



November 16, 2023

Peace and good! As part of the Annual Report for our parish community, on behalf of the Parish Advisory Council, Finance Committee, Pastoral Team, I present the following information and a snapshot of our financial report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Mission: St. Joseph Catholic Church preaches the Gospel through word, sacrament, and service to others in order to build God's Kingdom.

Vision: St. Joseph Catholic Church is a joyful community, preaching the Good News to all, promoting God's Word, the sacraments, and serving others through "Works of Mercy" in the spirit of Saints Joseph and Francis of Assisi.

Your financial support has allowed us to maintain and nurture: the sacramental life of our faith community; our 24 ministries and 19 organizations to our children, youth, young adults, adults, elderly and those in need; and St. Joseph Catholic School. I share a few of our faith formation experiences which occurred during this past year: we celebrated the prayerfulness of the Lenten Season with the music and reflection of David Kauffman; celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday; Fish Fry and praying the Stations of Cross by Franciscan Friars; Advent and Lenten confessions; SJC and SJS celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Festival of Praise (English and Spanish); parish subscription to FORMED; professional development for catechists; Donut Sundays; and successful food drives for LINK and St. Lucy Project, etc.

A special thank you to all who increased your giving to help us to nurture our faith and embrace of the Gospel. We were not only able to support the celebration of our sacramental life and faith formation, we also made the following improvements or purchases.

- Summer maintenance projects included: painting classrooms and painting upstairs parish meeting rooms; classrooms and furniture deep cleaned; and parish hall, kitchen and kitchen equipment deep cleaned;
- Major projects: new parish/school gym roof; RTU compressor replacements for SJS; replace RTU for parish lobby; computer system update for HVAC NOVAR system; upgraded fiber and security for internet in building; computer system; update for HVAC Alerton system; and Church window resealing.

- Major projects for SJS with the financial support of PTO Spring Fling 2023 and SJS/SJC: Ever Alert Emergency panels in classrooms and throughout the school; combination locks on each school classroom; and security upgrades for teachers in classrooms.
- Our Sustainability Team (SJC Facility Staff, Pastoral Staff, and SJS middle school Science Classes) are assisting us to make our parish plant more ecologically sustainable.
- We are currently preparing the documents for the Town of Herndon and contractors for our Church driveway/drop-off project.

I share the following snapshot of St. Joseph Catholic Church for your review and reflection.

The parish community is made up of:

- 7,267 – Parishioners
- 2,798 – Families
- 505 – Students in SJS and 361 students in Faith Formation
- Three Franciscan Friars ministering at the parish – three full-time priests, and one priest as a weekend assistant.
- 24 ministries and 19 organizations affiliated with the parish.

Celebration of the Sacraments

- Baptisms 137
- First Communion 129
- Confirmation 101
- RCIA/RCIC 18
- Marriages 29
- Marriage Prep for Elsewhere 38

St. Joseph Catholic Church Property

- The Church is located in Herndon, VA on 14.45 acres.
- The current St. Joseph Catholic Church was completed in 1986.
- The Priest's Residence was completed in 1991
- The original St. Joseph Catholic School (SJS) was completed in 1974 for the use of religious education classes and SJS began classes in the building in 1978.
- The Gym addition was completed in 1995.
- The Parish Hall, Office, SJS Library and primary grade wing was completed in 2004.
- Vine Street Property was purchased in March 2018.

Use of the Parish Facilities

During the year of **1-1-2022** thru **12-31-2023**, there have been **5,065** events at the parish which includes Masses, celebration of the Sacraments, church activities, meetings, and events.

Parish Stewardship – Offertory Envelopes and Faith Direct

- Of 2798 families 46% use envelopes and Faith Direct
- Average - 22% of Families Use Envelopes (608)
- Average -24% of Families Use Faith Direct (670)
- 46% of registered families give 86% of collection total deposits.

Without your continued support of the Parish none of this would have happened, or would be happening. *We are grateful every day for your generosity*, and strive to be the best stewards possible of your donations. Together you will continue to make St. Joseph Catholic Church a place to be a visible presence of Christ in our world. As always, please feel free to call or email me if you should have any questions or comments.

In the peace of Francis of Assisi,

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