



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF STOUGHTON

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



Parish Annual Report Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now into our sixth year of journeying together as pastor and parishioners. As with each of our past years, this year has brought its share of both challenges and graces, and I continue to be deeply grateful to God for all that He is accomplishing here in this corner of His vineyard.

Over the past year, we have been able to undertake important steps toward the care and renewal of our facilities. At Immaculate Conception, we were able to undertake significant renovation work on the parish hall, installing an updated kitchen and renovating the hall, including a chapel space, which incorporates many of the religious objects that had previously been in the chapel at Good Samaritan Hospital. This hall is again a welcoming and functional gathering space for parish activities, ministries, and community events. Thanks to your generosity and the steady support of our parishioners, Immaculate Conception continues to operate with a financial surplus, giving us a foundation on which to continue building for the future.

At St. James, we were also able to complete necessary repairs to the parish hall to address water damage and to mitigate any future damage to the space by ensuring that all the materials are resistant to water damage and mold. This ordeal has been a long process; from the storm damage in June 2023, collecting insurance proceeds in spring 2025, through to the restoration work this past summer. Thus many of the repair expenses were incurred during the summer, which is in the new fiscal year. So, the insurance proceeds are seen in the fiscal year reflected in this report but the expense for the work done this summer will be in the fiscal 2026 year. Thus, a surplus appears in the St. James report for this fiscal year. Thanks to the work of Mary Ann Caldwell, and many volunteers the religious education program and others using the parish hall have survived the disruptions and now we can continue our mission.

St. James continues to operate at a financial deficit, and this remains a pressing challenge. Yet even in the midst of this difficulty, there are signs of new life and renewed hope within the parish. One of the most joyful developments this year has been the addition of a Mass for our Spanish-speaking community, which has already begun to bear fruit in participation, fellowship, and evangelization. The presence of this growing community is truly a blessing, and I am sure that their gifts and talents will help to grow St. James and our broader Stoughton Catholic community.

In addition to this, we have been blessed with new families and individuals joining both of our parishes. Their presence has brought fresh energy, ideas, and participation to parish life. One of the most encouraging fruits of this growth has been the development of a young adult community within our collaborative. This group provides opportunities for prayer, formation, and social connection for those ages 18–35 — a demographic that is often underserved in the life of the Church. The commitment and joy of these young adults have enriched our community and remind us that the Holy Spirit continues to draw people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church.

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As we look toward the future, our path forward will require faith, intentional stewardship, and a continued spirit of generosity. Each of us is called to prayerfully ask how God is inviting us to support our shared mission — through our time, our talents, and our financial resources. I remain convinced that Stoughton is best served by two strong and thriving parishes, each contributing uniquely to the spiritual life of our community. Your support makes this vision possible.

I am grateful for the work of our parish staff and for the dedication of our Finance Council: Michael Hickey, James Kenney, Michael McSweeney, Percio Damasceno, David Doherty, Michael Sullivan, Martin Hancock, and Anthony Barros. As with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, our accounts are reviewed monthly and formally audited every three years. We recently concluded our audit and await the results, which will help us continue to steward our resources responsibly.

May God continue to guide us, strengthen us in faith, and inspire us to listen attentively to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Know of my prayers for each of you, and please continue to keep me and our parishes in yours.

Estamos agora no nosso sexto ano de caminhada juntos como pastor e paroquianos. Tal como em todos os anos anteriores, este ano trouxe os seus desafios e bênçãos. Eu continuo sendo profundamente grato a Deus por tudo o que Ele está a realizar aqui, neste recanto da Sua vinha.

Ao longo do último ano, conseguimos dar passos importantes rumo ao cuidado e à renovação das nossas instalações. Na Imaculada Conceição, realizámos uma remodelação significativa no salão paroquial, instalando uma cozinha moderna e renovando o salão, incluindo um espaço litúrgico, que incorpora muitos dos objetos religiosos que outrora se encontravam na capela do Hospital Good Samaritan. Este salão é novamente um espaço acolhedor e funcional para atividades paroquiais, ministérios e eventos comunitários. Graças à sua generosidade e ao apoio constante dos nossos paroquianos, a Imaculada Conceição continua a operar com um excedente financeiro, o que nos dá uma base sólida para continuarmos a construir o futuro.

