



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Annual Report of Financial Condition for Year Ending June 30, 2025

***St. John the Evangelist,
Called to Serve. Sharing Our Blessings. Strengthening Our Church***

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

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Dear parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist,

It is with gratitude that I present to you the 2025 Stewardship Report. The pages here in this report narrates our parish's story of faith.

"Saint John, Called to Serve. Sharing Our Blessings, Strengthening our Church." This is the theme for this year's Stewardship Sunday.

Our identification as followers of Christ, baptized into Him, makes us a community composed of individual persons and families who are called to serve the Lord and our neighbors. When we put Christ as center of who we are and make Him the priority of our lives, the way of serving becomes a form of blessings for all good comes from the Lord. This is expressed in our sharing of time, talent and treasures which strengthen our faith, our church.

This is what this annual Stewardship report is all about. Thanks to all of you for your dedication and love for the faith. The challenges we face in our society and in the world only makes us, followers of Christ, more committed to continue God's work among us.

I invite you to seek the spirit of courage and service, and the spirit of generosity so that, with God's help, our family of faith may become more into the likeness of God's family.

I leave you with a quote from Pope Leo's first Apostolic Exhortation titled *Dilexi Te* (I Have Loved You) on Love of the Poor and Social Justice released last Oct 9th, "A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today"

Fr. Mel

Fr. Mel Portula, CICM,
Pastor



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Since the start of FY 2025, the Parish, not unlike the diverse communities that form us, has been dealing with a varied and ever rapidly changing set of issues. With the continued guidance of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council, we will continue to plan and respond accordingly.

It is through your continued generosity that allows us to operate day to day and enables our over 70 ministries to continue to thrive in service and face the many issues facing our communities. Your financial contributions are vital to meet the obligations of our Parish budget. And just like you, the Parish is not immune to effects of price and wage increases, not only for sustaining the spiritual life of the Parish but also in the running of the day-to-day operations of the Parish, its staff, and its facilities.

You will find graphs which are intended to detail the financial results of Fiscal Year 2025. We will highlight several and reference them throughout this narrative. Additionally, you will find two numeric financial summaries later in this report which compare the results of FY25 to our FY25 Budget projections and a comparison of this year's (FY25) ending results to last year (FY24).

Graph A:

Total Offertory Collections & Other Revenues: \$2,345,704

Our Offertory collections was \$1,784,143 or 76% of total revenue. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. As you are aware, this revenue is the primary source funds used to pay the overall operating expenses of the parish. You will note that 74% of the Parish's total revenue comes from Offertory collections.

The Parish's collection revenues have remained largely flat over the past four fiscal years (**Graph E**). The weekly offertory collections have only seen a very slight increase from approximately \$1.77 million in FY 2022 to \$1.78 million in FY 2025. That is a rate of 0.9 % or \$16,200 over those four years. While the Parish's operating costs and expenses, related to ministries and facilities have risen by approximately 8.0% or approximately \$139,770 over those same four years from approximately \$1.76 million in FY 2022 to \$1.89 million in FY 2025

Please also take note of the Parish's investment portfolio, consisting of various offering like certificates of deposit and other holdings. This portfolio has provided a positive financial return of approximately 4%, allowing the Parish to maintain operations and be fiscally stable at the end of the fiscal year. Investment income of \$154,784 was earned on assets that are available to the Parish to help to secure its financial future

