



ST. CATHARINE
CHURCH

Serving the east side of
Columbus, Ohio since 1931



IMPACT REPORT

2024-2025

SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Turn the calendar back 95 years and this is what St. Catharine Church and School looked like when the parish was founded in the Fall of 1931. There was no parish center, offices, playground, or preschool. There were neither paved streets or sidewalks. The temporary chapel and four classroom school (dubbed affectionately as the “Pasteboard Palace”) were located near the southwest corner of the property to eventually allow for the construction of our school in 1949 and our present church beginning in 1960.



SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS

WHERE WE CAME FROM

St. Catharine Parish was created in 1931 on what was then the far east side of Columbus. On May 12th, Bishop James J. Hartley, who presided over the Diocese of Columbus from 1904 until his death in 1944, purchased 11.86 acres east of Gould Road, between Fair Avenue and Bexley Park Road. The new parish would draw from the existing parish of St. Thomas to the north and Holy Rosary to the west.

After acquiring the land, the bishop authorized construction of **a wooden church and attached classrooms**, intending them as a **temporary measure** to launch the parish during the years of the Great Depression. The chapel, with three altars, and a four-room school, were built at a cost of \$16,000. **The first parish census consisted of approximately 100 families.**

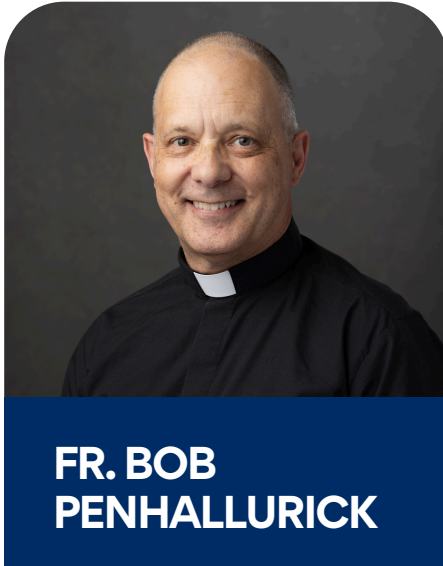
WHERE WE'RE GOING

As we approach our centennial in 2031, the mission of St. Catharine is not simply to remember our past, but to reclaim the zeal that built it. Our founding families gave generously so that others they did not yet know could encounter Jesus Christ and experience the salvation that He promises. **That same call now rests on us.** In an age when so many are searching for meaning and belonging, our parish must continue to be a beacon of invitation — not waiting for people to come to us, but boldly going out to meet them.

Through intentional stewardship of our time, resources, and ministries, **we can ensure that St. Catharine remains not just a church people attend, but a spiritual home that actively forms disciples for Jesus Christ and sends them into the world.**



FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Parish Family,

I want to share with you today the great things that are happening here at St. Catharine. This Impact Report will give you some important details and metrics that we will return to again annually. More importantly, it will show the **deep faith that is the beating of heart of our parish family**. Statistics and metrics are important but they can only show the skeleton of what we are doing here.

The skeleton is obviously important as it is what keeps us upright and moving, **but like the Valley of Dry Bones in Ezekiel 37 the bones need more.**

They need the Word of God to come upon them and put flesh and sinew on them, and the Spirit of God to breathe into them the new life of the kingdom.

Thank you for everything that you do every day - Mass, Adoration, Bible study, fellowship groups, entrusting your children to our School and Preschool and much more - to make this community come to life. And thank you, too, for your generous financial giving without which we cannot sustain what we are doing as a parish.

I also want to thank our wonderful staff and volunteers - especially the parish finance committee and the school advisory board - for their input and support. While I may be the figurehead out front, **a lot of people hold me up every day with their help, counsel and hard work. Please remember to thank them when you see them!**

Wishing you God's richest blessings,

Fr. Bob
Pastor



SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

1,110

Registered Households

4.2% ▲

Annual increase



914

Average Mass attendance

6.4% ▲

Annual increase



September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025

We have **enhanced our Baptism preparation** process at St. Catharine by incorporating a new program called *Claim*. It involves interactive sets of materials that not only invite parents to a more knowledgeable understanding of the Sacrament but also deepens the liturgical experience.

It's no secret that our parish is filled with families on fire for their faith and it's exciting to see that since last September we've had **62 children baptized** and **14 weddings**.

