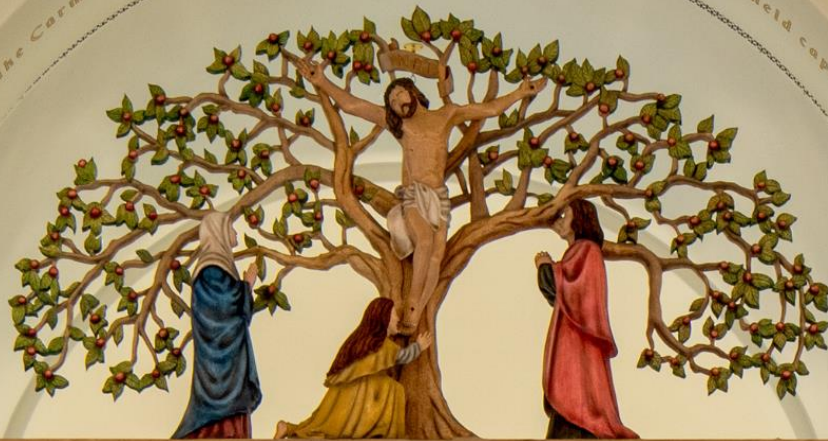


As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my Beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in His shadow, and His fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love. SS 8:3-4

Your head crowns you like Carmel, and your flowing locks are like purple: a King is held captive in the treasure of His shadow.



BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
CATHOLIC PARISH

FROM OUR PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 - PATRONAL FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

*"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.
I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.
And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one,
I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you loved me."
John 17:18-23*

Dear Parish Family, Christ's peace to you!

In this past year as our nation's Bishops have urged us to grow in amazement at the gift of the Holy Eucharist and Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to call upon the Holy Spirit for new missionary gifts to extend our shared life, I am moved to turn to this prayer of the Lord Jesus in the upper room at the very institution of the divine Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

Christ is praying for a communion of believers formed and fired for mission. And He blesses in advance all of those to whom His first followers will be sent - ultimately so that the Gospel and the Holy Eucharist can reach us to make us missionaries of this saving Good News to more people.

This year at St. Vincent's, we have seen amazing growth in missionary zeal and its fruits. Our new staff members have spearheaded initiatives like Alpha and Unity Nights of prayer and praise which have reached waves of evangelicals, who are discovering the riches of Catholic faith for the first time. We continue to receive inquiries each Sunday from those interested in becoming Catholic. Our Grade School has its highest enrollment in my decade as Pastor: 766 students strong. And several of our teens in various public schools have this year been prompted by the Lord to establish Catholic outreach clubs, which are growing.

Thanks to your stewardship of the Lord's work and support of His prayer at St. Vincent's, we are a Parish in mission! This stewardship report is more than simply a necessary accounting of parish finances and fiscal health. It is a thanksgiving to God for your extraordinary investment of faith in the Gospel here, so more people can know they are intimately included in the Christ's great plan of salvation

This stewardship report has been prepared by our Business Manager, Tom Schuerman, and reviewed by our Finance Council and Parish Staff. As a Pastor accountable both to God and to you, I offer this report as a witness of faith and a reaffirmation of mission. With all my heart - and on behalf of the countless people who benefit from your sacrificial giving in innumerable ways - thank you for loving them as the Lord Jesus loves us.

In St. Vincent's love of Christ,



Fr. Daniel Scheidt



“Our vocation is to go not into one parish, nor into only one diocese, but throughout the earth.

And to do what?

To inflame human hearts.

It is not enough for me to love God if my neighbor does not love Him as well.”

St. Vincent de Paul



THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR YOUTH

"Saint Vincent's has provided me with so many opportunities to dive deeper into my faith and make it my own. I would never have the conviction and radical trust in our Lord like I do now, without the help of Saint Vincent's." Michael Moran



"Through St. Vincent's de Paul Parish, God has shown me how community confidently shines light upon the faith while continuing to learn more in a world that focuses on surface level stereotypes.

