Vineyard Crop Walk will take place this year on Sunday, October 24th starting at 2pm (1:40 check in) at St. Augustine's in Vineyard Haven. The walk is from St. Augustine's Church to Trinity Church in Oak Bluffs and back (or any part of this 6 mile walk).

**Votive and Memorial Candle Stand**

We would like to draw your attention to the new Votive and Memorial candles at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. These new wax candles are electric and light safely with the push of a button. There is no need for matches and no chance of fire. There are two different types of candles. The top two rows are memorial candles. These candles do not have buttons for you to push, we turn them on for you. They are "memorial candles" that will stay lit for one year. The annual fee for this memorial is \$250 and there will be a label with the person's name on it that you wish to memorialize. If you wish to reserve one of these memorial lights at any time, please give us your name, address, and telephone number, the name of the person being remembered and the fee. There will be forms available on the shelf next to the candle stand. You can place this information in the basket, or drop it off at the Parish Center or mail it to us. Please print this information clearly so that we do not make a mistake with the memorial plaque which will be placed on a wooden block in front of the light. Each year we will send a renewal letter asking if you wish to continue the memorial for another year. The other votive lights with the red button in front are lit by placing an offering in the slot by the bottom row of candles and pressing firmly the red button in front of a candle that is not already lit. The candle will stay lit for approximately 3 hours.

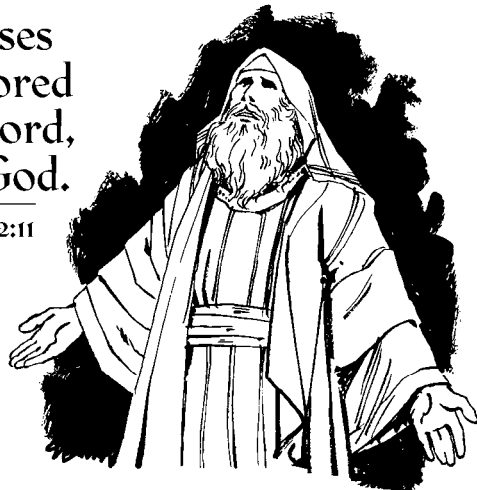
**The Good Shepherd Parish Religious Gift Shop**

New items are arriving all the time.

*Items for sale include: tote bags, ornate gift boxes, cards, jewelry, rosaries, books, baptism gifts, St. Joseph home sale kits, crucifixes, mugs, key chains, and much more.*

Moses  
implored  
the Lord,  
his God.

Ex 32:11



**Daily Readings:**



- Mon 1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Psalm 40:7-10, 17; Luke 7:1-10
- Tue Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 78:1-2,34-38; Philipians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
- Wed 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13; Psalm 33:2-5,12,22; John 19:25-27
- Thu 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 28; Luke 7:36-50
- Fri 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Psalm 17:1, 6-8, 15; Luke 8:1-3
- Sat 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-29; Psalm 56:10-14; Luke 8:4-15



Comunidade Católica Brasileira Martha's Vineyard  
Vigéssimo Quarto Domingo Tempo Comum - 2010

“Natividade de Nossa Senhora!”

A Igreja Católica celebra no dia oito de setembro o dia da Natividade de Nossa Senhora. Uma festa celebrada por muito tempo pela Igreja (É celebrada desde o século VII). Tem como finalidade lembrar as “Grandes Obras que Deus fez em favor de Nossa Senhora” e preparar a vinda do próprio Filho de Deus, nascido de Maria para ser o nosso Salvador. O Nascimento de Nossa Senhora não se encontra na Bíblia, mas em livros apócrifos. Um destes livros é o “Evangelho de São Tiago”, onde é narrado o nascimento e infância de Maria. Era um livro muito conhecido nos primeiros tempos do cristianismo. São João Damasceno, monge, teólogo e padre da Igreja, que viveu entre 676 e 749 d.C., tem uma linda homilia sobre a Natividade de Maria." Conta os livros apócrifos acerca do nascimento de Nossa Senhora, foi algo sobrenatural e único na história da humanidade. Este livro de São Tiago refere a vida de Maria, filha de um homem rico, de nome Joaquim, casado há muitos anos com Ana. O casal era infeliz por não conseguir ter filhos - fato percebido pela cultura judaica como um castigo de Deus. Joaquim decidiu então jejuar no deserto por 40 dias e 40 noites, pedindo a intervenção divina. Pouco depois, um anjo apareceu a Ana e disse-lhe: "*Conceberás e darás à luz, e de tua prole se falará em todo o mundo.*" Ana dedicou a menina a Deus. Construiu um santuário no quarto de Maria e, quando a menina completou três anos de idade, entregou-a ao Templo de Jerusalém. Ali, os sacerdotes sentaram a menina no terceiro degrau do altar e ela dançou. Maria viveu no templo e Deus escolheu-lhe o noivo. Um anjo visitou Zacarias, o sumo sacerdote, e pediu-lhe que reunisse os viúvos e os seus bastões, pois Deus indicaria desse modo o noivo de Maria. O sinal de Deus foi uma pomba que surgiu do bastão de José, que tentou recusar, afirmando: "*Tenho filhos e sou velho, enquanto ela é uma menina. Não quero ser sujeito a zombaria por parte dos filhos de Israel.*" Zacarias, entretanto, ameaça José com o castigo divino, e este, amedrontado, leva Maria para a sua casa como esposa. Se você tiver oportunidade de ler alguns desses livros apócrifos, **MUITO BOM!** muitas mensagens são edificantes e servem para o crescimento espiritual. Em minha avaliação e reflexão acerca da natividade de Nossa Senhora, entendo que nada se contrapõe à vontade de Deus: quando é querer de Deus, não há obstáculo ou dificuldade... tenha montanhas intransponíveis ou barreiras absurdas; por uma simples palavra ou gesto do nosso Deus, tudo passa a ser um nada. E podemos testemunhar milagres e experiências que superam a lei da física, lógica humana ou ciência até então instituída. Acredite que Deus pode tudo na sua vida e então o que antes era considerado impossível, pode começar a se realizar espantosamente; **QUANDO VOCÊ MENOS ESPERA!** Que nesta festa da natividade de Nossa Senhora possamos aumentar a nossa fé e esperança nos bons acontecimentos que se concretizam para todos os que têm Deus no coração.