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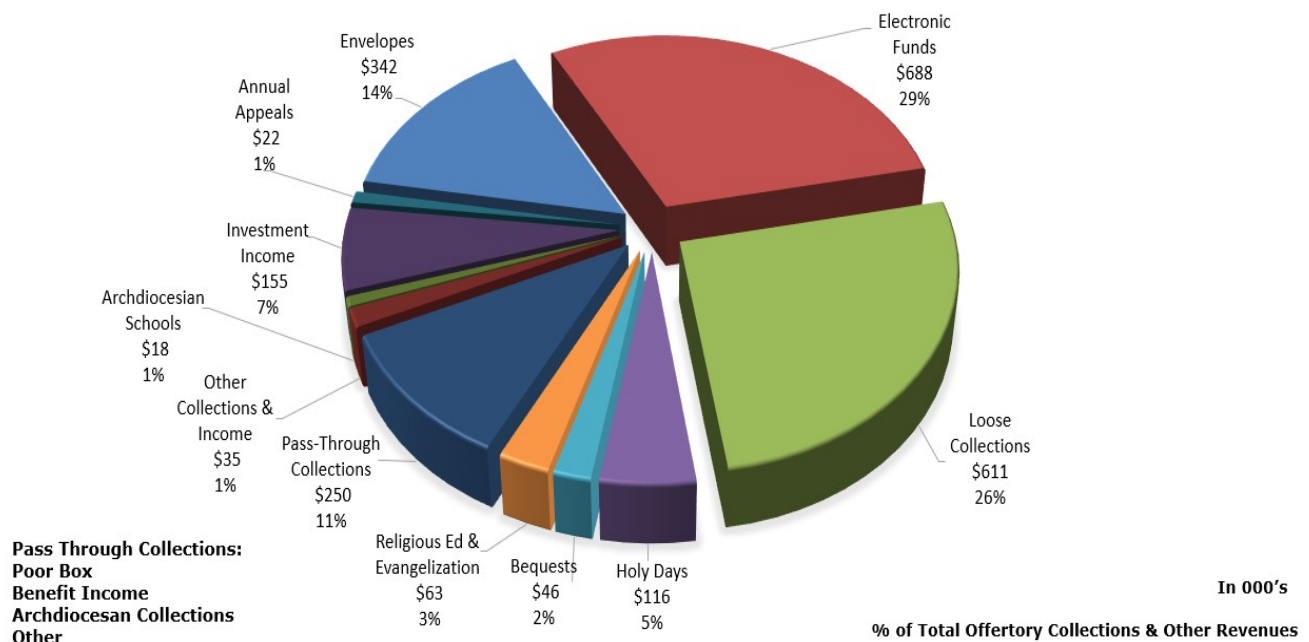
Parish operating expenses are made up of several large categories of expenses. The expense of our contributing to the operational support of Wilde Lake and Oakland Mills Interfaith Centers, along with the operations of the rectory and St. John's House and required property and liability insurance totals \$520,930 or 24% of Parish expenses. Clergy and staff compensation and benefits is \$824,897 or represents 37% of overall expenses. Finally, as shown on **Graph E**, the Parish provides support for the operations of the Archdiocese as well as Catholic school education and monthly Archdiocesan second collections of \$431,033 or 18% of total expenses.

Through your commitment, the Parish provided \$179,961 in local, national and international support to those of our brothers and sisters in need. You will find highlights of several of those projects later in this report.