In the past year we welcomed **8 adults into full communion with the Catholic Church** through the Sacrament of Confirmation by way of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.) And as of this writing we just **confirmed 7 new adults on All Saints Day** as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are already set to outpace last year, thanks be to God who gives the growth!

Even as we mourn the loss of **15 dear parishioners** who entered eternal life this year, we give thanks to God for the new life blossoming within our community—in our families, our faith, and the hope of resurrection.



**FR. FRANK
BROWN**
Parochial Vicar

That's **more than five new members of the Body of Christ every month**—new life in Christ is flourishing in our community!

**MORE THAN JUST NUMBERS.
THESE ARE ENCOUNTERS WITH CHRIST.**



September 1, 2024–August 31, 2025

Jill R. Bremer
Gabriel Alan Phillips
Dylan Royce Horn
Luke Alan McClellan

Rebecca Rossi
Jeffrey Stuart Sutton
Margaret Kelly Sutton
Robert Christopher Bowles

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

The Barela Household
The Barger Household
The Battaglia Household
The Baumann Household
The Brewer Household
The Cavello Household
The Costello Household
The Funk Household
The Galbreath Household
The Gallegos Household
The Green Household
The Hales Household
The Jackson Household
The Johnson Household
The Jourden Household
The Keimig Household
The King Household
The Kochensparger Household
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The Le Household

The Lewis Household
The Linkugel Household
The Lonergan Household
The Mackessy Household
The Marquez Household
The Onhvandy Household
The Ouedraogo Household
The Phillips & Sietz Household
The Dominic & Emma Sauer Household
The Max & Emma Sauer Household
The Owen Sauer Household
The Sheridan Household
The Spann Household
The Stahr Household
The Stewart Household
The Sweeney Household
The Wagner Household
The Willard Household
The Wilson Household
The Wright Household

IN LOVING MEMORY

Thomas Kyran Siemer
Jean D. Ridenour
Irene Rena Perrini
Mary Ann Trapp
James R. Wood
Dennis J. Lyons
George F. Rushman
Mary McGinty Bourke

Allison Bosa Oke Mora
Patricia Strominger
Patricia J. Gibboney
Paulette Ann Bennett
Billy Greene
Patricia J. Moriarty
Louise T. Mussio
...and all the Faithful Departed

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



**MS. KATE
CAVELLO**
School Principal



St. CATHARINE SCHOOL

Love of **God**. Love of **Learning**. Love of **Neighbor**.

As we settle into the school year, I want to share my gratitude for the warm welcome I've received. The sound of prayer in the hallways, the joy of learning in classrooms, and the spirit of service in our community all remind me **what a gift Catholic education truly is**.

I continue to feel deeply blessed to be both a parishioner and the new principal at St. Catharine. Experiencing our parish and school from this dual perspective has been a true gift — one that continually reminds me how faith, family, and learning are beautifully woven together in our community.

Each day, I am inspired by the way our community lives its faith through prayer, kindness, and service to others. Our classrooms are alive with curiosity and care, and **our students are growing not only in knowledge but in their love for God and one another**.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we build upon the strong foundation of this school's mission. I look forward to all that is in store for us in the months ahead.

ENROLLMENT

292

Nearly **300 children** receiving **daily faith formation** — a vibrant, growing investment in the future of the Church.

AVG CLASS SIZE

33

Strong demand and healthy peer community — our classrooms are **full**, signaling a school families actively choose.

STUDENT TO STAFF RATIO

8:1

Despite large homerooms, individual support is excellent — **students are known personally and cared for**.

STUDENTS WHO ARE CATHOLIC

93%

The school is **deeply rooted in Catholic identity**, not just academically, but as an extension of the parish's evangelizing mission.



The formation that our young people receive through St. Catharine Church, St. Catharine School, and St. Catharine Preschool represent our most significant investment in forming disciples for Jesus Christ.

Our young people are not merely the future of the Church.

Our young people are the Church!



St. CATHARINE PRESCHOOL

Love of **God**. Love of **Learning**. Love of **Neighbor**.



