



St. Theodore Parish,

The poet Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins starts my favorite sonnet: The world is charged with the grandeur of God. I'll echo him: **St. Theodore is charged with the grandeur of God.** I've seen it in our life of prayer, our community, our school, our programs, and in you. Our parish is charged with the grandeur of God. **Thank you for all you do for God's glory here.** 

**Included is the parish stewardship report for July 2023–June 2024**. It shows how our parish has used the resources that you have provided to it this past year. I'd like to highlight a few things:

- Thank you for your generous increase in offertory in response to last year's offertory appeal. Our offertory was ahead of budget, thanks to your sacrificial gifts and generous increase in giving.
- Our '23 Summer Picnic, '23 Fall Festival, and '24 Dinner Auction (our largest fundraisers) all did fantastically. We budget on the low side for these because we don't how weather or other factors will impact the events. They were great this year!
- We had two large expenses that we were able to cover because of these great successes. First, the HVAC above the cafeteria and gym was replaced (assisted by a \$75,000 grant from the Archdiocese). Also, we made two classroom spaces in the old school building. While making those we upgraded the old school to be integrated into our school-wide fire alarm system.
- Our school received some grants that have allowed us to make some upgrades too. One of these paid for a camera system to monitor the entrances to the school and main hallways.
- Altogether, we were blessed with your immense generosity in offertory, the great success of our fundraisers, the large grants we received (over \$115,000 total!), and some lower expenses than budgeted. Even with our extra campus maintenance and campus growth expenses, we were able to finish over \$100,000 in the black. Thank you!

As we look forward to this next year, I'd like to highlight a few things:

- As we explore our stewardship of treasure, please prayerfully consider increasing your regular gift to our parish. I encourage online giving. If you need envelopes for in-person giving or help setting up your online giving, please let us know!
- Please join a faith formation group. Some have existed and some are new. I encourage you to become part of them to grow closer to Christ in community with others! They include ACTS Retreats, 27:17 men's bonfire evenings, All Pro Dad, Bloom women's group, Into the Breach men's group, G2 young married couples' group, Kickstart school-aged children group, Middle School Youth Ministry, and High School Youth Ministry. There are some in-home bible studies too!
- The parish council has often discussed how to keep the strong sense of unity and identity in our parish as we grow. We can offer some things to help with parish unity, in the greatest way parish unity is formed from the ground up. So, I'm asking you to do something a little awkward, but super important for our parish unity. Think of someone you see regularly at Mass or parish events. You know that person's face, but don't know his name. Go up to that person and say, "I've seen you a lot, and I've spoken with you too, but I can't remember your name. I'm Fr. Purcell." Stick out your hand for a handshake. He'll laugh, tell you his name, and then you can have a good conversation. Please: meet 5 new people by name. That'll be over 10,000 new relationships formed here at the parish! (I suggest using your own name, though. It will work better!)
- The greatest gift you can give a friend is an invitation to a relationship with Jesus. Think of a friend. Start praying for him and for the chance to invite him to know Jesus. And then, make the invitation!

Please continue to pray for me, the staff here, and our whole parish. Please especially that all in our parish *know God's* glory, experience a deeper conversion of heart, and seeks to be a saint. God bless you!

Fr. Purcell

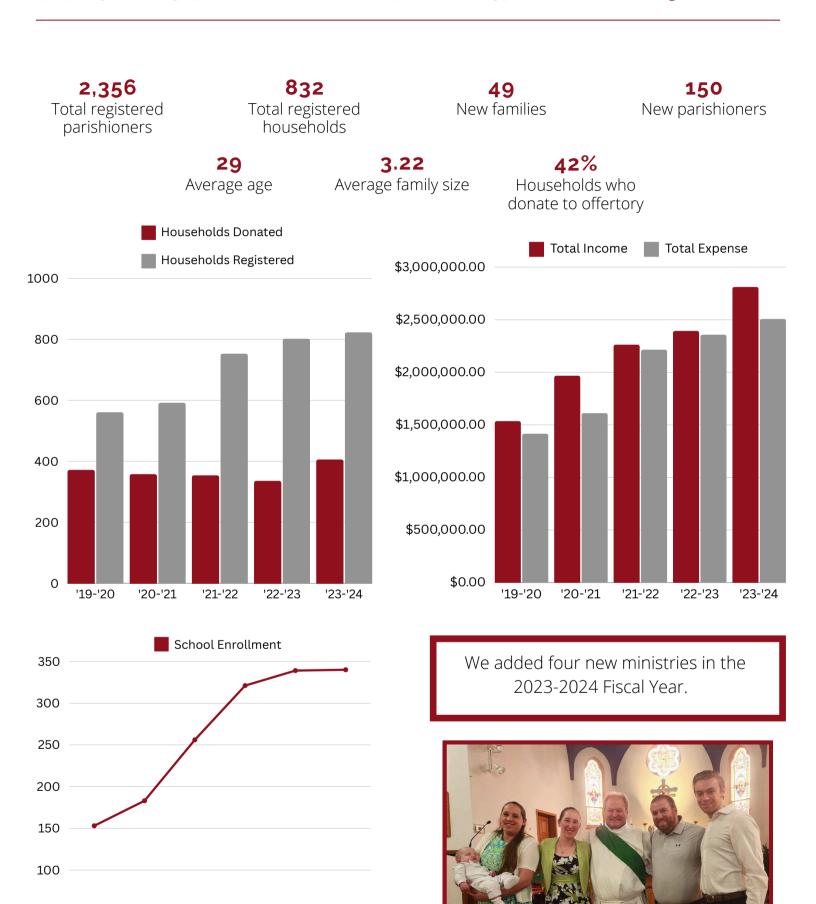
# **OUR PARISH BY THE NUMBERS**

50

'19-'20 '20-'21 '21-'22

'22-'23

'23-'24



### LIVING OUT OUR PARISH MISSION

This past year as a parish community, we celebrated:

490 Masses **76** 

**17** Baptisms First Communions Confirmations Weddings

12 Receptions

13 **Funerals** 

into the Faith

Christian Formation

339 School Students

52 PSR Students

12 RCIA Participants 24

Youth Ministry Participants

**Community Service** 

476 Meal of the Month Bags

101 Neighbors in Need assisted by SVdP

198

Units of Blood Donated

Parish Service

PSR Catechists

School Faculty & Staff

12

Money Counters

39

Dinner Auction Workers Parish Picnic Workers Fall Festival Workers

410

331

316 STYSA Participants

61 STYSA Coaches





# **PARISH FINANCIALS**

INCOME	Budget FY 2023-2024	Actual FY 2023-2024	Budget FY 2024-2025
Unrestricted Revenue	\$778,890.70	\$824,274.75	\$866,672.00
Restricted Offerings & Gifts	\$46,517.53	\$66,707.75	\$60,226.00
Program Fees	\$1,379,567.23	\$1,357,399.87	\$1,532,319.00
Investment Income	\$2,479.00	\$12,737.69	\$12,251.00
Grant Revenue	\$128,581.00	\$242,991.56	\$128,770.00
Other Revenues	\$220,945.09	\$306,016.47	\$208,956.00
Credit Card Fees	\$743.00	\$1,388.42	\$1,138.00
Total Income	\$2,557,723.55	\$2,811,516.51	\$2,810,332.00
EXPENSE			
Personnel Costs	\$1,682,555.20	\$1,578,662.30	\$1,809,218.32
Supplies	\$165,518.89	\$165,040.29	\$157,719.40
Fees & Services	\$98,942.96	\$135,656.51	\$70,680.00
Occupancy	\$366,931.71	\$394,170.93	\$386,166.00
Tfrs Other Parishes/Diocese	\$224,272.00	\$233,553.00	\$247,656.00
Total Expense	\$2,538,220.76	\$2,507,083.03	\$2,671,439.72
OTHER INCOME/EXPENSE			
Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expense	\$0.00	\$202,689.00	\$43,148.00
Net Other Income	\$0.00	-\$202,689.00	\$-43,148.00
Net Income	\$19,502.79	\$101,744.48	\$95,744.28

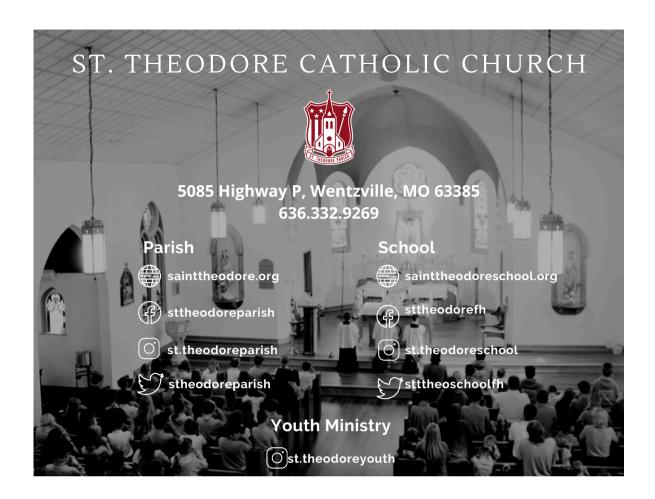
**HVAC** Grant from Archdiocese

2023-2024 INCOME HIGHLIGHTS		2023-2024 EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS	
Offertory	\$781,432.00	Salaries	\$1,233,320.00
School Tuition	\$1,374,162.00	Benefits and Insurance	\$257,761.00
PSR Tuition	\$8,976.00	3rd-Floor Classroom Rebuild	\$34,076.00
Cemetery Fees	\$6,784.00	HVAC Down Payment	\$105,000.00
Dinner Auction 2024	\$156,849.00	•	
Parish Picnic 2023	\$42,070.00		
Fall Festival 2023	\$33,360.00		

## 2023-2024 PARISH SAVINGS

\$75,000.00

Money Market Parish	\$431,215.00
Money Market School Restricted	\$335,311.00
Money Market Cemetery Restricted	\$8,327.00
Money Market Maintenance Restricted	\$37,209.00
Beyond Sunday Campaign Account	\$98,809.00
Bank of Old Monroe General Account	\$361,401.00



# Giving

Every gift that you make to our parish helps us to advance our mission.

Here is how you can continue to help:

#### Online

Sign up for online giving. An automated donation means you can support us continually, easily, and without reminder.

Go to osvhub.com/st-theodore-church to sign up and begin making your secure contribution.



#### Mail

Mail in your weekly contribution by check in your offering envelope to:

St. Theodore Catholic Church ATTN: Stewardship Giving 5085 Highway P, Wentzville, MO 63385

### In Person

Place your offering envelope in the collection at any weekend Mass.