

# Annual Report

2022 - 2023

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# FROM OUR *pastor*



As we approach the end of our Church year, I find myself looking back and looking ahead. 2023 was an amazing year for our parish. Our weekend attendance jumped in January and has remained strong all year. It's not at pre-pandemic levels, but very solid and encouraging. Our ministries and programs continue to serve the faith of our members as we deepen our commitment to reach out to all of the de-churched and unchurched in Bowie.

So what will 2024 bring? I am happy to report that we are on track to break ground for Phase 2 of our expansion plan. God willing construction will begin in June and take approximately 10 months to complete.

**This means (fingers crossed) we will be dedicating our new gathering space on Easter 2025!**

I am so grateful to all of our parishioners whose generosity and patience is making this possible.

This annual report provides an accurate picture of the state of our parish over the past year, including information on our financial position. With dedicated support from all our registered members, our parish will continue to grow.

If you have not been a regular giver, I encourage you to enroll in electronic giving through Faith Direct. You can sign up through our website [spxbowie.org/give](https://spxbowie.org/give) or by calling Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 (our parish ID is MD 712). You can also text "Enroll" to 301-265-3030 or simply scan the QR code below with your phone's camera.

Let me close by thanking you for taking the time to read this letter and for considering my request.

**Together let us continue to joyfully make disciples for Christ's Kingdom in and beyond Bowie, Maryland.**

*Rw. Neil Jones*

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# July 2022 - June 2023

## INCOME

<b>Offertory &amp; ABC (Academics, Buildings &amp; Capital Improvements)</b>	639,903.41
<b>Other Collections</b>	194,837.99
Christmas, Easter, Contributions & Donations, Interest Income, Holy Days, Funerals, Mass Offerings, Miscellaneous Income, Poor Box	
<b>KidMin &amp; MSM Tuition</b>	5,850.00
<b>Sharing Pantry Monetary Donations</b>	7,300.00
	<b>847,891.40</b>

## EXPENSES

<b>Parish Life &amp; Worship</b>	154,356.98
Liturgies, SLAM, Music Ministry, Friday Night Praise, Child Care, Socials	
<b>Clergy</b>	110,419.98
salary, benefits, residence, visiting priests	
<b>Faith Formation</b>	180,121.09
Kids & Students - KidMin, Middle School Ministry, Sacramental & Confirmation Prep	
Adults - Small Groups, Becoming Catholic, Bible Study, Alpha	
<b>Social Concerns</b>	33,436.60
Sharing Pantry, Gabriel Network, Habitat for Humanity, Youth & Young Adult Mission Trips, Honduras Mission Trip, Assumption Church, Some Others Might Eat, Helping Out People with Emergencies	
<b>Administration</b>	80,427.50
Rectory salaries, Envelope Sets, Phone & Copier Contracts, Office expenses, Catholic Standard newspaper, Archdiocesan payroll system fees	
<b>Plant &amp; Grounds</b>	102,741.52
repair & maintenance, utilities, trash, landscaping, janitorial services, property insurance	
<b>Archdiocesan Assessments</b>	106,953.59
15% of Offertory and ABC, as required by Archdiocese of Washington	
<b>School Support</b>	31,995.20
5% of Offertory and ABC, as required by Archdiocese of Washington	
	<b>800,452.46</b>

## RESERVES

Balance 6/30/22	135,834.43
Fiscal Year 2023 Net Income	47,438.94
2023 Capital Expenses	-144,630.16
Balance 6/30/23	<b>38,643.21</b>





## Parish Census data as of 6/30/22

New Families this year	45
Total Registered Families	1156

## Sacraments Celebrated

Average Weekly Mass Attendance (count in October 2022) includes in-person, YouTube & SPX Online	814
Baptism	21
First Communion	30
First Reconciliation	30
Confirmation	26
Matrimony	1
Funerals	16
Adults received into the Church	1

## Ministries (weekly participation)

KidMin (Religious Education, K - 5) enrollment	45
MSM (Middle School Ministry) enrollment (in person & online)	27
Summit Students (Becoming Catholic for Kids & Students) enrollment	9
Ongoing Message Groups	7
Lenten Message Groups	3
Bible Study Group	1
Alpha Group	1
Summer Interest Groups	4
over 100 adults in Groups	

