

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been quite the whirlwind over this last year together. As the weeks and months have moved along quickly, I have slowly settled in and feel that St. John's is certainly my home. I hope you feel that way about our parish and school. This is your spiritual home.

This past year has seen a lot of change, especially in terms of our own parish staff and school staff alongside a new pastor and new principal. That said, change while difficult, if it moves us along the path to mission, is necessary.

We have clarified the reason for which we exist as a parish - **to radiate the love of Christ so that all may be fully alive in Him.** That is at the heart of what we are doing today and going forward. We want Christ, the face of our loving God, to be the one we share with the world so that all might come to know and believe in Him. Everything we do must in some way move us along that path.

One way we are doing is bringing people to an encounter with Christ. We are starting a new ministry in our parish called **Foundations of Faith.** It is an 8 week series that will start this Fall and it will be offered again in the Winter. Through the course of 8 weeks, over a delicious meal, authentic conversations, and thought provoking presentations, everyone of any walk of life is invited to ponder the question of faith and invite God into their lives once more. Please pray for its fruitfulness. And if you feel so inclined, add in some fasting as well. Nothing bears more fruit than our prayer and fasting. Then, consider joining us, in the Fall or in one of the sessions to come. I want every member of the parish to experience it!

I do want to emphasize one thing that is critical to keep in mind. We are not a parish that runs a school or a parish that has a separate institution that is a school. **We are a parish with many ministries, one of which is our parish school.** It is an essential part of who we are.

I encourage you to see it in this light. As we walk together as one parish family, let us find ways to support our parish school. We are blessed with an excellent principal and amazing school staff alongside our parish staff. Honestly, I am excited and hopeful for what this year will bring.

This is a stewardship report. Below you will see how the time, talent, and treasure that you have offered over this last year has born real spiritual fruit. Reflecting in gratitude over the gifts given and the blessings received, I invite you to ponder how you will make **a good gift of yourself** in this coming year as a member of our parish community.

There is much in store and as I like to tell people, we are just getting started. May the Holy Spirit lead and may we all with joyful hearts follow faithfully.



Rev. Colin Wen
Pastor

TIME & TALENT

We have so many talented parishioners that serve and invest in many public and hidden ways throughout our parish community. Here are just a few highlights.

We have 17 Homebound Ministers that visited over 55 people regularly this last year. Our SVDP Food Locker provided food for needy families from our local community 3038 times. 95 volunteers spent approximately 9,042 hours of their time to provide for the hungry. Over \$50,000 in assistance for rent, utilities, and other needs was distributed through SVDP. We had 15 members in our choir and many cantors. Our B'Frienders Funeral Committee hosted 11 Funeral Receptions.

We have over 100 parishioners who serve as Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as part of Liturgical Environment, Altar Society, and Altar Linen groups.

Many of you participated in Magnify 90 and Exodus 90 during Winter. We had 100 kids come to our Totus Tuus Summer program. Our Date Night had 28 couples join us. 60 unique participants have come monthly to our Senior Group. Our Trivia Night, Parish Picnic, Game Night, Lenten Soup Suppers, Outdoor Movie Night, Parking Lot Yard Sale, Parish Mission, and first ever Simbang Gabi Mass at SJE were all wonderful ways we saw parishioners engage in intentional community this year. And there is much more to come this new year.

PARISH & SCHOOL CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Here are a number of the improvements we have made to our campus in the last year. Some that still in progress are included below:

St. Peter Room was renovated with new paint, flooring, and furniture

The Parish Rectory was renovated with new flooring throughout, new lighting in the common areas, fixing of the dry rot in the exterior siding and repainting, renovation of two bathrooms, increased insulation in the common areas with removal of some windows.