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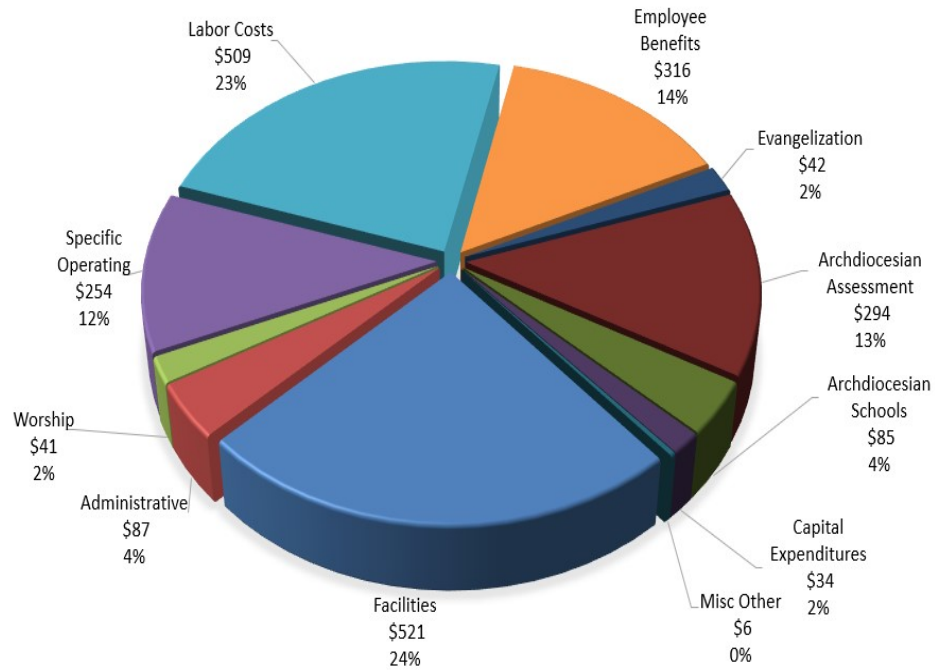
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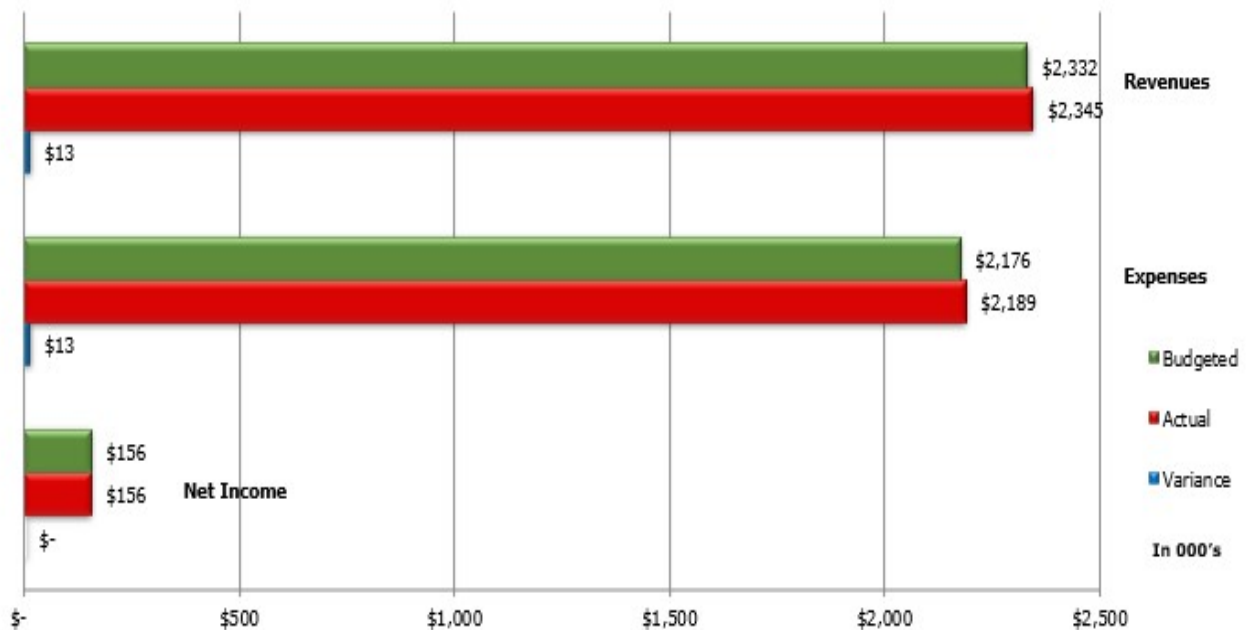
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% of Total Expenses

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Comparison of Revenues/Expenses/Net Income (Year To Date vs. Budget)



