



2022-2023 Annual Report



ST. JOHN
THE EVANGELIST PARISH
— ESTABLISHED 1917 —



A Letter from Fr. Crispin Okoth

Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish



Jambo Rafikis:

I am so happy to be back from my three month sabbatical. I was able to get the rest I so very much needed and I have come back refreshed. On behalf of the now about 70 children we support in my village, I thank all those who have supported the “Kenya Project” over the years. It was a joy meeting and interacting with all those little angels.

This Annual Report provides information about our financial picture from the past year, but more importantly of the many leadership roles, ministries, sacraments, faith sharing and involvement of so many of you here at St. John. We are proud to list what we have, as a Parish, accomplished and supported in this past year.

As part of the Synod process our parish participated in the last year, we listened to you and have implemented many new (or brought back) programs that make us a better and stronger Parish and community.

I am happy to let you know that we have not only met our collections budget, but surpassed it. We have also exceeded our 2023 Annual Appeal goal, so we will be receiving a rebate this year. We have all of you to thank for that. You will see more information in the letter from the Finance Council.

St. John is our Parish, and we all work together to provide the welcoming community we continue to be. We have all been affected in so many ways during the three and a half years since the beginning of the pandemic. By the grace of God, we are coming out of these difficult times and it’s wonderful to watch our Parish and community grow and thrive once again. Many of our ministries, services and programs have largely returned. This means there are more opportunities for sharing our faith, fellowship and love of our God.

I am so very grateful to have been your Pastor since 2008. The good Lord has blessed me with this family who means so very much to me. God is Good! He has given us so much, and we honor Him by loving one another.

Asante sana & Mungu awabariki! (Thank you & GOD bless you).

~Padre Crispin Okoth

Pastoral Council

Report from Joe Sullivan, Chair

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

It is my distinct privilege to serve as chair of the Pastoral Council here at St. John. I am truly humbled by the efforts of all the women and men who give of their time and talent to this council.

Over the past year, our council has expanded in size by adding at-large members from the Synod group and additional representation from our school families. Their presence has been so valuable.

And speaking of the Synod, that process has really made quite an impact. Perhaps the largest impact is the renewed focus on Faith Formation. Father Crispin called on a number of our fellow parishioners to form a commission to help address some of the key themes gathered in the Synod listening sessions.

This new Faith Formation Commission led by Rachael Groark and Nicole Hardie has done a spectacular job creating a series of social events, educational opportunities and other creative ways to deepen our faith and our connections to one another. My thanks to all those involved in making these events possible - what you are doing matters! Keep up the great work.

I would be remiss if I didn't also give a special thanks to our amazing Parish staff. The whole team works so tirelessly to support the mission of our Parish and the many ministries that function to reach out and be Christ to our neighbors.

As you listen to the State of the Parish presentation, I hope that like me, you will feel a great sense of pride in being part of this wonderful community of St. John! May God continue to bless each of you.



Faith Formation Commission

Report from Rachael Groark & Nicole Hardie, Co-Chairs

The Faith Formation Commission was revitalized at the start of 2023. We aim to bring new energy and connection to the Parish through the centralization of existing efforts and identification and execution of new programs. In 2022, we collected feedback through the Synod & Ministry Fair and were able to reach 100+ parishioners. We identified 4 main areas of focus for this commission (in addition to sacramental prep):

Socialization Opportunities – Family movie nights, teen movie nights and parents night out. These events were paired with a Mass for the appropriate audience and have been well-received. Please continue to join us for these connection points monthly throughout the school year.

Access to Father – Wine & Cheese was offered throughout the year, with Father in attendance as able. We are looking forward to continuing to offer this event monthly in the coming year.

Education - Speaker Series (primarily featuring Ron Ryan in 2023), support for Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Agape Immersive Service Learning for families and teens.

Affinity/Interest Groups – These are self-managed small groups focused on common interests such as a book club and The Chosen video series.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us to add new connection points throughout last year. We are so looking forward to carrying these programs forward in 2024!



