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STEWARDSHIP REPORT



A Report for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year
July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023





PASTOR WELCOME

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the past year, I've been blessed to see the wonderful things God is doing in this community. As new ministries have begun to flourish and existing ministries have grown in new ways, I thank God for the guidance of his Holy Spirit and the great gifts he has shared with our community through our members.

This report is a summary of how we have all used these gifts to serve one another and to glorify God as a community of faith. I hope that this report from the past year will encourage you to continue to participate in the life of St. Joseph, sharing in the life of Christ.

As we recall these great things our Lord has done in the past year, we thank God for his goodness among us, and we also look to the future, asking for God's continued help in our mission of sharing his love with one another and our neighbor in Richardson, Garland, and the surrounding area as we seek to be in Christ the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

*Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Stephen Ingram*

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Stephen, and our Pastoral and Finance Councils, I'm happy to present our stewardship report to you for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2023. Despite the uncertain economy and out-of-control inflation, you have stepped up once again to provide for our parish financially. Your gifts to the parish allow us to maintain and expand our ministries, welcome new parishioners, improve and repair our facility, and so much more.

We had 2,397 households contribute financially, a net increase of 380 or 19%! (Many others contribute anonymously, too, of course.) We also had 186 new recurring online donors. This is great for you—you don't have to write a check, worry about envelopes, etc.—and great for the parish. Being able to project a good percentage of giving helps make planning much easier!

Approximately 50% of our donations are from online giving, which is excellent. To sign up for recurring online giving, please visit our giving page today at <https://pushpay.com/g/josephcatholic>. If I may be so bold, please consider making a sacrificial gift for Christmas this year. Also, if you have not revisited your giving in light of an improved financial situation, maybe you could review that and consider increasing your giving level.

We are blessed to have so many families that take stewardship seriously. You have heard Christ's call to give back for all the blessings you've received, through your time, talent, and treasure. THANK YOU!

Yours in Christ,

Brian Muth
Director of Business Operations

INCOME	SOURCE
59.2%	Offertory Giving
3.2%	Faith Formation & Sacramental Fees
11.5%	Columbarium
15.4%	All Other Revenues
10.7%	Donations/Fundraising

EXPENSES	IMPACT
38%	Ministry & Parish Activities
28%	Operations, Facilities, Maintenance
34%	Assessments & Other Expenses

PARISH FINANCIALS

Revenue	<i>FY ending June 30, 2023</i>		
<i>Account Name</i>	<i>FY Actual</i>	<i>FY Budget</i>	<i>FY Difference</i>
Contributions-General Operations	\$2,354,586	\$2,360,000	(\$5,414)
Fundraising	\$25,073	\$29,800	(\$4,727)
Faith Formation	\$91,029	\$95,000	(\$3,971)
Sacramental Evangelization	\$35,431	\$37,100	(\$1,669)
Rental Income	\$31,365	\$32,000	(\$635)
Votive Candles	\$54,147	\$60,000	(\$5,853)
Columbarium	\$455,642	\$173,400	\$282,242
Parish Based Organizations	\$68,220	\$43,500	\$24,720
Gifts	\$348,611	\$1,700	\$346,911
Assets Released from Restriction	\$480,211	\$393,000	\$87,211
Miscellaneous Income	\$33,366	\$50,000	(\$16,634)
Total Revenue	\$3,977,681	\$3,275,500	\$702,181

Expenses	<i>FY ending June 30, 2023</i>		
<i>Account Name</i>	<i>FY Actual</i>	<i>FY Budget</i>	<i>FY Difference</i>
Employee Wages & Benefits	\$1,420,606	\$1,493,375	(\$72,769)
Diocesan Assess. & Charitable Contr.	\$358,402	\$361,396	(\$2,994)
School Subsidy	\$283,667	\$250,000	\$33,667
Professional Fees & Contract Labor	\$86,139	\$119,235	(\$33,096)
Insurance & Risk Management	\$72,686	\$72,983	(\$297)
Supplies	\$222,743	\$200,100	\$22,643
Equipment	\$25,288	\$3,500	\$21,788
Repairs & Maintenance	\$282,481	\$326,085	(\$43,604)
Rental Expense	\$17,771	\$25,000	(\$7,229)
Other services	\$282,190	\$210,187	\$72,003
Utilities	\$112,684	\$111,180	\$1,504
Interest/Credit Card Fees	\$111,522	\$99,000	\$12,522
Depreciation-Equipment	\$572,117	\$3,012	\$569,105
Total Expense	\$3,848,296	\$3,275,053	\$573,243

MINISTRY IMPACT

DESCRIPTION

DETAILS



Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Average Sunday Mass attendance: **3,323**
Daily Mass attendance: **140**
No. of Masses Celebrated: **923**



Eucharistic Adoration

Hours committed: **1,612**
Hourly Adorers and Substitutes: **61**



Funerals

93 individuals were laid to rest and their families were supported through funerals.



Other Sacraments

Weddings: **33** Confirmations: **168**
Baptisms: **151**



New Members

286 families were welcomed as new members of our parish in 2021-2022.



