



# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 2020-2021 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday | 8:30am-4:30pm  
Closed for Lunch | 1:00pm-1:30pm

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Francis of Assisi Church and School is a warm and welcoming faith community dedicated to the spirit of Saint Francis in 1985. We are extremely blessed that our 2700+ families have chosen to make it your spiritual home. As with any home, it's prudent from time to time to take stock of our financial health and adjust as needed. For this purpose, I present the parish Stewardship Report for your information and review. It is our hope that it will enlighten you as to the many pastoral activities and ministries offered at St. Francis that are supported by the overwhelming generosity of many of you.

St. Francis is a community woven together and built up by many parishioners. It comprises a school that educates nearly 400 students and a parish religious education program that forms over 300 students, all in Roman Catholicism. We have dedicated leadership of Priests, Deacons, Staff, and volunteers working together to provide a multitude of opportunities, classes, and activities to serve Our Lord and our community. Operating all of these ministries runs about \$1.5 million. Without your generosity, much of this would not be possible. The enclosed reports highlight the exponential and rippling impact of our ministries.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful parish! Your ongoing support and active participation is vital for our pastoral needs and mission. If you haven't already, I'd encourage you to include S.F.A. in your weekly budget. Your financial support really adds up. Every parishioner's participation makes a difference, and I challenge us to strive for 100% participation.

Along with my brother priests and deacons, I want each of you to know how grateful I am for your time, talent, and treasures. May God bless you and your families.

St. Francis and St. Clare, pray for us!

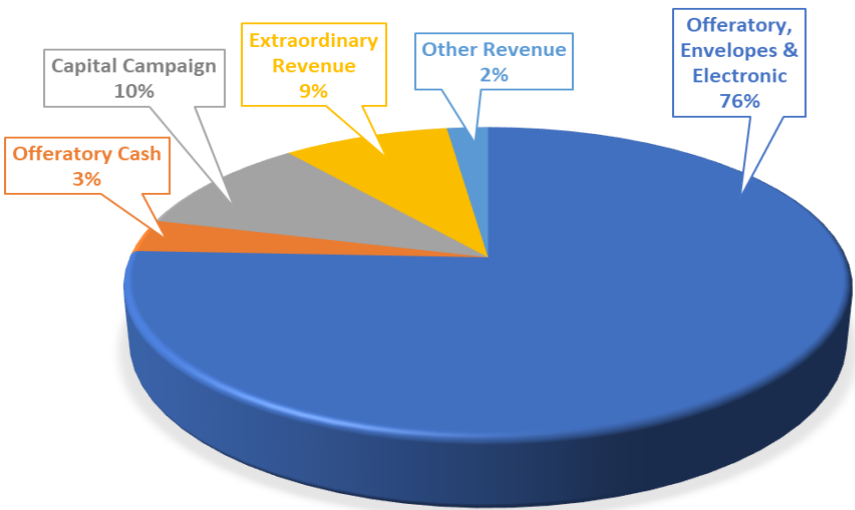
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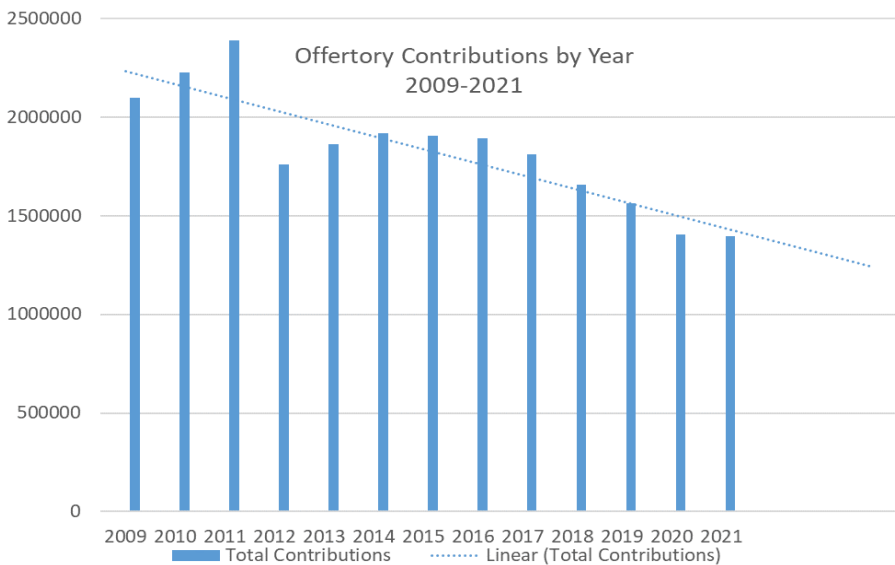
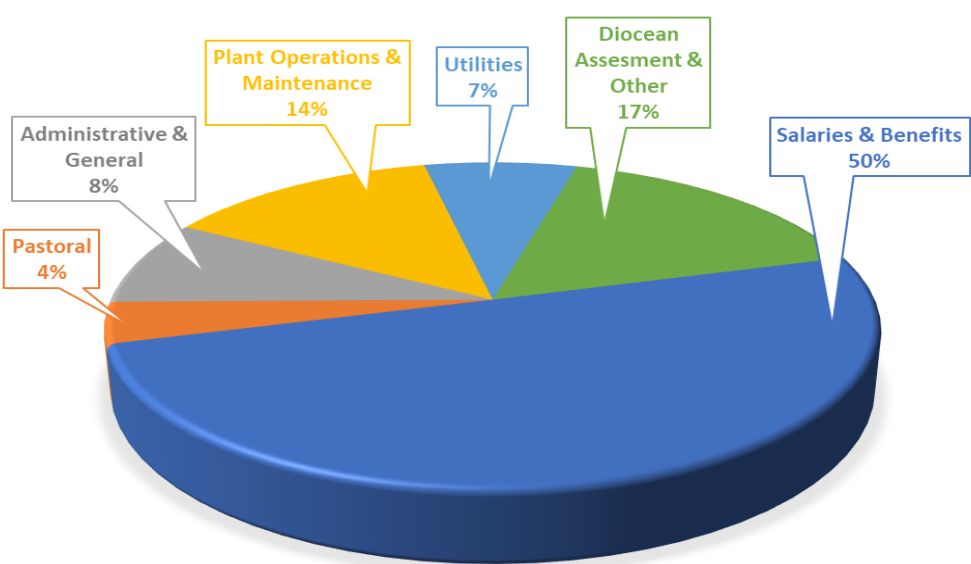
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PARISH INCOME \$1.3M