Na Paróquia de St. James, conseguimos também concluir as reparações necessárias no salão paroquial para fazer face aos danos causados pela água e mitigar quaisquer danos futuros no espaço, garantindo que todos os materiais são resistentes à água e ao mofo. Esta provação foi um longo processo; desde os danos causados pela chuva em junho de 2023, passando pelo recebimento do seguro na primavera de 2025, até aos trabalhos de restauro realizados no verão passado. Assim, muitas das despesas com as reparações foram incorridas durante o verão, que se inicia no novo ano fiscal. Assim sendo, o montante recebido do seguro consta deste relatório fiscal, mas a despesa com o trabalho realizado este verão será contabilizada no ano fiscal de 2026. Consequentemente, o relatório da Paróquia do St. James para este ano fiscal apresenta um excedente. Graças ao trabalho de Mary Ann Caldwell e de muitos voluntários, o programa de educação religiosa e outros que utilizam o salão paroquial sobreviveram às interrupções e agora podemos continuar a nossa missão.

A Paróquia de St. James continua a funcionar com défice financeiro, e este continua a ser um desafio urgente. Contudo, mesmo no meio desta dificuldade, há sinais de renovação e esperança dentro da paróquia. Uma das novidades mais gratificantes deste ano foi a inclusão da Missa para a nossa comunidade hispânica, que já começou a dar frutos em participação, comunhão e evangelização. A presença desta

comunidade em crescimento é verdadeiramente uma bênção, e estou certo de que os seus dons e talentos contribuirão para o crescimento da Paróquia de St. James e da nossa comunidade católica em Stoughton.

Além disso, fomos abençoados com a chegada de novas famílias e indivíduos às nossas duas paróquias. A sua presença trouxe energia renovada, ideias inovadoras e participação para a vida paroquial. Um dos frutos mais encorajadores deste crescimento foi o desenvolvimento dum grupo de jovens adultos dentro da nossa comunidade. Este grupo oferece oportunidades de oração, formação e convívio social aos jovens dos 18 aos 35 anos — uma faixa etária frequentemente negligenciada na vida da Igreja. O empenho e a alegria destes jovens adultos enriqueceram a nossa comunidade e recordam-nos que o Espírito Santo continua a atrair as pessoas para um relacionamento mais profundo com Cristo e com a Sua Igreja.

Ao olharmos para o futuro, o nosso caminho exigirá fé, mordomia intencional e um espírito contínuo de generosidade. Cada um de nós é chamado a orar e a perguntar como é que Deus nos convida a apoiar a nossa missão partilhada — através do nosso tempo, dos nossos talentos e dos nossos recursos financeiros. Mantenho-me convicto de que Stoughton é melhor servida por duas paróquias fortes e prósperas, cada uma contribuindo de forma singular para a vida espiritual da nossa comunidade. O seu apoio torna possível esta visão.

Estou grato pelo trabalho da nossa equipa paroquial e pela dedicação do nosso Conselho de Finanças: Michael Hickey, James Kenney, Michael McSweeney, Percio Damasceno, David Doherty, Michael Sullivan, Martin Hancock e Anthony Barros. Tal como acontece com todas as paróquias da Arquidiocese de Boston, as nossas contas são revistas mensalmente e auditadas formalmente de três em três anos.

Que Deus continue a guiar-nos, a fortalecer a nossa fé e a inspirar-nos a ouvir atentamente os convites do Espírito Santo. Saibam que rezo por cada um de vocês e, conto com as suas orações.

In Christ's Peace – Na paz de Cristo,



Rev. Carlos D. Suarez

Pastor





The Catholic Parishes of Stoughton

We are building up the Church in Stoughton Through:

Ministries to serve God and our neighbor

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|  Adult Funeral Servers |  St. Anthony's Food Pantry |
|  Altar Servers |  Baptismal Bib Ministry |
|  Eucharistic Minister Homebound |  Lectors: English, Portuguese, Spanish |
|  Usher/Greeters |  Eucharistic Ministers |
|  Choirs |  Arraial Feast Committee |
|  Me and God |  iThirst |
|  Adult Faith Formation |  Bereavement Ministry |
|  Moms & Tots Rosary Playgroup |  Men's Group |
|  Prayer Line |  Nursing Home Visitation |
|  St. Vincent DePaul Society |  Religious Education Teachers |
|  Haitian Prayer Group |  Fatima Feast Committee |
|  Prayer Shawl Ministry |  Sacristan Ministry |
|  Healing Mass |  Young Adult Group |

Programs that instruct us about our faith

-  Baptism Preparation
-  Religious Education for children
-  Faith Formation for adults
-  RCIA for those who wish to join our faith

Feeding our Faith through the Sacraments

- † Mass – Regularly scheduled Masses Offered 20 times per week
- † Reconciliation - Wednesday evening @ St. James, Saturday afternoon @ Immaculate Conception

*"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(Peter 4: 10)*

It is the stewardship of the parishioners of Saint James and Immaculate Conception sharing their gifts and talents that enables our collaborative to fulfil our mission as a Catholic Church.