My trust in the Lord comes from more than just faith; it's that I know He is my rock and firm foundation." Ashley Zent



"Saint Vincent's has blessed its parishioners with gifts that enable us to open our hearts up to God, be transformed by Him, and be comfortable expressing our faith with others. So many opportunities have been given to me through Saint Vincent's such as a Perpetual Adoration chapel where we can praise and adore our Lord." Elizabeth Moran

"God has been opening relationships with friends who have the same connection with God. I have felt God's grace through my family and friends who have supported God's plan." Bruce Korson

"I love that we have an oratory where we can see God face to face!" Emilienne Moran

THIS YEAR AT ST. VINCENT'S

149

Baptisms

162

First Communions

155

Confirmations

3

Ordinations

Deacon Caleb Kruse
Deacon John Buonocore
Father Samuel Anderson

65

Funerals

27

Weddings

2,767

People helped by St.
Vincent De Paul
Society

766

St. Vincent De Paul
School Enrollment

296

Religious Education
Enrollment





WORLD YOUTH DAY

During World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, one of our staff members, Caleb Perkins, was chosen to be one of the young persons to give a personal witness to Christ's transformative work. Caleb shared this in the presence of Pope Francis and the millions in attendance at World Youth Day.

Caleb reflected, "From the smile of the Holy Father, the compassion of the Portuguese, to a lonely soul on a park bench, I have seen the Lord."

PRAYER GARDEN

St. Vincent de Paul completed the construction of a School Prayer Garden in their playground area.

Made possible through generous donations, this beautiful space will serve as a place of reflection and tranquility where all students and families of St. Vincent's Parish can find solace, inspiration and moments of prayer and contemplation for years to come.



Outreach in Charity

Parish Tithe 2022-2023	
Grantees	Grant
Parish Twinning St. Henry's & St. Pat's	\$32,282
Sister Parish in Honduras (Fr Falzon)	20,000
NeighborLink of Fort Wayne	17,000
Women's Care Center	13,500
A Mother's Hope	13,000
St. Joseph Missions Women's Shelter	12,000
Vincent Village	12,000
Euell Wilson Center	12,000
St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store	12,000
Fort Wayne Rescue Mission	12,000
Medical Mission Trip Support	10,000
Worldwide Seminarian Support	10,000
Catholic Charities	7,000
Campus Ministries (FOCUS & others)	6,600
The Lighthouse	6,000
Project Mercy	6,000
Assoc. Churches - Baby's Closet	5,000
Allen County Jail Chaplaincy	5,000
Safe Families for Children	5,000
Hospital in Honduras	5,000
Project 216 (Kid's Against Hunger)	4,500
Youth Pilgrimage Support (7 pilgrims)	4,200
Erin's House	3,000
Stillwater Hospice	3,000
Matthew 25	3,000
Catholic Youth Summer Camp	2,000
Homebound Meals, Inc.	1,000
Wellspring Social Services	1,000
Bishop Dwenger Scholarship Fund	1,000
Total Grants Awarded	\$244,082
Tithe Funds carried over from 2021-22	\$54,928
Total 2022-23 Tithe Funds	\$189,154

Through your generosity, we proclaim the Risen Christ to others. Through your gifts, St. Vincent's provided \$389,744 (Tithe Grants and Diocesan Collections) to support youth, those in crisis, and the poor – both locally and beyond our Parish boundaries.

Parish Tithe

St. Vincent's tithes the first 5% of our Sunday Offertory collection. The Parish Tithe is used to support:

- Material assistance to the needy of our community
- Sons and daughters of the Parish in ministry
- Parish Twinning
- Our Sister Parish in Honduras, pastored by Fr. Falzon

Distribution of tithe funds is administered by the Parish Stewardship Committee. The table on the right details the support provided for fiscal year 2022-2023. Through Parish Twinning, we support both St. Henry's and St. Patrick's. We provided additional support to St. Henry's for facilities improvements and we collect used items for their thrift store twice each year. We feed the hungry, send books to those in prison, care for the homeless, the infant and unborn, and minister to young people.

We have renewed our long-term relationships with The Women's Care Center, A Mother's Hope, Vincent Village, The Euell Wilson Center, and The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. In 2022-23 we added the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission and the St. Joseph's Missions Women's Shelter to the list. These longer-term commitments allow the building of relationships beyond the simple provision of funds.