Our Community

Then:

“On October 4, 1917, Bishop Edward O’Dea created the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, consisting at the time of 70 households. The first Mass was celebrated on October 16, 1917 in a rented Hall near the corner of 85th and Greenwood Ave.



The parish campus, including the school, was erected in 1923, the rectory in 1926, the Church in 1931, Quigley house (formerly the convent) in 1948 and Egan Hall in 1963.

The true beauty of St. John lies in parish members, who through a host of organizations and individual efforts, show the presence of the Risen Christ and His Spirit among us.” St. John Parish Directory, October 2002.



Now:

YOU are the reason St. John the Evangelist Parish is the vibrant, thriving and welcoming community it is today. You have sacrificed, supported and given so much of yourselves for this to continue.

You have also been good stewards of our resources and our campus for over 100 years! There have been numerous capital campaigns and various campus improvements that have happened through the generosity of parishioners and school families in order to maintain and improve our facilities so we can all enjoy a safe and beautiful campus. We are proud of our history and look forward to the next 100 years.

Ministries

We want YOU to be involved at St. John!

We are grateful to the following parishioners for providing their leadership
and time to St. John the Evangelist Parish

To get involved, call 206-782-2810 or visit www.stjohnsea.org for more information

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the Pastor that recommends parish priorities and directions through pastoral planning and long-range visioning. The council also fosters understanding among the parishioners and parish organizations through communications and open dialog.

Chair: Joe Sullivan joe.sullivan1020@gmail.com

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council facilitates the on-going mission and ministry of the Parish through the stewardship of the Parish's financial and personnel resources. Working with the Pastor and Pastoral Assistant for Administration, the council recommends priorities, directions and policies; oversees the Parish budget; and engages in long-range financial planning.

Chair: Frank Feeman ffeeman@comcast.net

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

The Faith Formation Commission serves as a consultative body to the Pastor by assessing the Parish's need for faith formation, ensuring that quality faith formation programs are implemented for all age groups.

Co-Chairs: Rachael Groark rachaelgroark@gmail.com & Nicole Hardie nhardie14@gmail.com

LITURGY COMMISSION

The Liturgy Commission recommends policies and practices to help foster the Parish's sacramental, liturgical and spiritual life. Acting as advisors to the Pastor, the members also collaborate with those in the liturgical ministries.

Chair: Julia Rudden jrudden@stjohnsea.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Social Justice Committee is about being the hands of Christ here on earth. We do things such as organize service outings, publish a monthly calendar with service opportunities in our neighborhood and city, maintain a link on the parish website with local volunteer events, make a Lenten "service tree" with service "ornaments", and take ideas from parishioners and try to make them happen!

Chair: Joyce Farrell joycefarrell08@gmail.com

Pastoral Report

Our Community:

Registered Families: 982

New Families: 62

Attends Weekend Mass: 523

Sacraments

Infant/Child Baptisms: 38

First Holy Communions: 50

Confirmations: 33

RCIA (adults): 6

Marriages: 2

Anointing of the Sick: 365

Funerals: 5

Parish & School

Staff: 78

Students in our School: 534

Children in CYO sports: 450+

Scouting Groups: 5

Liturgical Ministries:

Eucharistic Ministers: 26

Lectors: 29

Altar Servers: 10

Cantors: 10

Masters of Ceremony: 1

Choir Members: 27

Ushers/Greeters: 14

Sacristans: 16

Environment: 4

Homebound Ministers: 6

Administrative:

