

Saint Alphonsus Liguori 2024 Annual Report

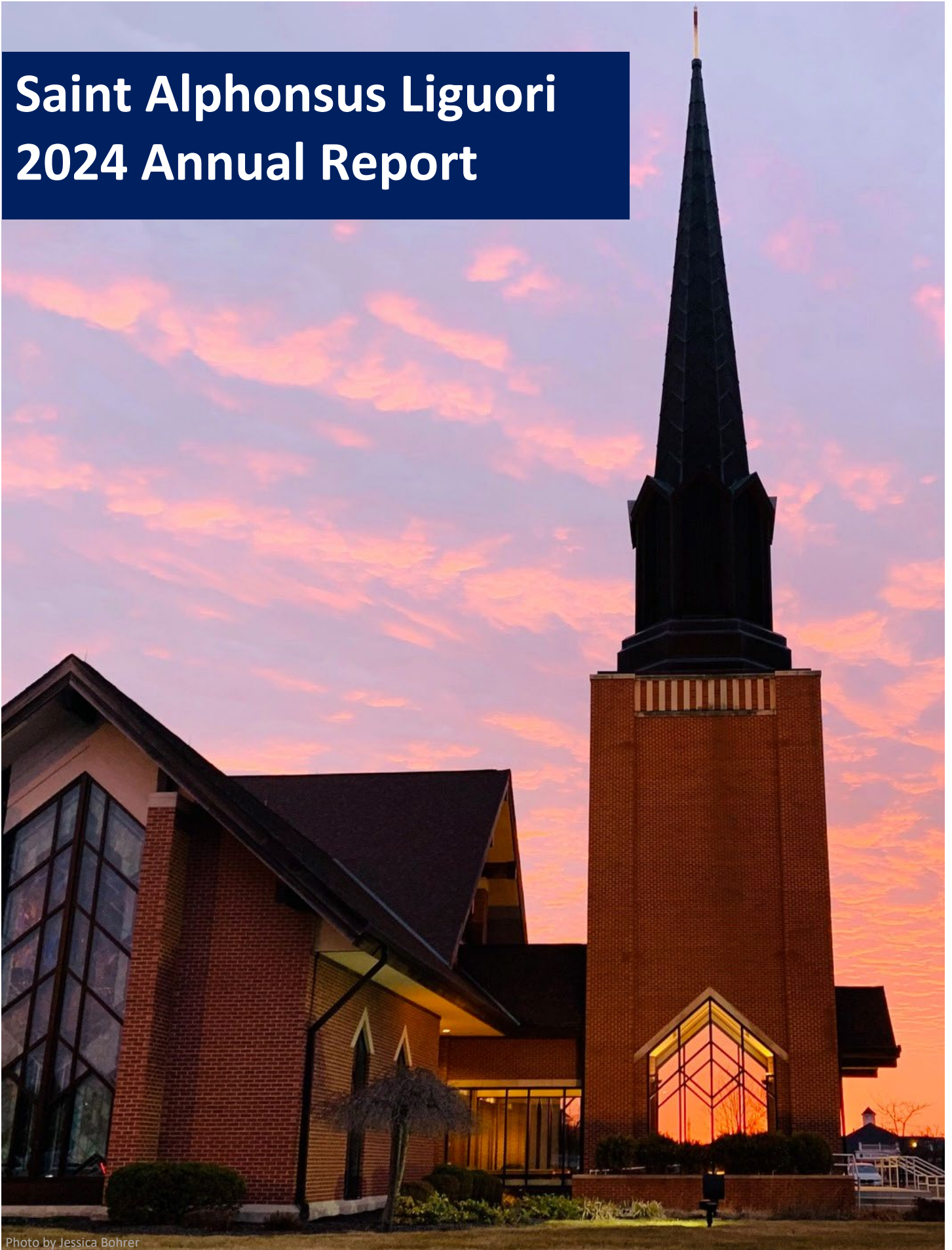


Photo by Jessica Bohrer

A Note from Fr. Stephens



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous gifts to the parish. Your dedication to supporting the mission of our church allows us to continue our work of spreading God's love and service to those in need. Through your contributions of time, talent, and treasure, we continue to nurture our faith, expand our programs, and maintain a vibrant worship experience for all. Your commitment to the work of the Church reflects your love for God and neighbor.

The unique gifts and perspectives of each one of you is a blessing to our community. The Church is not just a building - it is a vibrant, living community, and each of you is a vital part of that body. Whether through attending Mass, joining a ministry, participating in parish events, or offering your time and talents, your presence and involvement are truly needed and appreciated.

As we continue to grow in faith and service, please know that your support is a crucial part of all that we do. We are stronger when we come together as one body in Christ, and we can accomplish so much more with your active participation.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing generosity and pray that God continues to bless you and your family abundantly.

-Rev. Fr. Travis Stephens, PhD



Financial Report

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

On behalf of our parish council and finance council, I am happy to present our financial report for the 2024 fiscal year, ending December 31, 2024.