Parish Generosity to Others	
Cause / Organization	Donations
St. Vincent de Paul Society (local council)	\$65,802
Catholic Charities	28,421
Religious Retirement Fund	9,754
Seminarian Education	15,832
Disaster Relief	8,862
Black and Native American Missions	3,663
Holy Land	11,227
Archdiocese of the Military	4,997
Visiting Mission	21,262
Worldwide Missions	4,138
Peter's Pence	3,130
Church in Latin America	4,240
Campaign for Human Development	2,476
Catholic Relief Services	7,187
Catholic Mission work in the US	2,981
Catholic University	1,843
Catholic Communications	2,408
Rice Bowl (Catholic Relief Services)	2,366
Total	\$200,590

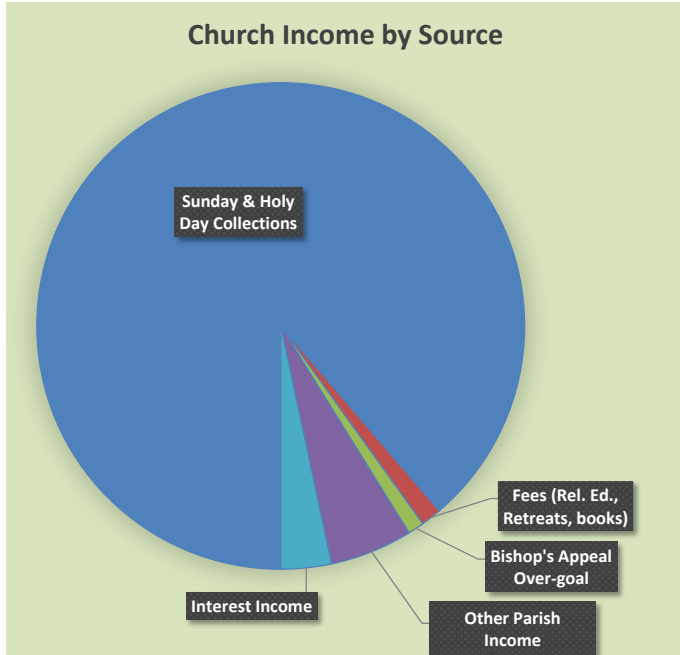
Special Collections

Each year, the US Bishops support a variety of ministries and organizations beyond the outreach efforts of individual parishes. This support is a concrete way to participate in the efforts of the Universal Church. These funds are always provided completely to the recipient. Diocesan Collections also play a major role in raising funds for aid to the poor and the education of our seminarians. The Parish most generously responded to appeals for help to the poor through both Catholic Charities, and our local council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your support provided to the Catholic diocese of Kasese in Uganda via the Visiting Mission Collection was a beautiful response to the needs of the rapidly growing and suffering church in Africa. St. Vincent's response to this appeal provided a significant percentage of the funds needed for the renovation of the St. John's Seminary Chapel.

Parish Finances at a Glance

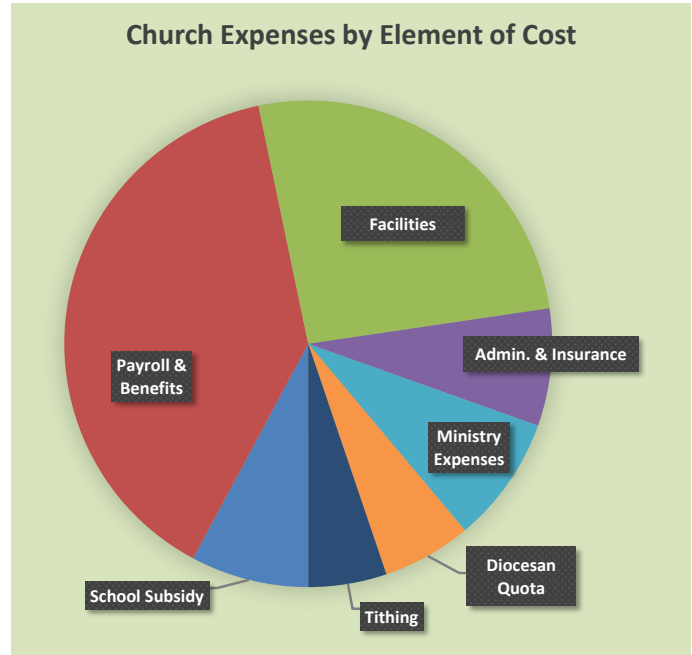
Church Income

As shown in the chart below, the majority of Church income (\$3,819,369 or 89%) is provided by contributions to offertory. The chart represents total Church income of \$4,303,901.