Pastoral Council: 12

Finance Council: 12

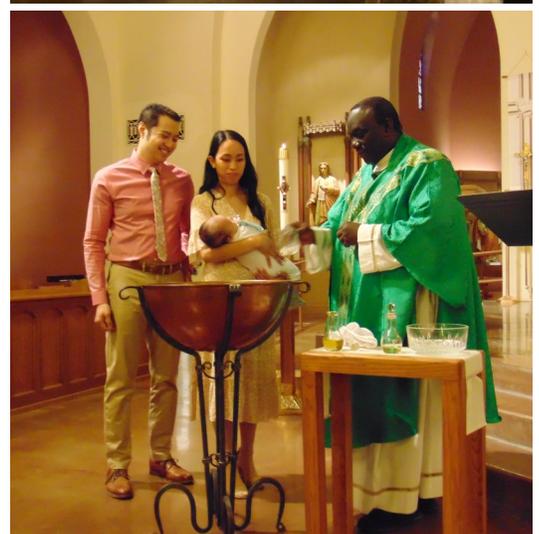
Liturgy Commission: 10

School Commission: 10

Faith Formation: 8

Social Justice Committee: 8

Endowment Committee: 7



Parish Outreach



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS— THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Amigos de Peru	\$688
Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal (ACA)	\$111,130
Broadview Thompson K-8/Food Program	\$891
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$198
Catholic Community Services	\$300
Catholic Home Mission Collections	\$335
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,395
Disaster Relief—Turkey/Syria Earthquake	\$500
Kenya, Africa	\$13,335
Malawi, Africa	\$5,760
Military Services	\$415
Mission Sunday	\$863
NW Catholic Magazine Collection	\$387
Peter's Pence	\$695
PREPARES	\$25
Priest's Pension Fund	\$435
Rice Bowl	\$6,183
Sister School, Orphanage & Parish-Peru	\$398
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10,338
Uganda, Africa	\$8,223
WestSide Baby	<u>\$2,004</u>

Total Special Collections: \$165,508

Our Offertory Report

Number of Parish Families: 982

Number of Parishioners who Pledged: 529

Number of Families who Gave, but Didn't Pledge: 20

Average Pledge (Annually): \$1,390



Finance Council

Report from Frank Feeman, Chair

On Behalf of the Finance Council: As Father and Joe Sullivan have explained in their letters, the Synod process held in the Spring of 2022, the new Faith Formation Commission's efforts, as well as our community's response have resulted in improved financial performance and, more importantly, have energized St. John!

Parish Operating Revenues increased in 2023 to \$844,000.

For the first time since 2018, Collection Revenues increased from \$749,000 to \$783,000.

Revenues from bequests were \$4,000 more than 2022.

Overall fees were less than the prior year.

Due to increases in interest rates, interest income increased by \$14,000.

Once again, we exceeded our Parish goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal which provided funding to support the 2022/2023 budget.

Operating expenses increased in 2023 from 2022 by \$53,000. Market level increases in salaries were made. Interest rates on borrowings increased. Assessments, insurance, and other costs also increased. Additional costs were incurred for Faith Formation activities. The increase in participation and improved Collections demonstrate that the investment in Faith Formation activities was wise.

Payments of \$45,000 were made on the Parish's 30-year loan from the Parish Revolving Fund. The budgeted payments are more than the amounts required and should result in paying off the loan ahead of schedule.

However, it is possible that the rates of interest on the loan will increase as inflation and higher interest rates continue.

The Parish balance sheet, which is included in the Annual Report, reflects adequate cash reserves. We must remember that during July through early October 2023, the new ventilation system for the School Building was completed and will cost about \$1.5 million. As of June 30, 2023, \$425,000 has been paid. So, roughly \$1,100,000 will be paid through completion of the project, reducing our cash reserves. Although lower, the remaining cash balances are still adequate to provide capital for the funding of our Parish and School. However, as I have said each year for some time, we must keep in mind that our wonderful facilities require improvements and important maintenance, and more capital will be required.

In addition to payments for the new School Ventilation Project, the remaining costs of the Egan Hall Fire System and new bleachers were paid. Total payments for HVAC, Bleachers, Egan Fire system and other fixed assets were \$577,000.

Operating cash flows of the Parish and School were enough to cover loan payments and part of the payments for fixed assets. Cash reserves were used to pay the remaining fixed asset costs. Our cash balances decreased by \$326,000 to \$2,512,000 on June 30, 2023, from \$2,838,000 on June 30, 2022.

Increased inflation will result in higher costs in the future. Our Parish depends on our generosity. Let us continue the great work of our Parish that has been renewed by the Synod process. Please keep our Parish and School in your Prayers and generously support this Fall's sacrificial giving campaign.

