



THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF STOUGHTON

SAINT JAMES PARISH



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.

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.

In Christ's Peace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Carlos D. Suarez".

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

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

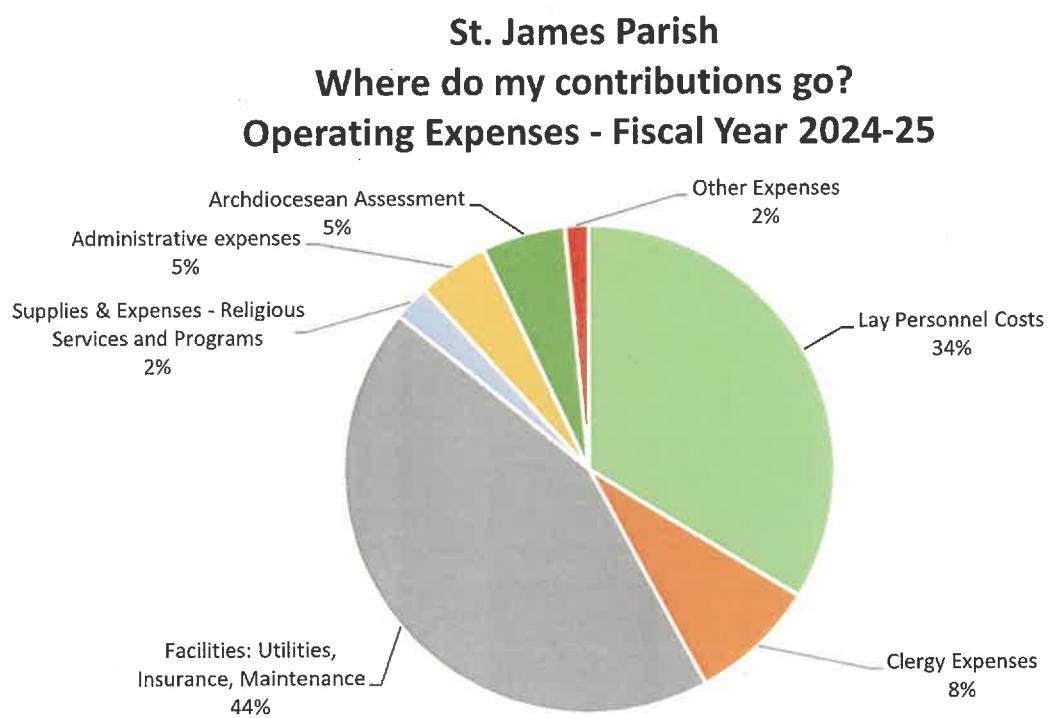
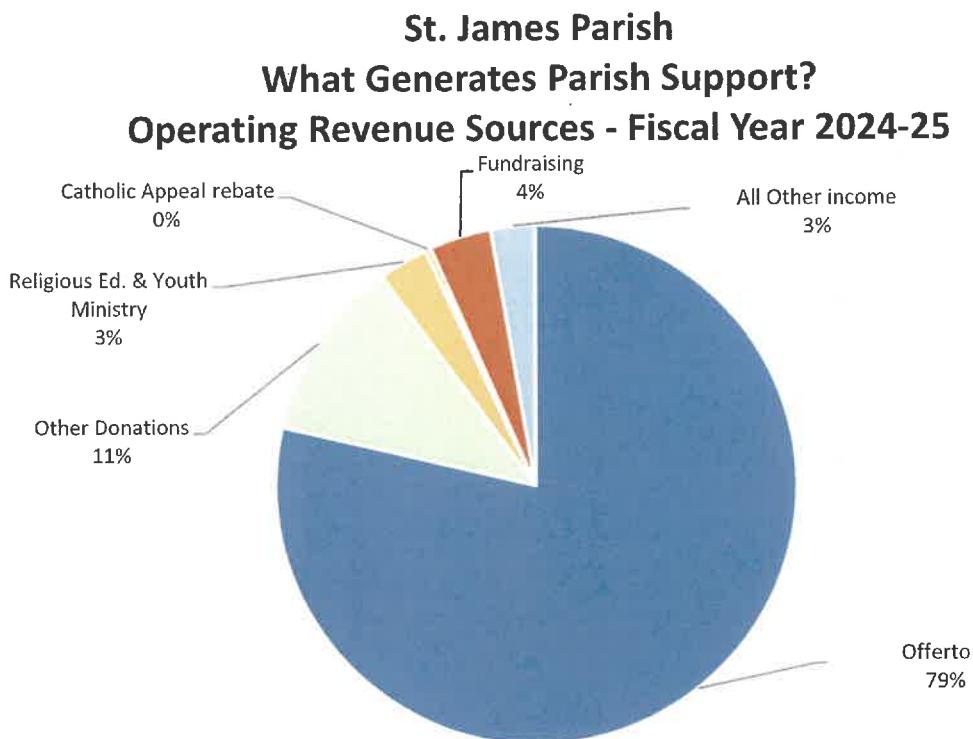
- † Mass – Regularly scheduled Masses Offered 20 times per week
- † Reconciliation - Wednesday evening @ St. James, Saturday afternoon @ Immaculate Conception

