



# St. John the Evangelist ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2024

My dear friends in Christ,

As I enter into my ninth year as your pastor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, I am as filled with hope and enthusiasm for our continued growth in our Gospel mission today as I was when I arrived in Wellesley nine years ago. As I reflect on where we are today, I think about our recent Collaborative Outdoor Mass, concelebrated by all five of the priests of the Collaborative, assisted by our deacon, our pastoral team, and a crew of young servers. We actually needed to get a bigger stage for the altar this year!

The music of the Mass was provided by members of all our choirs and music groups, who came together to sing under the direction of our new Collaborative Director of Music, William Endicott. Williams's talent and energy are enhancing all of our choirs, and his welcoming presence is nurturing the excitement of the young singers in our new Children's Choir. Singing in the choir allows our children to participate more fully in the liturgy, and William's holistic approach, with child, teen, and adult choirs, creates a path for their continued growth both in music and faith, strengthening their connection to our parish and the Church.

I also think about the great news we received in August, when Fr. Gabriel was appointed to serve as our Parochial Vicar. His infectious joy and dedication to the priesthood, combined with his more than ten years' experience as a pastor in Cameroon, make him a tremendous asset to me in ministering to and managing such a large and active collaborative. Fr. Gabriel and our two Scholar Priests in Residence, Fr. Lesley and Fr. James, bring a beautiful diversity of history, culture, and perspective to our liturgies and our parishes. Their presence allowed us to add a 7:30am Mass to our Sunday schedule, and has strengthened our ability to minister to the community and respond quickly with the sacraments for the sick and dying. When students from Wellesley College approached Kelly Meraw, our Director of Pastoral Care and Liturgy, for help because Sunday Mass was no longer offered on campus, Kelly and Sr. Colleen Gibson, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, were able not only to schedule weekly Confessions and Sunday Mass for these young Catholic women living in our collaborative, but also to build a relationship with the students to provide ongoing pastoral care and leadership.

I think about Saint John School, which continues to flourish with enrollment remaining near capacity in most grades. SJS provides children a top quality education rooted in the beauty and values of our Catholic faith, thanks in large measure to our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. In partnership with SJS, we recently completed a major capital project - the long overdue replacement of our parking lot. The project included significant improvements to both safety and aesthetics, including moving the statue of the Blessed Mother closer to the Parish Center to create a beautiful garden and gathering area for prayer and quiet reflection.

As I look with excitement to our future, I am so grateful for your incredible dedication and financial generosity to St. John the Evangelist Parish. At the same time, I recognize the ongoing financial challenges that come with a large and vibrant parish, especially in these times of rising costs. Our 2024-2025 balanced budget assumes growth in donations to cover these expenses, so as you plan for the year ahead, I ask that you prayerfully consider what you are able to give to support St. John Parish and its ministries.

It is my privilege not only to be your pastor, but to be a member of this community of faith!

With love and gratitude in Christ,

Reverend James J. Laughlin, Pastor

## Notes to the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

The financial statements of St. John the Evangelist Parish (the Parish) consist of the accounts of the Central Office of the Parish, including the operation of the Rectory, the Church, and the Parish Center. Saint John the Evangelist School (the School) is a mission of the Parish. The assets and liabilities of the School are not included in the Parish financial statements, and are attached separately and discussed in greater detail on subsequent pages.

### **ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST PARISH Notes to the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Highlights and explanatory comments for the Parish's unaudited financial statements as of June 30, 2024:

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS** (actual results for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2024, and budgets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2025)

