



Annual Report
**St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Church
2023**



Dear Parishioners,

We recently celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the founding of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, here in Crystal Lake. Our blessings continue, as we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Pierson Street Church in 2024, followed by the 100th anniversary of the Lake Street School in 2027. We will soon be planning special events for these two additional anniversaries. The buildings and grounds that exist on our two parish campuses have served us well over the past century and have been part of the rich blessings we call St. Thomas the Apostle. For all the ministries these blessings provided we can certainly thank God and the good stewardship of past generations of faithful Catholics.

We face some real challenges and responsibilities as a community of faith. Mass attendance is down, school enrollment is down, our income is down, and our buildings and property need updating. The Good News is that we do not face these challenges alone. As we begin our parish's second century, we find ourselves in a time of Eucharistic Revival. We have the Real Presence of Jesus Christ to offer us transformation, hope and new life. Do you think that we are the first generation of St. Thomas families to face challenges? Our ancestors have lived through two world wars, a great depression, and a host of other challenges. How did they survive? I am sure their faith in One far greater than themselves was a major factor in their perseverance.

Our first responsibility is to pray for our parish and be faithful stewards of the gifts we have been given to share. It is our responsibility to maintain the buildings and grounds of our two campuses, not only for us, but also for future generations (just as previous generations provided for us)! Some of those buildings are now almost a century old. We also have a responsibility to turn around our school, which has seen a decrease in enrollment over recent years. The expenses listed on Pages 3/4 of this report are presently being paid out of Parish Savings that have been built up over the years. Thankfully, we currently have these savings, but these savings will not last long.

So, how are we addressing these challenges? We hired Chris Mominey of Avanti Advisors to assist us in forming a new direction for our school to enhance our Communications, Marketing and Enrollment efforts. We are confident that our enrollment will increase in the future based on the spiritual love and support we have witnessed from past and current school families. Our recent "Oktoberfest" event was a rousing success raising \$40,000 for the school!

We are also attending to projects that simply need to be addressed at the present time, and we are developing a five-year plan to look at future projects and related expenses. Our current income and savings simply will not support all the work that needs to be accomplished. So, we will eventually need to undertake a major capital campaign to support this necessary work.

I bring all of this to your attention to say very clearly that we need your help! How can you help now? There are a number of ways. In addition to your present tithing, I humbly ask that you consider an increase to your Weekly Tithe, your Monthly Building and Repairs envelope, or your Monthly School Support envelope. Any or all of these efforts will surely help us right now. This is a critical time for our parish and school, but I am confident that with our Lord's help, and your prayerful response to my appeal, we will also see this as a time of tremendous opportunity to build for our future.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

INCOME**PARISH INCOME**

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024
Collections (Sundays & Feast Days)	\$ 1,641,887	\$ 1,740,500
Bequests	\$ 95,850	
Donations & Memorials	\$ 95,269	\$ 67,000
Special Envelopes - Building Repair & School Assistance	\$ 47,728	\$ 48,000
Flowers, Candles, Sacramentals & CDs	\$ 25,190	\$ 26,000
Evangelization Income	\$ 7,104	\$ 7,500
Religious Education	\$ 39,400	\$ 32,800
Youth Ministry	\$ 48,583	\$ 45,200
United in Faith Distribution	\$ 6,478	\$ 6,780
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 20,315	\$ 22,350
Total Parish Income	\$ 2,027,803	\$ 1,996,130

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Collections (Sundays & Feast Days)	\$ 184,073	\$ 187,900
Evangelization Income	\$ 3,840	\$ 2,000
Communion & Confirmation Sacraments	\$ 13,080	\$ 15,000
Candles, Books & Special Programs	\$ 4,172	\$ 4,500
Fundraising	\$ 55,162	\$ 56,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,510	\$ 3,600
Total Hispanic Ministry Income	\$ 263,837	\$ 269,000

SCHOOL INCOME

Preschool - 8th Grade Tuition	\$ 851,635	\$ 942,495
Student Fees	\$ 86,793	\$ 80,400
St. Mary & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Subsidies	\$ 56,560	\$ 56,600
Empower Scholarships	\$ 21,549	\$ 35,000
Donations	\$ 13,627	\$ 10,000
United in Faith Distribution	\$ 8,165	\$ 7,408
Fund Raising	\$ 22,000	\$ 50,000
Extended Time	\$ 17,051	\$ 17,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 6,682	\$ 4,000
Total School Income	\$ 1,084,061	\$ 1,202,903

