



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023

THE BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

353 PEACHTREE STREET NE ATLANTA, GA 30308

# FUNDING OUR MISSION

Comparative Income Statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and ended 2023 and 2022

Description	Budget		Actual	
	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022	
<b>Operating Income:</b>				
Offertory/Interest	\$ 1,070,000	\$ 1,056,199	\$ 1,087,422	
Liturgy and Worship	\$ 46,500	\$ 46,841	\$ 55,085	
Religious Education	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,860	\$ 5,527	
Parish Ministries	\$ 7,000	\$ 31,035	\$ 6,924	
Facilities	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,155	\$ 3,025	
Archdiocesan Support	\$ 1,000	\$ 809	\$ 875	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,143,899</b>	<b>\$ 1,158,858</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
Liturgy and Worship	\$ 207,300	\$ 211,693	\$ 204,117	
Religious Education	\$ 24,100	\$ 7,728	\$ 33,085	
Parish Ministries	\$ 113,200	\$ 112,577	\$ 100,508	
General and Administration	\$ 302,425	\$ 323,525	\$ 322,160	
Facilities	\$ 300,650	\$ 304,648	\$ 251,617	
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$ 181,350	\$ 182,226	\$ 174,452	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,129,025</b>	<b>\$ 1,142,397</b>	<b>\$ 1,085,939</b>	
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 4,975</b>	<b>\$ 1,502</b>	<b>\$ 72,919</b>	
<b>Non-Operating Income:</b>				
Investment	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,421	\$ -	
Bequests and Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,300	
Restoration	\$ 43,500	\$ 45,353	\$ 56,571	
Capital Campaign	\$ -	\$ 54,368	\$ 42,592	
PPP Loan Forgiveness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,142	
Annual Appeal Refund	\$ -	\$ 17,754	\$ 21,825	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,500</b>	<b>\$ 123,896</b>	<b>\$ 194,430</b>	
<b>Non-Operating Expenses:</b>				
Capital Campaign	\$ -	\$ 47,773	\$ 102,947	
Other	\$ 11,500	\$ 18,903	\$ 40,551	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,500</b>	<b>\$ 66,676</b>	<b>\$ 143,498</b>	
<b>Non-Operating Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 38,000</b>	<b>\$ 57,220</b>	<b>\$ 50,932</b>	

## NOTES

Operating Income: Liturgy and Worship are monies received from Weddings, Quinceañeras, Christmas and Easter flowers and Mass Intentions. Parish Ministries are monies received from donations to Outreach ministries. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, Parish Ministries includes a special one-time gift.

Operating Expenses: Salaries and benefits for staff are allocated to each of the various cost centers. Archdiocesan Assessments are levied by the Archdiocese to support its projects and costs.

Non-Operating Income: PPP Loan Forgiveness represents the proceeds from a Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan in FY 2022, (part of the C.A.R.E.S. Act) the parish applied for and received. The Basilica has complied with the technical terms and conditions for the PPP, and accordingly, the loan has been forgiven.

Non-Operating Expenses: Capital Campaign amounts represent expenditures that are part of the Save the Spires campaign. Certain expenses in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 Income Statement, have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, Comparative Income Statements.

