



*With such affection for you,  
we were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God,  
but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.*  
~ I Thessalonian 2:28

During the course of my recent sabbatical, I spent some time with this passage in prayer. It jumped out at me as I was prayerfully reading my way through some of the New Testament epistles. Christ wanted to challenge me – and us – with it. As Catholic Christian faithful, we've heard, at least I've said often enough, that we are all called to help spread the Gospel. We've heard Jesus Christ's Great Commission (Mt 28:19) to "Go make Disciples, baptizing them... and teaching them all that I commanded you." Essential to our own baptism is this call to witness to and evangelize others with Gospel Good News. We are to share it with others. St Paul is affirming this fact in the in his letter to the Catholic Christian community in Thessalonica. He was determined to share the Gospel of God and to do so with affection. For what greater love is there than to assist another in attending to their salvation in Christ. That is a love that has an eternal impact for good.

Yet, the part that really challenged me, and something I think worth reflection on together, is that we Catholic Christians are not called by Paul's example and exhortation merely to share the external 'object' or 'thing' of the Gospel, as if we could hand a tangible Bible over to another and say "Here, there you go! You've got it now". But we are called to share "our very selves" with the other as essential to our witness, evangelization, and love of neighbor. While each of us will experience a particular judgement, we live the Gospel in Community with others. And this entails a sharing of self.

This should not surprise us. After all, our Savior came in the Flesh, to share Himself with us personally, tangibly, substantially. His was not just a message of Good News (it is that), but also a shared personal encounter with Good News in His Person. A person who shared – and sacrificed – that very self for us upon the Cross and then rose on the Third Day. We, Christians, are called to do the same. We can't just give away the message of Jesus; we must be Jesus given away in our very selves to others. St Paul understood this truth only too perfectly.

It is this same truth that we encounter in the Eucharist. There we encounter not a what, an 'object' or 'thing', but a WHO – our Lord Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity, truly, really, substantially, Sacramentally present. It is in the Mass when we gather that we experience Jesus sharing not just His Word through the Scriptures but His very self – "Take this all of you and eat it. It is my Body" (Mt 26:26). Jesus is the one who first shared the Gospel and then His very self. St Paul did likewise (and was the first to write about this Eucharist sharing and unity in the Body, Cf. I Corinthians 11-12). And we, the Catholic Christians of the today, are meant to carry it forward by sharing both the Gospel and our very selves.

This we do in many marvelous ways through the members & ministries of *Holy Family* Parish and School. Each year, when we compile the "State of the Parish" report, I'm amazed at both the normal ways and the new and varied ways we find to share the Gospel and, yes, our very selves with those around us. 2022-23 once again showed that the Holy Family family excels in this good and holy undertaking of sharing the Gospel, forming intentional disciples, engaging in fellowship and serving others. And we do it by the gift of our very selves, one to another and one to the community. Praise God! May He make us nothing less than saints!

***+ Nothing Less than saints for the Holy Family of God. +***

Holy Family, Pray for us,



Very Rev. Jeremy M. Gries, VF



# Holy Family Catholic Church

## Parish Annual Report

July 01, 2022 – June 30, 2023

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT

(July 01, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

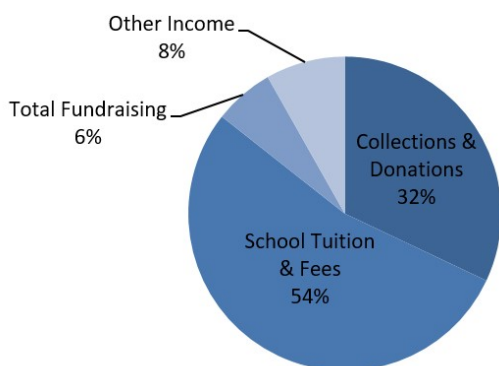
Number of Registered Households = 649      Estimated number of individual Members = 1487

Households Contributing Trackable Donations (Envelope/Check/Faith Direct) = 517 (79.7%)

\$0 = 132 households (20.3%) | \$0.01-\$250 = 110 ☹ | \$250-\$500 = 62 | \$500-\$1000 = 91 ☹

\$1000-\$2500 = 159 | \$2500-\$5000 = 69 ☹ | \$5000-\$10000 = 18 ☹ | >\$10000 = 8

