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September 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time I present to you the St. Anne Catholic Community 2023-2024 Annual Report. This is a good time to reflect on all that has happened this past year and to envision what we hope to achieve in the future.

This past year was busy, and we expect to be even busier this year. Mass attendance has continued to increase at all Masses. We celebrated 143 infant/children Baptisms and 2 Professions of Faith. 7 children and 28 adults completed the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA), receiving Baptism (or Profession of Faith), Confirmation, and Eucharist. 73 children received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. 83 youth and adults received Confirmation. 92 Marriages were celebrated. We continue to hold in our hearts the 31 members of our community whose funerals were held here in the last year.

Our community has returned to active parish life, and it is good to see our ministries and volunteers enjoying working together and participating in parish-wide events. The Ministry Fair held last August received an out-pouring of support, and a good time was had by all, especially those enjoying a specialty coffee while playing Catholic Trivia! The 2nd Chocolate Chip Cookie Competition was well received, especially by the altar servers who attended after training. Our community came together in a big way to celebrate my 60th Birthday. I was very surprised and touched by the outpouring of love and support, as well as by the delicious food, mariachi, and special guests: Darth Vader, The Mandalorian, Boba Fett, Yoda, and some Jawas. Our 2nd St. Anne Market welcomed many returning vendors. The Fall Raffle, Vintage Values, and Bingo Loco were all successful. The proceeds of which were used to offset our Generations of Faith capital campaign debt. Two Fish Fry Fridays were held during Lent, sponsored respectively by the Hispanic Ministries and the Boy Scouts. These events were great fun, and brought us all together. We look forward to celebrating our centennial anniversary in 2025, and have begun to plan how to commemorate this momentous event.

Our Hispanic community brought richness and depth to our celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pastorela, Procesión de la Virgen Dolores, and Via Crucis. The Hispanic Ministries held plated food sales after Sunday Masses to help raise funds to replace worn out costumes and needed equipment to enhance these celebrations. Our Hispanic community and our non-Hispanic community continue to work together and share involvement throughout our parish activities and events. Our parish is rich in diversity, and it is good to see us come together and strengthen our parish community.

At the beginning of the fiscal year, we welcomed the return of Fr. Paul English, CSB, as Parochial Vicar. It has been great to have him back at St. Anne. We welcomed Fr. Dave Bittner, CSB at the end of October as a Visiting Priest. We are very glad to report that he will be staying with us as a Priest in Residence. We are also fortunate to welcome Fr. Steven Huber, CSB, who joined us as a Parochial Vicar at the beginning of July 2024. We are a busy parish, and we have need of the additional pastoral support.

St. Anne remained fiscally sound in 2023-2024. Offertory gifts are our number one source of funding. It is this giving that allows St. Anne to fund our liturgical, worship, and pastoral expenses, support our educational, spiritual, sacramental ministries, and maintenance of our campus. We continue to be humble custodians of our finances and we are grateful for the ongoing support by our parishioners that has sustained our ministries and allows us to care for each other. However, while we are fiscally sound, we again fell short of our revenue goals for the Parish. Please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your weekly and annual giving to help us support the needs of our active and growing parish.

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While offertory gifts increased 8% last year, our operating costs increased by 18%. These cost increases are driven by inflation. To offset these increases it was necessary to reduce other costs, such as parish administration and worship and ministry support. While we have been able to balance our budget and reduce our costs for the past few years, it is becoming difficult to support a return to a robust parish life and increased ministry activities.

St. Anne Catholic Community is blessed in that Mass attendance has bounced back from COVID, as all Masses are well attended. However, the number of families contributing to our Parish has not recovered. I ask for a renewed focus on contributing to the Parish to support our worship, ministry, and administrative staff. We have felt the effects of inflation for the past 5 years, and have tightened our spending accordingly. Going forward, we need your contributions to manage our budget.

We would like to extend a special thanks to all who have joined in online giving through Faith Direct. If you have not yet enrolled in Faith Direct, please consider doing so. Online giving saves St. Anne money by eliminating expenditures on postage and envelopes. It also allows our business administration to better plan and budget.

