



St. Ann Parish 2023 Stewardship Report

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Dear Beloved Family of Saint Ann,

As is customary every October, we are providing you the Annual Stewardship Report. A parish stewardship report provides a snapshot of just one component of our parish life.

Saint Ann has seen growth in Mass attendance and number of volunteers in parish ministries. Although we are no way near pre-Covid years, the return to normal has been a blessing to everyone. This report shows the measure of giving and receiving. We are blessed, but we can do much more as the Lord asks.

Looking ahead to next year, Saint Ann will undertake a big project with the renovation of the Old Convent - the multi-story brick Williamsburg Colonial-style house facing I-66.

Bishop Burbidge, through the Diocesan Building Committee, has approved our planned renovation of the Old Convent. We plan to make it available as affordable housing for Catholic school teachers, while also creating auxiliary classrooms for St. Ann School special classes such as music and art classes, and providing extra meeting rooms for Faith Formation, youth activities and parish ministries. The adaptive reuse of this building restores an important part of the St. Ann community's history and makes this dormant parish asset usable for various needs. Repurposing the existing structure is a sustainable and responsible way to add multi-purpose space.

The estimated cost of the Old Convent renovation is \$2.5 million. Saint Ann's fundraising for the renovation will be combined with a diocesan-wide 2024 capital campaign directed by the Bishop for charitable works across the diocese. In other words, sometime next year, we anticipate that the parish will conduct one big capital campaign for both the parish and the diocese.

I am confident that we will see the fruits of our labor. Nothing is impossible if we work together and when Saint Ann households lend support to these projects for the parish and the diocese.

As you read this Stewardship Report 2023, let your hearts be filled with gratitude for all the good God continues to do in our midst.

Fr. Mel O. Portula, CICM,
Pastor

We are...

1631 Families
4258 Parishioners
39 New Families

Parish Staff Members

Priests – 2
Permanent Deacons – 2
Church Employees – 19
School Employees – 36

Volunteer Leadership

Pastoral Council – 15
Finance Council – 9
Liturgy Committee – 12

Liturgical Ministry Participation

Altar Servers - 43
Arts & Environment
Volunteers – 5
Choir Members – 54
Eucharistic Ministers – 56
Hospital & Homebound
Ministers – 24
Lectors – 30
Lectors for Spanish Mass - 7
Altar Servers - 43
Ushers – 35

Education & Faith Formation Program Participation

Saint Ann School Students
(PreK-8th) – 262
Faith Formation Students
(K-8th) – 660
OCIA – 2
Children's Liturgy – 30
Faith Formation Catechists
& Volunteers – 72
Youth Ministry – 60



Mission Statement

We, the family of Saint Ann Parish, guided by Jesus Christ, joyfully commit to grow in faith through the nourishment of the living Word of God, the grace of the Sacraments, and service to others as missionary disciples. Endowed by the unique gifts that come from the Holy Spirit, we form a welcoming Catholic community who enriches each other's faith lives to become God's visible presence in the world.

Youth Programs – Faith Formation, Invictus Youth Ministries, Saint Ann School, CYO Sports, Cub Scouts (19) & Boy Scouts (15), Invictus (6-12th grade)

Our **Faith Formation Program** continues to grow as 72 volunteers and catechists serve almost 660 students with English and Spanish-language instruction in the Catholic faith.

The **OCIA (formerly RCIA)** team welcomed 2 adults into full initiation in the Church with the help of 2 volunteer catechists and Deacon Donovan & Deacon Wallace.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (11:00 am Masses) is ministered by 5 VIRTUS compliant adults and a number of High Schoolers, providing instruction to on average 20-30 children every Sunday.

The combined effort of the St. Ann's Faith Formation Programs resulted in the celebration of the following sacraments: 26 infant baptisms, 20 child baptisms, 2 adult baptism; 114 first communions, 94 confirmations,

Invictus Youth Ministries with 30 adult volunteers and 130 participants endeavor to provide an environment where young people can come to have a real and substantive relationship with Jesus Christ. Some highlights of the last year are DC United Faith Day: 15, Confirmation Retreat: 80, Jr. High Bash: 35, High School Youth Rally: 25, Diocesan Workcamp: 7, Movie Nights: 35, Steubenville Summer Youth Conference: 6, Christmas Caroling at Sunrise Living: 12, High School Regular meetings that include fellowship, food, and faith discussions: 20, Middle School Regular meetings that include fellowship, food, and faith discussions: 40.