Our Financial Report



Notes:

Offertory gifts *increased* by 4.5% in the last year

Operating expenses *increased* by 7% in the last year

School: Cost to educate one student for 2022-2023 was \$12,298

Statement of Activities

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

Revenues

Collections	\$782,584
Grants, Bequests, Gifts	4,350
Annual Appeal Rebate	18,904
Fees	15,964
Interest Income	<u>22,621</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$844,423</u>

Expenses

Salaries, Taxes and Benefits	\$457,351
Facilities & Utility Costs	96,733
Assessments	55,039
Insurance	51,288
Other Costs	132,172
Interest Expense	<u>18,902</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$811,486</u>

Other Revenue (Grants)	\$31,840
Surplus From Operations	\$64,778
Principal Payments	\$45,069
Net Surplus After Principal Payments	<u>\$19,709</u>

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2023

Assets

Cash/Checking & Reserve Accounts	\$2,512,167
Endowments	1,502,195
Buildings, Equipment, & Grounds	<u>16,180,315</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$20,194,677</u>

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Payables	\$171,985
Accrued Pension	139,871
Custodials	108,067
School—Deferred Revenues	161,449
Restricted Funds	
EANS Returnable Equipment	54,383
Capital Loan—School	1,220,123
Capital Loan—Parish	<u>1,036,179</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,892,057
Restricted Funds	644,744
Designated Funds	569,547
UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCES	<u>\$16,088,329</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$17,302,620</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$20,194,677</u>

On July 1, 2023 our two existing Capital Loans, from our 2008 & 2018 capital projects were consolidated and then allocated into a Parish Loan and a School Loan.