- **For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024**, the Parish reported an Operating Surplus of \$4,675. Both Total Operating Revenue and Total Operating Expenses increased over fiscal year 2023. Due to Capital Expenditures of \$160,322, the parish had an overall decrease in Total Net Assets of \$154,425.
- **Operating Revenue** grew by \$28,263 from \$960,770 for the year ended June 30, 2023 to \$989,033 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Total Giving for Operations, which increased by \$10,504 from \$874,524 for fiscal year 2023 to \$885,028 for fiscal year 2024, continues to comprise approximately 90% of Total Operating Revenue. The Weekly Offertory as well as Gifts and Donations experienced year over year increases of \$7,504 and \$19,009, respectively. The other main drivers of the increase in Total Operating Revenue were the Sacramental Offerings increase of \$7,671 and the Catholic Appeal Rebate increase of \$4,965. Smaller changes occurred in Religious Education, Interest Income, and Miscellaneous Income.
- **Operating Expenses** increased by \$41,167 from fiscal year 2023. The two largest changes occurred in Salary and Benefits and Property Maintenance Expenses. Salary and Benefits Expense rose by \$18,662, and included both the addition of a religious sister in the Pastoral Care department and wage and health insurance cost increases. Property Maintenance spending increased by \$16,353; \$10,036 of this amount was due to rising utility and insurance prices. Music and Liturgical Expenses increased by \$3,770, mainly due to the costs of the annual Outdoor Mass, and Religious Education costs grew by \$3,598 due to additional costs of the Confirmation program and the related overnight retreat. Rectory and Household Expenses decreased by \$3,208 and all other line items fluctuated by less than \$2,100 each.
- **Net Assets Released from Restrictions** reflects the use of donor restricted funds for their intended purpose, and is shown as an increase in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions and as a corresponding decrease in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions.
- **Capital Expenditures.** The Parish embarked on its highly successful *Faith in Our Future* Capital Campaign during fiscal year 2014, and the parish has continued to benefit from use of amounts donated. The Parish spent a total of \$160,322 on capital items during fiscal year 2024. The largest expenditures were \$77,899 for the church's new boiler, an initial payment of \$34,311 for HVAC units in the Parish Center, \$28,790 to replace part of the rectory sewer line, and \$9,550 to replace church gutters. As of June 30, 2024, the Parish had \$238,716 remaining from its *Faith in Our Future* proceeds. The Parish will spend the majority of those funds during fiscal 2025 on the balance of the Parish Center HVAC project and the refurbishment of the parking lot.
- **Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.** For fiscal year 2025, Total Operating Expenses are projected to increase by 4% over fiscal 2024 actual amounts received. In order to achieve a break-even result, the budget also requires that Total Giving for Operations, which is comprised of Weekly Offertory and Annual Appeal Collections, as well as Gifts and Donations, increases by 4% over fiscal year 2024 actual amounts received. The fiscal 2025 budget recognizes recent trends in giving by decreasing Weekly Offertory Revenue while increasing revenue from Gifts and Donations, most of which are unsolicited.

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (as of June 30, 2023 and 2024)

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents** decreased by \$219,089 during fiscal year 2024. This is largely a result of (1) capital expenditures made throughout the fiscal year which were paid for by assets held in savings accounts and (2) the decrease in Total Liabilities, which reflects the use of cash to pay obligations of the parish.
- **Accounts Receivable** represents amounts owed to St. John Parish by Saint John School and St. Paul Parish, as well as gifts initiated by donors at the end of fiscal year 2024 but not received until fiscal year 2025.
- **Accounts Payable & Other Current Liabilities** at June 30, 2024 includes \$13,452 of Accrued Payroll Expense and \$17,089 owed to other parties.
- **Deposits** decreased by \$37,103 from fiscal year 2023, and include \$34,421 of Religious Education tuition paid during fiscal 2024 which will be recognized as revenue during fiscal year 2025. Also included in that line item are amounts to be used for charitable purposes, such as POWIR and Christmas Wish, and dollars to be remitted to outside parties from special collections at weekend masses.
- **Net Assets** are divided between those that have donor restrictions and those that do not have donor restrictions. Unspent Capital Campaign funds are included in the Net Assets with Donor Restrictions line item.

### **SAINT JOHN SCHOOL Notes to the Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

*Highlights and explanatory comments for the School's unaudited financial statements as of June 30, 2024:*

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (actual results for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2024, and budgets for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2025)

- **For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024**, the School's Total Operating Revenue grew by 8% or \$243,825, and the corresponding increase in Total Operating Expenses was 16% or \$396,549. The Operating Surplus for the fiscal year totaled \$395,549. The Total Change in Net Assets, which includes the effect of Non-Operating items, was \$414,499.
- **Operating Revenue** is mostly comprised of three sources: (1) funds received for children attending the School (Tuition, Registration Fees, After School and Athletics Program fees, and net Hot Lunch Revenue), which totaled \$2,939,687 or 92% of total revenue, (2) School fund raising, net of fundraising expenses, which totaled \$110,820 or 3% of total revenue, and (3) the Archdiocese's and the Parish's combined subsidies of \$71,700, or 2% of total revenue.
- **Operating Expenses** rose in several categories. The growth of \$289,211 in Salary and Benefits indicates the school's continued investment in its faculty and staff, which is central to maintaining the school's academic excellence. Although favorable relative to its corresponding growth in revenue, the non-salary After School & Athletics Programs Expenses increased by \$28,268 as compared to fiscal 2023. Property Maintenance expenditures increased by \$26,418. Spending in this category included daily cleaning of the school building as well as the annual floor waxing and carpet cleaning. Other property maintenance costs included HVAC maintenance and air filter replacement, plumbing repairs, and insurance, utility, and snow removal costs. The increase in Administrative Expenses is due to the utilization of new health and safety software for the nurse's office. Miscellaneous Expenses grew by \$17,622, with the majority of the increase being costs of the school's successful reaccreditation process; other components of the category include nursing supplies, field trips and enrichment activities, yearbook, marketing and advertising, teacher appreciation, and sacrament expenditures.
- **Capital Expenditures, net of Fundraising** of \$115,751 included costs of \$45,236 for the new school communication system, \$42,581 for classroom furniture and blinds, and \$16,379 for the two new first grade classrooms. Additionally, the school paid \$4,500 for engineering work on the school's new HVAC system. The school added heat pumps to all classrooms, which allows cooling in those spaces. The majority of the HVAC system costs will appear as Capital Expenditures in fiscal 2025.