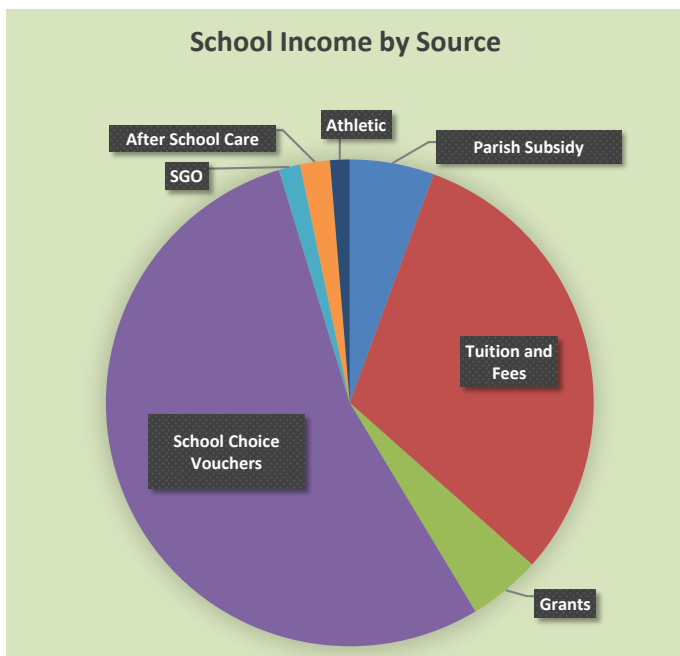
Church Expenses

The chart below shows how the church income is used. Payroll and benefits are the largest expense (\$1,417,422 or 39%).



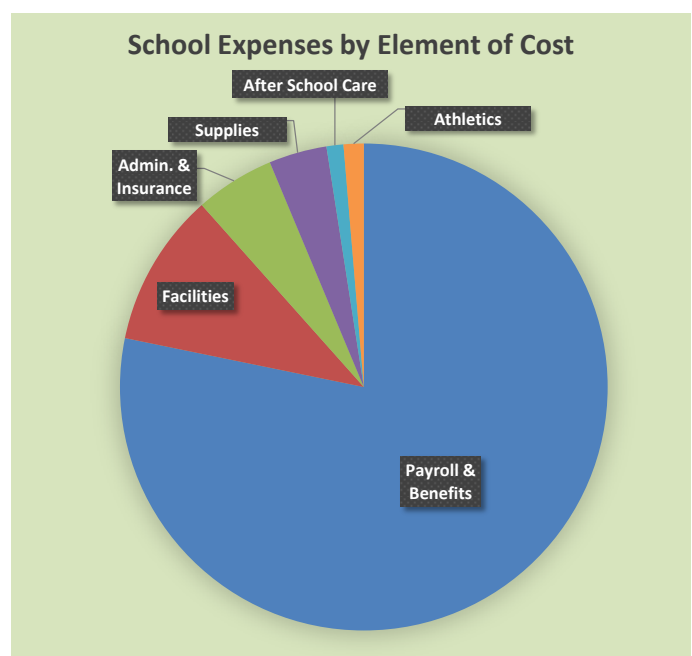
School Income

The chart below represents \$5,093,041 of School income including the subsidy from the Church. Increased eligibility for School Choice has increased income from that program to \$2,746,211 or 54% of the total.



School Expense

The uses of School funds are presented below. The dominant cost of operating the School is payroll for administration, teachers and aides. Payroll is 78% of the total. The second largest expenditure is facilities cost, including utilities and depreciation, at 10%.



Summary of Financial Position

Financial Position				
Assets		June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	
Parish Cash		\$931,634	\$829,467	
Cash held for other organizations		387,236	479,075	
Savings - General		2,919,013	2,977,931	
Savings - Unplanned Repairs		325,978	332,558	
Savings - Asset Replacement		3,707,943	4,685,109	
Restricted Savings - Parish Cemeteries		47,347	48,302	
Designated Savings - Home & School		110,138	112,361	
Designated Savings - Cafeteria		57,214	58,368	
Accounts Receivable / Prepaid Expense		16,199	10,319	
Endowment - St. Vincent School		746,958	783,554	
Endowment - St. Vincent Cemetery		73,190	80,988	
Book Value - Land, Buildings & Equip.		14,950,274	14,794,161	
Total Assets		\$24,273,124	\$25,192,193	
Liabilities		June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	
Bills to be paid		\$155,744	\$108,068	
Designated - Magdalene Oratory		178,956	154,535	
Designated - Church		641,075	711,835	
Designated - School		1,311,598	1,384,402	
Funds held for other organizations		518,531	666,101	
Prepaid Tuition & Fees		28,039	26,924	
Total Liabilities		\$2,833,943	\$3,051,865	
Equity		June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	
Total book value of Parish Goods		\$21,208,233	\$21,483,588	
Net Income less Expenses		\$230,948	\$656,740	
Total Net Assets		\$21,439,181	\$22,140,328	
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		\$24,273,124	\$25,192,193	