Here are some highlights from the last year at St. Ann School - Saint Ann Catholic School proudly continues our seventy-second year of partnering with our parish and diocese in providing a high-quality Catholic Education. Our theme is "Go Forth and Set the World on Fire" this school year. Here, we invite our teachers, students, and families to see the Face of God in all, seek out the common good, and continue to be their best selves each day. This "fire" is also seen with an increase in enrollment from 244 students to 266. Some additional additions to our school this year include all school doors that replace our doors from 1951. Saint Ann continues Christ's teaching and learning ministry by believing, achieving, and inspiring.

St. Ann Parish's **Boy Scouts** are 21 strong scouts with 7 adult volunteer leaders. The **Cub Scouts** are 19 strong scouts with 8 adult volunteer leaders.

Spiritual and Fellowship Programs – St. Ann Credit Union, Coffee & Doughnuts, Contemplative Prayer Group, Walking with Purpose Woman's Bible Study, Celebrate Life, Spiritual Book Club

St. Ann Arlington Federal Credit Union, located right downstairs from where we pray, has been a part of our parish since 1949. The credit union is a federally insured and regulated financial institution, whose "members" come from our parish community. The credit union pools resources within our parish to take a more Christ-like approach to lending. We take the time to listen and respond to the needs of those amongst us who need a little help weathering life's difficulties.

Volunteers and Members: The credit union has about 10 regular volunteers, including our completely volunteer Board of Directors. We currently have 460 accounts totaling over \$3 million in shares and 70 loans outstanding totaling nearly \$1.5 million.

Of note: we currently pay 3.25% as a share dividend on all deposits and are on pace to pay over \$100,000 in dividends to our members – all people who are or have been in our parish community – this year; of our 70 loans, nearly 30 are unsecured loans totaling over \$100,000 – these are loans that keep people away from payday and other predatory lenders. We also make a year-end contribution back to the parish general fund and Good Samaritan Fund to help support parish functions and charitable help.

The **Coffee & Donut Ministry** has been active in our parish since 1991, and served our parishioners every Sunday in the past. This well-loved ministry that took place after each morning Mass on Sundays, allowed time for our parishioners to socialize with friends and family in the Parish Hall. Due to the Covid pandemic, we were unable to serve coffee & donuts, but we were blessed last year with a new beginning, now serving twice a month after each morning Mass. We currently have 16 volunteers in this ministry and welcome new volunteers!

Contemplative Prayer Group meets via zoom every Wednesday at 3:30pm to discuss selected religious books participants have read. Currently at 15 participants, this ministry builds community and faith.

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study began this year with 52 participants divided into four groups, aided by 9 volunteers, helping women deepen their relationship with Jesus through prayer and studying the Word of the Holy Scriptures.

The Spiritual Book Club, which originally began as an outreach of Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace, celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Currently, participants include about 11 adults, both men and women, who meet every other month to discuss religious books with a focus on Saints and living faith-filled individuals as a way of reflecting on and deepening their own faith journeys.

Ministry & Outreach Programs – Samaritan Fund, Advent Giving Tree, AFAC Food Drive, PathForward Collections, Bagged Meals for the Homeless, Back to School Supplies Drive, Coat Collection, Blood Drive, Community Garden, Box of Joy, Hospital Ministry, Collection for Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services, Meals on Wheels, Slippers & Socks Drive, St. Lucy Food Drive, Sunrise Nursing Home

Saint Ann Samaritan Fund received over \$32,000 donation which provided financial assistance to 118 families with a total amount of \$32,547 distributed. Requests for assistance were for rent, utilities, bereavement and immigration fees.

6 families of volunteers worked with the **Advent Giving Tree Ministry**, providing a wonderful gift to five deserving local charities and the important populations they serve. A grand total of \$20,095.00 in gift cards went into the hands of those who needed them this holiday season. Borrowome Housing, Inc., Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic, Bridges to Independence, New Eve Maternity Home, and Offender Aid & Restoration.