Financially, this has been another extraordinary year, which is a testament to our faithful parishioners and the commitments our families make to our Catholic community.

Since the Annual Report was issued last year, the operations of the parish have continued to grow. For example, our Young Adult ministry holds regular events for young adults across the Diocese to attend and participated in the Eucharistic Congress as a group. The Adult Formation ministry hosted a pilgrimage in September 2024 and continues to offer parish retreats. As a result, both income and expenses in this area (Adult Formation Fees) have grown.

As you are experiencing at home, inflation has persisted in its effect on the general operations of the parish over the last few years. The “General Operations” portion of the financials continues to reflect the impact of inflation along with an increase of costs to comply with Diocesan initiatives. Our expense for Campus and Buildings Maintenance has once again seen an increase since the last Annual Report was issued as a result of aging buildings.

Your gifts to the parish allow us to maintain and grow our robust ministries, as well as venture into new opportunities to engage with the parish and neighborhood community.

Our parish is blessed to have so many families who take stewardship seriously. You have heard the call from Christ to offer your time, talent, and treasure in thanks for all the blessings you have received.

Julie Brown
Bookkeeper



Income Statement – General Operations

ORDINARY INCOME

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>2024 Actual</i>	<i>2024 Budget</i>	<i>2024 Difference</i>
Contributions – General Operations	\$1,892,422	\$1,800,195	\$92,227
Flower, Candle, and Music Donations	\$21,128	\$18,050	\$3,078
Youth Formation Fees	\$74,867	\$73,075	\$1,792
Adult Formation Fees	\$39,608	\$1,500	\$38,108
Parish Outreach	\$7,994	\$5,840	\$2,154
Investment and Other Income	\$60,558	\$24,180	\$36,378
Total Income	\$2,096,577	\$1,922,840	\$173,737

ORDINARY EXPENSES

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>2024 Actual</i>	<i>2024 Budget</i>	<i>2024 Difference</i>
General Operations	\$351,104	\$328,116	\$(22,988)
Campus/Buildings Maintenance	\$85,951	\$76,205	\$(9,746)
Employee Wages & Benefits	\$1,226,038	\$1,313,116	\$87,078
Youth Formation	\$64,444	\$72,127	\$7,683
Adult Formation	\$60,709	\$36,934	\$(23,775)
Worship	\$53,536	\$64,986	\$11,450
Stewardship	\$1,745	\$7,326	\$5,581
Other Outreach/Ministries	\$30,415	\$24,030	\$(6,385)
Total Expense	\$1,873,942	\$1,922,840	\$48,898

Actual Gain versus Budget Projection	\$222,635		
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Income Statement - Funds

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Net Inc./ (Exp.)</i>	<i>Fund</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Net Inc./ (Exp.)</i>
Assoc. Pastor Housing	\$6,000	\$11,000	(\$5,000)	Outreach	\$2,282	\$11,000	(\$8,718)
Bell Tower	\$7,774	\$0	\$7,774	Parish Needy Outreach	\$1,680	\$1,500	\$180
Building Project	\$165,074	\$254,512	(\$89,438)	Prayer Shawl	\$195	\$467	(\$272)
Catholic Charities	\$7,451	\$6,926	\$525	Respect Life	\$0	\$336	(\$336)
Catholic Ministries Grant	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$0	Retired Priest	\$1,500	\$1,400	\$100
Catholic Radio	\$1,728	\$1,948	(\$220)	HV Mass	\$1,527	\$1,371	\$156
Charity and Outreach	\$4,267	\$2,121	\$2,146	Sacred Vestment	\$4,750	\$2,698	\$2,052
Choir	\$600	\$0	\$600	Safety Grant	\$7,605	\$7,605	\$0
Daughters of the Immaculata	\$0	\$189	(\$189)	Seminarian Stipends	\$4,500	\$4,600	(\$100)
Habitat for Humanity	\$6,378	\$4,283	\$2,095	Supply Help	\$3,000	\$10,050	(\$7,050)
Haiti	\$61,632	\$91,915	(\$30,283)	Truck (1)	\$35,225	\$0	\$35,225
Knights of the Holy Temple	\$225	\$1,066	(\$841)	Young Adult Fund	\$3,055	\$0	\$3,055
Marriage	\$2,750	\$0	\$2,750	Youth Ministry	\$680	\$2,275	(\$1,595)
Mass Stipend	\$6,344	\$6,081	\$263	YM - Grants	\$2,600	\$0	\$2,600
Mental Health Grant	\$4,520	\$44,813	(\$40,293)	Youth Vocations	\$80	\$644	(\$564)
				TOTAL	\$358,922	\$484,300	(\$125,378)

Note: Truck purchased in 2024 was capitalized rather than expensed.