**MRS. ASHLEE
KURTH**

Preschool Director

The preschool has undergone several positive changes since the new school year started, all aimed at enhancing the overall experience for our students and families. From welcoming new staff members to **making significant building upgrades, we remain focused on continued growth and success.**

To improve the quality of instruction and classroom dynamics, we have slightly reduced our enrollment. This adjustment allows for **smaller class sizes and more individualized attention for each child.**

Currently, we serve **65 children** with a dedicated team of **8 staff members (5 of them being full-time)**. Each preschool level is supported by a team of educators who collaborate to provide enriching academic and faith-based learning experiences.

A key focus for this school year is to **expand opportunities for physical movement outside of the traditional classroom setting**. We are exploring new ideas to enhance both our motor room and outdoor spaces. With the **support of SPICE**, we plan to reintroduce the Motor Group program—led by a licensed occupational therapist—during the winter months.

EVANGELIZATION, DISCIPLESHIP AND OUTREACH



**DEACON
CHRIS REIS**
Permanent Deacon

EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP

At St. Catharine of Siena Parish, the 2024–2025 year has been a time of renewal, connection, and deepening discipleship as we continue in our work to help more people encounter Jesus through the life of the Catholic Church. A highlight of this year was our Lenten series, **The Rescue Project by Fr. John Riccardo**, which brought together **189 participants** each week for a shared meal, fellowship, and meaningful discussion that illuminated the saving mission of Christ in a fresh and personal way. We are **deeply grateful to our Knights of Columbus** for generously supporting the dinners and to the dedicated volunteers who made this powerful program possible.

Our **Adoration Chapel** continues to draw people from all over Columbus to be with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is currently open from 6am-midnight six days a week for a total **118 hours per week**, and there are currently **160 people** who spend one hour with Jesus every single week.

This experience strengthened our sense of parish family and set our hearts on fire for mission. As we look ahead to 2025–2026, we are eager to build on this momentum with a **parish-wide small group campaign** designed to help our community grow in prayer, service, and evangelization—**beginning this Advent 2025**.

Coming in Advent of 2025: Parish-Wide Small Groups

OUTREACH

Throughout the year, our parish pastoral ministries have continued to bring Christ's love to life through prayer, service, and compassion. Our **Care on Call Ministry** volunteers reach out to parishioners in times of need, offering companionship, household help, and meals to families experiencing challenges—serving **more than 250 meals** this past year. **The Sandwich Crew Ministry** provided over **12,000 sandwiches** and snacks to Holy Family Soup Kitchen, made each week by parishioners in their homes.

Our **Bereavement Ministry** accompanied grieving families and hosted more than 15 funeral luncheons, while our **St. Vincent de Paul Ministry** cared for over **180 neighbors in need** through the parish food pantry, the **Advent Angel Tree**, and assistance with rent, utilities, and other necessities.

Together, we are growing as a community of missionary disciples who joyfully proclaim the Good News and walk with others toward a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

—Deacon Reis and Sarah Mangia



SANDWICHES MADE
12,000



NEIGHBORS HELPED
180



MEALS SERVED
250



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program has begun its 5th full year here at St. Catharine. Like a mustard seed, it began in a small way in the preschool basement in 2019. COVID shut it down for a year and the work began again in the church basement.

Our program now annually impacts on average **120 children per year** ranging from ages 3-7. Since 2021 our atrium has been "holy ground" for about 350 children! Our current team of **12 catechists and assistants** help lead our little lambs **4 days a week**.

We are looking to **expand our program in 2026 to level 2** which will better prepare our 2nd graders for First Communion. Below are a few ways that both teachers, parents and children feel that the atrium impacts our children...

"My 2nd grade students who have spent time in the atrium demonstrate a depth of faith and Catholicism that has positively impacted the ways in which we prepare for the sacraments. It is clear they have been impacted by the lessons and experiences they had during their time there."

"My son loves CGS. He comes home every week telling us about it...his favorite part of his week is going to CGS!"

"I love the atrium because I get to spend time with God and see Him, and I love God a lot."



RACHEL GREEN

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Coordinator

FAMILY OF FAITH

This year, our Family of Faith Program serves **100 children** from **over 55 families**. We have some children just starting their journey in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Other families are working to prepare their children for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Lastly, we also have families in our Continued Growth sessions, learning about the lives of saints and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

With Family of Faith and St. Catharine School, we will have **31 students make their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**, and another **30 students celebrate their Confirmation**. We are so excited to journey with all our families as they come to know Jesus' love in a deeper way!

