

Parish Council is proposing a budget for 2017 of \$262,792. This is a 1.1% increase from the 2016 budget of \$259,981. Current YTD contributions are \$183,058 and are \$30,756 more than the budgeted pledge amounts for 2016 and \$5,380 more than adjusted expenses. Contributions YTD represent 70.4% of the 2016 operating budget.

The budget is derived by looking at historical spending trends over several years. Council members feel the proposed budget for 2017 is realistic. This will enable the parish to meet current operating expenses and help build savings for Capital Improvements and Fr. Ted's vehicle replacement in the future. Improvements to the church and grounds are a matter of time and the parish needs to have enough funds saved to handle these expenses.

We ask that all members carefully consider their pledge amount for the upcoming year and remember to turn in your forms timely.