



Annual Report to Parishioners

Reflections of our Stewardship
for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024

*We provide a spiritual home for all God's family and nurture one another
through the sacraments and the principles of Catholic faith.*

Saint Thomas the Apostle 2023-2024 Annual Report

OVERVIEW

Each year Saint Thomas is charged by the diocese to submit an annual report of our financial position to parishioners. This report is a reflection of the many ways our community has lived Stewardship throughout this past year through the sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

We have been so blessed as a Parish. Your consistent, strong financial support has provided Saint Thomas with a robust foundation to engage the next 100 years and beyond. We offer our thanks and praise to God for His many blessings as we present this 2023 - 2024 Annual Report to Parishioners.

LAY LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE PARISH AND SCHOOL

Pastoral Council

Mark O'Toole, Chair

Father James Chelich, Pastor

James Boyle

Debbie Diaz

Jim Herwaldt

Sean Parini

Sandee Schenk

Don Somerdyk

Pam Strobel, Parish Life Coordinator

Mary Sumners

Erin Szymanski

Finance Council

John Schuring, Chair

Father James Chelich, Pastor

Mike Brann

Doug France

Carla Grant, Finance Manager

Marcie Hillary

Kristy Irwin

Mark Kennedy

Jesse Richardson

Steve Strobel

Kristen Wolfram

Board of Education

Brian Hillary, President

Elissa Williams, Vice President

Derek Damstra, Secretary

Josh Szymanski, Buildings & Grounds

Meredith Maczka, Committee on Directors

Liz Thoreson, Finance (partial school year)

David Shankin, Marketing & Outreach

James Wilson, Mission Effectiveness

Molly Kennedy, Policy & Planning

Members at Large: Michelle Anderson,

Bill Fetterhoff, Jamie McCabe, Mary Vonck

Ex Officio Members:

Genevieve Boyle, Home and School

Matt Maczka, Education Foundation

Ryan Corcoran, Principal

Education Foundation Board of Directors and Members

President - Matt Maczka

Treasurer - Liz Deimel

Secretary - Ellen Kieras

Pastor - Father James Chelich

Finance Council Chair - John Schuring

Education Board President - Brian Hillary

Pastoral Council Chair - Mark O'Toole

Board Advisors - Tim Allard, Liz Aschwege,

Erin Damstra, Mark Kennedy, and Josh Pfennig

Betsy Edgerton, Director of Development

(Note: Italicized names represent Parish/School staff members.)

Our Sacramental Life

BAPTISM

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

CONFIRMATION

*Names have been
omitted from this page
to respect the privacy
of our youngest
parishioners.*

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Our Sacramental Life

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Date	Husband and Wife
September 16, 2023	Luke Patrick Allen and Regina Christine Faber
September 23, 2023	Lukas Tanner Bontrager and Julia Joyce Walsh
September 30, 2023	Jason Eric Lawrence Mey and Nicole Janice Strobel
October 7, 2023	James Michael Stormzand and Alexis Monique Byington
October 13, 2023	Gabriel Richard Hawley and Madeleine Rose Fagan
October 21, 2023	Lucas Oliver Topie and Caitlin Marie Doyle
January 27, 2024	Jordan Connor Gapinski and Sara Therese Vruggink
June 1, 2024	Jacob Scott Fair and Samantha Ann Mason
June 2, 2024**	Christopher Barclay Potter and Rebecca Catherine Potter
June 15, 2024	Seth Thomas Alfaro and Megan Lynn Cates

***Convalidation*

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Mariae Firlit	July 1, 2023
Kenneth Kelly	September 10, 2023
Daniel Schaab	October 12, 2023
Mary Beth Walen	October 13, 2023
Patrick Michael McRae	November 18, 2023
Bill Dripchak	November 24, 2023
Peter Alan Lincoln	February 3, 2024
Mike Cronin	February 11, 2024
Cynthia Trenshaw	February 19, 2024
Geraldine Lucretia Lockrow	March 28, 2024
Edward James Karlovich	April 25, 2024
Margaret Twohey	May 20, 2024
Michelle Mier	June 12, 2024
Linda Ignatoski	June 14, 2024

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SYNOPSIS OF OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

From July 2023 - June 30, 2024, Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish provided spiritual support to:

649 Households made up of 3710 Individuals

We welcomed 42 new Households to our Parish.

We celebrated:

26 Baptisms - 46 First Communions - 30 Confirmations

1 RCIA Catechumen - 6 RCIA Candidates

10 Marriages - 14 Funerals

208 Sunday Masses - 260 Weekday Masses - 60 School Masses

285 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration for parishioners and school students

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR ASSETS

Our Finance Council is charged with financial operations and the care of our facilities, including prioritization of needed maintenance and improvements ("capital projects"). They strive to maintain liquid assets that are adequate to meet current and future needs.