TOTAL INCOME

\$ 3,375,702	\$ 3,468,033
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EXPENSES

OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgy Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Total Liturgy Expenses

ACTUAL 2022-2023	BUDGET 2023-2024
\$ 89,435	\$ 105,340
\$ 30,434	\$ 34,719
\$ 119,869	\$ 140,059

OUR CALL TO SERVICE

Tithes & Assessments

Marian Central High School

Parish Tithe

Total Tithes & Assesments

\$ 167,823	\$ 180,000
\$ 52,000	\$ 52,000
\$ 219,823	\$ 232,000

OUR CALL TO EVANGELIZATION

Religious Education Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Total Religious Education Expenses

\$ 63,681	\$ 69,516
\$ 19,305	\$ 22,506
\$ 82,986	\$ 92,022

Youth Ministry Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Total Religious Education Expenses

\$ 70,914	\$ 68,022
\$ 27,046	\$ 26,839
\$ 97,960	\$ 94,861

Evangelization Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Total Evangelization Expenses

\$ 19,578	\$ 22,582
\$ 22,412	\$ 19,259
\$ 41,989	\$ 41,841

School, Preschool & Extended Time Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Buildings & Grounds

Capital Equipment & Remodeling

Total School Expenses

\$ 1,330,468	\$ 1,350,150
\$ 112,703	\$ 188,954
\$ 118,067	\$ 112,345
\$ 5,940	\$ 5,000
\$ 1,567,178	\$ 1,656,449

OUR CALL TO COMMUNITY

Parish Expenses

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Buildings & Grounds

Total School Expenses

\$ 644,643	\$ 692,310
\$ 239,371	\$ 223,227
\$ 293,185	\$ 278,300
\$ 1,177,198	\$ 1,193,838

Hispanic Ministry

Salaries & Benefits

General Expenses

Buildings & Grounds

Total School Expenses

\$ 167,060	\$ 179,285
\$ 44,707	\$ 38,439
\$ 14,795	\$ 14,780
\$ 226,562	\$ 232,504



EXPENSES, continued

OUR CALL TO THE FUTURE

Capital Expenditures

Oak Street Church Parking Lot & Stairs	\$	341,316		
School Doors	\$	49,419		
Pierson St Church Front Tuckpointing			\$	140,000
School Boiler			\$	85,000
			<i>*Paid For With Savings*</i>	
Total Capital Expenditures		\$ 390,735		\$ 225,000

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,924,301	\$ 3,908,575
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NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (548,599)	\$ (440,542)
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NEEDED

ANTICIPATED & NECESSARY SUMMER 2024 PROJECTS

Finish Sealing Oak St. Parking Lot	\$	15,000
Tuckpointing 2nd Side Pierson St. Church	\$	60,000
& Replace Emergency Exit Stairs		
Replace Two HV/AC Rooftops unit above Community Center		
Repair & Seal One of the School Parking Lots		

PROJECTS THAT NEED TO BE COMPLETED

- * Repair stain glass window frames at both churches
- * Repair or replace doors at both churches
- * Window repair or replacement at:
 - School & Parish Center & Pierson St. Church
- * New flooring throughout Oak St. building
- * Refinish & repair Oak St. pews
- * Replace two HV/AC rooftops unit above Community Center
- * New roof at Oak St. building
- * Improve drainage at Oak St. church & rectory
- * Replace damaged chairs & tables at all locations
- * Finish tuckpointing Pierson St. Church
- * Evaluate tuckpointing on Parish Center & original school building
- * Repair & update Pierson St. entrance
- * Remodel Pierson St. confessionals
- * Repair cement stairs at Pierson St. church & school & rectory
- * Repair school roof where leaking
- * LED lighting in classrooms
- * Repair or replace gym bleachers
- * Gym floor refinishing
- * Radiator covers throughout school
- * Sandblast & paint school overhang entrance
- * Improved signage for the school
- * Improve school playgrounds & fencing
- * School courtyard landscaping
- * Update bathrooms, flooring & garage at rectory
- * Radon testing



SACRAMENTS

ACTUAL 2022-2023

Baptisms	147
RCIA Baptisms/Profession of Faith	4
First Holy Communions	177
Confirmations	138
Marriages	16
Funerals	54

EDUCATION

ACTUAL 2022-2023

CURRENT

School Children	175	167
Preschool Children	48	44
<i>St. Thomas, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Mary Huntley</i>		
Parish Religious Education	266	205

PEOPLE

Families	2,702
Employees	
Full Time	20
Part Time	36

