



2023 Annual State of the Parish Report



A Letter from Fr. John

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Margaret of Scotland:

In the most simple of terms, Stewardship is all about being Grateful and Generous. We are grateful for all the good things that have been given to us by God and we commit to sharing those gifts with generosity. That is the heart of the Stewardship message: knowing that we have been so blessed, how can we not share the gifts we have been given? Grateful and Generous. Stewardship is often described as the sharing of our time, talent, and treasure. In a similar way, Stewardship can be described in terms of prayer, participation, and generosity. However we describe it, reflecting on Stewardship means reflecting on how we use and share those things that are most precious to us: our time, our gifts, and our money, all in the context of prayer and faith.

As your Pastor, I am so grateful to God and to you for your generosity to our SMOS community! Thank you for being a member of this parish family. Thank you for the prayer and praise that you offer to God, especially at Sunday Eucharist. Thank you for the ways that so many of you participate in the life of this parish. Thank you for your financial generosity, both to the parish and to those in need.

We are all grateful that St. Margaret of Scotland will remain as a stand-alone parish. This is a recognition of our strong parish community and all that we have achieved! Our task now is to continue to make All Things New here at St. Margaret by continuing and increasing our good works of evangelization and outreach, sharing the Joy of the Gospel with our whole community!

This Annual Stewardship Report is our accounting to God and to the parishioners of SMOS of how we are using the gifts that God has entrusted to us. For what we have accomplished, we are grateful. For what remains to be done, we ask for divine assistance.

Let us pray for one another – that we may be more grateful and generous! And let us pray for this parish that we love, St. Margaret of Scotland.

Fr. John Vien

Fr. John Rogers Vien
Pastor

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Prayer & Participation

- 488 Masses celebrated in our Church last year
- 753 Families in our Parish
- 2,233 Registered Catholic Parishioners
- 26 New Families
- 437 People attend Mass each weekend
- 400 Hours were devoted to Eucharistic Adoration
- 34 Child Baptisms; 1 Adult Baptism
- 47 Students made First Holy Communions
- 34 Student Confirmations
- 6 Marriages
- 12 Funerals
- 447 Children in our Full-Time School; 131 in After-Care
- 48 Members of our School Faculty and Staff
- 15 Children participating in PSR through SMOS, 6 of whom utilize our homeschool option
- 53 Students giving time as altar servers
- 41 Lectors, 32 Greeters, 56 Eucharistic Ministers, and 8 Ushers participated in our Liturgical Ministries, along with 30 families serving coffee & donuts for Sunday Fellowship
- 73 Teens active in our Youth Ministry program
- 60 Parishioners who actively contribute their musical talents to our Liturgy
- 55 Members of our St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) conference
- 1,150 Calls received for help to SVDP; 55 home visits made
- 3 Funeral lunches provided by the Ladies Auxiliary for deceased parishioners
- 1,168 Children active in our Sports Programs, with the assistance of 219 adult volunteers