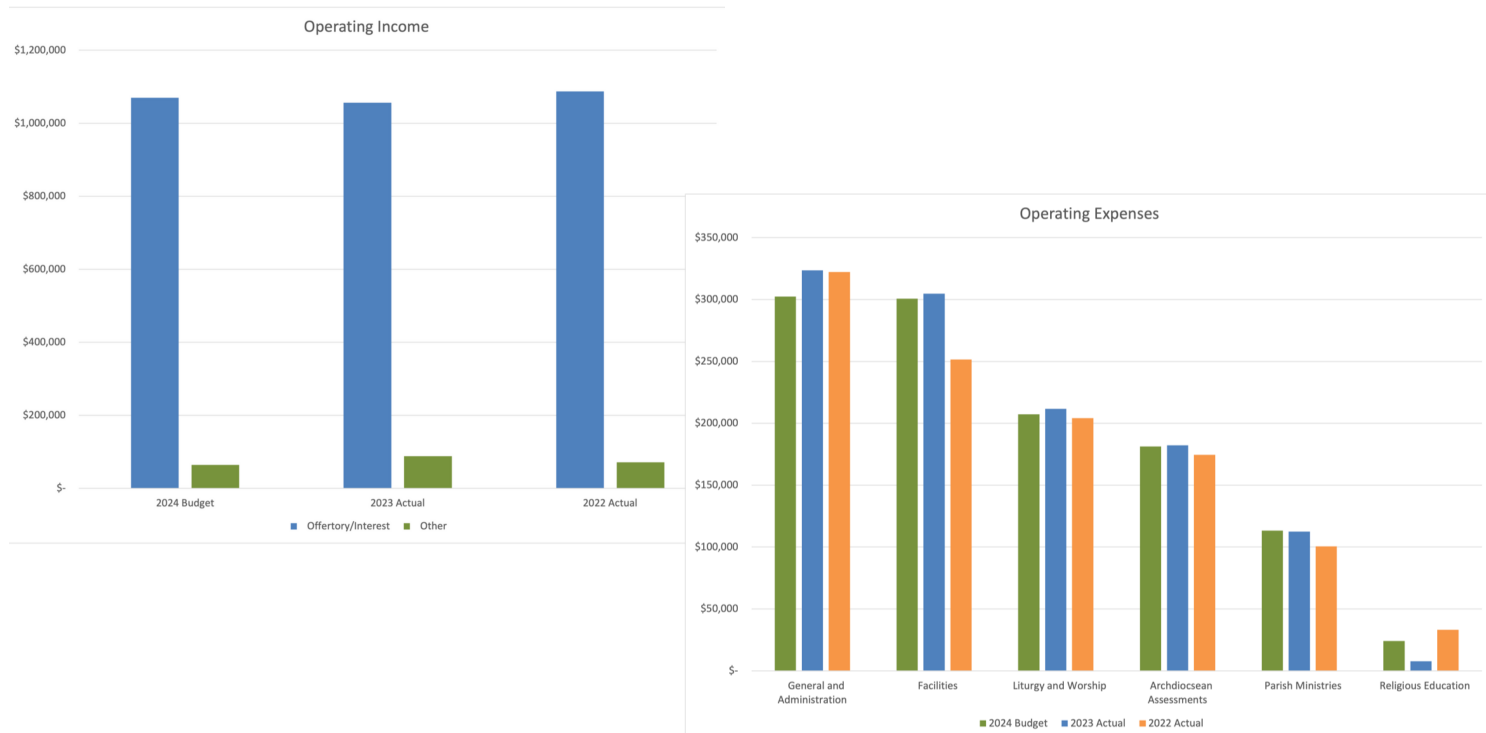


# MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Peace and all good things!

This has been a milestone year for our community. We celebrated the 125th anniversary of the dedication of our church, and we curated and buried a time capsule to be opened in 2148 by those who follow us 125 years from now. Every day I thank God for the opportunity to be the Pastor and Rector of the Basilica during this very special time of honoring our parish's past, and setting it on its course for its future. Please find herein a statement of accountability and parishioners' good stewardship. The parish continues to participate well in the life of Christ, faithfully carrying out all that is necessary to fulfill our Mission: to Encounter Christ and Learn to Live as Disciples. It is only through personal commitment to Jesus's call, and the faithful generous response to that call, that individuals and families of our community make the mission we've been given possible. Thank you!

As you can see in the Operating Income chart, our offertories continue to be steady, even though our Mass attendance, like in many other churches, has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels. By viewing the chart of Operating Expenses you will notice our expenditures are closely managed. Our current fiscal year 2024 budget anticipates the same good stewardship will continue to enable us to fulfill our most fundamental call to be Missionary Disciples.



We have been addressing the various projects within Save the Spires one at a time over the last several years. The only project left is the painting of the Nave and Sanctuary. We have funds of about \$300,000 from the money we raised for that effort. About two years ago, we started to plan for the paint work. (You can read about how this process unfolded and who was involved here. <https://sacredheartatlanta.org/for-such-a-time-as-this-genesis-of-the-plan/>) The result of that planning effort is an interior redecoration master plan draft. This vision is what is on display on the website and on the posters at the entrance to the church. To more deeply describe the components of the master plan draft we created a Design Studio in the Rectory. We have been conducting 45-minute meetings in the Design Studio over the last couple of months. These sessions gather specific suggestions and feedback from members of our community, and these sessions will continue through the next several months. Once we have sufficient feedback, we will have the master plan draft rendered with adopted suggestions. We expect this will be in the Fall/Winter. This is an exciting time for our parish. Thank you for your active participation. As we conclude the celebrations of our 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church, we look toward the next 125 years and consider all who will in the future follow in our footsteps. And, I do humbly ask for your prayers, that the Holy Spirit continues to help me shepherd us into the parish's future.