Immaculate Conception Parish
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024
With Budget Amounts for Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26

	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Budget
Operating Revenue & Support:				
Offertory	\$ 491,380	\$ 501,721	\$ 538,000	\$ 504,000
Mass Donations & Mass Cards	32,874	28,781	38,000	31,800
Flowers & Candles	18,880	19,371	18,000	18,400
Ministry Designated & Other Donations	246,654	234,354	203,000	189,000
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	14,698	6,301	7,200	14,600
Catholic Appeal Rebate	3,302	7,323	---	3,800
Fundraising Events	86,298	139,470	73,800	114,000
Rental Income	38,875	32,310	40,200	40,200
Interest & Dividend Income	1,227	461	300	500
Investment Gains(Losses)	3,575	2,826	---	---
Other Income	---	20,770	---	---
Total Operating Revenue & Support	937,763	993,688	918,500	916,300
Operating Expenses:				
Lay Personnel: Wages, Taxes & Benefits	310,101	278,222	289,251	291,950
Clergy: Salaries, Taxes & Benefits, Stipends	121,395	106,192	130,066	103,942
Office & Administrative	35,862	27,604	40,586	34,282
Rectory: Food & Supplies	10,253	9,226	12,700	11,800
Utilities	54,769	62,503	58,980	57,380
Facilities: Maintenance: Buildings & Grounds	60,755	117,548	60,500	104,100
Property Expense: Insurance and Taxes	53,162	51,218	58,660	54,650
Liturgical: Altar Supplies, Flowers, & Music	12,652	14,899	12,320	12,470
Pastoral & Charitable works	19,670	15,909	18,280	18,570
Other Program Expenses	1,100	12,035	2,125	2,750
Fundraising Expenses	25,335	31,781	23,200	20,200
Archdiocesan IFRM assessments	46,971	47,586	47,636	51,907
Interest	12,720	1,473	1,505	600
Other Expenses	795	9,504	1,600	1,000
Total Operating Expenses	765,540	785,700	757,409	765,601
Net Operating Income Before Other Income	172,223	207,988	161,091	150,699
Other Income (Expenses)				
Transfer to Cemetery	---	(10,000)	---	---
Net Operating Income	\$ 172,223	\$ 197,988	\$ 161,091	\$ 150,699
Capital Activity:				
Capital Campaign Additional Contributions	\$ 951	\$ 496	\$ ---	\$ ---
Less: Expense -Equipment Acquisitions	---	(67,295)	---	---
Less: Expense - Building Improvements	---	(171,762)	(33,000)	(20,000)
Net Capital Activity Income (Deficit)	\$ 951	\$ (238,561)	\$ (33,000)	\$ (20,000)
Comprehensive Net Income (Deficit) for Year	\$ 173,174	\$ (40,573)	\$ 128,091	\$ 130,699

Immaculate Conception Parish
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024
With Budget Amounts for Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26

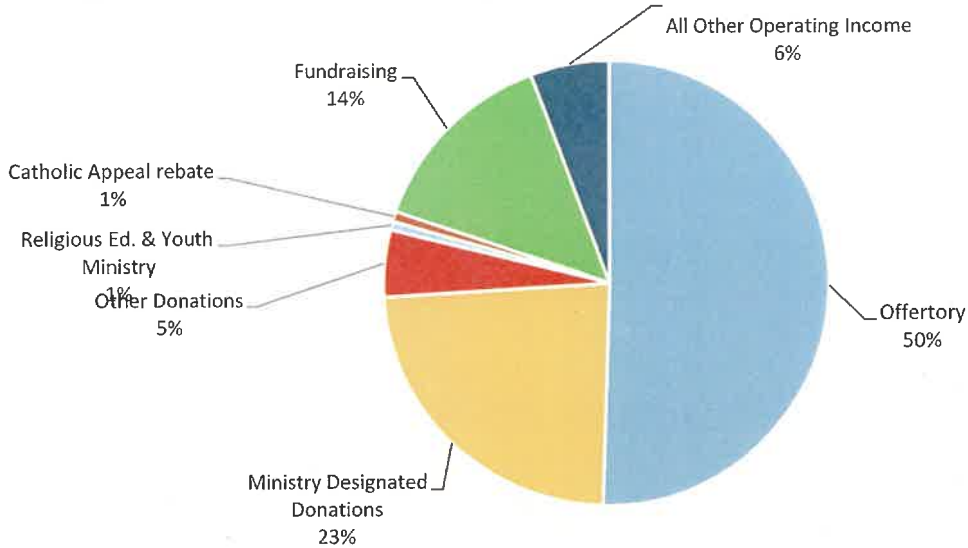
Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Cemetery Operating Fund