St. John the Evangelist, Columbia

FY25 Year At a Glance

July 2024 - June 2025

Compares FY25 Actual vsus FY25 Budget Projections

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
A-1 Offertory Collections	1,784,142.75	1,830,572.41	-46,429.66	97.46%
A-2 Other Operating Income	64,031.18	39,984.67	24,046.51	160.14%
A-3 Operating Income from Investments	8,022.79	9,200.00	-1,177.21	87.20%
A-4 Specific Operating Areas Income	250,498.60	269,706.80	-19,208.20	92.88%
A-5 Evangelization, Catechesis, and Other Program Income	62,722.76	52,733.00	9,989.76	118.94%
Total Income	\$ 2,169,418.08	\$ 2,202,196.88	-\$ 32,778.80	98.51%
Gross Profit	\$ 2,169,418.08	\$ 2,202,196.88	-\$ 32,778.80	98.51%
Expenses				
B Cost of Facilities	520,929.61	507,547.00	13,382.61	102.64%
C Administration Expenses	86,783.73	85,600.00	1,183.73	101.38%
D Worship Expense	41,241.03	40,000.00	1,241.03	103.10%
E Specific Operating Area Expenses	254,653.30	268,214.00	-13,560.70	94.94%
F Labor Costs	508,670.51	593,262.26	-84,591.75	85.74%
G Employee Benefit Costs	316,226.75	259,519.38	56,707.37	121.85%
H Evangelization, Catechesis, and Other Programs Expenses	41,704.72	47,150.00	-5,445.28	88.45%
I School and Archdiocesan Support	379,281.20	375,219.00	4,062.20	101.08%
Total Expenses	\$ 2,149,490.85	\$ 2,176,511.64	-\$ 27,020.79	98.76%
Net Operating Income	\$ 19,927.23	\$ 25,685.24	-\$ 5,758.01	77.58%
Other Income				
K-1 Fundraising Income	29,523.55	5,092.67	24,430.88	579.73%
K-2 Investment Income- Non-Operating	146,760.94	116,000.00	30,760.94	126.52%
K-3 Other Non- Operating Income	0.00	9,200.00	-9,200.00	0.00%
Total Other Income	\$ 176,284.49	\$ 130,292.67	\$ 45,991.82	135.30%
Other Expenses				
L Other Non-Operating Expenses	39,725.62		39,725.62	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 39,725.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 39,725.62	
Net Other Income	\$ 136,558.87	\$ 130,292.67	\$ 6,266.20	104.81%
Net Income	\$ 156,486.10	\$ 155,977.91	\$ 508.19	100.33%

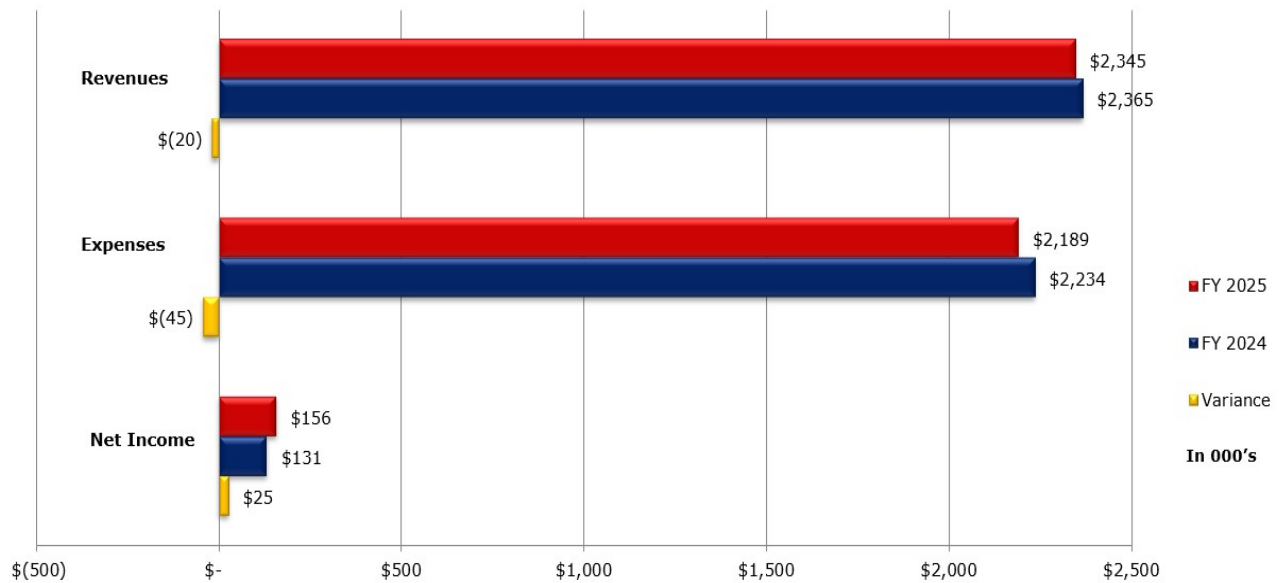
Compares FY25 Actual vsus FY24 Actual (Prior Year)