Your in Christ Risen,

Very Rev. John T. Howren  
Rector and Pastor







# BY THE NUMBERS

## 2022 vs 2023

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### Active Households

1155 - 1261

### New Parish Registrations

62 - 106

### Infant Baptisms

41 - 25

### Adult Baptisms

7 - 11

### First Communions

27 - 29

### RCIA

(received into full Communion  
with the Church)

7 - 18

### Confirmations (High School)

17 - 19

### Confirmations (Adult)

10 - 10

### Quinceañeras

9 - 4

### Marriages

25 - 29

### Deaths

10 - 8

### Scheduled Tours

10 - 14

(250+ attendees)









# MINISTRY SNAPSHOT

## Knights of Columbus

200+ parishioners served at Breakfast with St. Nick and a Lenten Soup Supper.

1,000 pounds of onions sold to fund \$500 seminarian stipend.

Donated \$200 to Uvalde, TX Relief Fund.

Supported many functions in the liturgy and provided hands-on support to local pregnancy support centers and local safe house.

Supported the Midtown Assistance Center (MAC) by collecting several hundred pounds of food and several large drums filled with coats for adults and children.

## Sandwich Ministry

2,080 sack lunches made and distributed with coffee to local homeless (40 per week).

## Altar and Rosary

56 Church cleanings. (Every Friday and other days as needed).

## Prayer Groups

Intercessory Prayer Group met monthly throughout the year to pray for intentions submitted through our parish website, the Book of Prayer Requests, and Prayer Card Requests filled out in the vestibule. The Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella sponsored monthly rosaries prayed after the 10am Mass.

## Children's Choir

12 children participated, singing at 5 masses and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help spreading the Good News!

## Gift of Grace House

12 monthly themed Fish Fry dinners for the Gift of Grace House residents, 22 Fishing trips (1 that included residents), and 276 fresh fish served (Crappie, Catfish, Bream, and Bass)!

## Hospital and Prison Ministry

These vital ministries (like so many others) have been on hiatus due to Covid-19. Earlier this summer, both resumed and we now have five Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist serving Emory Midtown Hospital every week and three volunteers working to restart regular visits to the Fulton County Jail.

## St. Vincent de Paul

\$61,709 spent in charitable giving. 145 personalized individual assistance cases which covered rent and mortgage payments, stays in extended stay hotels, utilities, transportation, food cards, insurance payments. 2 night shelter meals catered, totaling \$1134. All of this was accomplished with 7 caseworkers, 2 officers, and 1 associate!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

34 shawls created with love.

18 parishioners, family and friends have been recipients this year.

## Night Shelter Ministry

Helped feed and house the homeless at the Bashor Men's Homeless Shelter 6 times from November - March.

## Flower Guild

Members in five rotating teams purchase, condition, arrange, and water flowers in the church on a weekly basis with additional work during Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, weddings, and special liturgical events (which included this year's 125th Anniversary Mass).

## Daughters of Isabella

Along with recruiting 5 new ladies, DOI sold 12 cases of pecans in their annual fundraiser and donated \$700 to: Ignatius House, Knights of Peter Claver, Queen Isabella Day (toiletries for homeless), Cristo Rey Scholarship, AACCW and Sacred Heart. and hosted their Annual Women's Retreat in Lent.

## Young Adults (Cor Unum)

101 GroupMe members, 10 monthly Happy Hours, 4 monthly post-Mass Brunches, 2 Group Dinners, 1 swing-dancing event, and 9 summer Faith Circle Bible Studies.

## ONLINE GIVING

Since last year, we have increased from 200 to 256 active donors on our Online-Giving Platform. This safe and accessible system through Our Sunday Visitor does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account and you can make changes at any time. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at year end, and online-giving is more convenient for the parish than electronic checks from your bank.

Get started! Go to : [sacredheartatlanta.org/online-giving/](https://sacredheartatlanta.org/online-giving/) or use this QR code for fast and easy access!



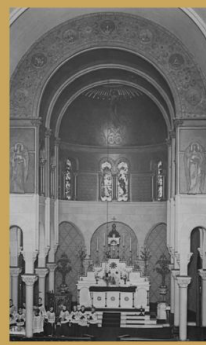




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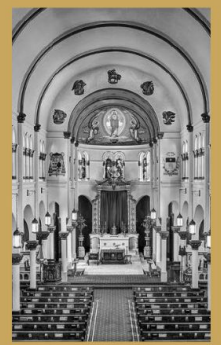
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2010



**125TH ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING MASS**  
**BISHOP EDWARD SCHLESINGER III 10:00 A.M. JANUARY 8, 2023**

*For Such*  
A TIME AS THIS *ES. 4:14*



**HONORING OUR PAST WITH A LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE**