



SAINT JUDE  
*the* APOSTLE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



FOR I KNOW WELL THE PLANS  
I HAVE IN MIND FOR YOU

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2023 - 2024 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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# A FUTURE OF HOPE

Dear Friend,

In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord gives us hope by saying *“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you...plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.”*



A future of hope! We absolutely have a future of hope here at Saint Jude! Why? Because of each one of you – the men, the women, and children – the parishioners of our parish.

All who call our parish their spiritual home have a stake in its future.

All who come here every Sunday for Mass, every Monday evening for bible study, every Wednesday for a catechist meeting, every Thursday for daily Mass, or every Saturday for confession, this parish belongs to you. It is yours to nourish and build up for this and future generations of Catholics.

This report shows our parish’s progress toward our mission of “being the church”. You will see how our offertory continues to grow as a result of your generous support and collaboration, and you will see that our parishioners are generous in supporting the Archdiocesan second collections, our ministry fundraisers, and other special projects. In fact, last year, due to your support, our parish paid off the last of the outstanding loans that originated back in 2003. This means we are debt-free for the first time in 21 years.

How we steward our gifts of time, talent, and treasure says volumes about what we prioritize. As we live out our Catholic faith, let us strive to grow in our understanding of what it means to be a good and faith-filled steward. I believe the future of our parish is in good hands because it is in the hands of the good stewards of Saint Jude.

As always, please be assured of my prayers, and may our patron, Saint Jude, guide and protect you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W Joseph Corbett".

Monsignor W. Joseph Corbett

Pastor

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are pleased to present the Annual Stewardship Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Under the pastoral leadership of our pastor, Msgr. Joe Corbett, along with our parish staff and finance council, we have prioritized responsible management of our financial resources. Consequently, our parish continues to enjoy sound financial results which ensures our parish has the necessary financial support to pursue our many parish spiritual goals.

And the numbers reflect this. Over the last 10 years, our Parish offertory has increased by 53% with total revenue increasing by 40%. This allowed us, as of this year, to pay off the entirety of the parish's outstanding loan balance which stood at \$2.1 million in 2014. During this time, in addition to paying down the loan, we have funded a diverse and growing list of liturgies and ministries, seen an increase in the number of parish staff to serve our parishioners, and completed several capital improvements to our aging parish facilities.

Our parish offertory comprises the primary source of revenue. For this fiscal year, our offertory was \$4 million, up 5.3% over the prior fiscal year. All other revenues, including donations, fees, bequests, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal refund, the Brazilian Festival, the Men's Club donations, and the Preschool, amounted to \$785,000 resulting in total revenue of \$4.8 million which represents an increase of 6.3% over the prior fiscal year.

Despite the ongoing inflationary impact on the costs of goods and services, total parish expenses increased in fiscal 2024 by only 1.8% to \$3.9 million.

Overall, our Parish operations generated revenue over expenses of \$841,000 which allowed us to complete the paydown of our outstanding debt, maintain our parish facilities, and increase our total parish cash balance.

With a continued healthy financial position, our growing Parish is blessed with the ability to plan for our future. This is important because, with a growing and vibrant parish community, significant additional capital improvements and facility upgrades are needed to ensure our parish can thrive for generations to come.

Should you have any questions about this year's financial report, please do not hesitate to reach out to any Finance Council member.

Sincerely,

Saint Jude Finance Council

*Members: Holly Monaghan, Chair; Jeffrey Laborde, Secretary; Kelli Dakake; Tom Dunn; Bliss Jones; Bruce Simmons; Maureen Sullivan; Fred Valz*

# Parish Financials



For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 and 2024

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Offertory	\$ 3,999,218	\$ 3,797,478
Other Donations	186,001	214,980
Other Income	94,006	84,656
Annual Appeal Refund	85,298	40,485
Interest Income	55,384	25,534
Religious Education	67,005	58,638
Preschool	<u>296,750</u>	<u>277,788</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,783,662</b>	<b>\$ 4,499,559</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Admin and General	\$ 712,090	\$ 662,078
Archdiocesan Assessments	613,929	556,699
Facilities	638,756	616,690
Religious Education	466,427	430,650
Clergy and Rectory	392,670	337,111
Music and Liturgy	395,563	356,930
Stewardship	267,493	250,046
Property Improvements	113,774	365,787
Interest Expense	10,850	23,427
Preschool	<u>330,991</u>	<u>274,802</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 3,942,543</b>	<b>\$ 3,874,221</b>
<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 841,119</b>	<b>\$ 625,340</b>
Repayment of loan	(266,629)	(344,110)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	25,958	35,955
Change in designated purpose accounts	<u>83,647</u>	<u>(29,740)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash balances:</b>	<b><u>\$ 684,095</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 287,445</u></b>



Saint Jude the Apostle Parish paid off our loan balance in FY 2023-24 and is currently debt free.

View the Saint Jude the Apostle Catholic School Annual Report at [www.Saintjude.net/Support/Annual-Report](http://www.Saintjude.net/Support/Annual-Report)

# Second Collections



St. Vincent de Paul (Saint Jude)	\$ 342,018	Catholic Home Missions	\$ 3,816
Archdiocesan Seminarians	\$ 15,938	Peter's Pence	\$ 5,133
Catholic Charities	\$ 16,458	Mission Cooperative	\$ 3,506
Religious Retirement	\$ 10,007	Campaign for Human Development	\$ 3,899
Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries	\$ 3,770	Catholic Communications	\$ 2,566
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 8,592	Latin America/Europe Missions	\$ 3,271
Archdiocesan St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 7,054	Catholic University	\$ 2,672
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 3,508	Archdiocese for Military Services	\$ 330
Holy Land	\$ 6,220	<b>Total Second Collections</b>	<b>\$438,758</b>

# Parish Life & Service



Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family	100 families	
Interfaith Outreach Home	\$ 26,128	
Knights of Columbus Blood Drives	162 pints	
Knights of Columbus Food Drives	\$ 10,388	
Knights of Columbus Wreaths Across America	\$ 30,500	
Mission Ministry	\$ 17,310	
Mustard Seed	\$ 20,392	
Pregnancy Aid Clinic	\$ 3,201	
Rise Against Hunger	\$ 14,186	
Walking with Moms in Need	\$ 46,934	

# Sacraments



*When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you.*

## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptisms	124
First Communions	114
Confirmations Aug. 2023	67
Marriages	27
Funerals	31
Anointing of Sick	750

## ADORATION

Adoration Guardians	448
Weekly Hours of Adoration	121

## MASS

Masses per week	19
Liturgical volunteers per week*	295

*\*We have, on average, 295 parishioners who serve in liturgical roles so that we can offer 19 weekly Masses. This includes altar servers, eucharistic ministers, greeters, lectors, music groups, ushers, and sacristans.*

**Thank you to all who serve our parish!**

# Religious Education



*When you look for me, you will find me.*

Parish School of Religion Students	345	Family Adoration	50
Catechists for Parish School of Religion	89	Night in Bethlehem	325
Middle School Students in EDGE	42	RCIA Participants	70
High School Students in Life Teen	23	Parish Mission Attendees (in person)	550
High School Confirmation Formation	91	FORMED Online Subscriptions	1287
Children's Liturgy of the Word	580	Saint Jude School Students	483
Vacation Bible School	96	Saint Jude Preschool Students	64





# Parish Households



*When you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me.*

**As of June 30, 2024**

Registered Households **3,386**

**July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

New Households **377**



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