

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

Praise the Lord! It is my honor to share with you our parish's Annual Report. What a year it has been! This is my first time composing an Annual Report, so I will do my best to provide a snapshot of various aspects of our parish community from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

But let's jump back to earlier in 2023. As you know, the parish experienced much change last year. Fr. Greg Oslzewski joined St. Joseph's as a Parochial Vicar in March 2023. He hit the ground running and has made himself right at home here. Speaking of running, Fr. Kevin Klonowski finished his assignment at St. Joseph's in June 2023 and began doctoral studies in Rome, focusing on Sacred Scripture. It took some time for Fr. Kevin to adjust to life in Italy, but he has settled in and is excelling in his studies. Fr. Joe Mamich was named the Diocesan Vicar for Clergy in 2023, which was an unexpected change for the parish. Fr. Joe would not be able to wear both hats as Pastor of St. Joseph's *and* be the Vicar for Clergy. So, after 12 great years as Pastor, he said farewell to the parish. Until a new Pastor was named, Fr. Joe remained the temporary Administrator. In the interim, the parish learned that another Parochial Vicar would be coming to Strongsville from the Philippines. Fr. Arnulfo "Arnold" Tiplaca joined the parish in November 2023, and he was warmly welcomed by everyone. It was also around that time that Bishop Malesic named me as the new Administrator of St. Joseph's! Praise the Lord! Fr. Joe began to bring me onboard in December 2023, and I officially started on January 15th, 2024. I cannot thank you enough for the welcome and reception you have provided since I began! Your prayers, love, and support have been so amazing, and I am blessed to be the Administrator of such a wonderful parish family!

Parish Life Statistics	2024	2023
Adults welcomed into the Church	6	5
Infant Baptisms	47	61
Marriages	7	12
Funerals	64	92
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmations	53	42
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communions	67	57
Registered Households	2,725	2,695
Registered Parishioners	6,780	7,120
Average Weekend Mass Attendance	820	800

2024 has been an action-packed year for us. Lent began quickly after I arrived, and we were able to bring six people into the Church at the Easter Vigil. As a way to learn more about St. Joseph's, we gathered to share what we love about the parish, as well as our hopes and dreams for the future. These *History & Hopes* sessions generated fond memories from the past and inspiring visions for what lies ahead. I am so excited to be here as your shepherd, and I am looking forward to journeying with all of you on the road to becoming saints!

Looking at the financial picture of St. Joseph's, you will notice throughout the next two pages that we managed to finish the year with a surplus of over \$150,000. This is due to many of the parish disbursements being down. At the same time, while offertory collections were down slightly compared to 2022, the market has been on our side. This has helped to offset the difference for the better. When planning for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, we budgeted conservatively, entrusting to God our efforts and trusting that His Providence will guide us.

In conclusion, I want to repeat how grateful I am for each and every one of you at St. Joseph's. And thank you for being a member of this parish family. This is truly a blessed parish, and we pray that the Lord continues to bless us so that we may keep serving God and neighbor as we have been doing since 1946. As you view our report, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jonathan Krol, Finance Council Chairperson, at 216.789.2797 or Dean Robinson, Parish Business Manager, at 440.238.5555. Thank you to the Finance Council for their prudent and thorough counsel. You can find out more about the Finance Council and see past Annual Reports at [www.sjohio.org/finance](http://www.sjohio.org/finance).



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## Statement of Church Revenue and Expense

	Actual Year Ended June 30,		Budget
	2024	2023	2025
<b>Parish Receipts:</b>			
Offertory Collections	1,045,880	1,083,963	1,079,825
Bequests	-	1,000	-
Maintenance & Repair Fund (1)	107,579	114,983	103,500
Income From Parish Programs	96,044	107,726	86,099
Investment & Endowment Income	115,437	84,145	43,400
Miscellaneous Receipts	98,470	104,712	67,815
Designated Collections	23,115	29,610	22,415
<b>Total Parish Receipts</b>	<b>1,486,525</b>	<b>1,526,139</b>	<b>1,403,054</b>
<b>Parish Disbursements:</b>			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	582,129	617,094	624,853
Rectory & Household	15,712	25,755	15,012
Parish Office & Administration	72,299	78,118	76,133
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	59,136	64,918	61,785
Community Outreach (2)	36,588	49,725	42,435
Religious Education	21,221	16,461	24,158
Stewardship & Evangelization	18,832	30,754	29,699
Utilities	46,862	49,827	49,300
Insurance & Property Taxes	37,115	34,038	40,400
Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	53,848	55,749	48,583
Diocesan Assessment	125,154	124,188	122,400
School Support (3)	218,532	224,872	224,200
Designated Collections	23,115	29,750	22,415
Capital Expenditures (4)	21,643	67,685	11,908
<b>Total Parish Disbursements</b>	<b>1,332,186</b>	<b>1,468,934</b>	<b>1,393,281</b>
<b>TOTAL PARISH SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 154,339</b>	<b>\$ 57,205</b>	<b>\$ 9,773</b>

(1) These funds help to offset maintenance, repairs, plant operating and capital expenditures.

(2) Includes Social Concerns Ministries, such as Feeding Our Family, our support of West Side Catholic Center, Habitat for Humanity, Mission of Hope and Bereavement

(3) Includes our parish subsidy to our interparochial school and any parish-awarded tuition assistance

(4) Includes parking lot repair, HVAC repair, and necessary computer upgrades

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### Statement of Church Assets and Liabilities

	Balance As Of June 30,	
	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Checking, Savings And Investments		
Checking Account Balances	\$ 15,443	\$ 4,755
Savings and Investment Account Balances	983,936	832,671
Total Checking, Savings and Investments	999,379	837,426
Accounts Receivable	6,044	6,423
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,423</b>	<b>\$ 843,849</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 22,402	\$ 15,167
Income Received in Advance	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>22,402</b>	<b>15,167</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	828,682	771,477
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	154,339	57,205
<b>Fund Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>983,021</b>	<b>828,682</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,423</b>	<b>\$ 843,849</b>

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### Parish Information

**Baptism:** Parents are to attend a formation session in preparation for their child's Baptism. Sessions are held here in February, April, June, August, October, and December, and at St. John Neumann during the other months. Baptisms are usually celebrated every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. or during a weekend Mass. To register, please call the Parish Office.

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday from 3-4pm and at any time by appointment with one of the priests.

**Marriage:** Contact one of the priests or deacons at least six months before the desired wedding date.

**Care of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office if you need to be Anointed, if you are hospitalized, or if someone is confined to the home and wishes to receive the sacraments.

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA):**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

**Parish School of Religion (PSR):** Children in Public School are expected to attend the Parish School of Religion classes. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you! Please call the Parish Office to register.

**If you are moving:** Please notify the Parish Office of your new address.

**For more information** about St. Joseph Catholic Church, visit [www.sjohio.org](http://www.sjohio.org) or call the Parish Office at 440.238.5555.