

Report For Annual Meeting & General Membership

St. Mary's Bingo Report

During our 2010-2011 bingo season:

*We started the year with a checkbook balance of \$4,660.58.

*Gross receipts from bingo itself amounted to \$57,400.33.

*Interest income for the year amounted to \$0.

*Total income amounted to \$57,400.33.

*Total expenses amounted to \$47,872.92.
(Prizes paid out totaled \$37,964.55).

*Gross profit amounted to \$9,527.41.

*\$10,000.00 was given to St. Mary's General Fund.

*15 Parish bingos were scheduled and 14 were held.

*1840 people attended bingo this season.
for an average of 131/date. *Gigantic crowd of 209 on 4/3/11.

*We ended the year with a checkbook balance of \$4,187.99.

Comparisons from some previous years

* First year of Progressive Bingo 2006-2007

	09/10	08/09	07/08	06/07
	\$4,012.30	\$7,529.01	\$5,675.10	\$3,599.85
	\$57,531.90	\$50,241.70	\$46,371.95	\$56,458.70
	\$0.00	\$7.50	\$36.66	\$55.82
	\$57,531.90	\$50,249.20	\$46,408.61	\$56,514.52
	\$47,248.75	\$41,765.91	\$31,406.88	\$40,082.31
	\$37,435.70	\$33,584.30	\$23,000.58	\$29,918.84
	\$10,283.15	\$8,483.29	\$15,001.73	\$16,432.21
	\$10,000 GF	\$12,000 GF	\$13,000 GF	\$15,000 GF
	15/15	12/11	12/10	12/11
	1859	1529	1403	1796
	124	139	140	163/date
	\$4,660.58	\$4,012.30	\$7,529.01	\$5,675.10
	Progressive	Progressive	Progressive	Progressive
	Carryover \$250	Carryover \$0	Carryover	Carryover \$0
		Pot won 04/09	\$3,713.00	Pot won 04/07

Where our money went during the 2010-2011 Season:

Prizes - \$37,964.55
Setup/Takedown - \$1,485.00
Advertising - \$2,549.43
Game Supplies - \$996.80
License Fees - \$325.00
Gaming Tax - \$1,153.29
Sales Tax - \$2,964.23
Misc. Expenses - \$434.62
Donation to St. Mary's - \$10,000.00

* Add back in - amended sales tax - refund \$643.04 2006-2007

The Bingo Account has it's own checkbook per state gaming laws. These records are reviewed annually by someone who has had experience on St. Mary's Finance Committee. In addition, all records are audited by the State of Wisconsin Department of Charitable Gaming every 2-3 years, with our last audit on 06/18/09. These records are also available for Archdiocesan audit when requested - as they were this last spring.

There are now 5 devoted teams that tend to all the work, all who volunteer their time. Our teams are led by Carol Billington, Roger Billington, Julie Spittel, Dorie Gourlie, and Ed Bosch. We would like to thank Phil Luce for all his dedicated years of service - now retired and on to new adventures. Also thanks to Judy Gassner, Arlien Bauer and Mary Pezze who worked for many years and requested off at the end of this last season. Thanks! Welcome to Ruthie Margelofsky & Melf Gourlie - new volunteers this year and Krissy Case - scheduled caller. Most importantly, we would like to thank all of our devoted volunteers - approximately 70 - who come back year after year to make this all happen! We appreciate all you do - THANKS!! Many thanks to the Vogel Family for your endless hours managing and running the kitchen each and every time - you make our bingos a nice place to come to and have great eats also. Thanks also to those of you who make and donate desserts to our Bingo Kitchen. This act of generosity helps the kitchen out greatly. Call JoAnn if you'd like to help out this way.

Our bingo group had conducted 3 more bingos since the 2009-2010 season. This was because the Knights gave up their 5 dates. We haven't shown an increased profit with this change though. Profitability is hard to forecast. Money has been extremely tight during this poor economy. We are still competing with other local charities, as well as the big casino halls. Weather can also be a major factor if we make or lose money. We have experienced a substantial drop in attendance since the fall of 2007. Many of our patrons are elderly, on fixed incomes, and some we lose to death. We do spend a substantial amount of money on advertising in hopes of getting new faces in the door.

Since starting Progressive Bingo during the 2006-2007 season we have given away six large jackpots:

\$4,910.00 (split-2 winners) on 04/22/07, \$4,269.40 on 10/19/08, \$3,860.00 on 04/19/09, \$3,307.00 on 02/28/10, \$2120 (split-2 winners) on 11/07/10, and \$4,042.00 on 04/03/11.

We will continue to abide to the policy we previously set - we must have 75 paying patrons to conduct bingo. We do not have a sliding pot and will not have a sliding pot. (We will lose a good amount of money, but will conduct bingo anyway as a courtesy to those who came.)

Our first bingo of this current season (2011-2012) we lost approximately \$80 with a starting crowd of 104. This is one dilemma we face, sometimes we don't make money.

Bingo at St. Mary's provides a social opportunity for many of our patrons who are also retired.

Submitted by Deb Helmbrecht, Volunteer Bookkeeper & Behind the Scenes Person

We could use a few extra people. Have you a few hours to spare??
Workers only work 3 times per year. Are you doing anything extra??
Call Dorie with your questions or if you'd like to help. 387-2990