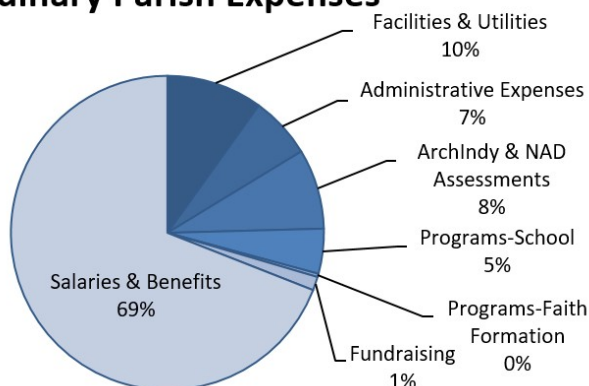
### Ordinary Parish Income



#### INCOME:

Sundays/Holy Days Collections	\$ 837,742
Other Donations to Parish	\$ 112,026
School Tuition & Fees	\$1,590,735
Faith Formation Fees	\$ 2,364
Fundraising – School	\$ 172,587
Fundraising – Fish Fry & others	\$ 11,217
Sales (Ads, Cafeteria, Rentals)	\$ 231,455
<u>Interest &amp; Investment Income</u>	<u>\$ 9,545</u>
<b>Total Ordinary HF Income</b>	<b>\$2,967,671</b>

### Ordinary Parish Expenses



#### EXPENSE:

School Salaries	\$1,230,811
Parish Salaries	\$ 247,472
Employee Benefits	\$ 366,232
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 136,030
NA Deanery Assessments	\$ 84,240
Admin (Parish + Sch)	\$ 111,636
Property & Facilities	\$ 162,644
Utilities	\$ 102,510
Programing – School	\$ 57,010
Cafeteria – Food & non-Food	\$ 66,555
Programing – Faith Formation	\$ 9,239
Liturgy Expenses	\$ 23,910
Fundraising – School	\$ 33,098
Fundraising – Fish Fry	\$ 4,176
Accounting Services	\$ 22,883
Finance Fees	\$ 12,564
<u>Facility Improvements</u>	<u>\$ 501,806</u>
<b>Total Ordinary HF Exp</b>	<b>\$3,172,816</b>

At fiscal year-end, Sunday Offerings decreased slightly by 1.6% year-over-year. However, this was offset by substantial increases in “Other Donations”. The year-end report shows a deficit, but that is due to substantial facilities investments incurred as part of ordinary operations. When Extraordinary Income from both designated donations and requests are included (not shown here), the deficit is just \$10,630 (0.35%). Given inflation impacts and tangible improvements in parish spaces, this was a good year. The school is operationally more self-sustaining, pews are fuller, faith formation offerings better attended. We are on the right track.

The parish & school made several facility improvements. Two new roofs were installed due to persistent leaks. A new gym floor was installed. Four humanities classrooms were refreshed, including HVAC upgrades and converting two to Second Gr classrooms. This was driven by recent growth and the planned transition away from our 69-year-old boiler. This is the second of three stages to eventually replace the boiler.

#### Designated Ministry Funds

(held as of 01 July 2023)

In Heaven's Eyes	\$37,574
Athletics	\$41,268
HFS PTO	\$ 3,993
Theatre Group	\$ 3,125
Marian Guild	\$ 5,166



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### 2022-23 HOLY FAMILY SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

#### Receptions into the Church:

Infant Baptisms (0-6 yr) = 22

Minor Baptisms (7-17 yr) = 2

Adult Baptisms (>18 yr) = 2

Received into Full Communion = 3

(Baptized Christians become Catholic)

Holy Communions (children) = 16

Confirmations: Teen = 15

Adults = 5

Marriages: Catholic = 7 (both Cath.)

Interfaith = 0 (only one Cath.)

Funerals, Wake Services, Burials = 17

## Parish Spiritual Life

### Women's Ministry

Magdalenes held two series this year - one in the fall and one in the spring. At least 50 women participated in each series. New this summer, we held monthly stand-alone events including a Magdalenes night on the Eucharist, Adoration, and a Potluck. Approximately 20 women connected and prayed with one another throughout the summer.

Magdalenes  
HOLY FAMILY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Adult Studies

This year, we began offering adult faith formation studies on Thursday evenings. From January through March, 48 adults gathered to study "What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith". From April through May, a second study, "A Walk through the Mass," was offered with 25 participants.

### Holy Family's Family Night

This year Faith Formation and Youth Ministry teamed up to offer Family Nights - following Mass, families gathered for Adoration with guided prayers and music, followed by food and fun!

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration was held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. During Lent Adoration was offered Monday – Friday each week. We also held *40 Hours with Mary waiting for Jesus* (40 Hours Advent Adoration) at the beginning of December as a way to prepare our hearts-minds-souls for the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.



### Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

Nine families gathered monthly from October through May. Parents and children reflected on the Sunday readings together and split by age group for catechetical formation. 14 children from the school and parish prepared for and celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

### Vacation Bible School (VBS) & Totus Tuus

The week of June 25-30 nearly 100 Deanery children in Pre-K through High School participated in VBS or Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) at St. Anthony Parish. Our collaborative faith formation opportunity brought to life salvation history for our young people. Pre-K through Kindergarten children participated in traditional VBS stations, including Bible stories, crafts, games, music, rosary, and snacks. They learned about Creation, Noah, Abraham & Sarah, Moses, and King





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David. The Totus Tuus college missionaries lead children in grades 1-5 during the day and middle school and high school youth in the evenings, digging deeper into salvation history through classes, skits, games, mass, prayer, reconciliation, and fun.