Statement of Cash Flow	
Cash & Savings - July 1, 2022	\$7,884,568
Change in Parish Equity	44,407
Change in Net Assets	656,740
Change in Designated Donations	119,143
Change in restricted funds	(140,565)
Change in funds held for others	147,570
Change to Accounts Payable	(47,676)
Change in pre-paid accounts	(1,115)
Change in Receivables	5,880
Change in Fixed assets	156,113
Cash & Savings - June 30, 2023	\$8,825,065
Change in Cash and Savings	\$940,497

Significant Capital Items (FY2022-23)	
Church - Replacement of Parish Office Roof	\$93,000
Campus - New Property Fencing and Drainage	\$27,906
Campus - Maintenance equipment	\$58,130
School - North side window replacement	\$60,120
School - Corridor Gates & Flooring	\$29,685
Church - Office technology	\$8,601
Church - Water Heater	\$12,526
Oratory - Stained Glass (final)	\$122,036
School - Various technology items	\$68,679
Church - LED Lighting and Controls	\$190,959
Total	\$671,643

As of June 30, 2023, the close of the 2022-23 fiscal year, the Parish has savings on deposit with the Diocese and no debt. In compliance with Diocesan policy, savings are deposited with the Diocese. The endowment accounts for the School and for the Parish Cemeteries are invested by the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana. Returns from the School Endowments are used to support Tuition Assistance and operational needs of the School. The Cemetery Fund endows perpetual care of the cemeteries.

In 2022-23, the Parish experienced favorable aggregate cash flow of \$940,497 enabling us to add to our savings for future facilities maintenance and replacement. Depreciation for the year was \$808,022.

Capital and Campus Improvement items are listed in the table to the left. Investments in our campus for the year totaled \$671,643. The most significant item was the upgrade to the church lighting for enhanced reliability and energy savings.

The members of the Parish Finance Council are listed below. If you would like to make an inquiry, or share an input with a member of the council, please arrange a contact through the Parish Office at 260-489-3537 ext. 3. Canon Law stipulates that Finance Council members be "skilled in financial matters and are of outstanding integrity." We thank our council members for representing you and

for serving the Parish. On the occasion of their retirement from the Council, we particularly wish to thank Dave Thomas and Jeff Peat for their service.

Saint Vincent's Finance Council		
Council Member	Serving Since	Background and Experience
Lisa Schanbacher	2003	Over 25 yrs. experience in management of healthcare, finance & insurance
Marlene Campbell	2007	Over 40 yrs. in Corporate Taxes Tax Manager, Steel Dynamics
Matthew Grashoff	2012	Over 20 yrs. in corporate sales Past President, St. V. School Board
Justin Crow	2012	MBA-finance, Over 30 years in insurance, distribution, operations & marketing
Dave Thomas	2013	Retired Chief Financial Officer FW Children's Zoo & Automotive Industry
Jamie Lancia	2015	Chief Executive, Lancia Homes Past President, St. V. School Board
Chad Wright	2016	President, Wirco Inc. Past President, St. V. School Board
Alex Pawlowski	2016	CFO Wayne Pipe and Supply, Inc.
Jeff Peat	2018	Over 40 yrs. in banking Vice President, 1st Source Bank



Fr. Sam Anderson – First Mass

Our Parish Finances

Income

Church Income	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Budget
Sunday Collections & Holy Days	\$3,914,494	\$3,819,369	\$3,776,400
Fees (Rel. Ed., Retreats, books)	49,257	58,744	56,750
Bishop's Appeal Over-goal	84,349	46,429	10,000
Oratory Improvement Income (Designated)	223,557	71,416	-
Capital Improvement	19,317	36,428	15,000
Other Parish Income	74,768	127,701	56,500
Interest Income	130,727	143,814	135,050
Total Church Income	\$4,496,469	\$4,303,901	\$4,049,700