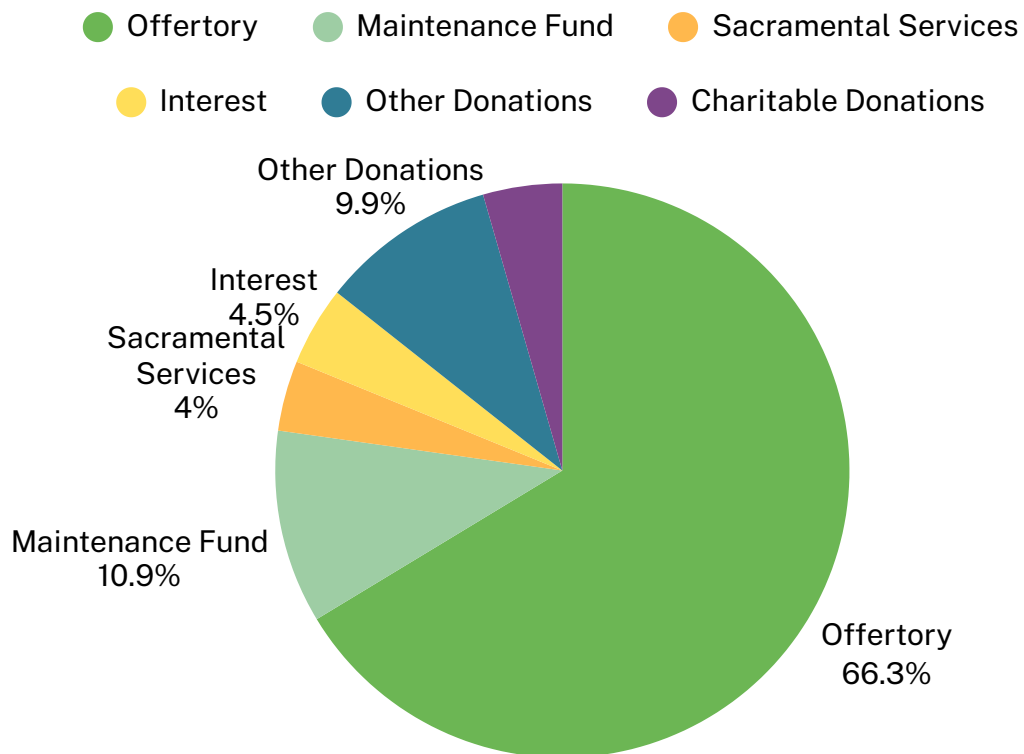
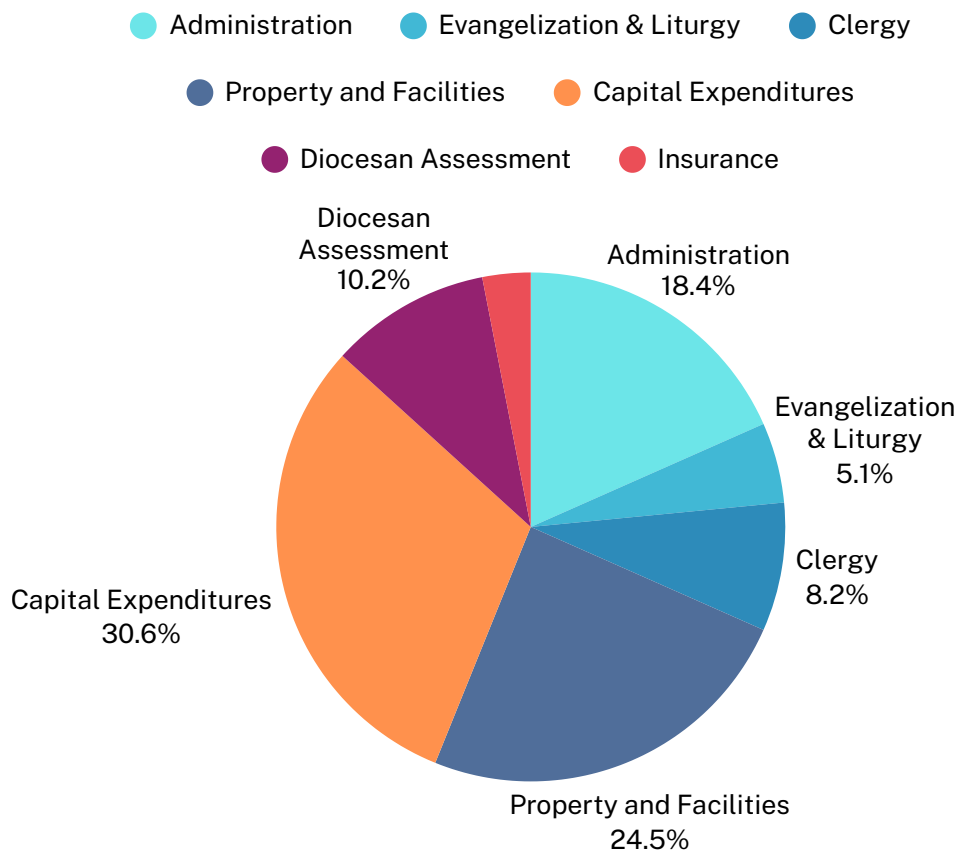
In the Church the Working and Main Sacristy of the Church as well as the Confessionals had wallpaper removed, sealed, retextured, and painted. New cabinets and countertops were put into the Main Sacristy. New flooring was installed in the Chapel Bathroom. A new sound system was installed in the church. A new camera system was installed in and outside the church. The statues of Our Lady and St. John are being repainted.

The exterior of **Mercy Hall** was painted. The roof was replaced.

St. James Hall had the asbestos removed from the ceiling. New lighting was installed. New windows are being installed. New carpet tiles are to be installed.

Five new HVAC units were installed at the **Tralee**. The roof was replaced. The exterior block walls of the Tralee were cleaned and sealed. The efflorescence on the interior was cleaned off the interior walls.

The **Preschool Building** also received a new roof. The Preschool path was redone to accomodate strollers and access during the winter.

INCOME: \$978,873**EXPENSES: \$1,152,317**

NEW UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR

We are hosting our first Foundations of Faith starting September 9 and we plan to host it again in the Winter as well.

We have two Women's Days of Recollection booked in the calendar with some excellent speakers. We also have our Parish Mission in Lent with Fr. John Anthony Boughton CFR. We will host a Paint & Sip as well as a special Mass and Reception for San Lorenzo Ruiz. We also have four 24 Hours of Adoration scheduled as well.

There is a lot to come this year as we seek to build intentional community, encounter Christ, and take the next steps of Christian discipleship.

A LOOK BACK AT 2025-26