Here are what some families said from the 2024-2025 year:

"Our family has been impacted the most by just being encouraged to continue to discuss our faith together. Our children have shared what they have learned with us during their Family of Faith classes, and this allowed us as a family to discuss parts of our faith"

"We enjoy getting to talk with other families, and learn about what other families do to strengthen their faith."



MAGGIE COOK

Family Faith Catechesis & Youth Ministry



LUMEN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Lumen High School Youth Group is off to a great start, with **over 40 students** from **8 different schools** across the city and **6 different parishes**. At our kickoff, students hurled water balloons at Father Brown, ate chicken wings, enjoyed community, and worshipped Jesus!

Our team of **8 young adult core team members** gather to pray each month for these students and their intentions. While being formed continually themselves, the core team also writes talks, gives testimonies, and builds relationships with our teens.

We look forward to continuing to grow the community of Lumen so that we can experience the love of Christ and nurture friendships that help us to sainthood!

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

St. Catharine Church and School

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

2024-2025 INCOME STATEMENT

Revenue	Total	Parish & Faith Formation	School	Preschool
Offertory and Gifts	1,010,151	1,010,151	-	-
Tuition/Programs	3,488,001	663,456	2,395,707	428,838
FunFest	56,130	56,130	-	-
Total Revenue	\$ 4,554,282	\$ 1,729,737	\$ 2,395,707	\$ 428,837
Expenses	Total	Parish	School	Preschool
Salaries and Benefits	2,789,642	547,340	1,917,293	325,010
Program Costs	390,255	218,476	168,517	3,262
Administrative Costs	170,174	126,664	42,318	1,193
Maintenance/Other	454,410	261,431	117,913	75,066
Total Expense	\$ 3,804,482	\$ 1,153,911	\$ 2,246,041	\$ 404,530
Net	Total	Parish & Faith Formation	School	Preschool
Operating Cash Flow	\$ 749,799	\$ 575,826	\$ 149,666	\$ 24,308

This year's surplus reflects several generous one-time gifts and special contributions. Without these extraordinary donations, our operating income would have been significantly lower. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of those who helped make this possible.

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

2025-2026 BUDGET

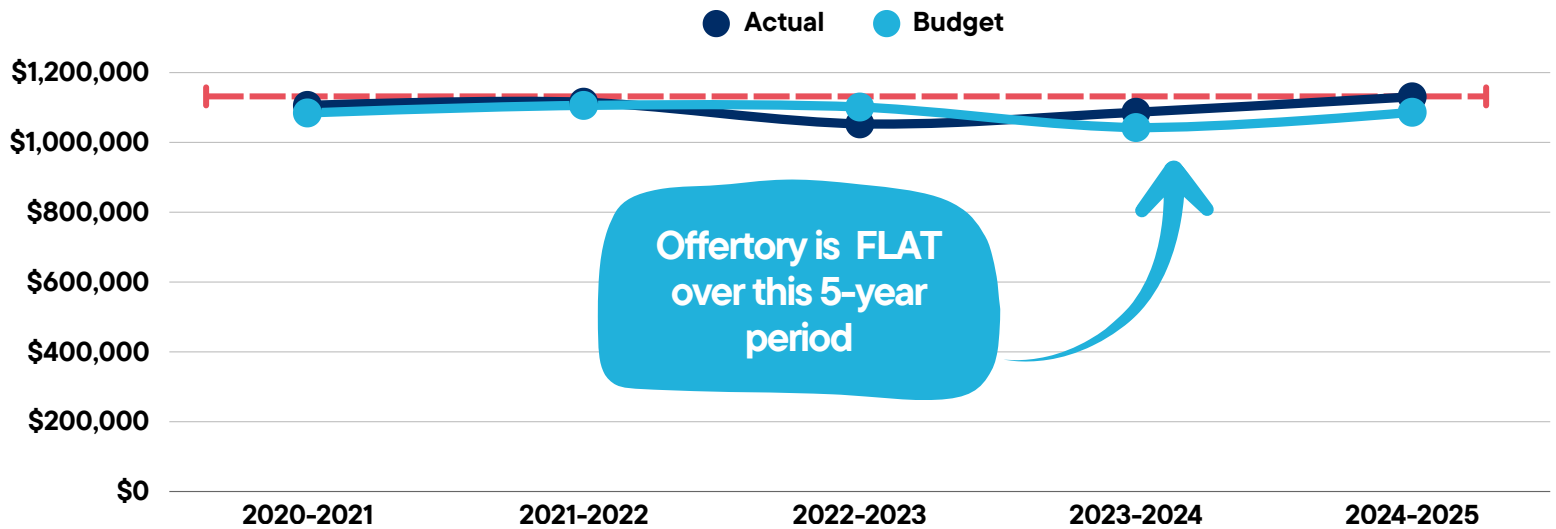
Revenue	Total	Parish & Faith Formation	School	Preschool
Offertory and Gifts	1,057,000	1,057,000	-	-
Tuition/Programs	2,935,386	161,300	2,386,495	387,591
FunFest	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	\$ 3,992,386	\$ 1,218,300	\$ 2,386,495	\$ 387,591
Expenses	Total	Parish	School	Preschool
Salaries and Benefits	2,807,097	602,530	1,892,567	312,000
Program Costs	346,881	197,127	143,754	6,000
Administrative Costs	171,735	128,694	39,541	3,500
Maintenance/Other	476,546	235,808	200,779	39,959
Total Expense	\$ 3,802,258	\$ 1,164,159	\$ 2,276,640	\$ 361,459
Net	Total	Parish & Faith Formation	School	Preschool
Operating Cash Flow	\$ 190,128	\$ 54,141	\$ 109,855	\$ 26,132