## Communications

Website	over 46,000 views by 13,000 users from 10 countries
Facebook	reached over 20,039 people from 10 countries, 789 page likes, 3,887 page visits
Instagram	reached over 486 people from 5 countries, 446 followers, 377 profile visits
Ebulletin	sent to 1,811 people each week
YouTube	18,100 views, 5,400 hours watched, 68 new subscribers, 562 total subscribers
Podbean	231 downloads, 7 countries

## Led by Love Capital Campaign (as of 6/30/23)

Monies available for future Phases	893,669.73
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## CAPITAL EXPENSES

Rectory roof replacement, Residence roof replacement, Residence upgrades, Residence HVAC replacement

## Shared Capital Expenses with St. Pius X Regional School

lighting upgrades, church projector replacement, summer painting of the Hall, fire hydrant replacement by the playground, boiler room water heater replacement and pipes, two boiler room pumps



In the Spring of 2017 we launched 'Led by Love', a five year capital campaign to fund our parish expansion plan. From donations received within the first year we completed Phase 1 in November of 2018 - new entranceway, with restrooms and prep spaces for liturgical ministers.

Phase 1 enabled us to redesign and expand our entranceway and provide needed space for ministry prep areas, as well as new restrooms closer to the sanctuary. In Phase 2, this campaign gives our parish a chance to make some very important upgrades to our facilities in order to better serve our parishioners and to equip our parishioners to better serve others as disciples after the heart of Jesus.

Phase 2 will be an attractive gathering space to the right of the church. This space will be used for fellowship after weekend Masses, meetings for parish organizations, adult faith formation, and an area where we will train volunteers for all our ministries. The design will give us the flexibility for both intimate and large gatherings.

We are working in partnership with St. Pius X Regional School which will utilize this space for various school events. And as was shared with the parish at the time we launched Led by Love, Nelson Hall will be converted into a practice gym following the completion of Phase 2.

Learn more & donate at  
[spxbowie.org/ledbylove](http://spxbowie.org/ledbylove)





# WHERE YOUR GIVING GOES

These are just a few examples of how your generosity impacts both our parish and local community throughout the year!

**1.5%**

increase to staff compensation

**25+**

Kids served by SLAM on average each weekend

**FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES**

**\$8k**

to Assumption Church & the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry

**110**

turkeys to St. Joseph's Parish

**S.O.M.E.**

**\$10k**

donated to So Others May Eat along with our monthly sandwich ministry

**GABRIEL NETWORK**

**\$4k**

supports women in crisis pregnancies

**GIVE**

**100+**

people who enjoyed GIVE and supported the Giving Tree

**80+**

volunteers who served at GIVE doing set-up, clean-up, in the living Nativity scenes and at during the actual event

**SHARING PANTRY**

**\$5.6K**

supports those with food insecurity

**GIVING TREE**

**\$5k**

to Assumption Church & Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry

**2022 FALL KICK-OFF**

**350+** people attended

**250+** Kona Ices served

**50+** volunteers served

**750+** balloons

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

**150+** people attended

**600+** pancakes flipped

**25+** Middle Schoolers, parents, & MSM small group leaders served

*thank you for your generosity*

# THE IMPACT OF SERVING



**Laura Tarnoksy - SLAM**

Leading SLAM has been my favorite SPX ministry for years. It is an honor to read the gospel to the kids and help them understand Jesus' life, parables, and teachings.

The opportunity to look at Scripture through the eyes of a child has been a blessing in my life and has allowed me to focus on God's great love for his children, both young and old.

**Linda Brown - Host Team**

Serving at St. Pius X has truly made my faith feel real, comforting and safe. I had no friends when I moved to Bowie. Now when I walk through the doors of our church I'm loved and cared for. This comes from serving in different capacities.



**Rich Couture - Small Group Leader**

I joined a Lenten Small Group during the COVID shutdown. I was hoping to find a sense of community with other members of the church. It was all that and more. The topics of discussion were pertinent to the times and we were able to discuss our faith, concerns and ways to function as a Catholic while avoiding physical contact with other people.