Liquid assets as of June 30, 2024:

Checking Account	\$ 267,128
Savings Account	1,730,184
Total	<u>\$ 1,997,312</u>

Designated Use of Liquid Assets:

Parish and School operations - reserve approximately 2 months of operating expenses	\$ 500,000
Early Childhood Center renovation project	600,000
Amount available for planned capital purchases and maintenance of Parish property over the next 3 years.	<u>897,312</u>
	<u>\$ 1,997,312</u>

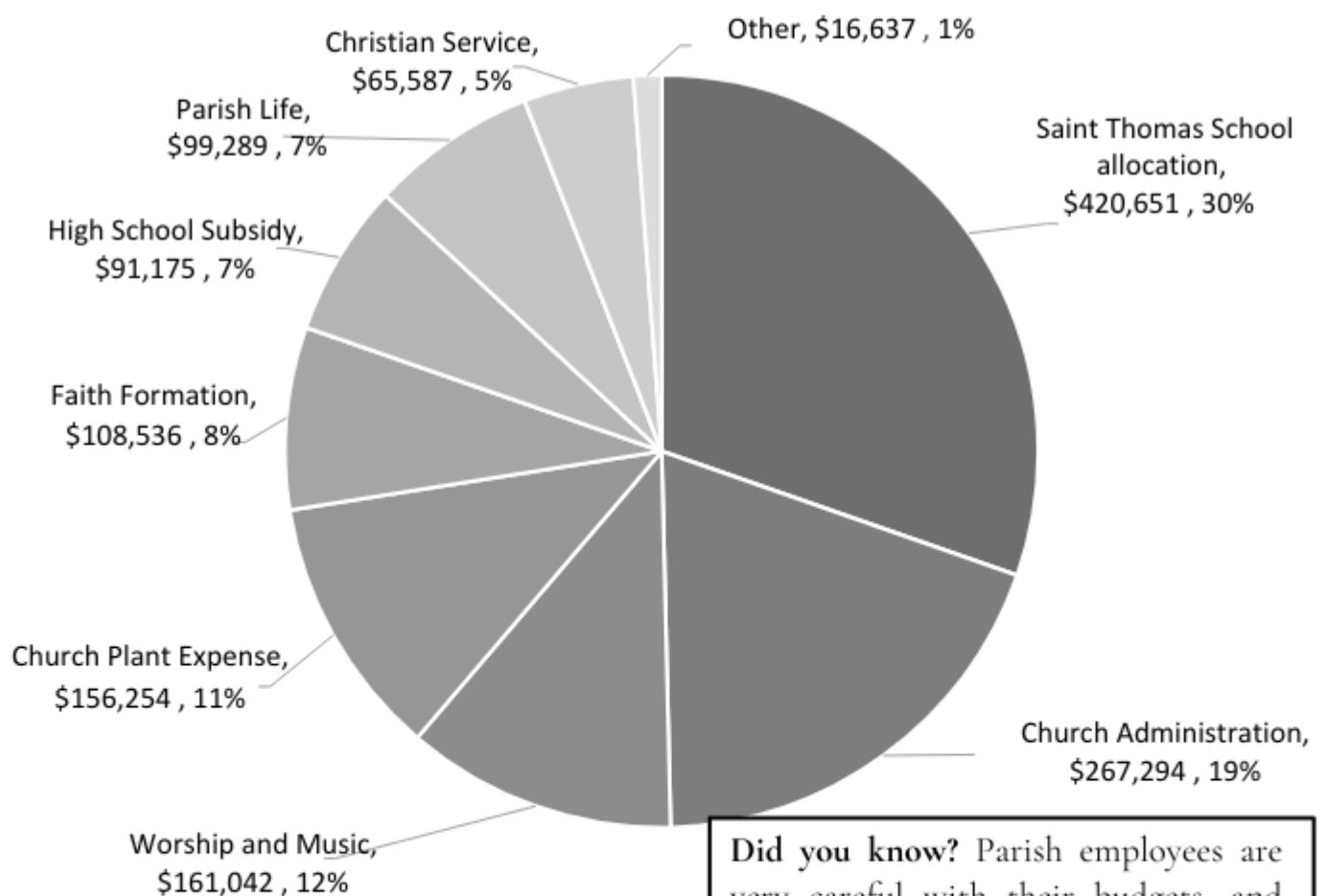
Parish Financial Highlights ~ July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

PARISH INCOME

	Actual	Budget	(Deficit) Overage	Next year's Budget
Operating income:				
Offertory collections	\$ 1,331,668	\$ 1,350,000	\$ (18,332)	\$ 1,390,000
Other operating income*	155,812	130,400	25,412	91,250
Totals	\$ 1,487,480	\$ 1,480,400	\$ 7,080	\$ 1,481,250

*Includes interest on savings (\$42,685), rental income (\$15,001) and CSA overage (\$57,807) as well as fees and restricted donations. Note that CSA overages are allocated by the Finance Council and are generally used to fund future capital maintenance and planned replacement.