Between 12-20 volunteers of all ages support **PathForward (formerly A-SPAN)**, by preparing **bagged meals for the homeless** once a month. Since the pandemic, a modified process of bagged meals started where volunteers prepare sandwiches at home, bring to the church, where 2 volunteers deliver the meals to PathForward for the homeless. We have a number of Faith Formation children and youth in the elementary, middle, and high school age range make sandwiches for the homeless.

The continued generosity of St. Ann's parishioners again provided much needed back-to-school items for the students at Carlin Springs Elementary School. The **Back to School Supplies Drive** tradition started over 30 years ago! Together as a parish community we donated: Cash \$80, Checks \$250, over 5800 needed items to Carlin Springs Elementary.

The **Annual Coat Collection** was a success! Forty-four adult coats were delivered to PathForward (formerly A-SPAN) for the homeless. In addition, 45 coats for kids, 14 hats, 15 pairs of gloves, and 19 sweatshirts were delivered to Carlin Springs School for kids in need.

3776 lbs of food were collected last year for the **Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC)**. Parishioners also showed great generosity donating 3,438 pounds of food, which surpassed our number from the past three years, and a \$40 gift card to the **Catholic charities St. Lucy Project**

Special thanks to the 8:30 am 5th grade class of Faith Formation who worked on the **Socks and Slippers Collection** this year. Parishioners donated 1,121 pairs of socks and 38 pairs of slippers. All athletic socks went to PathForward in Arlington and cozy socks/slippers were also sent to the Mother of Light Center in Alexandria.

St. Ann parishioners stepped up in a big way for the **Collection for Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services** and donated the requested items, valued at \$3800! These included 60 boxes shipped directly to the MRS warehouse in Manassas and 40 items brought to the Narthex during the collection. Nearly \$2400 in cash and checks was also donated.

The **Box of Joy Collection** at St. Ann gathered and collected 758 boxes of joy to ensure the neediest of children had at least one Christmas present to open. These boxes of joy were shipped to Haiti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Grenada.

The **Celebrate Life Ministry** works to inform and provide opportunities in support of ProLife, such as the March for Life, 40 Days for Life, personal prayer commitments and prayer at the Falls Church Women's Clinic.

St. Ann Church's Hospital Ministers visit Catholic patients at VHC Monday to Friday and sometimes on weekends. Currently, we have 18 active volunteers. A daily average of 40 Catholic patients are on daily list."

An average of 15 volunteers help support the liturgical services held for the residents at the **Sunrise Retirement Community** every third Wednesday of the month mass and each Sunday at 1:30 pm. The Legion of Mary also visits every Thursday and pray the rosary with the residents.

The **Legion of Mary** currently has 4 Active Legionaries who provide a number of services such as: door to door visits, Pilgrim Virgin Statue, visiting Sunrise nursing home, the sick and the homebound, Devotions, Novenas, etc.

Saint Ann Parish
Report to Parishioners
FY23 Financial Report

		as of 6/30/2023		
		Church	School	Parish
Balance Sheet	ASSETS			
	Operating Accounts	240,425	37,362	277,787
	DIAL Savings	3,668,787	528,711	4,197,499
	Other Assets	1,050	5,750	6,800
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,910,262	\$ 571,824	\$ 4,482,086
	LIABILITIES			
	Accounts Payable	54,020	-	54,020
	Loans Payable	23,000	-	23,000
	Deferred Revenue	38,385	252,924	291,309
	Other Liabilities	48,662	75,570	124,232
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 164,067	\$ 328,494	\$ 492,561
	NET ASSETS			
	Without donor restrictions			
	Unrestricted	3,361,060	243,330	3,604,390
With donor restrictions				
Temporarily Restricted	385,135	-	385,135	
Permanently Restricted	-	-	-	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,746,195	\$ 243,330	\$ 3,989,525	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 3,910,263	\$ 571,824	\$ 4,482,087	
		12 months ended 6/30/2023		
		Church	School	Parish
Income Statement	REVENUE SOURCES			
	Offeritory/Tuition Related Income	1,309,696	2,004,725	3,314,421
	Ministry	142,792	-	142,792
	School (Ext. day/ Camp/ Activity fees)	-	384,512	384,512
	Other Sources	314,775	173,292	488,067
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,767,263	\$ 2,562,529	\$ 4,329,792
	EXPENDITURES			
	Clergy	117,506	-	117,506
	Staffing	600,560	1,873,627	2,474,187
	Ministry	185,841	-	185,841
	School (Books & Materials/ Camp/ Cafeteria)	41,673	165,852	207,524
	Buildings	178,717	179,698	358,415
	Admin	240,892	108,900	349,792
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,365,188	\$ 2,328,077	\$ 3,693,265
	NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 402,074	\$ 234,452	\$ 636,527
	OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE			
	Campaign/Extraordinary Income	100,000	-	100,000
	Capital Expenditures/Renovations	(203,092)	(79,642)	(282,734)
	NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ (103,092)	\$ (79,642)	\$ (182,734)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 298,982	\$ 154,811	\$ 453,792	

Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) Financial Highlights:

- The Parish was able to make significant capital improvements this past fiscal year, including a major upgrade for our sound system and the installation of new cameras and a video production capability. Additionally, the school was completely re-wired for a brand new public address system. Per our security assessment, we have added new sliding gates on both sides of the play area in the back school parking lot. We are also currently in the process of installing high quality double doors on all main school entrances.
- Despite collection revenues being down slightly and inflationary pressures increasing, both our church and school maintained positive operating incomes for FY 23. Due to prudent spending, our finances still meet or exceed the financial benchmarks as established by the Diocese of Arlington.
- This leads to the Parish being able to reserve additional resources in anticipation of the expected \$2.5 million investment for renovating and re-purposing the vacant convent building. With approval from the Diocese and under close supervision of our planning committee, St Ann has already retained an architect to provide plans for the design phase of the project.



When we reflect on our Stewardship, we are reminded of St. Paul's words in 2 Cor 9: 6-7, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Supporting the Church is a responsibility that falls to each of us. Our parish relies on each household giving in proportion to the measure by which we are blessed, each according to their own means. Our Catholic faith teaches us that we are not self-made people. We are God's creation. We are asked to grow the gifts that God has given to us and to return a portion of them for use in furthering His work on Earth.

Our church is blessed by your sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure. Our goal this year is to increase the participation of giving among Saint Ann households. In the last three fiscal years, we reported decreased Offertory income. Though not a cause for alarm or panic, the decreased church income poses challenges to our growth and impacts our ability to further the work of the church. Similar to your own households, inflation has negatively affected expenses the church incurs in order to operate and serve the needs of the parish. Church finances have been impacted.

Please Consider Our Pastoral and Financial Priorities for this Fiscal Year

Our pastoral priorities are evangelization, Faith Formation, ministries, outreach to the needy, facility maintenance and capital projects.

Mindful of every family's ability and financial situation, we ask that St Ann households prayerfully consider one of the following: an increase in your sacrificial giving, setting up a Faith Direct account or requesting offertory envelopes if you have not yet done so, or returning to giving to Saint Ann. You can either do this by signing up with Faith Direct if you are not yet a Faith Direct user or request from the parish office to receive regular offertory envelopes in the mail. The good news is it's never too late to do something. This time is 'Kairos' time (the right and opportune moment) to act and respond.

To assist with our budgeting and planning purposes, we have enclosed a Household Offertory Commitment card. Please calculate your giving on a weekly basis, whether you give monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. Then this weekend, please bring back or mail the enclosed Commitment Card to the parish or visit our online giving website at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA366>. We are asking every parish household to return this Offertory Commitment card, whether you change your current amount or stay the same.

If you should have any questions about this report or the parish budget, please approach our parish business manager, Joe Hepp, or any member of the finance council. Please know of my gratitude for all you do as our parish family.

Peace,

Fr. Mel O. Portula, CICM

Saint Ann Parish Bulletin Periodic Donation Advisory				
Weekly Household Contribution Based on a Percentage of Family Income of				
Annual Household Income	4%	5%	6%	Tithing 10%
25,000	19	24	29	48
30,000	23	29	35	58
40,000	31	38	46	77
50,000	38	48	58	96
75,000	58	72	87	144
90,000	69	87	104	173
100,000	77	96	115	192
150,000	115	144	173	288
200,000	154	192	231	385

Many people ask whether there is a standard for giving to the weekly collections. Above is a guide.