I took advantage of the first opportunity to join a regular small group. Although the sessions were not yet face to face, we did have real time discussions, via video conferencing. My community of Catholic brothers was quickly becoming a very important part of my life. I was gaining a deeper understanding of what God wants of me and I was no longer alone in facing life and faith issues.

When the call for new small group leaders came, I felt like the Lord was pointing me in that direction. For me, it became a matter of service, a way for me to serve Him, and in serving Him, I have found a new closeness to my Lord.

**Yannick Oben - Altar Server**

For me, altar serving has helped me understand what the priest is talking about during the Mass. Before I was altar serving I never really paid attention to what was being said during Mass. The first time I served last year I had no choice but to at least try to listen to what the Priest was saying. Ever since then I have been able to understand what is going on and participate the right way during Mass.







### **Joy Kweri - Altar Server**

My experience as an altar server has felt like an honor. An honor to serve the Lord, to grow my faith step by step, and to inspire my friends and family. I have been altar serving for maybe 1 year, but it still feels like a new exciting experience every time. Every time when I sit by the Altar and hear the Lord's word, I always think about my life and how I can involve the Lord, and follow his example. Personally, I've always done Priestbook. So to hold the Word of the Lord in my hands makes me feel special. I'm also so glad and appreciative of the opportunity I have to honor the Lord's name, and do his work when I altar serve. I am also glad to inspire my friends and family by altar serving. I also want to share the message that anyone can altar serve, even girls! I know it use to be different in the past, but look at me now, I am a girl and I am altar serving!

### **Marguerite Dobrosielski - Small Group Leader**

Having been given the opportunity to lead a small group for the past several years has been a blessing. I get to meet weekly with wonderful women where we share our faith, our life experiences, and explore the weekly message series. It's a lot of fun!



### **Susan Woods - Host Team**

Serving on the Host team is a great way to meet fellow parishioners. It is also a great way to contribute to the Parish and be part of a team. I enjoy being a Host because I really like helping to make people feel welcome, and hope that will encourage them to keep coming to Mass!

### **Michael Erxleben - Altar Server**

Being an altar server and being part of the Mass has had a very important impact upon my faith. Being present on the altar and being involved in both the liturgy and the Eucharist is something that is important to me. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve and for being an altar server at St. Pius.



### **Jen Mayer - Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist**

When I first became an EMHC it seemed like just another way to help out - a task needed to be done, and I'm not sure at first I actually realized the significance of what I was doing. That I was literally giving people Jesus. As I give out communion, I always try to look everyone in the eye, but I can't help but notice their hands as well. God seems to draw my attention to people's hands - the soft hands of the office workers, calloused hands of laborers, well manicured hands of the ladies, enthusiastic, if sometimes dirty hands of the children, hands curled or gnarled because of age or illness and hands of every different skin tone. Not only did being an EMHC help me to better understand Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist. But because a body is made of its parts, noticing people's hands helped me really appreciate the fullness of the body of Christ, and made me so very aware of how I was part of a much larger whole. It is an incredible ministry and I'm always humbled by being part of it.



# Serve



## **Mary Dawn Blackmon - Small Group Leader**

My faith has been impacted with our group because of the humble blessings that come from listening and sharing. As the weeks and now into a second year continue, the friendships and deepening connections have truly impacted our journey towards Christ. Together is better whether in giving thanks or sharing burdens...



## **Juliana Escalante - Altar Server**

My experience serving as an altar server has been wonderful and amazing. At first when I started serving I felt like I shouldn't be here and was nervous that I might mess up because I know how much Masses are important to my religion. It changed my faith by showing that our relationship with God is more important than I thought. While serving as an altar server, I noticed that I spent more time with God than I have ever before and wanted to serve more. Seeing and witnessing how much time priests, deacons, choir and other volunteers put their time and effort into making sure that all these Masses of the church are full of love and meaning is inspiring. And if mistakes are made then it's okay and acceptable because God sees our heart and effort in being with him.