Fundraising Activities

Annual Catholic Appeal

\$67,520

International Dinners to benefit Migrants

\$8,055

Dine Out Nights

\$4,305

Athletic Association Golf Tournament

\$11,392

Walkathon

\$16,436

Trivia Night

\$17,178

The Saint Margaret Market

\$4,227

#iGiveCatholic/Giving Tuesday

\$5,915

Ladies Auxiliary Raffle

\$6,700

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Outreach Drive

\$31,778

Fish Fry

\$5,675

Library Book Fair

\$9,832

DragonFest

\$157,755

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

- St. Gregory Nazianzen

Parish Highlights

- St. Margaret of Scotland participated in the Archdiocesan work of All Things New, completing surveys and hosting listening sessions in November. On Pentecost Sunday, Archbishop Rozanski announced that in the reorganization of the Archdiocese, St. Margaret of Scotland would continue as a stand-alone parish with Fr. John Vien remaining as the pastor.
- St. Margaret welcomed many new staff members over the last year, including Orin Johnson as the Director of Music & Liturgy and Michael Sonntag as the Coordinator of Communications. Our school welcomed Theresa Lueke as the Assistant Principal and Gwen Cataldo as the Coordinator of Religious Education.
- Christine Burke bid farewell to St. Margaret of Scotland School after 20 years serving as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Patrick Holley will begin as School Principal for the 2023-2024 school year.
- We rejoiced to welcome new Catholics during the Easter season - Matthew Council, Emily Thiele, and Sydney Boesch were received into the Catholic Church after participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word returned to the 10am Mass following its Covid cancellation with 7 adult catechists, assisted by teen volunteers, leading sessions for 40-50 children (grades PK-2) each week.
- School children participated in monthly "Class Masses" at the 10am Mass - with each class ministering as Greeters, Offertory, and Sunday Fellowship volunteers.
- Music ministry continues to "restore" itself post covid-emergency - highlights of the past year included the Arts & Faith St. Louis Interfaith Concert at the Sheldon and the Feast Day, Christmas, and Holy Week liturgies with around 40 singers and 12 instrumentalists.
- Students in Grades 5 - 8 participated in a half-day class retreat led by our Coordinator of Religious Education. In January, we returned to All School Masses led by individual classes.
- St. Margaret of Scotland held the First Annual SMOS Day of Service, with parishioners and school families



coming out to help clean up the facilities, spruce up the grounds, plant flower beds, prepare meal kits for Operation Food Search, and finish with a parking lot party featuring the Balkan Treat Box food truck.

- SMOS School was awarded a grant through One Classroom to continue their efforts toward inclusive education. The grant award supports a paraprofessional and includes training for the teachers and assistant teachers.
- The SMOS PTA brought in just under \$150,000 from fundraisers, sales, and donations to utilize around the school for various activities, including the Back To School picnic, Pizza Lunch, the Library, Dine Out Nights, Room Parents and class parties, Trivia Night, staff happy hours and holiday party, Spiritwear, Teacher Grants, Family Dance, Fish Fry, and new family welcomes and mentors.
- The St. Margaret community joined together for a night of fun and fundraising at the semi-annual auction benefitting the parish school, DragonFest, which included a live concert with the Mighty Pines (featuring SMOS alum, Neil Salsich).
- Our St. Vincent de Paul Society has been partnering with Isaiah 58 Ministries to supply utility assistance for their clients in exchange for food for our clients. This year, SVdP has made 132 home visits and provided \$13,395 in rental assistance, \$19,650 for Spire Gas assistance, and \$35,520 for Ameren Electric assistance.
- The Living Justice Ministries oversaw the return of the Advocacy Table; presented "Unclouding our Past", a researched study of racism in the Archdiocese; arranged two Welcome Neighbor dinners; held the second annual Walk or Ride to Church on Earth Day weekend; hosted a Spring social for our LGBTQ+ friends and allies; and provided numerous gun violence prevention activities and events to raise awareness and advocate within the parish.
- Youth Ministry saw its weekly Bible study grow from 4 to 16 regular attendees, monthly formation nights were attended by an average of 10 kids each month, two overnight retreats were hosted for 26 students, and 6 students took advantage of a week-long service trip in conjunction with Catholic Heart Work Camp.



Annual Financial Statement: 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

	Parish	School	Parish Organizations	Capital Campaign	Endowment	Total	Prior Year Actual	Next Year's Budget
Revenue								
Offertory Collections	\$641,316	-	-	-	-	\$641,316	\$629,859	\$649,336
Unrestricted Gifts	10,624	-	-	-	-	10,624	111,902	12,000
Restricted Gifts	26,164	\$109,640	(\$34,995)	-	-	100,809	87,187	65,125
Program Fees	13,051	2,635,010	62,888	-	-	2,710,949	2,668,614	3,013,035
Investment Income	11,991	23	2,813	\$164	\$19	15,010	1,968	56,000
Grant Revenue	22,593	132,567	-	-	-	155,160	139,362	800
Fundraisers & Other Revenue	7,548	169,183	130,271	-	-	307,002	251,928	80,000
Merchant Account Fees	(8,696)	(1,006)	(413)	(923)	-	(11,038)	(11,300)	(10,880)
Total Revenue	\$724,589	\$3,045,418	\$160,565	(\$760)	\$19	\$3,929,831	\$3,879,520	\$3,865,416

