



FAITHFUL



Center remains busy in heat Campus landscaping suffering through spell

Dear Friends of Mt Claret,

This summer's excessive heat has been brutal! Thankfully, our retreat ministries, and our facilities, are holding up nicely. We continue to be booked by overnight retreat groups throughout the weekends. Bookings for weekday meetings are waning a bit during these late summer days, but we expect to see more activity as school sessions return and parishes start up their yearly programs.

Our campus buildings and facilities are holding up as well. We have about 60,000 square feet of building space – most of it air conditioned by over 50 individual AC units (the kitchen is cooled by a swamp cooler). One of our biggest concerns is a group showing up for a meeting or a retreat weekend and having the AC not working! We have a preventative maintenance program for these critical systems that helps us identify and correct problems ahead of time. It is rare that we are left without proper climate control.

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Likewise, with a campus our size, plumbing is included in our critical infrastructure maintenance. We have 23 showers, 38 toilets and 32 sinks spread throughout the Mt. Claret campus. That is a lot of plumbing pipes, showerheads, and faucets capable of failing at the wrong time! We continue to be responsive with our maintenance and repair of these systems when unplanned issues occur, so our guests are minimally impacted, or not at all.

The summer heat has been hard on some of our landscaping. We have increased our irrigation time

but unfortunately some of the plants are just burnt! We will make a fuller assessment in the fall and determine what plants are not going to grow back and arrange to have them replaced. Many plants are thriving in the heat – our lawn, bougainvillea, and Lantana are all soaking up the sun. The Mt. Claret landscaping is part of what makes up the spiritual beauty of the center. We are committed to its maintenance despite what Mother Nature sends our way.

Yours in Christ,
Tom McGuire, Director

Maria Elena Zuniga Longtime Mt. Claret employee would love cards

Many of you know Maria Elena Zuniga, our longtime employee and resident of Mt. Claret. She came here as a late teenager at the invitation of the Claretian Fathers. Over the years she has served as a cook, housekeeper, and Sacristan. The past two years have been difficult for her as she has declined physically and mentally. In late March she reluctantly agreed to move to a memory care assisted living facility. Since then she has gotten

used to her new surroundings and is doing quite well in her new home. We know she would love to receive cards or letters from you. Her address is:

**12917 Las Cruces Dr.
Bldg. #4
Litchfield Park, Az. 85340
623-499-9800**

If you would like to visit her, we suggest you call first. She may not remember your name, but she is sure to remember your face!



SAVE THE DATE!

Evening Under the Stars Oktoberfest 2023

We are in the planning phase for this year's Oktoberfest on **Saturday, October 14, 2023**. Please mark your calendars be on the lookout for your invitation in the mail! Get your lederhosen and dirndl out and ready. This year we are honoring Sr. Joan Fitzgerald, President of Xavier College Prep, and Sr. Joan Nuckols, Principal of Xavier College Prep. Xavier College

Prep has had a strong presence at Mt. Claret over the years. Every year, junior and senior day of prayer retreats are held at Mt. Claret as are numerous Kairos retreats. The students of Xavier College Prep assist at our annual Evening Under the Stars event and we continue to be grateful for their service.



Annual Report

Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2023

THANK YOU to all of our
generous donors!

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. I am sharing the report with you here. As you can see we have a deficit of around \$205,000 in our general operating funds. These donations go to the general operating needs of Mt. Claret...it is what keeps the lights on. As you may recall, Mt. Claret Retreat Center is 100% self-sustaining and does not receive funds from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

A couple of things to point out. The Chapel campaign took up much of our fundraising efforts this year. We are still about \$245,000 short of needed funds for that campaign and chapel renovation. Some of that will be collected as

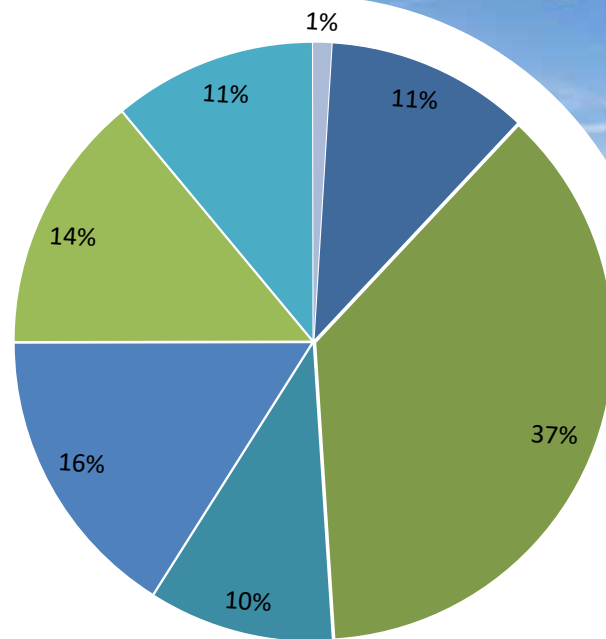
pledges are completed in the upcoming months. We are planning on doing a November – December mini campaign to try and close that gap.