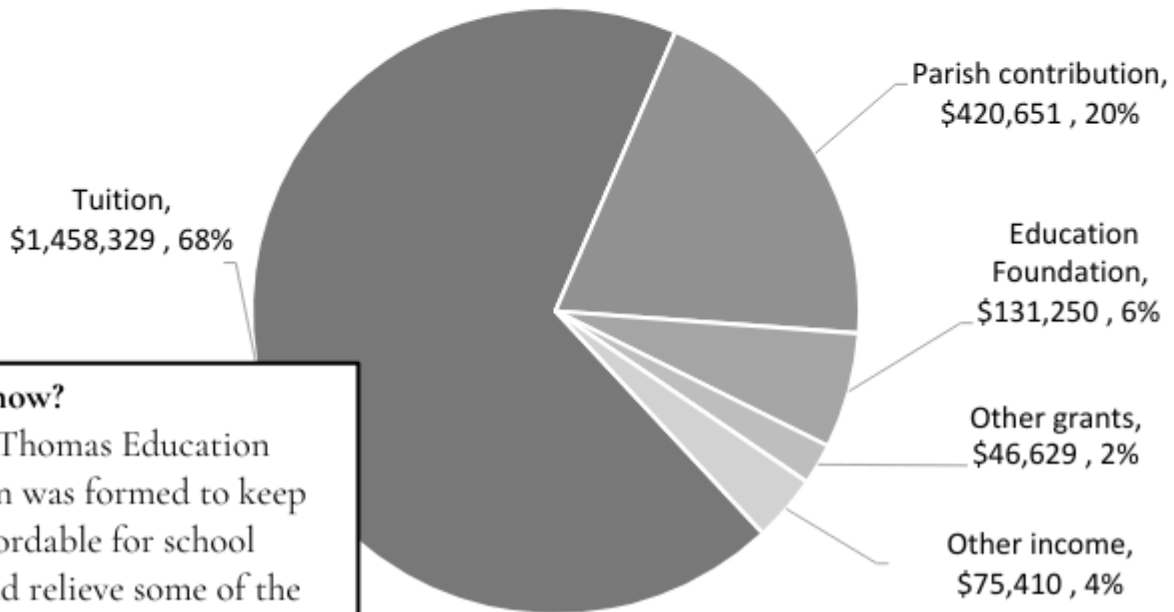
PARISH EXPENSES



Did you know? Parish employees are very careful with their budgets, and came in under budget in all categories this year!

School Financial Highlights ~ July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

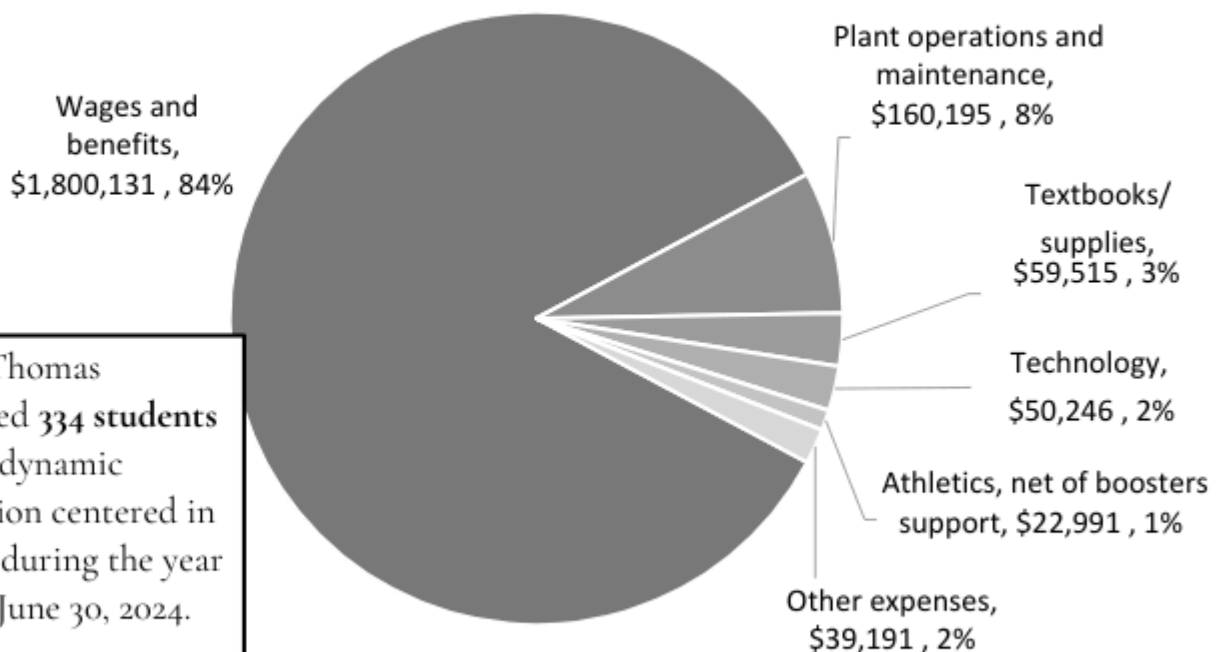
SAINT THOMAS SCHOOL INCOME



Did you know?

The Saint Thomas Education Foundation was formed to keep tuition affordable for school families and relieve some of the financial burden of the Parish.

SAINT THOMAS SCHOOL EXPENSES



Saint Thomas provided **334 students** with a dynamic education centered in Christ during the year ended June 30, 2024.



Thank You

for your faithful stewardship
of time, talent and treasure.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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