Expense								
Personnel Costs	(\$357,947)	(\$2,064,931)	-	-	-	(\$2,422,878)	(\$2,327,008)	(\$3,046,181)
Supplies	(67,973)	109,063	(\$127,941)	-	-	(304,977)	(441,627)	(166,056)
Fees & Services	(48,534)	(37,407)	(32,342)	-	-	(118,283)	(119,547)	(89,110)
Occupancy	(14,839)	101,867	4,539	-	-	(121,245)	(140,621)	(123,170)
Utilities	(47,774)	(73,539)	-	-	-	(121,314)	(111,830)	(134,620)
Repairs & Maintenance	(23,369)	(90,295)	(2,158)	-	-	(115,821)	(151,021)	(75,940)
Catholic Education Support	(55,447)	(101,760)	-	-	-	(157,207)	(172,586)	(176,364)
Insurance	(81,053)	(35,695)	-	-	-	(116,748)	(113,557)	(121,053)
Arch Assessments	(46,240)	(83,717)	-	-	(\$1,404)	(131,361)	(137,203)	(150,820)
Total Expense	(\$743,176)	(\$2,698,273)	(\$166,981)	\$0	(\$1,404)	(\$3,609,834)	(\$3,715,000)	(\$4,083,314)

Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue Over Expense	(\$18,586)	\$347,144	(\$6,416)	(\$760)	(\$1,385)	\$319,997	\$164,520	(\$217,898)
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Endowment Income	-	-	-	-	\$18,007	\$18,007	\$391,303	-
CARES Act Income	-	\$74,600	-	-	-	74,600	-	-
Capital Campaign Income	-	-	-	\$73,202	-	73,202	-	-
Capital Expenditures	(\$68,266)	(95,358)	-	-	-	(163,624)	(\$200,928)	-
Other Non-Cash Transactions	-	(38,548)	-	-	-	(38,548)	330	-

Excess (Deficiency) of Total Revenue Over Expense	(\$86,853)	\$287,839	(\$6,416)	\$72,442	\$16,622	\$283,634	\$355,225	(\$217,898)
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Net Assets at Beginning of Year						\$1,873,530		
Net Assets at End of Year						\$2,157,163		

Financial Highlights

- Unrestricted Weekly Giving increased by 1.8% over last year; however, Total Unrestricted Giving dropped by 12.1% as last year included an unrestricted bequest
- Restricted Giving, however, saw an increase of 16.9% with the largest variance in School Restricted Funds
- Tuition & Fees saw an increase of \$25K over the previous year; however grants awarded also increased by \$28K
- Fund Raising Revenue totaled over \$175K, with the largest fundraisers being the Auction, Dragon Raffle, & Walk-A-Thon
- Personnel costs increased by 4.1% over prior year - \$95K
- Supply Costs were reduced by 31% as COVID expenses waned
- Occupancy costs dropped by 11.2% which was a combination of increased Utility Costs (\$9K) and decreased Contracts and Repairs (\$45K)
- Capital Expenditures included Flooring Upgrades (\$9K); Painting (\$47K); Waterproofing / Water Damage Repairs (\$25K); Play Area / Retaining Wall (\$28.8K) Technology Upgrades (\$32K)
- Thank you to the parishioners who have signed up for online giving, company matching programs, and IRA contributions. These programs help the parish plan for ongoing expenses.
- 28 families received grants from the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation in the amount of \$76,346.
- 3 families received scholarships from the Mandeville Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$9,277.
- 28 families received scholarships from St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in the amount of \$52,733.
- St. Margaret participated in our first-ever Giving Tuesday on November 29, 2022. Giving Tuesday is a day to promote and raise money for parishes and charities in the Archdiocese of St. Louis 53 people donated \$4915 (plus two \$500 prize awards) for the support of our Youth Ministry projects.
- St. Margaret continued to promote and fund the Mandeville Multicultural Scholarship fund, which provides funds for minority, non-Catholics students at our school. The PTA Trivia Night contributed \$13,124 to the Scholarship Fund, and our first-ever Parish Lenten Project raised \$7,397 for the fund.

Ways to Support



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