"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.

Saint James Parish
Statements 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	2024-25	2024-25	2025-26
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Operating:				
Operating Revenue & Support:				
Offertory	\$ 242,233	\$ 257,855	\$ 266,000	\$ 266,000
Mass Donations & Mass Cards	8,555	8,127	9,300	8,500
Flowers & Candles	3,530	3,330	4,800	3,800
Other Donations	27,464	12,919	15,000	13,500
Religious Ed. & Youth Ministry	9,627	17,352	6,900	9,000
Catholic Appeal Rebate	984	4,680	---	3,000
Fundraising Activities	12,008	15,191	10,000	21,500
Interest & Dividend Income	3,273	710	4,100	600
Other Income	252	12,508	---	---
Total Operating Revenue & Support	<u>307,926</u>	<u>332,672</u>	<u>316,100</u>	<u>325,900</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Lay Personnel: Wages, Taxes & Benefits	119,120	121,800	144,402	143,203
Clergy: Salaries, Stipends, Taxes & benefits	24,060	26,647	26,156	44,882
Office & Administrative	18,090	16,892	17,870	19,530
Rectory: Food & Supplies	2,101	3,544	2,500	3,700
Utilities	40,413	49,528	39,550	47,130
Maintenance: Buildings & Supplies	54,394	47,183	32,042	39,983
Maintenance: Grounds	19,096	29,477	22,517	40,000
Insurance & Other Property Expenses	30,653	31,714	34,292	34,352
Altar Supplies, Flowers & Music	5,991	7,351	6,800	6,810
Religious Education & Youth Ministry	1,742	1,225	2,000	1,650
Fundraising Expenses	763	2,437	800	3,000
Archdiocesan IFRM Central Tithe & Assessments	23,813	17,752	24,252	24,904
Interest Expense	9,836	3,219	1,529	3,000
Other Expenses	1,078	2,199	2,220	1,630
Total Operating Expenses	<u>351,150</u>	<u>360,968</u>	<u>356,930</u>	<u>413,774</u>
Net Operating Income (Deficit) Before Other Income	(43,224)	(28,296)	(40,830)	(87,874)
Other Income:				
Transfer to Parish	25,000	---	---	---
Reinsurance Recoveries	---	126,591	---	---
Net Operating Income (Deficit)	\$ (18,224)	\$ 98,295	\$ (40,830)	\$ (87,874)
Capital Activity:				
Revenue - Additional Campaign Contributions	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---
Less: Capital Expenses				
Uncollectible Pledges	(3,239)	---	---	---
Improvements - Buildings	(18,000)	(5,840)	(18,500)	(20,000)
Net Capital Activity Income (Deficit)	\$ (21,239)	\$ (5,840)	\$ (18,500)	\$ (20,000)
Comprehensive Income (Deficit) for year	\$ (39,463)	\$ 92,455	\$ (59,330)	\$ (107,874)



Saint James Parish - Revenue and Expense Trends

