



As we look back on 2024, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings we received as a parish community. With your support, we have celebrated accomplishments that enrich our spiritual home:

- The renewal and reopening of the Mission Museum, preserving and sharing the rich heritage of our faith.
- The designation of Mission San José as the Diocesan Shrine of Saint Joseph, a recognition of its sacred and historical significance and a new opportunity for evangelization.
- Renovation of the Carriage House into Saint Joseph's Workshop, providing more parish meeting spaces and a home for Family of Faith and other parish ministries.
- Continued growth in our ministries and liturgical life, strengthening our parish's commitment to worship, faith formation, and service.

These achievements remind us that when we work together in faith, great things are possible.

2024 Financial Overview

As your Parish Finance Council, we are deeply concerned that for the second year in a row our offertory collection fell short of our budget. Our 2024 offertory collection was \$349,000 below budget. This is an improvement compared to 2023, but we can not sustain our parish staff and ministries if this continues. Through careful financial stewardship, we spent less on parish operating expenses than budgeted, resulting in a smaller net operating deficit for the year of \$95,000 than would otherwise have occurred.

It is important to understand that, while budgeted expenses are similar to those before the COVID pandemic, offertory collections have been lower. Attendance at Mass has increased since the pandemic, but offertory collections have not fully recovered. A detailed breakdown of our 2024 parish operating results is shown on the next page.

A Call to Stewardship

Our faith teaches us that giving is an act of thanksgiving for the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon us. Every gift, whether great or small, strengthens our parish, supports our ministries, and allows us to carry out the work of Christ in our community.

In the next few weeks we will invite all parishioners to discern how to contribute their time, talents, and treasure as good stewards to ensure St. Joseph Parish remains a vibrant place of faith and loving service to those in need. Mindful of our financial realities, we ask you to deepen your commitment to sacrificial giving—not as a burden, but as a joyful response to God's generosity.

80% of the offertory collection comes from just 20% of our parishioners. If you are not contributing at least \$20 each week to the collection basket, please make this minimum commitment going forward. Increasing participation in the offertory collection is not just about meeting a budget; it is about sustaining our parish home, where worship, faith formation, and service will flourish.

Conclusion

We are profoundly grateful for each and every one of you—for your prayers, your service, and your financial support. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may we continue to journey together in faith, trust, and thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,

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Category	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals	2024 Budget	Difference from 2024 Budget (Unfavorable)
OPERATING INCOME				
Plate Collection	\$1,051,682	\$1,190,587	\$1,540,000	(\$349,413)
Bequests and Gifts	\$32,812	\$31,151	-	\$31,151
Ministerial Fees	\$59,097	\$64,224	\$67,714	(\$3,490)
Interest Income	\$18,332	\$13,486	\$9,250	\$4,236
Other Income	\$2,407	\$22,274	\$8,000	\$14,274
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$1,164,330	\$1,321,722	\$1,624,964	(\$303,242)
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration	\$352,425	\$374,291	\$395,884	\$21,593
Diocesan Assessment	\$201,781	\$192,500	\$192,500	-
Priest and Rectory	\$99,713	\$99,183	\$101,863	\$2,680
Liturgy	\$165,774	\$166,323	\$194,973	\$28,650
Ministries	\$259,763	\$243,585	\$300,465	\$56,880
Facilities	\$354,913	\$296,578	\$315,796	\$19,218
Parish School Subsidy	\$30,846	\$15,330	\$31,000	\$15,670
Other Expense	\$39,197	\$29,415	\$60,600	\$31,185
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$1,504,412	\$1,417,205	\$1,593,081	\$175,876
SURPLUS (LOSS)	(\$340,082)	(\$95,483) ↓	\$31,883	(\$127,366)

The parish's actual 2024 operating income was less than our actual operating expenses for the year, resulting in a loss of \$95,483 for 2024.