Meals Served

8,328 meals were delivered by St. Joseph parishioners through Meals on Wheels.



Clean-Up Crew

473 hours were given by volunteers to setting-up for events for our parish.



Neighbors
Serving Neighbors

Volunteers spent **48 hours** dispersing food to **1,920** families.
782 were assisted through **306** visits from St. Vincent de Paul Society members.



Children & Youth

Grade School Participants: **360**
Middle School Participants: **168**
High School Participants: **81**
St. Joseph Catholic School: **287**

WHAT'S NEW?

Beyond Cana Marriage Retreat

Beyond Cana is a retreat that allows our married parishioners to focus on marriage and how this sacramental union is a covenant and not simply a contract. Couples spend 2 nights and 3 days with other Catholic couples. The weekend includes both practical and spiritual tips to help couples strengthen their marriage. These retreats are held twice a year and led by teams of couples from St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Alzheimer's Support Group

St. Joseph Alzheimer's Support Group provides support for those caring for loved ones who are suffering from Alzheimer's and other dementia-related illnesses. In addition to providing valuable support from others who are experiencing similar struggles, these monthly meetings also have guest experts from different areas to provide valuable insight into areas caregivers may struggle with. Examples of monthly topics include the stage of dementia & how to deal with each, living choices, and traveling with dementia patients.

6 Dates for Catholic Couples

Six Dates for Catholic Couples continues our efforts to help couples remember that their marriage is a sacrament through which they receive God's grace.

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The combination of practical communication & planning tools with the spiritual, Catholic perspective on marriage is powerful. I loved the talks, the process, and especially date nights with my spouse.

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Retreat Participant

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When I heard about the Alzheimer's support group at St. Joseph, I decided to see what it was about. Both facilitators have been through the rigors of Alzheimer's with loved ones so they are very knowledgeable, as well as very nice people. We begin and end each session with a prayer, and we are forming a warm, loving community. I believe the group will be a huge help to me if and when our situation gets worse.

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Cynthia H., Participant

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Six Dates really helped make us intentional about reconnecting, away from the business of everyday life. We look forward to our date night as our special time to reflect together on our relationship. It's too easy to forget to make time and space for each other.

”

Jennifer T., Participant

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Ministry

St. Joseph has two Faith Formation programs for our youngest parishioners. This ministry strives to bring our youngest members closer to Jesus as well as make friends and find community.

Family Formation meets weekly and allows the entire family to grow in their faith, with parents serving as the primary catechist. One lesson is done in a classroom, with parents learning the same topic as their children. The remaining lessons are done at home with packets that include teaching materials and supplies.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd begins with their relationship with Jesus. Students learn how much Jesus loves us and wants to hear us through prayer. During this weekly class they receive presentations using materials specially designed to draw them in and help them understand the beautiful intricacies of our faith, scripture, Mass, and prayer. They are able to continue to work with these materials throughout the year.

NEW! All Saints Party for Faith Formation Families allowed our families to gather together for an evening of fun and fellowship while learning about the saints.



Youth Ministry

This year, our Youth Faith Formation program moved to one main night for middle and high school students. This night prepares our students to receive sacraments along with parent-student evenings throughout the year. They gathered for a meal before moving into a large group format. After hearing from the week's speaker, they broke into small groups.

NEW! The Foundry is a weekly program for our middle schoolers. This youth group style night offers various events ranging from fun activities to Bible studies, all centered around our faith.



UPDATES

Adult Faith Formation

Learning about our faith is a long-long process and not something that ends! We have multiple opportunities throughout the year for our adults to grow in their faith!

- NEW! Catholic Talks--once a month talk by a guest speaker **25-40 people attend each month**
- UD Professor Series--Professor Gene Giuliano teaches a college-level theology course in the fall and spring. **67 people attended both sessions**
- Parish Lenten Mission in the spring was led by Fr. Stephen and Fr. Felipe
- Ministry Leaders Conference--a special morning held to inspire and grow the leaders of our parish ministries
- Bible studies held in Spanish bi-monthly 25 attendees
- Adult Confirmation Classes held in the fall & spring allowed 35 adults to be confirmed

Gifts For Jesus Building Campaign Completion

In 2021 we announced a list of major work that our building needed. Thanks to your support of the Gifts for Jesus campaign during the Christmas of 2021 and continued support after, we are nearing the end of our list. This past year we were able to complete:

- Ceiling Repair
- Windows in Confessionals
- 4 large HVAC Units
- Youth Center HVAC

Outstanding items from the list include renovating the restrooms, fan coil units, and the sound system in the church. These items will be reviewed and completed based on need and funds available.

COURTYARD REFRESH

Thanks to money raised during NTX Giving Day 2022, we were able to do some much-needed work on our courtyard. This work included:

- Removed unhealthy trees
- Created better walking spaces
- Artificial grass installed to eliminate the mud problem
- New Japanese Maple tree planted
- Plants around St. Joseph statue



OUTREACH

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We are blessed to have an active, vibrant St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joseph. Our active society members are able to help so many in our community thanks to the donations made by our parishioners.