To conclude, I am humbled by all that has happened this past fiscal year. We are fiscally sound, yet we are still below where we should be, with offertory having just barely surpassed where we were before the COVID-19 pandemic. I am thankful to our administration and staff for their dedication, hard work and flexibility. I am grateful to the Pastoral and Finance Councils for their knowledgeable, steadfast guidance, to the Steering Committee, as well as our ministry leaders and many dedicated volunteers. I thank our parishioners, whose support allows us to fulfill our mission *to follow the example of Christ and witness His living presence as we welcome in love and respect all who walk on our journey of faith.*

Yours in Christ,

Rev. David Zapalac, CSB





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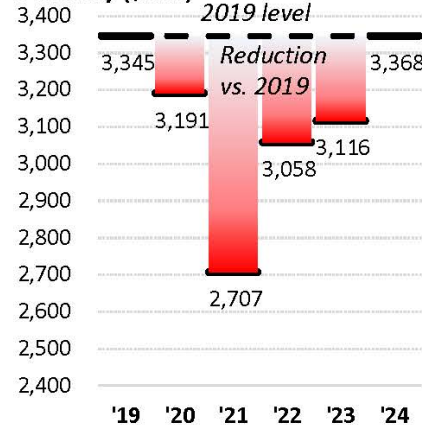
TWO-YEAR COMPARISON (\$ THOUSANDS)

	Jun-24	Jun-23	Change	% Change
Sources				
Offertory	3,368	3,116	252	8%
Other (int, religious ed, fiesta, etc.)	317	279	38	14%
Total	3,685	3,395	290	9%
Uses				
Operations & maintenance expenses	1,283	1,088	195	18%
Worship & ministry support	1,006	950	56	6%
Parish administration	646	629	17	3%
Reserve contributions	468	489	(21)	-4%
Diocesan contributions	277	209	68	33%
Interest on construction loan	5	30	(25)	-82%
Total	3,685	3,395	290	9%

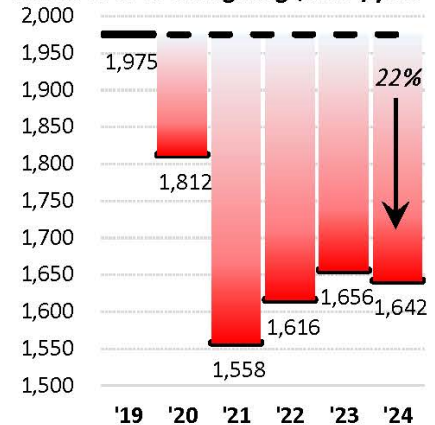
FIVE-YEAR TRENDS (relative to 2019/pre-COVID levels)

- The offertory is the primary source of funds for the church. In 2024 the offertory topped the 2019 (pre-COVID) level for the first time in 5 years.
- Despite the 8% growth in the 2024 offertory, the number of parishioners contributing is 22% below pre-COVID levels.
- Each year, the church must operate on a balanced budget (expenses cannot exceed contributions). As revenues declined, the church acted to reduce expenses proportionally. Since 2019 operations and maintenance costs have increased over \$230 thousand (consistent with inflation). To offset these increases, parish staff had to reduce other costs. As a result, both worship and ministry support and parish administration costs (not shown) are currently \$100 thousand below 2019 levels.
- However, maintaining this level of spend is becoming increasingly difficult given continued rising costs.

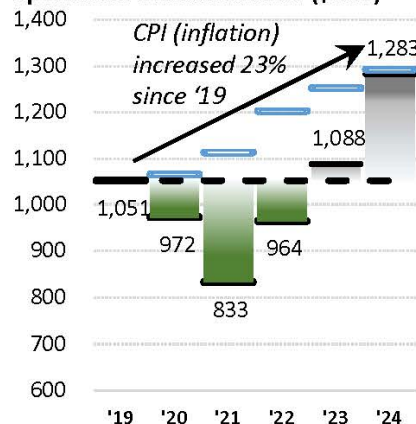
Offertory (\$000)



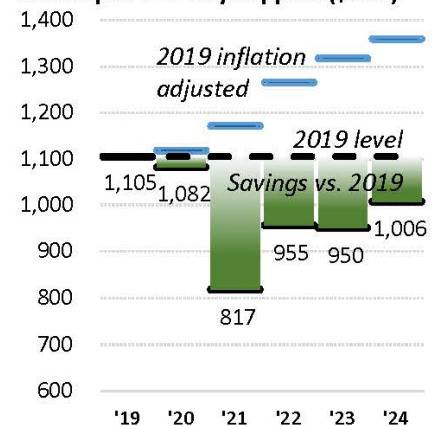
Number of donors giving \$100+/year



Operations & maintenance (\$000)



Worship & ministry support (\$000)



Please prayerfully consider increasing your contributions to the offertory so that our parish may continue to thrive.