

Dear Parish Family,

This past June, we had a "State of the Parish" gathering. Sitting in small groups, parishioners responded to these prompts: "I like...", "I wish...", "I wonder...". The prompts helped us reflect on our past and discern where the Spirit may be leading us now.

Parishioners expressed these hopes and more for College Church: that everyone would be known by name; that we could reach those who do not feel welcomed; and that we could more deeply embrace our Ignatian charism. By God's grace, we intend to take our hopes—all that we wish and wonder—and bring them to life.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might take part in this mission by making a commitment to financially support our parish. With your help, we can continue **Living Our Faith**, growing in our love for God, our parish, and our neighbor.

Our patron, St. Francis Xavier, said, "Love is what gives value to all our works; it's not thanks to the greatness and multitude of our works that we please God, but thanks to the love with which we do them." As we continue to live God's love and surrender our lives to the Lord, **He will do beautiful things in our hearts, families, parish, and community.**

We sincerely thank you for putting your faith into action through your sacrificial giving.

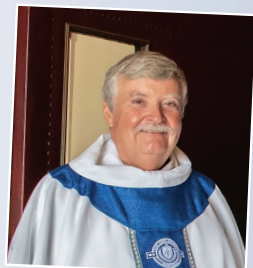
Gratefully yours in Christ,

Katie Jansen

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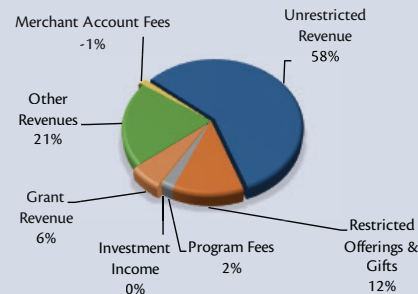


Financial Snapshot: 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

Revenue

Unrestricted Revenue	\$744,500.00
Restricted Offerings & Gifts	\$152,100.00
Program Fees	\$27,000.00
Investment Income	\$1,100.00
Grant Revenue	\$72,000.00
Other Revenues	\$260,500.00
Merchant Account Fees	-\$17,800.00

Total Revenue **\$1,239,400.00**

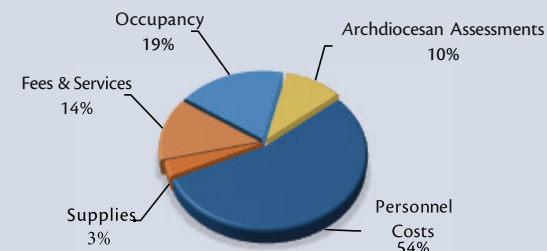


Expenses

Personnel Costs	\$730,300.00
Supplies	\$44,500.00
Fees & Services	\$181,000.00
Occupancy	\$256,800.00
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$138,800.00

Total Expense **\$1,351,400.00**

Net (Deficit) **(\$112,000.00)**



Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend
or
scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update your current online gift amount at <https://www.osvhub.com/sfxstl/giving/funds>



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged charitable gifts** such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at 314-977-7304.

Living OUR Faith



St. Francis Xavier College Church

SAINT LOUIS, MO

Our Mission



The Church's mission is to **proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, leading others to encounter Him.** At St. Francis Xavier College Church, we grow in our faith while serving our neighbors.

- The College Church Outreach Program helps people with limited resources acquire Missouri State ID cards and birth certificates from any state.
- The SFX St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference forms relationships with neighbors in need and assists with rent, utilities, furniture and food.
- Winter Inn extends hospitality, fellowship, and shelter to people experiencing homelessness on cold winter nights.



Our Community



As a parish, we have a firm commitment to **justice, human dignity, and care for our common home.** We also create opportunities to strengthen community and have fun together.

- As an antiracist parish, we host history presentations, racial justice vigils, and more, practicing restoration in the pursuit of justice.
- Our Circle of Creation Committee provides opportunities to learn about and act in the interest of environmental justice.
- Donut Sundays and our Festival of Ministries feature our many commissions and committees, inviting everyone to join these efforts.



Our Witness



United in God's love, our liturgies are full of joy and praise. We pass on the faith and provide opportunities for lifelong formation, with a particular focus on Ignatian spirituality.

- We offer both traditional Religious Education and Montessori-style Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children. Middle schoolers take part in a Social Justice Camp every summer.
- Young adults aged 22-38 cultivate a faith community through College Church Young Professionals. Adults of all ages are invited to LightWorks, an experience of Ignatian prayer.
- Our Elder Prayer Companions are committed to partnering in prayer with and for specific parish ministries.



Putting Our Faith Into Practice

The Outreach Program

What do we hear when we simply listen to those we serve? Here are some thoughts from just a few guests who come on Tuesdays for help with obtaining a duplicate birth certificate or ID.

What brought you to our program?

"I'm a single mother. I've been going through some hot water as I try to stay afloat in this battle we fight."
 "I need my son's birth certificate to get him in preschool. It will help him so much."
 "I heard about College Church on the street. I heard you are a helpful place."

What makes our program helpful?

"Times are tough, and it's a blessing to get help with such important information."
 "College Church helps people. Your volunteers are so nice."
 "I lost my job. This is a big support."

And here is a note we received recently from a clinical supervisor at regional Behavioral Health center:

"I want to share with you the impact your program has had on our homeless clients. As you know, clients cannot get into homeless shelters in the city or the county without identification. We recently served a client who came to our office after getting into an altercation. Without ID, he had no other option but to sleep on the streets. It was a cold, rainy day, his face was bruised and his injuries were visible. This is the reality for so many individuals experiencing homelessness and the trauma that comes with living in doorways and street corners.

"He wanted us to know he had gone to the College Church ID Program and was waiting on his birth certificate. We made a plan for him to come back to our office at 5 p.m. to attend a recovery group that could at least provide him shelter and snacks for a short period of time. While with us, he found out his birth certificate had arrived at your church, so we provided him with a bus ticket to pick it up. His community support worker then arranged housing placement for him through Peter and Paul Community Services. He continues to reside there, working on recovery and housing.

"You are making a difference. You are helping individuals move past their struggles to find a better place to be in life. Your efforts to change the lives of the homeless in our region is deeply appreciated!"

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