St. Vincent de Paul received \$114,982 in donations from our generous parishioners, which was used to assist **790 people in our community through 371 visits** with families in need.

In addition, they offer **free medication** to qualifying patients who lack health insurance. Their **mini loan program** helps those trapped in overwhelming debt due to predatory lenders. Low-interest conversion and emergency loans, along with financial coaching and budget support helps participants escape debt.

Other Outreach Opportunities

- **Meals on Wheels:** St. Joseph parishioners delivered a total of 8,328 meals
- **Mobile Food Pantry:** served over 1,200 families and had 10-15 volunteers each month
- **Grief Support:** 16 individuals participated in a 9-week small group series
- **Live-stream:** 8am Daily Mass, 5pm Vigil Mass, as well as First Communion and Confirmation Masses
- **Project: Finding Calcutta:** Parishioners of all ages gather at St. Joseph then go out into the community to serve those in need around us. Our parish went out and participated once a month, for a total of **12 projects**.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store** collected gently-used donations in our parking lot 4 weekends this year.



“I love that Project Calcutta offers our family the opportunity to volunteer all together! Going out and helping those in our community is such an amazing experience for us!”

Project Calcutta Participant



SCHOOL

“With a vision for our students’ futures, St. Joseph Catholic School nurtures a strong love for learning and educates the whole child. St. Joseph classes blend proven teaching methods, current technology, and cross-curricular projects to prepare students to succeed in this dynamic world. St. Joseph students are inspired to apply faith, reason, and knowledge to problem-solve, to live a joy-filled life, and to serve and lead others.”

– The Mission of St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School proudly serves 292 PreK4 through 8th grade students from 219 ethically and financially diverse families. Our staff and faculty work together to inspire our students to reach their full potential as they “love to learn, learn to live, and live to lead.”

Our entire school community is dedicated to our mission and works together to keep our students striving to learn and to become their best selves. Twenty-nine faculty members educate our students in traditional subjects using the Diocese of Dallas curriculum. Our teachers teach using cross-curricular lessons in Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. Our students are learning through STREAM instruction to better them in the ever changing 21st century. We take pride in our learning and prayer gardens -- where our science classes use hands-on methods to create spaces that beautify our entire campus and allows for a place for prayer for all to enjoy. Our J-Lab, run by a certified academic language therapist, focuses on early identification and the remediation of mild to moderate learning differences.

This year through North Texas Giving Day our school raised \$29,305! These important funds are a blessing to St. Joseph Catholic School and keep our school thriving and competitive. Our school was also a recipient of a Catholic Foundation grant which will be used towards bettering our school’s security. Updated security cameras will be added throughout our school building, our automatically locking doors will be upgraded, and our school will gain a full-time campus security guard.

We now have a new refurbished library thanks to the help of both our school and church community! With funding raised by the 2023 SJCS Gala and Auction, new carpeting and paint, modern furniture, and thousands of new books were purchased to aid in the learning and development of our students. Spiritual development, prayer, and faith formation occurs all day at SJCS in various ways. All students attend Mass weekly, participate in religion and guidance lessons daily, and work to serve others in the community with grade-level and school-wide service projects. Our second and eighth grade classes are preparing for the sacramental rites of Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively.

We are grateful to the parents, grandparents, parishioners of SJCC, alumni, and friends of St. Joseph who are invested in the success of our school and our students. We are proud of our staff as they work together to give each Jaguar a strong and lasting foundation which will stay with them through high school, college, and beyond.

DEBT ELIMINATION

On October 22, Fr. Stephen announced a plan to eliminate the remainder of our debt.

Debt Details

The original loan of \$6.2 million was taken out in 2001 for the second building phase. During this phase the following was built:

- School
- Columbarium
- Forum
- Surrounding hallways / offices

Why Now?

Our loan will need to be refinanced in September 2024. With current market conditions, the new loan will likely have a much higher interest rate. To avoid paying more interest, we would like to eliminate the debt completely before this time.

We will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Joseph Catholic Church in 2026. As we approach this milestone we want to move to a position of looking to the future of our parish community. To help us achieve this, we would like to eliminate this 22 year debt.

Help us eliminate this debt and look toward the future of St. Joseph!

Use the QR code to make a donation today!



\$1,215,822

TAKE ACTION IN 2024!

We are all called to be part of the community of faith. One way to answer this call is through ministries and events - and our parish provides many opportunities throughout the year. We invite you to be an active member of our community -- make sure to add these dates to your 2024 calendar!

Event	Mark Your Calendar
Project Finding Calcutta	February 10
Lenten Parish Mission	February 26-28
Project Finding Calcutta	March 9
Rooted (Middle School Event)	March 16
Feast of St. Joseph Parish Celebration Mass & Dinner	March 19
Catholic Perspective on Circle of Life Issues	April 27
Corpus Christi Procession	June 2
Parish Fall Festival	October 19-20
Dallas Synod	December 1-4



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