



## A LETTER FROM FR. JOHN

Dear Parishioners and Friends  
of St. Margaret of Scotland:



This year St. Margaret of Scotland celebrates our Quasquicentennial! That's a big word, but it simply means that we are 125 years old! On Christmas Day in 1899, our first Pastor Fr. John J. O'Brien celebrated Mass for the parishioners of the new St. Margaret of Scotland Parish. 125 years later, after decades of growth and decline, war and peace, prosperity and pandemic, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish still stands in South St. Louis giving glory to God and drawing people of faith together to announce the Good News!

Now, as the 14th Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland, it is my privilege to lead this community of faith and continue to invite us all to be more grateful and generous. That is the heart of Stewardship – gratitude and generosity. 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. Celebrating our 125th Anniversary, we are most grateful to the parishioners who came before us and sacrificed so that we have the strong and vibrant parish we have today, and we must be as generous as we can so that future generations also share the gift and blessing that is St. Margaret of Scotland.

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, in our committees and organizations and ministries and school. Thank you for your financial generosity, to the parish and especially to those in need.

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 God's grace.

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. Happy Anniversary! Here's to 125 more!

*Fr. John Rogers Vien*

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Pastor



# Statement of Revenue & Expense: 2023/2024 Fiscal Year

|  | Parish            | School             | Total               |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>   |                   |                    |                     |
| Offertory Collections  | \$ 689,007        | \$ 0               | \$ 689,007          |
| Unrestricted Gifts   | \$ 17,219         | \$ 0               | \$ 17,219           |
| Restricted Gifts   | \$ 40,377         | \$ 15,770          | \$ 56,147           |
| Program Fees   | \$ 22,334         | \$ 2,739,843       | \$ 2,762,177        |
| Investment Income  | \$ 43,189         | \$ 0               | \$ 43,189           |
| Grant Revenue  | \$ 5,680          | \$ 238,739         | \$ 244,419          |
| Fundraisers & Other Revenue                                  | \$ 34,932         | \$ 127,572         | \$ 162,504          |
| Merchant Account Fees  | \$ (10,682)       | \$ (925)           | \$ (11,607)         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   | \$ 842,056        | \$ 3,120,999       | \$ 3,963,055        |
| <b>Expense</b>   |                   |                    |                     |
| Personnel Costs  | \$ (323,415)      | \$ (2,315,706)     | \$ (2,639,121)      |
| Supplies   | \$ (95,283)       | \$ (100,848)       | \$ (196,131)        |
| Fees & Services  | \$ (53,421)       | \$ (166,115)       | \$ (219,536)        |
| Occupancy  | \$ (23,565)       | \$ (137,041)       | \$ (160,606)        |
| Utilities  | \$ (47,502)       | \$ (72,510)        | \$ (120,012)        |
| Repairs & Maintenance  | \$ (61,892)       | \$ (94,384)        | \$ (156,276)        |
| Catholic Education Support                                   | \$ (69,201)       | \$ (116,222)       | \$ (185,423)        |
| Insurance  | \$ (83,123)       | \$ (37,200)        | \$ (120,323)        |
| Arch Assessments   | \$ (63,705)       | \$ (92,850)        | \$ (156,555)        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>   | \$ (821,107)      | \$ (3,132,876)     | \$ (3,953,983)      |
| <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Revenue Over Expense</b> | <b>\$20,950</b>   | <b>(\$11,877)</b>  | <b>\$9,073</b>      |
| Endowment Income   | \$ 0              | \$ 0               | \$ 0                |
| CARES Act Income   | \$ 0              | \$ 0               | \$ 0                |
| Capital Campaign Income                                      | \$ 0              | \$ 0               | \$ 0                |
| Capital Expenditures   | \$ (45,691)       | \$ (125,119)       | \$ (170,810)        |
| Other Non-Cash Transactions                                  | \$ 0              | \$ (8,612)         | \$ (8,612)          |
| Total Other  | \$ 45,691         | \$ 133,731         | \$ 179,422          |
| <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Total Revenue Over Expense</b>     | <b>(\$24,742)</b> | <b>(\$145,608)</b> | <b>(\$170,350)*</b> |
| <i>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</i>                       |                   |                    | \$2,077,527         |
| <i>Net Assets at End of Year</i>                             |                   |                    | \$1,907,177         |

\*The decrease in Net Assets at End of Year is due in large part to capital expenditures and building repairs which occurred at the end of this fiscal year and will impact next year's statement as well.

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GIVING  
HOUSEHOLDS

# 76

#GIVINGTUESDAY  
DONORS

# \$28K

SVDP CHRISTMAS  
OUTREACH

Visit our website to learn more or to get started with online giving.

# PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN IN PARISH SCHOOL

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- Patrick Holley joined St. Margaret of Scotland as the new Principal of our School and quickly got to work on hiring new faculty, welcoming our students, and improving school safety.

- St. Margaret of Scotland had a successful Stewardship Season with a “Thank You” reception for volunteers, an Increased Offertory Campaign bringing in \$115,000 in new pledges, three Stewardship Fairs promoting ministries, and Nametag Sundays to help build community.

ACTIVE MINISTRIES

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- This year, St. Margaret of Scotland Music Ministry achieved milestones including purchasing new Gather hymnals and a 1996 Kawai RX3 piano through **#iGiveCatholic #GivingTuesday** fundraising efforts. The Ministry was also honored with the Great Preacher Award from Aquinas Institute of Theology, the first time this honor has been awarded to a group of people.

PARISH/SCHOOL EVENTS

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- Our Church and School buildings received many upgrades including Church door restoration, security cameras, electrical work, masonry, flooring, painting, HVAC, and more.

- The Parish and School supported the St. Joseph Housing Initiative through donations and volunteering for the Parish Lenten Project

- The SMOS community came together for some fun-draising and participated in the Feast Day 5K event in Tower Grove Park, which raised funds for end-of-year activities for the 8th Grade class.

- Living Justice Ministries at St. Margaret’s Parish organized Gun Sense: For the Common Good events focusing on gun violence prevention; and Pride of St. Margaret’s participated in the Tower Grove Pride festival to support LGBTQ+ friends and allies.

- The latest ministry at St. Margaret of Scotland to form this Spring is the Parents of Young Children (PYC) group with fellowship for young families, including a reconciliation service with babysitting provided, playdates for pre-pre-K children, and a coffee meet & greet for parents.

- The SMOS PTA supported the school community by organizing a landscaping project and funding school safety initiatives, such as a new fence, through events like Trivia Night.



*St. Margaret of Scotland*

# 2024 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MEMBERS **2,328**

REGISTERED FAMILIES **794**

NEW FAMILIES **69**

**36**

BAPTISMS

**45**

FIRST COMMUNIONS

**35**

CONFIRMATIONS

**8**

MARRIAGES

**3**

FUNERALS

**6**

ADULT INITIATIONS

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**JOIN US FOR MASS!**

Saturday 4:30 PM & Sunday 8 AM & 10 AM

Monday-Friday 6:30 AM

Wednesdays 8:15 AM on school days

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:45-4:15 PM

Adoration - Thursday 7 AM - 3 PM

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