PARISH EXPENSES \$1.5M





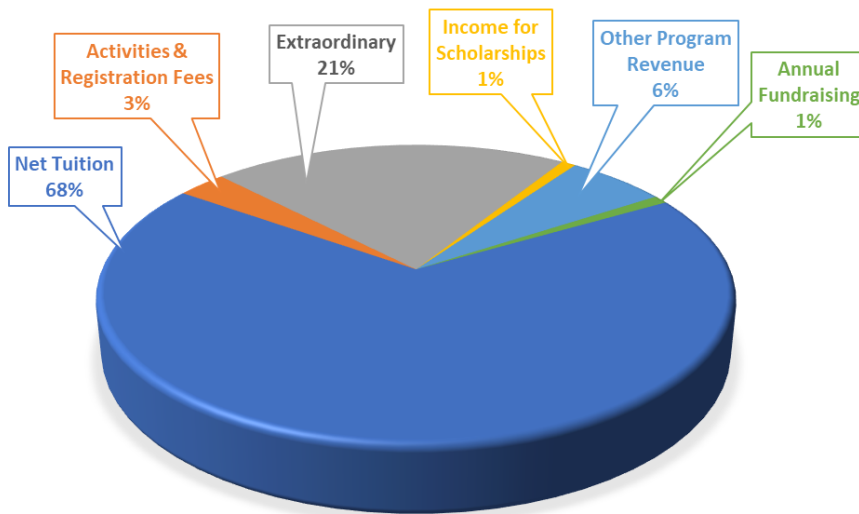
# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