School Income

Family paid Tuition and Fees	\$1,521,715	\$1,542,425	\$1,555,120
School Choice Vouchers	1,521,778	2,746,211	3,490,000
Scholarship Granting Org. Scholarships	69,427	72,411	65,000
Grants and Title support	202,421	241,574	150,000
Parish Tuition Support	14,108	35,000	50,000
Latch Key After School Care	80,122	100,601	80,000
Development	152,554	3,663	3,500
Athletics	52,741	66,154	82,000
Total School Income	\$3,614,866	\$4,808,039	\$5,475,620

Total Parish Income	\$8,111,335	\$9,111,940	\$9,525,320
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In the 2022-23 fiscal year, the Parish was blessed with a favorable outcome of Income Less Expenses of \$656,740. Expenses increased 7.3% over last year while operating income increased 12.3%. While church income from all sources decreased 4.3%, this was more than offset by an increase in school income of 33%.

FY2022-23 was the year of transition to the Diocese Mandated full cost tuition model. The Parish provided scholarship funds to families with need to ease this transition. Our total family paid tuition experienced an increase of less than 2%. The remainder of the income increase was due to the expansions in the School Choice program making a larger percentage of our families eligible for School Choice Scholarships. The program has been further expanded for FY23-24, as reflected in the income budget for School Choice.

For the 2022-23 school year, the average cost to educate each child was \$6,701, compared to \$6,418 for the 2021-22 school year, an increase of 4.5%. School enrollment continued to be very strong at 761 students.



Deacon Caleb Kruse – First Mass

Our Parish Finances

Expense

Church Expenses

	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Budget
Direct Payroll	\$988,706	\$1,060,753	\$1,113,254
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	313,787	356,669	425,324
Tuition Benefits & Scholarships	\$0	\$3,626	\$0
Facilities (maintenance and utilities)	275,016	453,372	306,450
Depreciation	499,919	491,667	504,000
Administrative	301,402	253,814	292,765
Insurance	24,289	30,379	26,800
Rel Ed and Youth Ministry	74,168	103,571	108,150
Liturgy and Adult Ministry	130,787	203,922	169,775
Diocesan Quota	203,447	215,232	237,766
Tithing (5% of Sunday Offertory)	191,035	189,154	186,300

Total Church Expenses

\$3,002,556 \$3,362,159 \$3,370,584

School Expenses

Direct Payroll	\$2,759,025	\$3,014,129	\$3,435,977
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	981,788	969,671	1,153,322
Facilities (maintenance and utilities)	209,718	203,724	197,037
Depreciation	329,981	316,355	336,000
Administrative	207,402	213,767	221,644
Insurance	49,584	54,636	50,900
Educational Supplies	217,954	195,880	256,058
Latch Key After School Care	51,399	57,051	63,290
Athletics	70,980	67,828	79,816

Total School Expenses

\$4,877,831 \$5,093,041 \$5,794,044

Total Parish Expense

\$7,880,387 \$8,455,200 \$9,164,628

Summary

	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Budget
Total Parish Income	\$8,111,335	\$9,111,940	\$9,525,320
Total Parish Expense	\$7,880,387	\$8,455,200	\$9,164,628
Income - Expense	\$230,948	\$656,740	\$360,692

JESUS WAITS FOR US

Emptying Himself of all heavenly glory and dwelling under the humble appearance of bread, the King of Kings silently calls us to Himself.

The Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene is a tremendous treasure reflecting the extravagant beauty of God. Built through the loving sacrifices of many, this place has already welcomed and blessed multitudes in the truth that indeed Jesus is Emmanuel – God is with us. In the Sacrament of His Sacred Body and Blood, the Risen Christ Himself is here for us.

For however much we may have offered the Oratory to God as a gift of love, infinitely more has the Risen Lord Jesus first offered the Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene to us as a gift of love, as a privileged place of encounter with Him.

And while we know that the Blessed Sacrament present in the monstrance is God Himself and therefore the Treasure of Treasures, there is another treasure to be found here: YOU. Christ remains in the Holy Eucharist not for His sake, but for yours. He is there for you. He is available to you. His Sacred Heart burns for you!

Consider today committing to be with Him for one hour per week. Yes, this gives you an opportunity to bring your whole bundle of cares and prayers to the Lord. Yes, your commitment helps to keep the Oratory open perpetually and allows more and more people to come when they can. But in it all and through it all, **the Incarnate Lord of the universe in the Eucharistic form of His Divine Love simply rejoices in being able to give the gift of Himself in just being here with you.**

Contact the parish office, or visit our website saintv.org, to commit to a weekly holy hour with Our Lord.

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