	Total			
	Jul 2024 - Jun 2025	Jul 2023 - Jun 2024	Change	% Change
Income				
A-1 Offertory Collections	1,784,142.75	1,782,135.99	2,006.76	0.11%
A-2 Other Operating Income	64,031.18	42,184.89	21,846.29	51.79%
A-3 Operating Income from Investments	8,022.79	6,436.51	1,586.28	24.65%
A-4 Specific Operating Areas Income	250,498.60	310,654.83	-60,156.23	-19.36%
A-5 Evangelization, Catechesis, and Other Program Income	62,722.76	59,745.00	2,977.76	4.98%
Total Income	\$ 2,169,418.08	\$ 2,201,157.22	-\$ 31,739.14	-1.44%
Gross Profit	\$ 2,169,418.08	\$ 2,201,157.22	-\$ 31,739.14	-1.44%
Expenses				
B Cost of Facilities	520,929.61	522,421.93	-1,492.32	-0.29%
C Administration Expenses	86,783.73	106,799.59	-20,015.86	-18.74%
D Worship Expense	41,241.03	48,425.73	-7,184.70	-14.84%
E Specific Operating Area Expenses	254,653.30	308,349.16	-53,695.86	-17.41%
F Labor Costs	508,670.51	590,141.46	-81,470.95	-13.81%
G Employee Benefit Costs	316,226.75	249,825.88	66,400.87	26.58%
H Evangelization, Catechesis, and Other Programs Expenses	41,704.72	45,609.61	-3,904.89	-8.56%
I School and Archdiocesan Support	379,281.20	362,677.35	16,603.85	4.58%
Total Expenses	\$ 2,149,490.85	\$ 2,234,250.71	-\$ 84,759.86	-3.79%
Net Operating Income	\$ 19,927.23	-\$ 33,093.49	\$ 53,020.72	160.21%
Other Income				
K-1 Fundraising Income	29,523.55	16,636.54	12,887.01	77.46%
K-2 Investment Income- Non-Operating	146,760.94	147,382.82	-621.88	-0.42%
K-3 Other Non- Operating Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Other Income	\$ 176,284.49	\$ 164,019.36	\$ 12,265.13	7.48%
Other Expenses				
L Other Non-Operating Expenses	39,725.62		39,725.62	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 39,725.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 39,725.62	
Net Other Income	\$ 136,558.87	\$ 164,019.36	-\$ 27,460.49	-16.74%
Net Income	\$ 156,486.10	\$ 130,925.87	\$ 25,560.23	19.52%

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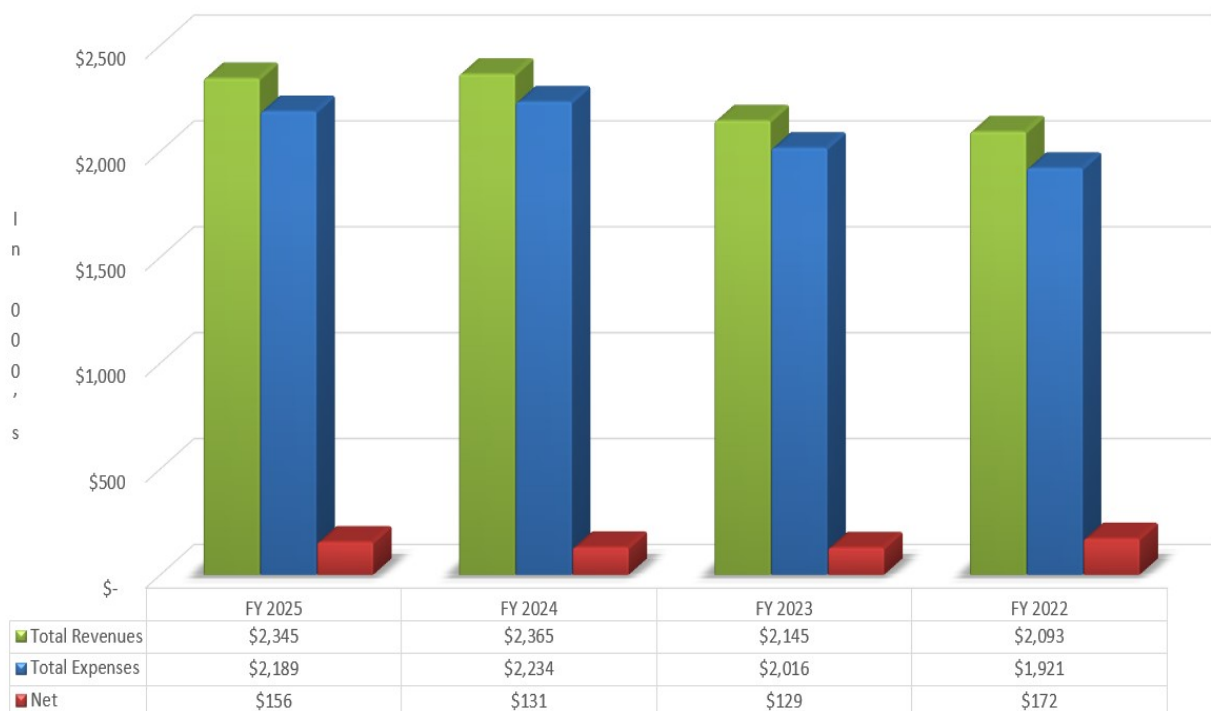
Comparison of Revenues/Expenses/Net Income (Current vs. Prior Year – Year to Date)