Offertory Numbers

Amount Donated	Number of Donors	Total Gift Year-to-Date	Average Per Household	% of Total Collections	% of Donors in Category to Total Donors
\$0	822	\$0	\$0	0%	46.00%
\$1-\$500	390	\$75,297	\$186	4.45%	21.82%
\$501-\$1,000	138	\$107,353	\$750	6.35%	7.72%
\$1,001-\$2,500	239	\$400,206	\$1,615	23.68%	13.37%
\$2,501-\$5,000	126	\$457,221	\$3,499	27.05%	7.05%
\$5,001+	72	\$650,262	\$8,709	38.47%	4.03%
Totals	1,787	\$1,690,339	\$946		
Holy Days		\$74,797			
Loose Cash		\$101,657			
Other Sources		\$25,629			
Total Collections		\$1,892,422			

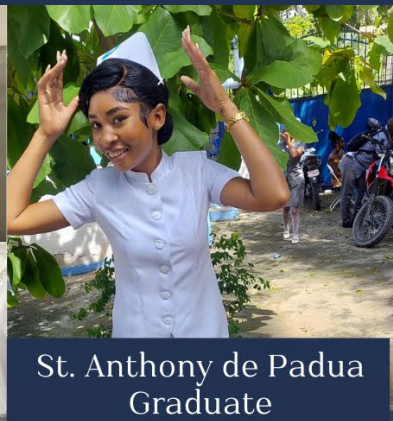
Ministry in Action



Religious Education



National Eucharistic Congress



St. Anthony de Padua Graduate



Hospitality Ministry



Confirmandi packed 7000+ meals for Million Meals Movement



National Eucharistic Congress



Weddings



Funeral Luncheon



Over 130 welcome gifts delivered to new parishioners



Purchase of a new truck!



Our Lady of Champions Pilgrimage



Shalom House Volunteers

Ministry in Numbers



Celebration of the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Average Weekend Mass Attendance: 1,660
Number of Masses Celebrated: 526



Eucharistic Adoration

Regular Hourly Adorers and Substitutes: 74
Advent Adoration Challenge: 293



Funerals

Individuals Laid to Rest: 19



Other Sacraments

Weddings: 13
Baptisms: 42
Confirmations: 54
First Communions: 74



Youth Ministry

Grade School Participants: 286
Middle School Participants: 149
High School Participants: 115

Looking Ahead to 2025!

The Parish Master Plan Committee shares progress to date:

A team of consultants with Schmidt Associates has gathered input from the Parish to understand their desires for the future of the campus. The consultants conducted nine input sessions and received input from approximately 100 participants who represent the vast majority of our ministries, councils, and programs. This information that has been gathered is being summarized to create guiding principles for continued development of the Parish Master Plan. Be on the lookout for the Guiding Principles to be shared with the Parish in the near future!

My One Thing

Our new parish engagement initiative – My One Thing – was introduced in February. Father Travis is challenging each member/family to find “one thing” they can do to increase their participation. Getting involved at the parish is such a powerful way to grow in faith, build community, and make a meaningful impact. When you engage with others at church, you're not just participating in a service, you're joining a family, supporting one another, and contributing to something bigger than yourself.

There are many opportunities throughout the year to get involved, so we invite you to join a ministry, attend an event, and embrace your parish family. Volunteer opportunities and events are available on our website, or you may contact Brenda Knecht at bknecht@zionsvillecatholic.com to explore ways to get involved.

Jessica Bohrer finds that sharing her talents with the parish brings her much joy! Her favorite pastime is spent in her painting studio at home and she is always happy to create artwork for the parish. She designed the Pascal candle in 2020 and this year was asked to collaborate with a few other artist/parishioners to illustrate “A Crown of Roses” written by Barbara Morand. She finished off the year creating the Saint Alphonsus Christmas card and looks forward to future projects that might come her way.



Bob Walters says, “volunteering is very special to me as it gives me the opportunity to share my gifts, interact with our parish and help parishioners and visitors enjoy their experience. As an usher/Minister of Hospitality, I can meet new people and reconnect with friends. The usher position is my way of making a small difference for people attending mass. The opportunity to have my three sons serve with me on Christmas Eve is one of my favorite traditions for our family.”



See below for some upcoming events. This is not meant to be a comprehensive list – all current and upcoming events are available online, in the bulletin or E-newsletter. If you do not receive the E-newsletter, please [click here](#) to sign up!

Event	Mark Your Calendar
Coffee and Donuts	Second Sunday of each month (most months)
Talbot Group	Every Thursday, 7pm
Grieving with Great Hope	See parish website for dates
Surviving Divorce	See parish website for dates
Vacation Bible School	June 9-13
Outdoor Adoration	August 1
St Alphonsus Parish Picnic	August 3
SoulCore	2 nd Saturday of the month, 7:30am
Blessing of Animals	October 3
Octoberfest/Pumpkinfest	October 3
Mass of Remembrance	November 3
Advent Penance Service	December 15
Journey to the Manger	December 13

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI MINISTRIES AND HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED OR VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL BKNECHT@ZIONSVILLECATHOLIC.COM.

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