



ANNUAL REPORT

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A photograph of a priest in red vestments with gold embroidery, performing a ritual with a golden chalice. He is wearing glasses and has a beard. In the background, another person in white vestments is visible, and a lit candle is on the left.

Dear Parishioners of Saint Matthew,

I am happy to present you with the annual report from our last fiscal year. God has truly blessed our parish in many ways, and we continued to see his blessings over the last year. Our parish and school community is continuing to grow in the Catholic faith, and our parishioners are serving the Lord in many ways.

During the last fiscal year, we welcomed 94 new families to our parish, and saw a rise in average Mass attendance of 89 people per weekend. We currently have 1,259 registered families. We celebrated 36 infant baptisms, 66 children received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, and 62 young people received the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit in confirmation. Additionally, 15 adults and children joined the Catholic Church through our OCIA and OCIC programs and received the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

We continued our commitment to helping our parishioners grow in their Catholic faith through our ministries, youth programs, and adult faith formation. Saint Matthew brought a St. Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles display to the parish and school to help us grow in faith in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and learn more about the new saint. Twice this year, we brought a number of saint relics to the chapel in order to ask for their intercession and increase our desire for heaven. We recently brought on an experienced youth director and launched a middle school ministry to ensure that our young people encounter the Lord Jesus. Our music ministry started a men's Gregorian chant schola, which has helped us worship God more beautifully at Mass. We had another amazing parish picnic over the summer. We also have 155 children enrolled in our Sunday morning religious education program.

Our biggest ministry, Saint Matthew School, is celebrating its 25th school year. We kicked off this celebration with a Jubilee Jamboree to celebrate God's work at SMS over the last quarter century. The school continues to see strong enrollment, with 494 students. We are currently implementing our strategic plan for the strengthening of our Catholic identity, academic programs, extracurriculars, and to ensure the continued sustainable future of our parish and school.

We also completed a great church renovation and lighting project that has made our church even more beautiful and will help us lift up our minds and hearts to God in prayer during the celebration of the Holy Mass.

We also used our blessings to bless others outside our parish. Our parishioners served 120 homeless men through Room in the Inn. Our Haiti ministry contributed \$104,111 to helping our sister parish and school, Our Lady of Miracles in Gobert. They used this to continue operating their parish, clinic, and school, and to do emergency roof repairs. They plan to continue expanding their school with our help. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to help our neighbors in need closer to home. We also contributed \$10,000 from our parish charity fund to help a family with Saint Matthew connections through Tucker's House.

All of this was made possible by God's grace and by your presence and generosity. I want to thank each of you for that. I also ask that you continue to invest your time, talent, and treasure in Saint Matthew, and that you prayerfully consider doing more if you can, as we continue to use the blessings God has given us to spread the Gospel and deepen our Catholic faith together.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Raines'.

Fr. Justin Raines

SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SCHOOL	ACTUAL 2024-2025	BUDGET 2024-2025	OVER (UNDER)	BUDGET 2025-2026
RECEIPTS				
Tuition (Pre K-8th)	\$4,698,301	\$4,644,985	\$53,316	\$4,919,417
Parish Subsidies	\$249,100	\$238,180	\$10,920	\$255,343
School Services, Athletics and Other *	\$662,337	\$531,180	\$131,157	\$577,268
Sub Total	\$5,609,738	\$5,414,345	\$195,393	\$5,752,100
Annual Fund and Grants	\$122,945	\$120,000	\$2,945	\$120,000
Tuition Assistance Funding	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$0	\$135,000
Total School Receipts	\$5,865,683	\$5,667,345	\$198,338	\$6,007,100
EXPENSES				
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,824,430	\$3,753,728	\$70,702	\$3,976,507
Building Maintenance, Utilities, and Security	\$985,717	\$994,756	(\$9,039)	\$1,053,994
Educational Services and Other	\$440,752	\$441,074	(\$322)	\$472,323
School Services, Athletics and Other *	\$409,835	\$477,787	(\$67,952)	\$504,276
Total School Expenses	\$5,660,734	\$5,667,345	(\$6,611)	\$6,007,100
TRANSFERS TO (FROM) RESERVES	\$204,949	\$0	\$204,949	\$0
SCHOOL NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Includes Extended Care, Spirit Store, Bookfair, Athletics, and Home & School Fundraising.

CHURCH	ACTUAL 2024-2025	BUDGET 2024-2025	OVER (UNDER)	BUDGET 2025-2026
RECEIPTS				
Total Unrestricted Collections	\$1,568,017	\$1,528,700	\$39,317	\$1,559,161
Other Church Receipts	\$442,069	\$373,870	\$68,199	\$351,305
Total Church Receipts	\$2,010,086	\$1,902,570	\$107,516	\$1,910,466
Expenses				
Salaries & Benefits	\$767,420	\$808,431	(\$41,011)	\$819,996
Catholic School Subsidies	\$171,705	\$176,100	(\$4,395)	\$182,023
Diocesan Assessments	\$446,957	\$423,874	\$23,083	\$356,880
Building, Maintenance, and Utilities	\$241,421	\$264,181	(\$22,760)	\$287,824
Liturgical and Parish Programs	\$231,111	\$229,984	\$1,127	\$263,743
Total Church Expenses	\$1,858,614	\$1,902,570	(\$43,956)	\$1,910,466
Transfers to (from) Reserves	\$151,472	\$0	\$151,472	\$0
CHURCH NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

THANK YOU!

WAYS TO GIVE TO SAINT MATTHEW

1 **ONLINE GIVING VIA PUSHPAY**

Pushpay is the preferred way to give at Saint Matthew. Visit www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving and click the “Online Giving” link, or scan the QR code to visit our online giving page. Pushpay offers a secure, convenient, and flexible way to give—and will soon connect seamlessly with our new church management system and parish app, launching in the new year.



2 **CONTINUE USING ENVELOPES**

All parishioners are welcome to continue using the giving envelopes provided by the church. If you are using Pushpay and would like to cancel your envelopes, please contact the church office.

3 **PLANNED GIVING, STOCKS, AND MORE**

Saint Matthew is able to accept gifts in the form of appreciated stock, beneficiary designations, bequests, annuities, trusts, donor-advised funds, life insurance, real estate, and more. Please contact the business office for more information about making gifts of this nature.

*Questions? Contact the church business office
at (615) 550-5107.*



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