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Total Revenues and Expenses by Year – Net Income





Planning for and Sustaining our Future

As we are continuing able to move ever farther away from the impact of Covid 19, our attendance continues to grow ever slowly but steadily. Invite those still watching our streaming, but able to rejoin us, to come back to the liturgy shared with our community of faith. You can see the attendance trends on Graph G.

As we begin our new fiscal year, let's take a last look at the bottom-line for FY25.

The Parish had an operating surplus of \$19,927 or just over 1% of gross revenues. Because of the aforementioned impact of investment income, the Parish had an overall surplus of \$156,406 or approximately 7% of total revenues.

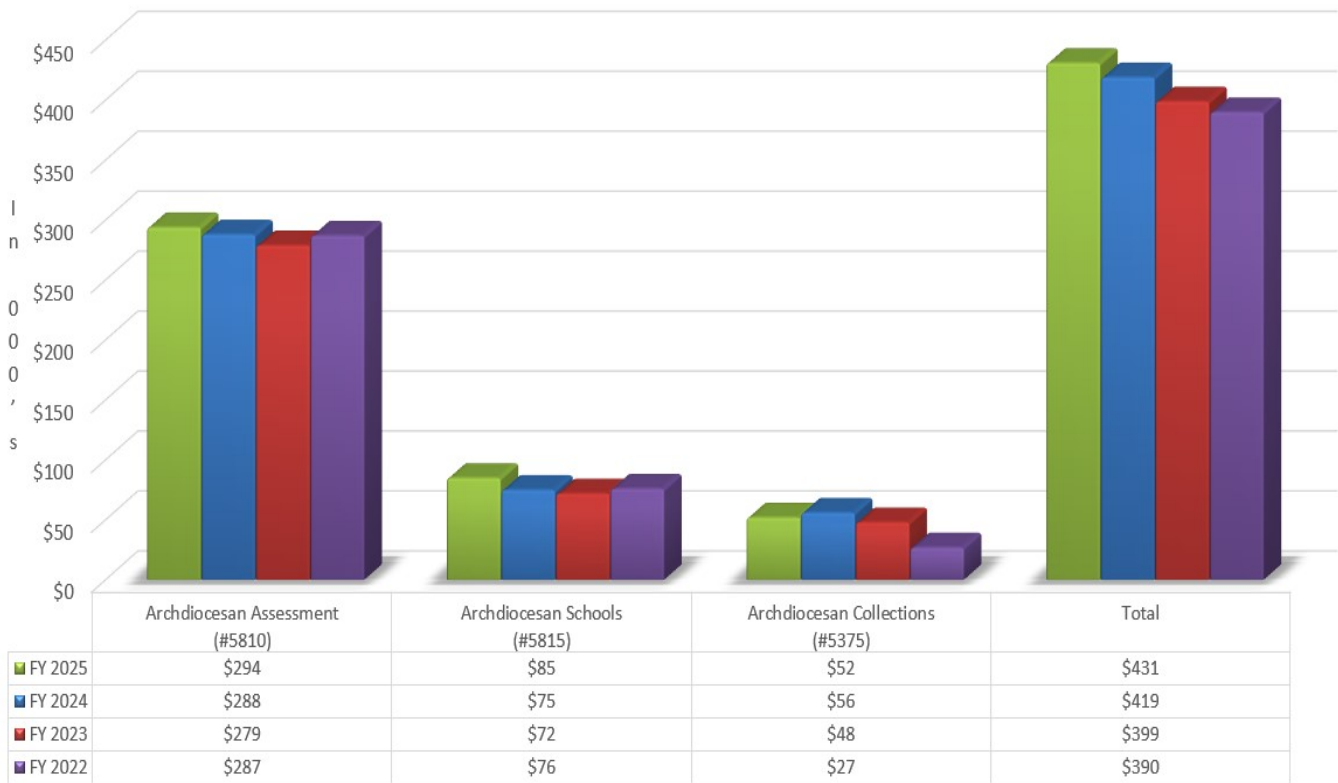
We are a blessed community and we are indeed truly grateful for your ongoing support here at St. John. The Parish does, however, need the help of each of us to continue the work that Jesus calls each of us to do.

