



strengthening our faith

by rebuilding our heritage

November 2024

My dear parishioners,

Each year at this time we publish a report on the financial condition of the parish. As you reflect on how you will support the Cathedral parish in 2025, I hope that the information contained in this report will help your decision-making. The report details not only the dollars and cents, but also some of the ministries and activities made possible through your support.

Annual Report FY 2023 – 2024

Let’s begin with a few facts about our membership and sacramental activity during this period. Note that all figures in this report are quoted on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30). For 2024, for example, figures are for July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Parish Snapshot

2024	2023	2022	
2,212	2,260	2,254	Registered households
4,052	4,171	4,133	Individual members
438	396	404	FaithDirect participants
757	713	757	Contributing registered households
6	6	6	Masses/weekend
17	17	17	Daily Masses/week
2	2	2	Livestreamed Masses/week

Sacramental Celebrations

2024	2023	2022	
94	80	97	Infant baptisms
15	9	10	Adult baptisms
8	10	11	Professions of Faith
58	56	35	First Holy Communions
130	118	116	Confirmations
11	10	14	Funerals
54	59	68	Weddings

Income

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, **our total parish income was \$2,601,997 and our total parish expenses were \$2,263,790.**

A **sampling of income categories for FY2024**, as compared with figures for prior fiscal years, is below.

2024	2023	2022	
\$900,261	\$889,039	\$858,612	Offertory collections
66,106	69,349	61,183	Building fund
106,689	89,249	68,183	Christmas collections
59,501	69,843	67,110	Christmas Friends campaign
48,677	68,906	36,114	Easter collections
161,487	174,510	260,587	Contributions & donations
0	25,000	144,566	Bequests
63,534	50,118	46,176	Poor box
23,483	19,770	16,345	Adopt-a-Family (Christmas, T'giving, Easter, Back-to-School)
22,378	13,430	4,280	Homeless project
58,764	56,593	37,447	Votive candles
661,443	642,528	626,088	1717 Rhode Island Avenue lease
77,970	79,847	95,308	Sacramental offerings (Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals)

Expenses

A **sampling of expenses for FY2023**, as compared with figures for prior fiscal years, is below.

2024	2023	2022	
\$1,040,110	\$1,133,065	\$1,075,740	Salaries, choirs & benefits
13,528	12,497	12,757	Christmas Friends campaign
23,006	24,591	15,729	Sanctuary candles
24,399	21,051	24,794	<i>Catholic Standard</i>
12,407	16,453	11,452	Mass programs
9,457	9,674	6,566	Christmas decorations
15,897	16,979	12,352	Rectory food
16,494	10,926	11,119	Homeless Ministry supplies
14,515	11,192	14,850	Adopt-a-Family (Christmas & Thanksgiving)
4,751	3,344	7,524	Rental/utilities assistance
19,429	21,275	17,457	Security (rectory)
22,462	20,762	20,900	FaithDirect fees
40,312	67,675	40,228	Thorton AC/Heat & Repair/maintenance
128,310	132,450	130,420	Utilities (oil, gas, electricity)
124,462	92,900	95,049	Property insurance
115,969	115,006	110,375	Offertory assessment by Archdiocese of Wash.
28,992	28,752	27,595	Education assessment by Archdiocese of Wash.
48,318	47,905	45,990	School assessment

Summary/Operating Budget

Income

2024	2023	2022	
\$1,254,528	\$1,252,205	\$1,135,489	Collections
1,347,469	1,139,984	1,288,425	Other Revenues
2,601,997	2,392,189	2,423,914	Total

Expenses

2024	2023	2022	
\$524,823	\$490,709	433,710	Parish life & worship
239,812	225,179	204,647	Rectory & parish clergy
169,579	158,371	134,836	Religious education
99,208	89,061	93,263	Social concerns
413,763	392,460	397,497	Administration
608,673	617,008	678,018	Physical plant
207,932	559,288	628,796	Parish other
2,263,790	2,532,076	2,570,767	Total

Income less expenses

2024	2023	2022
\$338,207	– \$139,887	– \$146,853

The financial health of the parish looks pretty good, but that can be deceiving. We were able to pay off our loan last November. That monthly payment came from the payment we get each month from the land lease of the property next door (1717 Rhode Island Avenue). We now get the full 50% of the rental amount, the diocese gets the other 50%. That has helped tremendously. The collections have remained stable, thanks to Faith Direct.

However, yes, however. The Cardinal just announced that our archdiocesan assessment will be adjusted. Up to this point we were assessed on the Offertory and Maintenance collections only. Now Holy Days, Christmas, Easter contributions and donations will be included, as well as those amounts not earmarked for a specific purpose. The new assessment rate for St. Matthew's will be 14%. A few items will have a reduced rate. This plan will start July 1, 2025.

With the new assessments I know I can depend on your generosity. I can count on you. Your donations do make a difference. I really appreciate all who contribute generously each week. If you don't give regularly, may I ask that you take the first step and give whatever you can. Others may want to think about giving just a little more.

Thank you. Your support fills me with gratitude and even awe! What we have accomplished here at St. Matthew's you have made possible. Just one little commercial: if you are not participating in **FaithDirect, please do so**. It's a simple process to register (membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/DC284; Church code 284). Those who use online giving or otherwise made substantial donations **save us**. I am so very grateful.

God bless you all. What is important is to give what you can, no matter how much or how little. God has given us so much. For that we are so grateful. Let us make a return gift by giving to our parish. If you have any questions, just give me a call.

Again, thank you and God bless.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Ronald Jameson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W".

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