### Holy Family Catholic School & Preschool – Home of the Eagles

For the 2022-23 school year, our campus came back to life with in-person events! After a few years of uncertainty and unprecedented time, we were able to successfully host: Kindergarten camp, back-to-school meeting, fall sports, walkathon, kindness month, The Eagle Factor, cafeteria volunteers, Christmas celebrations, Parents Night Out, winter sports, First Reconciliation and First Communion, Fish Fry's, Outdoor Stations of the Cross, Parent Breakfasts, May Crowning, Live Auction & Gala, Field Day, many class field trips, spring sports, 8th-grade graduation, and so much more! These successes would have never been possible without Mrs. Huber and Fr. Gries' leadership, our teachers' ability to adapt and their willingness to put student's needs first, our parent's trust in Holy Family, and the students coming in excited to learn and be together. Our Holy Family family relied on each other and stayed strong, making this year truly unforgettable!



#### Leader in Me

Holy Family School & Preschool is proud to be a Leader in Me School. Leader in Me is a whole-school improvement process based on the idea that everyone can be a leader. This evidence-based approach empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We focus on developing the whole child by teaching LEADERSHIP to every student, creating a CULTURE of student empowerment, and aligning systems to drive results in ACADEMICS.

There is a growing body of evidence that Leader in Me positively impacts academics. This should come as no surprise to those familiar with the research showing that effective social-emotional learning enhances academic achievement. When the social and emotional skills of students are developed, along with those of the staff, students tend to achieve higher academically. Moreover, Leader in Me specifically equips schools to focus and execute on academic growth targets through a goal achievement process called the 4 Disciples of Execution, and by improving the instructional practices of teachers.



#### Walk-a-thon September

##### Students Raised over \$28,990

It was a beautiful afternoon filled with lots of fun! Thank you, Shelby Shulten and Kerri Tomlin, for planning fantastic post-walk activities, and thank you to all parents who helped that Friday. The students' collection efforts were more than AMAZING! The students raised over \$28,990! We had 61 "Extraordinary Eagles" that raised at least \$200 each.



### The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Students

- 01. Be Proactive**  
Being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions
- 02. Begin with the End in Mind**  
Making loving choices that are pleasing to God.
- 03. Put First Things First**  
Having self-control in your actions, thoughts and feelings in order to live a balanced life.
- 04. Think Win-Win**  
Showing a genuine concern for the good of others, with unselfish acts of kindness.
- 05. Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood**  
Being fair and giving each person what is owed to him.
- 06. Synergize**  
Believing in God and accepting all He has revealed to us
- 07. Sharpen the Saw**  
Being brave for God and doing what he wants you to do in the best way you can even when it's hard



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### **The Eagle Factor with Mrs. Huber and Fr. Gries – Raised over \$15,000**

Thank you to all who supported Mrs. Huber and Fr. Gries with their Eagle Factor Challenges and donated to our SGO account. We are pleased to share we raised over \$15,000. This money will help students attend Holy Family School & Preschool that may not otherwise be able to attend. It was a very fun day and event teaming up with our PTO committee for the Trunk or Treat and we are so proud of our families and community support!



### **Open House, Catholic Schools Week (CSW)**

CSW was a great week at Holy Family School & Preschool! CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for 2023 was Catholic Schools Light the Way. The week recognized the role Catholic Schools play to lead students' lives, families and communities. We had fun activities such as wearing pajamas, dressing up as our future careers, silly sock day, and other activities to celebrate our Catholic School! At our Open House, we welcomed and toured over 27 families. It was exciting to show off our outstanding school, teachers, students' work, and ALL we have to offer at Holy Family School & Preschool.



### **Murder at Plantation Hall Live Auction & Gala, Virtual Silent Auction**

Our Murder at Plantation Hall Live Auction & Gala was a great success. We cannot thank everyone enough. Our Auction Committee went above and beyond once again. Altogether, (Live Auction & Gala, 52 Card Raffle, Bourbon Pull, & Silent Auction) over \$196,000 was raised for Holy Family School & Preschool. Your generosity doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you for believing in our school and Eagles as much as we do!

**School Improvement Projects – New Gym Floor, Wall Pads, Scoreboard System Cafeteria Kitchen Floors and Classrooms!** Starting in Spring 2023 we began working on making cosmetic updates to our school. The first phase of our 2023 improvement project started with a brand new Teraflex gym floor, along with a new scoreboard system and wall pads. Our second phase began over the summer with new epoxy flooring that was installed in the cafeteria kitchen and bathrooms in the cafeteria hallway. Our final stage, which also took place over the summer, was renovating our humanities hallway. The heating and air were updated, drop ceilings were added, along with new paint and new carpet. Our 2nd-grade classrooms moved to this hallway, along with our Art and Music/Library classrooms.