May 9, 2025

61 young people received their First Holy Communion



SUNDAY OFFERTORY AND PARISH INCOME 5-YEAR TREND



49%

542

Registered households giving to St. Catharine on a regular basis

321

Registered households giving to St. Catharine using **Electronic Funds Transfer EFT**

\$166

Average **monthly** gift size per household

\$1,992

Average **yearly** gift size per household

29%



DAN DAVIS

Business Manager

In my time here serving St. Catharine Parish and School, I have been blessed to meet and volunteer with a variety of ministries and events. I am grateful for the patience and grace shown by the team here at the parish office and school, our ministry leaders, and committee members. I am especially grateful to our **Finance Council** in working to streamline a more responsive process for ministry financial reporting while empowering our ministry leaders to take a more active role in managing their finances for a stronger check-and-balance.

While there is still much work ahead, including a clearer distinction of income and expenses related to events like the FunFest, we are making significant progress toward greater transparency.

As we continue to leverage the skills and expertise of our **Finance and School Advisory Committees**, we aim to be diligent stewards of the offertory funds entrusted to us. By collaborating with our team members to prioritize project needs and consulting with Fr. Bob for decision-making, we will periodically share financial updates with our Parish Family.

Thank you for your financial support of our efforts for a faith-filled, vibrant, and safe parish campus.

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 4,554,282

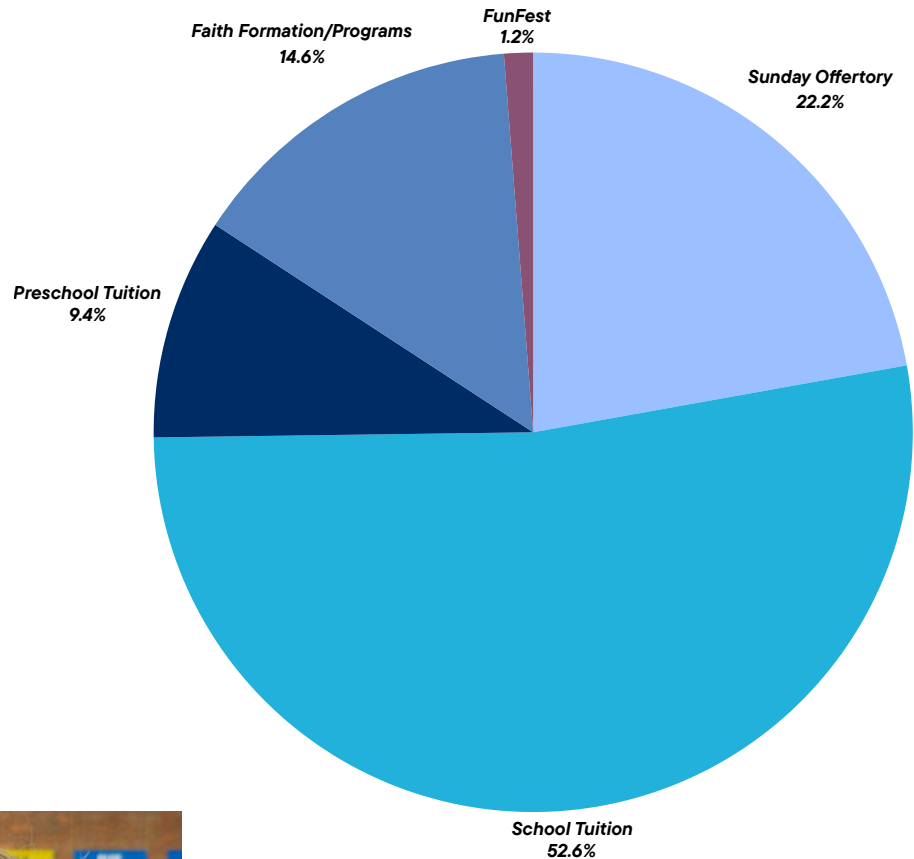
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Major Capital Expenses