- **Contributions** of \$151,406 in the Net Assets with Donor Restrictions section include \$136,816 funds raised during the school's biennial auction which were designated for the new HVAC system and another \$8,465 of funds raised during the school's Giving Tuesday campaign which were designated for the new communication system. The remaining contributions are for the restricted purposes of scholarships and teacher classroom items. The unspent portion of 2024 contributions will be utilized in future school years, and their use will then be reflected as Net Assets Released from Restrictions.

#### **STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION** (as of June 30, 2023 and 2024)

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents** increased by \$481,118, due to the school's positive fiscal 2024 financial results.
- **Accounts Receivable & Other Current Assets** increased by \$56,879. Consistent with recent years, the majority of the increase is due to growth in Tuition Receivable for the upcoming academic year.
- **Deferred Revenue** rose by \$76,127, which represents tuition for the 2024-2025 school year. The total Deferred Revenue of \$2,621,517 will be recognized as revenue during fiscal year 2025.
- **Net Assets** are divided between those that have donor restrictions and those that do not have donor restrictions. The \$168,658 of unspent Contributions at June 30, 2024 appear as Net Assets with Donor Restrictions, while the remaining \$2,272,864 of Net Assets do not have any donor restrictions placed upon them. The school's net surpluses over the past few years have contributed to the growth in Net Assets.

*As required by the Archdiocese of Boston, the unaudited financial statements of the Parish and the School have been prepared on a basis of accounting that is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; the property, plant and equipment of the Parish and the School are not reported in the associated Statements of Financial Position, and all improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred. This has been done over the years to more accurately reflect the annual cash costs to maintain and upkeep the Parish and School's property and facilities.*

*Parish financial staff maintains the books and records of St. John the Evangelist Parish and Saint John School, and prepared the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes. The St. John the Evangelist Parish Finance Council, which provides financial oversight of both the Parish and the School, met multiple times during the fiscal year to provide advice and counsel to the Pastor, including review of financial results, development of the budget, monitoring the progress of capital projects, and cash management.*

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets**  
for the years ended June 30

	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
<b>Net Assets without Donor Restrictions:</b>				
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Giving for Operations				
Weekly Offertory	\$ 426,195	\$ 488,500	\$ 433,699	\$ 458,500
Annual Appeal	317,738	350,000	301,729	350,000
Gifts and Donations	130,591	50,414	149,600	114,324
Total Giving for Operations	<u>874,524</u>	<u>888,914</u>	<u>885,028</u>	<u>922,824</u>
Sacramental Offerings	19,359	20,000	27,030	20,000
Religious Education	34,494	39,000	37,559	46,000
Catholic Appeal Rebate	17,073	17,073	22,038	22,037
Interest Income	11,453	7,000	13,473	11,500
Miscellaneous	3,867	3,500	3,905	3,000
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<u><b>960,770</b></u>	<u><b>975,487</b></u>	<u><b>989,033</b></u>	<u><b>1,025,361</b></u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salary and Benefits	582,272	591,066	600,934	635,703
Administrative Expense	37,581	39,700	37,349	40,000
Music and Liturgical	18,106	18,600	21,876	21,800
Religious Education	13,601	15,380	17,199	23,760
Rectory and Household	11,644	12,550	8,436	11,500
Property Maintenance	190,361	212,270	206,714	211,903
Parish Tithe	42,520	41,671	41,670	40,445
School Tithe	40,000	40,000	40,000	35,000
Miscellaneous Expense	6,892	4,250	8,958	5,250
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	214	-	1,222	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u><b>943,191</b></u>	<u><b>975,487</b></u>	<u><b>984,358</b></u>	<u><b>1,025,361</b></u>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Non-operating Revenue and Expenses</b>	<u><b>17,579</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>4,675</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Non-operating Revenue and Expenses</b>				
Capital Expenditures	(42,091)	-	(160,322)	-
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	17,206	-	159,843	-
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions</b>	<u><b>(7,306)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>4,196</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:</b>				
Contributions	-	-	-	-
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(16,992)	-	(158,621)	-
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Assets with Donor Restrictions</b>	<u><b>(16,992)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>(158,621)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Total Change in Net Assets</b>	<u><u><b>\$ (24,298)</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ -</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ (154,425)</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ -</b></u></u>