Padre Messias e comunidade  
Missas – Sábado: 7 PM

We are looking for  
Musicians and Vocalists  
Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

If interested, please call the Parish Office  
508-693-0342





Good Shepherd Parish  
**Registration Form**  
PO Box 1058, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Please fill out one form per person in family

Family Name                      Last Name                      **Circle One:** Adult   Child

First Name                      Middle Name                      Maiden Name

Informal Name                      Formal Salutation

Home Address: Street                      City                      State

Mailing Address: Street or PO

City                      State                      Zip

From \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ To \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Mo. Day

Other Address:

City                      State                      Zip

From \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ To \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
Mo. Day Mo. Day

Primary Phone:                      Cell Phone:                      Occupation:

Emergency Phone:                      Contact Person:

E-mail Address:

Special Needs: yes/no                      First Language:

Date of Birth:                      Gender: M F                      Religion:

Date of Baptism:                      Church and Address of Baptism:

Date of Reconciliation:                      Church and Address of Reconciliation:

Date of First Communion:                      Church and Address of First Communion:

Date of Confirmation:                      Church and Address of Confirmation



Date of Marriage:

Church and Address of Marriage:

Date of Ordination:

Church and Address of Ordination:

Name of Spouse:

Marital Status: Married Single Widowed Divorced

Role in Family: Head Husband Wife Father Mother Son Daughter Guardian

Ministries: i.e., Eucharistic Minister, Religious Education Teacher/Helper, Music Ministry, Shawl Ministry, Book Club, St. Vincent de Paul, Altar Decorations, Parish Planning, Finance, Parish Council, Cemetery, Baptism Garments, First Communion White Garments, Grounds Keeping, Adult Education, Visit the Sick, Greeter.....

Publish in Parish Directory: Phone: yes/no E-mail: yes/no Address: yes/no

Can you send us a: Digital Picture: Individual yes/no or Family yes/no

Today's Date:

**Religious Education Information:**

**Baptism Certificate if baptized off island.**

Religious Education: **CGS Pre-School (Age 3) to Grade 6:**

CGS Level I: Ages 3-6, CGS Level II: Ages 6-9, CGS Level III: Ages 9-12

**Circle Level and Year Attended Last Year:**

CGS Level I: 1 2 3 CGS Level II: 1 2 3 CGS Level III: 1 2 3

Grade as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation is received in Grade 10 and is a Four Year Program:**

Two Programs Grades 7 & 8 and Grades 9-12

Grade as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation Year, Circle One: 1 2 3 4

## Stewardship Report: Our Gift of Time~Talent~Treasure

|                     | July 10   | July 09   | July 08    | YTD 10     | YTD 09     | YTD 08      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Income              | 90,589.19 | 86,952.78 | 66,706.92  | 326,334.96 | 325,594.31 | 316,578.62  |
| Expense             | 68,188.63 | 50,264.73 | 92,555.05  | 371,839.57 | 405,197.67 | 480,080.90  |
| Net Ordinary Income | 22,400.56 | 36,688.05 | -25,848.13 | -45,504.61 | -79,603.36 | -163,502.28 |
| Interest/Savings    |           |           |            | 50,635.39  | 50,882.48  | 48,550.68   |
| Rainy Day Fund      |           |           |            |            | 55,000.00  |             |
| Net Income          | 22,400.56 | 36,688.05 | -25,848.13 | 5,130.78   | 26,279.12  | -114,951.60 |

**July Highlights:** Our Total Offerings for the month of July were up \$4,400 more than last year, yet our Mass offerings were down slightly and our gifts were up by \$6,100. This in itself is good news. Unfortunately, our expenses were up more than our offerings. Our expenses were up almost \$18,000 compared to last year for the same month.

**The Parish Center** - a low voltage line was struck by lightning and caused about \$5,000 to repair and replace some office equipment. Some of these costs will be recovered by insurance in coming months.

**Our Lady Star of the Sea** - the scraping and painting of the church continues and this month cost \$6,000+.

**Parish Cemetery** - work has started on the right side to prepare for more gravesites that we project will be needed this fall.

**St Elizabeth's** - grounds and tree work was needed that spent an extra \$6,000.

With our offerings up \$4,400 up and our expenses up more at \$18,000, our Net Operating Income was down \$16,000+. Remember, we have 3 months of all churches providing the Stewardship to carry our Parish thru until next summer. June and July have been supportive with offerings while our expenses continue to increase with our aging properties.

**Year to Date (Jan-July):** At the end of July our Net Ordinary Income is negative \$45,504. By the end of August our Net Ordinary Income should be a positive \$50,000 to help carry us through to calendar year end to a breakeven position. The difference is \$95,000. May those parishioners with blessings of Treasure, may you find it in your heart to share, and feel the spirit of giving to support those who give abundantly of Time, Talent and Treasure year-round in our Parish.