We normally have the Annual Fund for Mt. Claret campaign each spring. We chose to not do that this year allowing for some sensitivity to “donor fatigue.” We felt we had pushed you, and our community, pretty hard in asking for funds and you have definitely come through for us. Without the donors who contributed to the chapel campaign we would have never seen it as a reality.

We will pray for and ask for our communities help once again as we close out the end of the year for both of these campaigns.

INCOME

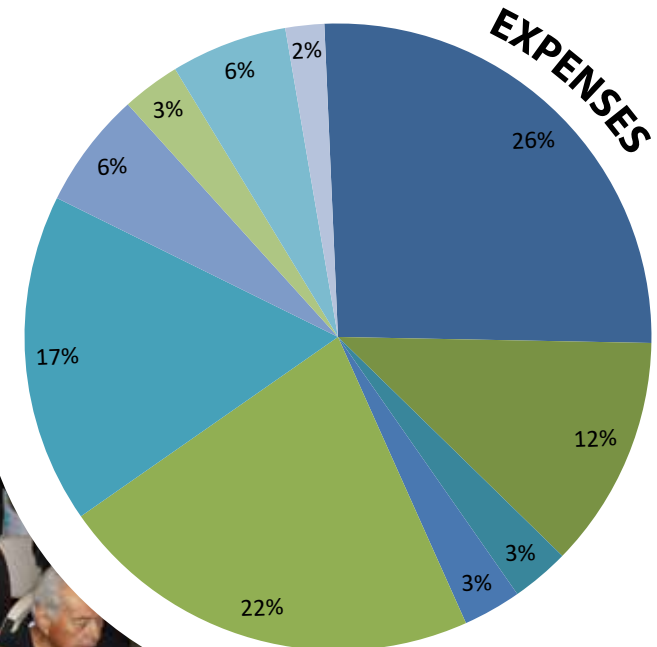
Evening Under the Stars	\$66,675	11%
Retreat Center Income	\$224,217	37%
Endowment Distribution	\$57,354	10%
Sunday Plate Collection	\$99,887	16%
Rental Income	\$84,106	14%
Unrestricted Donations	\$69,231	11%
Other Income	\$8,948	1%
TOTALS	\$610,418	100%



EXPENSES

Salary & Benefits	\$210,966	26%
Utilities	\$93,833	12%
Development/Fundraising	\$28,521	3%
Insurance	\$28,223	3%
Maintenance/Equipment & Furnishings	\$179,186	22%
Depreciation	\$134,999	17%
Computer/IT/ Professional Fees	\$48,162	6%
Hospitality/PR		
Advertising/Supplies/ Printing	\$21,747	3%
Dues/Fees/Assessments/ Donations	\$50,135	6%
Other Expense	\$19,728	2%
TOTALS	\$815,500	100%

INCOME



NET SURPLUS (LOSS) **\$(205,082)**



SAT. 10.14 • DRINK • FOOD • MUSIC

We celebrate this evening Oktoberfest style with traditional Bavarian attire encouraged, so get your lederhosen and dirndls ready!

EVENING SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 PM — Silent Auction & Hosted Reception

7:00 - 9:00 PM — Dinner & Program

JOIN US!

Questions: 602.840.5066
www.MtClaret.org/EUS



Upcoming Retreat Schedule

Please pray for our retreat ministries who are having retreats at Mt Claret in the upcoming weeks:

- Encuentro Con Jesus**
- Spanish and English Cursillo**
- Xavier College Prep Kairos & Junior Day of Prayer**
- Spanish & English Engaged Encounter**
- Seton College Prep Kairos**
- St. Clair of Assisi Teen Retreat**
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Silent Men's Retreat**
- St. John Vianney Student Retreat**
- Catholic Singles Community Reunion**
- World Wide Marriage Encounter**



A TRULY GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE

is creating a lasting legacy or making a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one. The following **NAMING OPPORTUNITIES** are available. Gifts will be recognized on a plaque in the Narthex of the Chapel.

NAMING OPPORTUNITY	COST	NAMING OPPORTUNITY	COST
Narthex	\$250,000	Sound System	\$30,000 (FUNDED)
Bell Tower	\$150,000 (FUNDED)	Roofing	\$30,000
Restroom (2)	\$125,000 EA	Entry Doors	\$20,000 (FUNDED)
Alter Furnishings	\$90,000	Portico	\$15,000 (FUNDED)
Adoration Chapel	\$40,000 (FUNDED)	Landscaping	\$12,000
Heating & Air Conditioning	\$40,000	Pews (10)	\$6,000 EA (3 LEFT)
Flooring	\$40,000 (FUNDED)	Sacristy	\$5,000 (FUNDED)
Confessionals (2)	\$30,000 EA (FUNDED)	Outside Pavers	\$3,600 EA

(PF) = PARTIALLY FUNDED



For information on how you can participate in the **Capital Campaign for Mt. Claret** Call Tom McGuire at (602) 840-5066, or visit mtclaret.org

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