	Prior Year 6/30/2024	Fiscal Year 6/30/2025	Budget 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Revenues				
Sale of Lots	\$ 44,460	\$ 22,480	\$ 16,200	\$ 30,600
Contributions	2,191	7,583	4,600	8,000
Openings	50,928	60,700	56,000	18,000
Foundations, Liners & Burial Units	16,413	38,350	13,000	16,200
Total Revenue	113,992	129,113	89,800	72,800
Expenses				
Cemetery Services Expenses				
Burial units, Liners & Foundations	10,904	15,471	8,550	9,875
Contract services - burials	43,455	46,000	38,355	14,400
Compensation - allocated services - employees	2,880	7,811	11,813	6,458
Total Cemetery Services Expenses	57,239	69,282	58,718	30,733
Maintenance & Utilities				
Water & Sewer	108	129	100	160
Maintenance Equipment Contracts	6,980	---	9,300	---
Maintenance - Buildings & Grounds	63,898	62,040	62,000	64,690
Total Maintenance & Utilities	70,986	62,169	71,400	64,850
Other expenses				
Office supplies & expense	300	922	150	1,150
Insurance	811	4,592	930	5,420
Other Cemetery Expenses	4,908	5,569	4,000	4,000
Total Other Expenses	6,019	11,083	5,080	10,570
Total Operating expenses	134,244	142,534	135,198	106,153
Other Income (Expense)				
Transfer from Parish	---	10,000.00	---	---
Net Income (Deficit) for the year	\$ (20,252)	\$ (3,421)	\$ (45,398)	\$ (33,353)

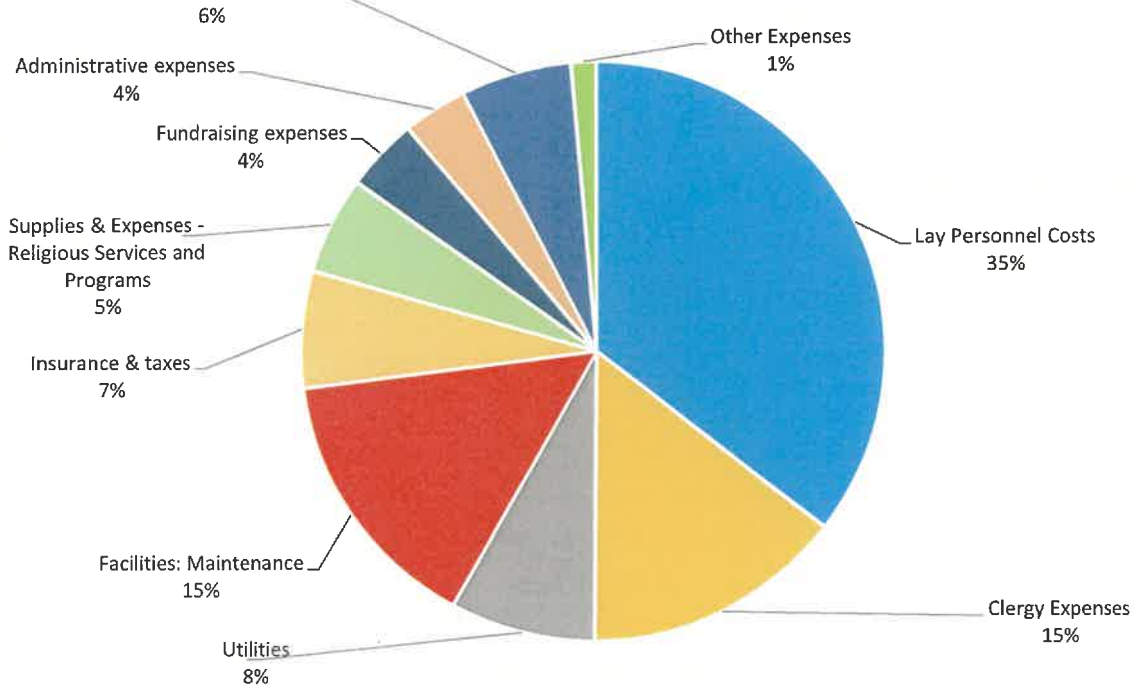
Statement of Income - Perpetual Care Fund
(A Restricted Fund)