## **Mary Weicks-Jordan - Host Team & Small Group Leader**

Serving as an SPX Host at 5:30PM mass is a happy thing, since I love my parish and want everyone entering the doors, to love it just as much. Weekly worship begins as our parishioners and guests arrive to share together in the celebration of weekly Mass and the homily message. As a Host, we are often the first people our parishioners and guests encounter. If a smile, greeting, act of kindness, or other assistance can help, then all the better. When Hosting, I see my own worship through a different lens, seeing other parts of worship in the background, and more recently, sometimes providing an opportunity to reflect and put into action prior homily messages during my duties.



Years ago, I started becoming part of different SPX ministries, including small groups, and I can truly say that what is mentioned over and over is true. "Life is truly better together!" My parish family, Fr. Mike's homily series and serving my parish are such an important part of my faith journey. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as part of our parish family!



## **Sue Sheeley- Host Team**

What I like the most about working with the Host Team at the 9:30am Mass are the friendships we have established with each other and with our parishioners. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to assist a large number of individuals from different backgrounds and it is my goal to make everyone who comes into our church feel welcomed and assist them in any way I can. I truly love hosting and feel it has brought me closer to God and my faith through my ability to serve in this way.



# say YES today

As we celebrate what God has done during this past year through your generosity, we turn to the next year and how we can continue to build the Kingdom here at SPX Bowie.

One of the biggest ways that you can impact others and grow your own faith is by serving. Our many ministries need your support. Here are a few:



## **Host / Greeter**

Our Host & Greeter Teams make sure that everyone who enters our doors is welcome. This is a need at all 3 Masses.



## **Eucharistic Minister**

Our Eucharistic Ministers help provide us our spiritual food, the Eucharist, each Mass. We specifically have a need for more at the 5:30 pm & 9:30 am Masses.



## **Tech Team**

Our Tech Team includes people running cameras, screens and audio to serve those worshipping in person and online. This ministry happens at the 5:30 pm Mass.



## **SLAM Leader**

SLAM is our Children's Worship program. We need adult leaders who can follow a script and enjoy working with kids! We have a need at the 9:30 am Mass.



## **Small Group Leader**

Our small groups are our primary way of helping adults grow as disciples. We always need more people serving as leaders so that we can start new groups.



## **KidMin Small Group Leader**

KidMin is our faith formation program for Kindergarten to 5th grade. KidMin meets on Sundays from 9:45 - 11:15 am and needs adults who can use the questions and activities provided to help our kids come to know and love Jesus.



## **Altar Servers**

Beginning in 5th grade, students are invited to serve at all 3 weekend Masses as Altar Servers. Training is provided.

**Say YES Today!**  
**Scan the QR Code Now**



# Staff



**Fr. Mike Jones**

Pastor



**Jim Doyle**

Deacon



**Fr. Kevin Kennedy**

Weekend Assistant



**Suzanne Fanning**

Weekend Coordinator



**Jen Buter**

Kids & Students  
Coordinator



**Jen Mayer**

Adult Discipleship  
Coordinator



**Kelsey Parks**

SLAM Coordinator



**Donna Gamble**

Parish Secretary



**Jena Parks**

Church & School  
Accountant



**Katie Skerpon**

Communications  
Coordinator



**Dale Gray**

Sunday Music Ministry  
Coordinator



**Patrick Skerpon**

Technology Coordinator



**Eric Ramiscal**

Church & School  
Facilities Manager



**Sue Sheeley**

Financial Assistant



**Matthew Williams**

Tech Assistant



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**Sonia Waldorf**



**Monica Weaver**

# Vision

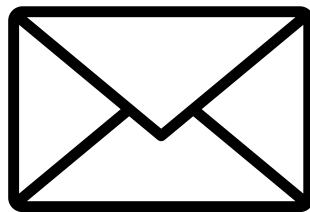
To form disciples  
in and beyond Bowie  
who joyfully live out  
the mission  
of Jesus Christ



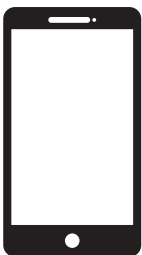
## WAYS TO GIVE



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