## ENROLLMENT - 392 STUDENTS 2YR-8TH

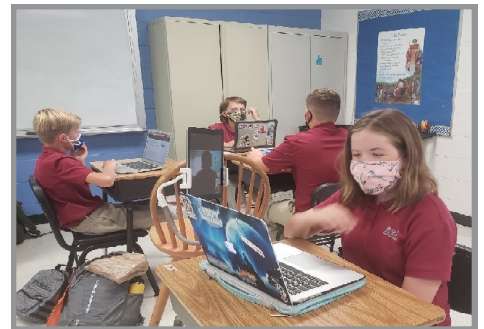
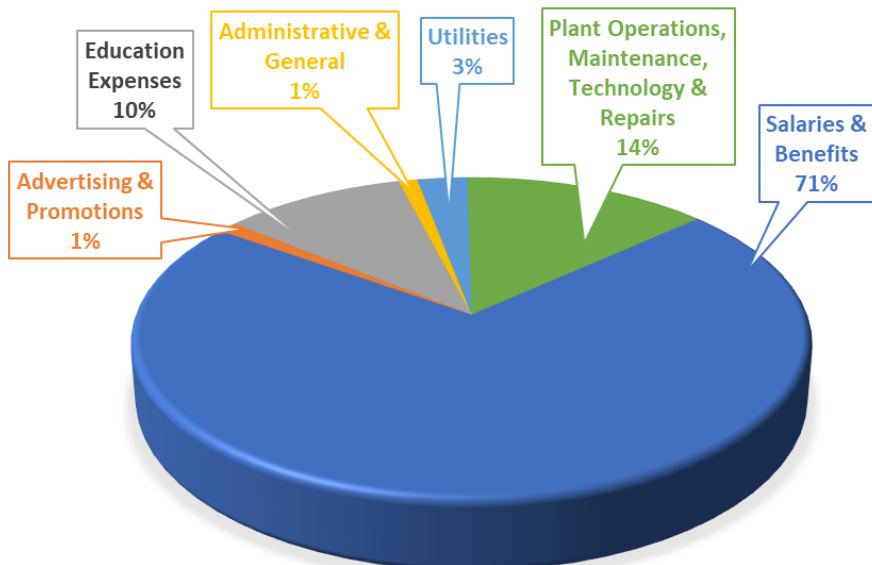
As a proud member of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, we are committed to creating future leaders by promoting academic excellence, individual responsibility, and spiritual growth. We strive for our children to live more fully in relationship with God and others through these values:

- Catholicism
- Academic Excellence
- Leadership
- Service
- Critical Thinking
- Diversity
- Compassion
- Well-roundedness
- Spiritual, Physical & Emotional Safety

### SCHOOL INCOME \$4.6M



### SCHOOL EXPENSES \$4.4M



# SACRAMENTAL LIFE, MINISTRIES & HIGHLIGHTS

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Altar Server  
Ext. Minister of Holy Communion  
Lector  
Ministers of Hospitality (Usher)  
Sacristans

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Spanish Choir  
Traditional Choir/Cantors/Musicians

## MINISTRIES OF OUTREACH & SOCIAL CONCERNS

English as a Second Language  
Ministry to the Homeless  
Ministry to Sick/Homebound/ Elderly  
Prison Ministry  
Room in the Inn  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

Garden Club  
Good Friends (Senior Adults)  
Knights of Columbus  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Rosary Makers Guild  
St. Francis Festival  
St. Joseph Men's Group

## SCOUTS & YOUTH

Cub Scouts  
Boy Scouts  
Youth Athletic Programs  
Youth Ministry

## FAITH FORMATION

Baptism Preparation Classes  
Parish Religious Education - P.R.E.  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Vacation Bible School  
Young Women's Bible Study  
Monday Night Bible Study  
Ladies Bible Study  
Evangelización

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF SFA

Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony.

The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Life in Christ: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of spiritual life. The following number of parishioners received sacraments:

Baptism	34
First Eucharist	128
Confirmation	115
Marriage	10
Funerals	41

## CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES OF SFA

"Because they have given life to their children, parents have a most serious obligation and enjoy the right to educate them: therefore, Christian parents are especially to care for the Christian education of their children according to the teaching handed on by the Church." (Canon Law 226.2) St. Francis Parish assists parents in the faith formation and education of their children, providing opportunities to learn more about what we, as Catholics believe and how we practice our faith, as followers of Jesus Christ. The following information details the participation of our parishioners in Faith Formation this year.

St. Francis of Assisi School Enrollment	392
Parish Religious Education Enrollment	305
Youth Ministry Participants	40
RCIA Participants	15

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

- During the Covid-19 Pandemic, SFA Parish streamed Masses, parent sacramental meetings and youth meetings.
- Our Parish Religious Education program offered both in-person and at-home options for our families.
- Knights of Columbus raised funds for an ultrasound machine for the Morning Center, a free women's clinic in North Memphis, that helps women in need to receive medical treatment, counseling and a path toward keeping the baby.
- SFA YOUTH collected more than a half ton of food for the Mid-South Food Bank.