	Prior Year 6/30/2024	Fiscal Year 6/30/2025	Budget 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Income:				
Perpetual Care Portion of Lot Sales	\$ 7,260	\$ 5,620	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,400
Interest & Dividend Income	2,659	19	---	20
Gain (Loss) in Investments	16,526	6,855	---	---
Net Income for the year - Perpetual care Fund	\$ 26,445	\$ 12,494	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,420

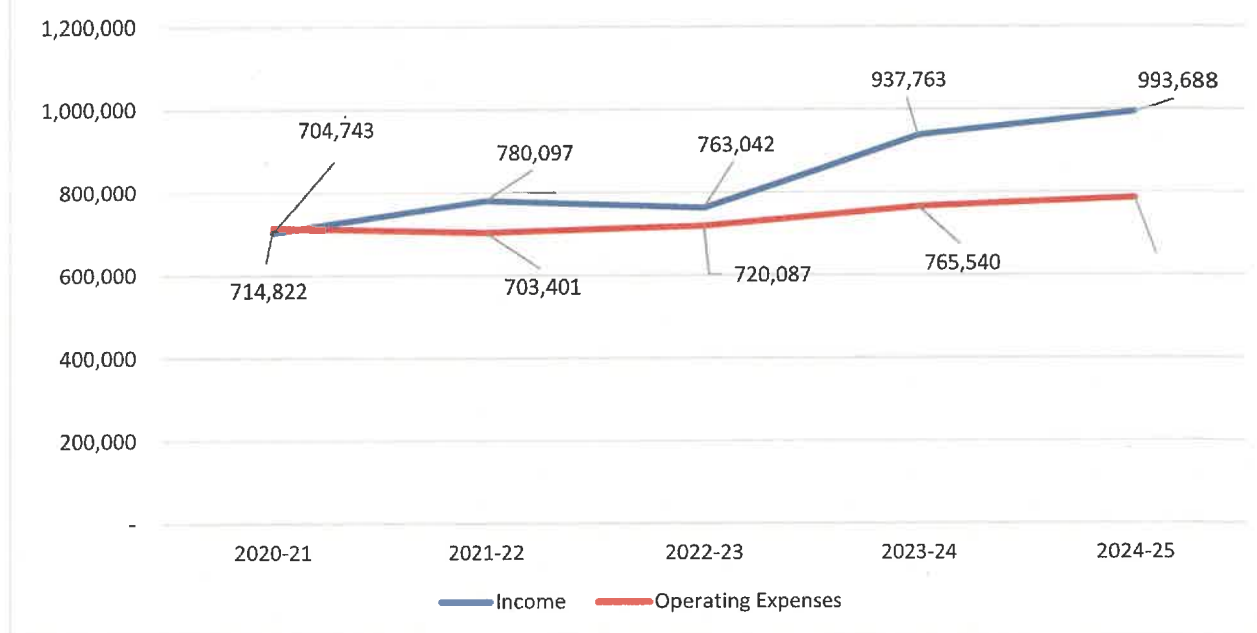
Immaculate Conception Parish
What generates Parish Support?
Operating Revenue Sources - Fiscal year 2024-25



Immaculate Conception Parish
Where do my contributions go?
Operating Expenses - Fiscal year 2024-25



Immaculate Conception Parish Income and Operating Expense Trends



Facility Improvements - Investing for our future

The Brazilian Community undertook the project of redoing the kitchen at Immaculate Conception Church. Having a functioning kitchen is integral to the celebration of feasts and to enable us to once again hold functions where we celebrate with a meal in the church hall. This project began with obtaining architectural and engineering plans in September 2022, and the final touches were applied this summer. We now have a kitchen that is ready for use. To get up to current standards, updates were needed to the plumbing and electrical systems. As with many older buildings the project included asbestos removal. It was necessary to purchase all new equipment (ovens, refrigerators, freezers).

The project spread beyond just redoing the kitchen. Giving a needed facelift to the hall was added onto the project. The old suspended ceiling was removed, and hall lights replaced (more electrical upgrades). These changes immensely improves the appearance of our facility. As part of refinishing the hall a chapel was constructed.

The total cost of the project over the three year period was \$383,364. This was funded as work progressed from two very successful outdoor Brazilian feast days and 30% of the weekly Dizimo collections. The Dizimo is a tithing collection. We are all very appreciative of the efforts this community has contributed to enhance our church facilities to make it more welcoming for all parishioners and visitors. If you have not been downstairs recently, take a walk through the next time you attend Mass.