Let's take a look several projects and programs has taken the love of our God, through this community of St. John, Columbia, to the world.

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St. John's Financial Summary – For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Total Archdiocesan Support Summary by Year





“When I was hungry, you gave me to eat...”

As noted, your generosity provided \$179,961 for the direct support of those in need in our community, our nation and our world. Direct support of our local community exceeded \$109,000 including your monthly support of the incredible work of our St. Vincent De Paul Conference. Through you monthly donations, St. John was able to provide \$50,334 that helped to assist with the unending needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

The Tanzanian Children’s Project (TCP) continues to be passionately supported by the parish, through the ongoing tireless efforts of several of our parishioners and the Knights of Columbus. For the past fiscal year, through these efforts, TCP received just over \$25,500.



The parish, as always, steps up to help when called to assist in a disaster relief. We supported our sisters and brothers in Western Maryland in flood relief response along with fire relief in California and hurricane relief in an effort to ease the loss and assist in recovery. In excess of \$17,900 was purposed for these causes.



The generous support of the Lenten Operation Rice Bowl is noteworthy annually. For this year, your support generated \$11,623 for the national work of Catholic Relief Services,

And there is more! The Hospitality Committees, through the tireless efforts of its coordinator, Marge Trenkle, sponsors two large initiatives each year. We have our Backpack collections and distribution each August, as our young people return to school and our Christmas Gift Card project. Both of these projects support the local communities and our neighbors from Oakland Mills and Wilde Lake. These projects remain so important to many of our families who are not quite able to do it alone.

The backpack program from August 2024 served the needs of over 384 young people, with school supplies and a backpack that helped to prepare for their return to school.

For Christmas 2024, we served 184 families by providing \$25 gift cards for 739 children. Your generosity provided over \$18,000 to fund this need. We will ask again for your help in November

Howard County played an important role in our work in late 2024. With the interfaith cooperation of the Columbia Baptist Fellowship, a congregational member with us at Oakland Mills, we were able to provide a complete meal for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for 200 needy families. In addition to CBF, we are grateful for the support of volunteers from Faith Formation as well as our staff for the wonderful work to make this food distribution projects successful.

Speaking of food, Columbia Community Cares, originally, a grassroots dream of a teacher in Howard County, continues to provide amazing support to the marginalized of our community each week at Wilde Lake, one of its distribution sites. We are truly grateful, as well, for the ongoing support you have given to our food drive efforts throughout the year. For the year, our collections have generated just under 7.2 tons of canned goods and non-perishable items (14,278 pounds), with an average of 276 items per week, that have been used by CCC and our community to help our neighbors survive. Again, in addition to the work of CCC, we thank all those who continue to help, SJERC, SJU, our Knights of Columbus, our parish and Wilde Lake staff, with particular thanks to Margaret and Bud Hunt.

Each month you are asked to help feed the homeless and marginalized in Baltimore and Laurel. In Baltimore, we supported Our Daily Bread. Throughout FY25, we supplied 889 casseroles, which were able to provide a meal for 6,223 guests.