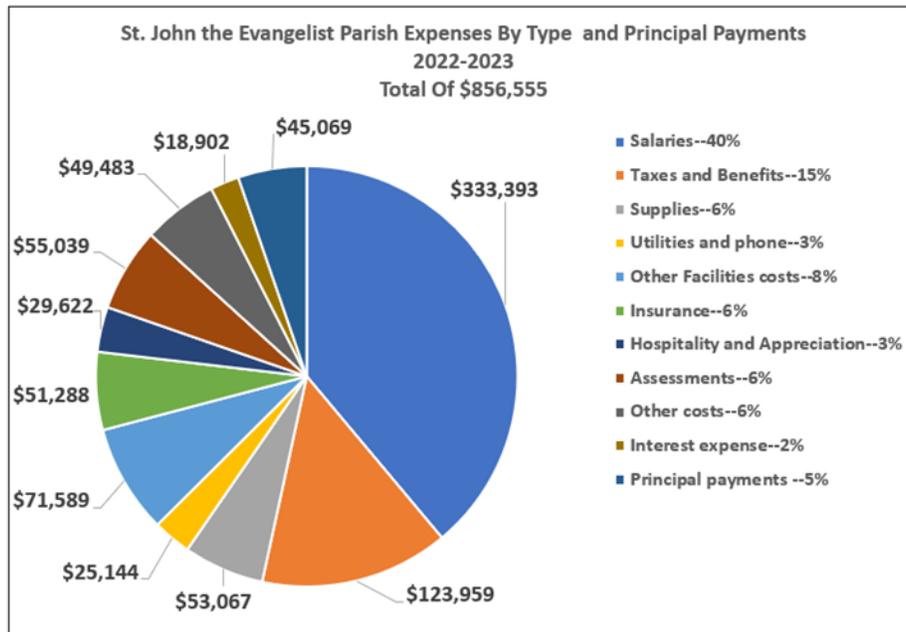
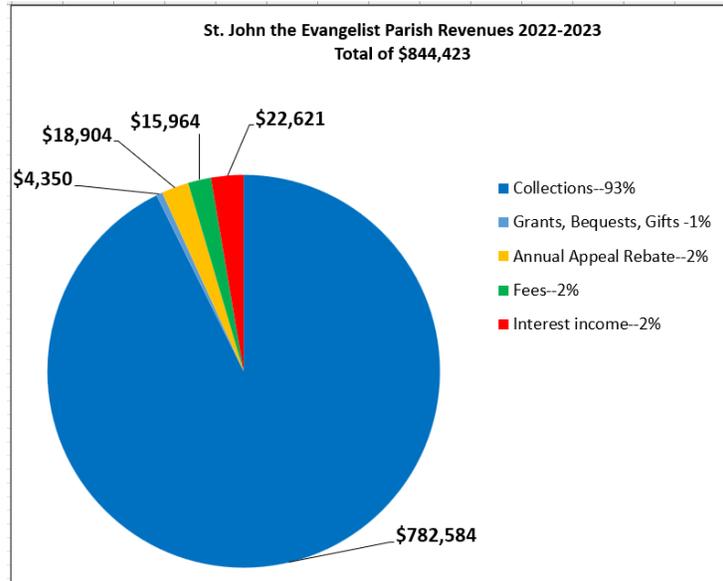
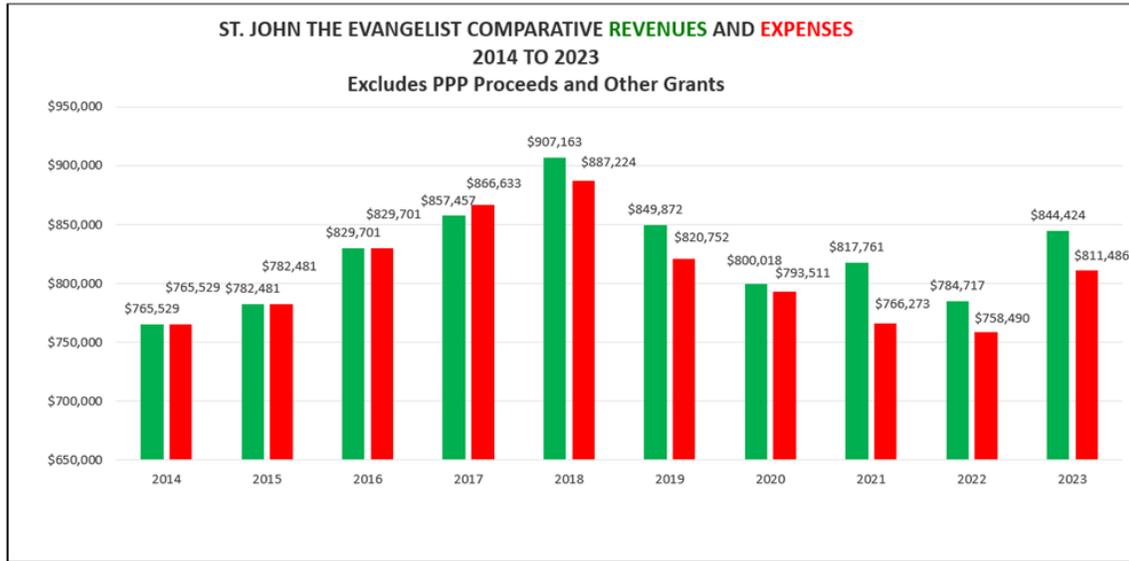
Parish Capital Loan

Beginning Balance—7/1/2023	\$1,081,248
Principal Payments	(\$45,069)
Ending Balance—6/30/2023	<u>\$1,036,179</u>
Interest Accrued & Paid during the FY 2022-2023	\$18,902

School Capital Loan

Beginning Balance—7/1/2023	\$1,269,289
Principal Payments	(\$49,166)
Ending Balance—6/30/2023	<u>\$1,220,123</u>
Interest Accrued & Paid during the FY 2022-2023	\$24,833

Parish Revenues & Expenses



Our Mission Statement:

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish are called to embrace the Church's mission of proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ for all. Our witness to the presence of God and our reaching out to others, allows us to deepen our relationship with God. We accomplish this through our worship together, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist; through ongoing faith development, for all people of all ages and life situations; through the performance of good works; and through responsible stewardship, by which we care for the gifts given to us by our God.