Several significant facility projects were completed this year as part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our campus. Expenses of **\$10,000 and greater** are reflected in our **depreciation expense** and are not included in the regular Profit and Loss Statements.

- **School Backflow Project:** \$25,427
- **Church Main Entrance Concrete Project:** \$24,330

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **The Catholic Foundation** for their **\$10,000 grant** in support of the church entrance project. Your partnership helps us ensure that our facilities remain safe, welcoming, and beautiful for all who come to worship.



June 2025

Seminarian Ben Van Buren (right)
enjoying our annual Summer FunFest

FunFest 2025

Our annual FunFest was once again a wonderful celebration of community and faith! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our **sponsors, volunteers, and attendees**, this year's event generated a **net income of \$30,296**. Your enthusiasm and support continue to make this parish tradition both joyful and successful.

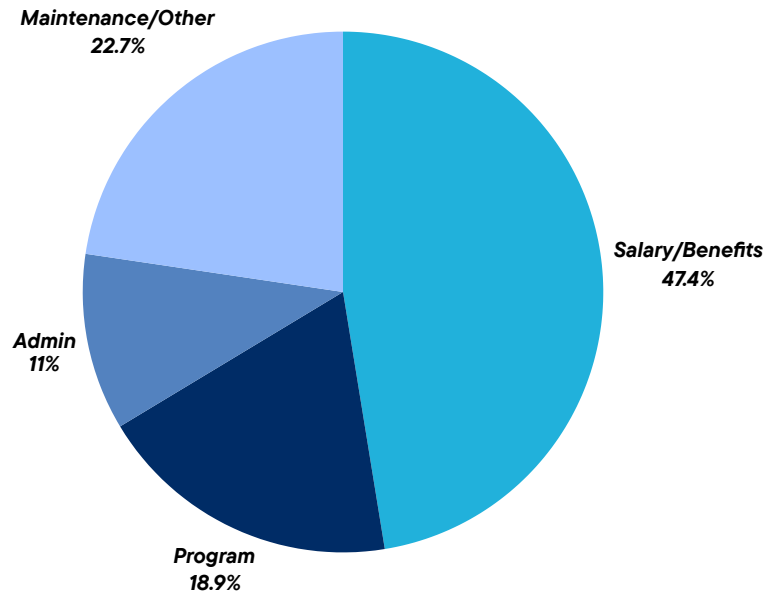
TOTAL EXPENSES

\$ 3,804,482

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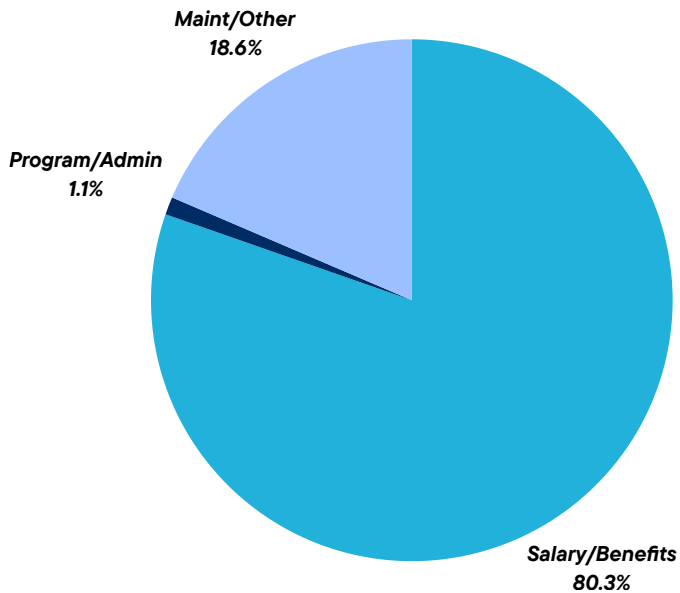
PARISH EXPENSES