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**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
as of June 30

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,314,992	\$ 1,095,903
Accounts Receivable	24,332	56,017
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,339,324</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,151,920</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Other Current Liabilities	\$26,417	\$30,541
Deposits	100,022	62,919
Total Liabilities	<u>126,439</u>	<u>93,460</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	634,454	638,650
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	578,431	419,810
Total Net Assets	<u>1,212,885</u>	<u>1,058,460</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$1,339,324</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,151,920</b></u>

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**SAINT JOHN SCHOOL**  
**Statements of Changes in Net Assets**  
for the years ended June 30

	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>
<b>Net Assets without Donor Restrictions:</b>				
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Tuition, net of Financial Aid	\$ 2,179,880	\$ 2,421,275	\$ 2,375,117	\$ 2,492,887
Registration Fees	123,200	127,050	128,150	122,375
After School & Athletics Programs	351,992	195,000	415,848	250,000
Fundraising & Other Donations	167,429	90,000	110,820	90,000
Hot Lunch, net	21,583	15,000	20,572	15,000
Parish Transfer	40,000	40,000	40,000	35,000
Archdiocese Support	33,594	33,594	31,700	31,700
Other Income and Fees	42,711	33,900	82,007	81,000
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<u><b>2,960,389</b></u>	<u><b>2,955,819</b></u>	<u><b>3,204,214</b></u>	<u><b>3,117,962</b></u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salary and Benefits	2,121,233	2,400,600	2,410,444	2,522,786
Administrative Expense	39,859	35,000	44,837	35,000
Textbooks, Instructional Materials & Teaching Supplies	69,370	65,000	66,599	66,000
After School & Athletics Programs	58,719	45,000	86,987	60,000
Property Maintenance	121,294	131,322	147,712	144,265
Technology & Professional Development	16,257	12,000	4,057	17,000
Miscellaneous Expense	47,112	30,000	64,734	35,300
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(61,728)	-	(16,705)	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u><b>2,412,116</b></u>	<u><b>2,718,922</b></u>	<u><b>2,808,665</b></u>	<u><b>2,880,351</b></u>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Non-operating Revenue and Expenses</b>	<u><b>548,273</b></u>	<u><b>236,897</b></u>	<u><b>395,549</b></u>	<u><b>237,611</b></u>
<b>Non-operating Revenue and Expenses</b>				
Gain/(loss) on Market Value of Investments	8,448	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures, net of fundraising	(99,973)	(78,800)	(115,751)	(547,000)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	79,155	-	12,965	-
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Assets without Donor Restrictions</b>	<u><b>535,903</b></u>	<u><b>158,097</b></u>	<u><b>292,763</b></u>	<u><b>(309,389)</b></u>
<b>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:</b>				
Contributions	27,555	-	151,406	-
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(140,883)	-	(29,670)	-
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Assets with Donor Restrictions</b>	<u><b>(113,328)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>121,736</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>Total Change in Net Assets</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 422,575</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ 158,097</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ 414,499</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ (309,389)</b></u></u>

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**SAINT JOHN SCHOOL**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
as of June 30

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$3,124,498	\$3,605,616
Accounts Receivable & Other Current Assets	1,618,400	1,675,279
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$4,742,898</b></u>	<u><b>\$5,280,895</b></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	45,325	34,234
Accrued Payroll	125,160	183,622
Deferred Revenue	2,545,390	2,621,517
Total Liabilities	<u>2,715,875</u>	<u>2,839,373</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	1,980,101	2,272,864
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	46,922	168,658
Total Net Assets	<u>2,027,023</u>	<u>2,441,522</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$4,742,898</b></u>	<u><b>\$5,280,895</b></u>

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