In addition, our Spanish Knights of Columbus, with support from our Spanish community, provide casseroles each month to Elizabeth House in Laurel. Annual casserole donations approach 720, which is able to feed approximately 5,000 guests.

There is still so much more unsaid and probably unknown. Our Spanish community continues to support each other and the community in all ways with gentleness, kindness and love. With the support of the Interfaith center and the Spanish Leadership, we sponsored several "Know Your Rights" sessions intended to inform our immigrant community and advocates of rights, processes and resources available to reduce the fear and confusion of pathways and protections toward citizenship.



'Our Knights of Columbus continue to shepherd the projects of TCP, noted above, but also provide ongoing attention to the needs of vulnerable moms at the Columbia Pregnancy Center. As previously stated, the parish continues its financial support of these ministries. We are grateful to all. Our work is not yet finished.



Grow in Faith, Live in Truth...*Your spiritual journey begins here.*

We are a community of faith. A community of generosity, compassion, kindness and love. We are formed in our families and nurtured in our Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1324-1327), states that, "The Eucharist is "the source and summit" of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of our faith community, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. Our Eucharistic celebration, the Mass, is fundamental and primary. Our Mass nurtures us, heals us and builds a community of support and fellowship.

As a significant part of that community of faith, we show over and over that we are a sacramental community. For FY25, we celebrated 103 baptisms in addition to another 20 professions of faith. We were blessed to receive 43 adults and young people into our faith at the Easter Vigil in FY25. In excess of 120 children and young people received First Eucharist with 65 young people and 30 adults being confirmed. We had 14 couples married in our community in FY 25. We are a blessed community.



Our Faith Formation program is in positive transition, began in earnest in FY25. Both our elementary and our middle school/high school programs are transitioning into a family-based, interactive experience, reinforced through a small-group environment on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. We had 394 participants in that programming. Please continue to support this evolution that truly will foster our young people's growth in their faith and their relationship with Jesus. Thank you to all who have supported these programs.



A Final Request...

As your pastor, I am mindful of the uncertainty of our times, as many of our brothers and sisters struggle with financial security due to the loss of jobs and the rising costs of living which affect all of us. But if your circumstances allow you, I invite you to consider: If you, for one reason or another, have not yet set up a planned giving to the parish, I ask that you prayerfully consider starting one this year, either by signing up with Give Central, our online giving platform, or by signing up using parish envelopes. We want you to be part of the amazing, good work we are doing together at Saint John.

For those who are already contributing to the parish, thank you, but, may I ask that you consider increasing your sacrificial offerings, if you are able? It may have been years since you increased your planned giving. The Parish is truly grateful for your support and your consideration, as we respectfully recognize your circumstances to do so.

Signing up with Give Central is easy and is more convenient than to remember if you have brought your parish envelope to mass with you or donating when you are away.

Lastly, whatever you consider doing in response to today's message, bring it to prayer and in conversation with your loved ones. Ask the Lord what He wants you to do and how you can be part of God's work here at Saint John's. Thank you for all that you do. Know of our gratitude and prayers and blessings for you and those that you love.



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**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS,
STRENGTHENING OUR CHURCH**



ONLINE WEEKLY GIVING: WWW.SJCOLUMBIA.ORG/GIVE

Set up a recurring gift online to support the parish consistently. It helps us plan, fund ministries, and gives you a simple way to live out your generosity. Weekly envelopes are also available.



NEW THIS YEAR - CREATE YOUR WILL FOR FREE! WWW.MYCATHOLICWILL.COM/ARCHBALT

Create your Catholic will online, for free through our partnership with My Catholic Will. Consider leaving a percentage of your estate to the parish to create a lasting legacy.



IRA GIVING (QCDS) - RECURRING OR ONE-TIME GIFTS

If you're 70½ or older, you can give tax-free from your IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution. It may count toward your RMD and lower your taxes. Contact the parish office to learn more.



GIFTS OF STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS

Support the parish and potentially avoid capital gains taxes by donating stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. Contact the parish office for support.

SCAN ME



MAKE OR UPDATE YOUR GIVING TODAY

Scan the QR code to make a new gift, start a recurring gift, or increase your current giving. Your generosity helps our parish grow in faith, service, and community.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10