\$ 1,153,911



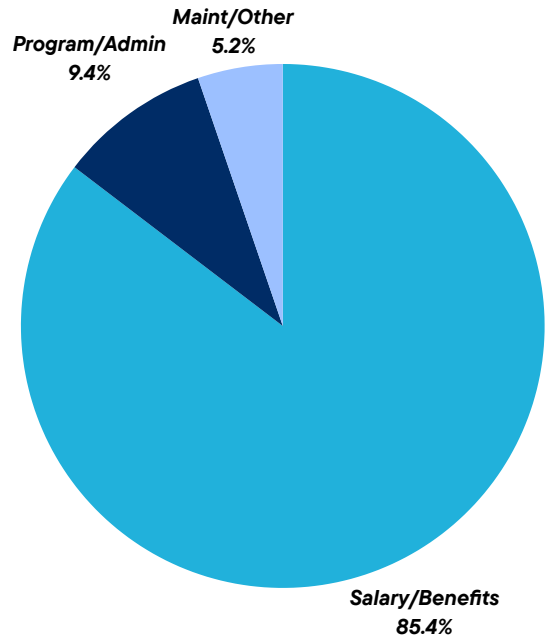
PRESCHOOL EXPENSES

\$404,530



SCHOOL EXPENSES

\$2,246,041



ABOVE + BEYOND

Can you give **above** what you have given so that we can go **beyond** where we've gone?

“Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” — Luke 6:38

Since **1931**, St. Catharine Parish has stood as a beacon of faith on the east side of Columbus—nurturing families, forming disciples, and serving our neighbors in Christ's name. Through generations of prayer, sacrifice, and generosity, our parish has continued to grow and shine.

As we approach our centennial in 2031, we look not only to celebrate our past but to build a future where St. Catharine continues to **thrive for generations to come**. Every act of stewardship—every prayer, every dollar, every volunteer hour—helps carry that mission forward.

Your ongoing support makes our ministries possible, from faith formation and worship to outreach and facility care. As we look to the year ahead, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might **take one step further in faith**.

Here are a few ways to grow in giving:

- **Pray first.** Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your generosity with peace and joy.
- **Be intentional.** Consider setting up regular electronic giving or reviewing your current level of support.
- **Think missionally.** Every increase—no matter the amount—helps us expand what God is doing here at St. Catharine.

Together, we can honor our past, strengthen our present, and ensure that our parish community remains vibrant and faithful **well beyond 2031**—trusting that God will multiply our gifts for His glory.



Can you move up **one more step** in your giving?

This is a time to stretch our faith, step out of what’s comfortable, and invest in what matter most: Jesus Christ, and the mission of saving souls for Him.

Not giving yet? Consider starting at 1%.

Already giving? Consider stepping up one level—perhaps from 5% to 7%.

Every step, no matter the size, helps our parish grow and supports the work of Christ in our community.

Monthly Giving Guide

Annual Income (Before Taxes)	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%
\$30,000	\$25	\$75	\$125	\$175	\$250
\$40,000	\$33	\$100	\$167	\$233	\$333
\$50,000	\$42	\$125	\$208	\$291	\$416
\$60,000	\$51	\$150	\$250	\$349	\$499
\$70,000	\$60	\$175	\$292	\$407	\$582
\$80,000	\$69	\$200	\$334	\$465	\$665
\$90,000	\$78	\$225	\$376	\$523	\$748
\$100,000	\$87	\$250	\$418	\$581	\$831
\$125,000	\$109	\$313	\$521	\$728	\$1,041
\$150,000	\$130	\$375	\$625	\$875	\$1,250
\$175,000	\$152	\$438	\$729	\$1,021	\$1,458
\$200,000	\$174	\$500	\$834	\$1,167	\$1,665

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