



Annual Report

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Letter from Our Pastor



**“YOU WILL BE ENRICHED
IN EVERY WAY FOR YOUR
GREAT GENEROSITY,
WHICH WILL PRODUCE
THANKSGIVING TO GOD.”**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph,

I am so grateful for your participation in the life of our parish in so many ways. Our church is very much what we put into it as we share our time, talent and treasure. I rejoice to see so many involved at different levels in the life of our parish and how you support it with your donations and your time. I give thanks to God and to you who answer His call.

As priests and staff, we try our best to be wise with what you give us so it is used wisely and in the most efficient way. Please find in this report a summary of some of what we can quantify, to give you an idea of what has been happening in our parish and how your donations were used in 2023.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me or Joanne, our Finance Officer.

As we begin another Pastoral Year, I pray that the Lord will bless you and your loved ones. As we open our hearts to Him during this time, may He renew and strengthen our relationship with Him and our brothers and sisters.

Yours truly in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

In the Redeemer,
Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R

PARISH STATISTICS

PARISHIONERS:	11,556
FAMILIES:	4289
BAPTISMS:	113
FIRST RECONCILIATION:	120 STUDENTS
FIRST EUCHARIST:	120 STUDENTS
CONFIRMATION:	139 STUDENTS
MARRIAGES:	7
FUNERALS:	39
HELPED AT SAMARITAN'S BASKET:	262
VALUE OF VOUCHERS DISTRIBUTED:	\$15,138.72
GIFT CARDS DONATED & DISTRIBUTED:	\$1,765

Revenues & Expenditures 2023

REVENUE	2023	2022
Donations	\$ 1,113,246	\$ 1,052,452
Program Donations/Fees	\$ 57,608	\$ 55,934
Hall/Room Rental	\$ 7,855	\$ 6,930
Interest on Investments	\$ 58,300	\$ 94,463
COVID Government Support	\$ ---	\$ 7,519
	\$ 1,237,009	\$ 1,217,298
 EXPENDITURES		
Resources and subscriptions*	\$ 17,176	\$ 11,232
Office Expenses/Janitorial	\$ 153,489	\$ 112,700
Repairs and maintenance	\$ 100,191	\$ 107,022
Repairs to window alcoves (2022)	\$ ---	\$ 34,608
Capital Expense **	\$ 16,158	\$ 43,761
Utilities	\$ 112,031	\$ 108,965
Insurance	\$ 91,212	\$ 80,979
Vehicle expenses	\$ 12,624	\$ 8,194
Salaries (Priests & 9 staff)	\$ 533,162	\$ 497,020
Cathedraticum (13%) ***	\$ 147,338	\$ 137,917
Priest Pension Fund (5% to Archdiocese)	\$ 56,669	\$ 53,045
Refugee Support	\$ 26,387	\$ ---
	\$ 1,266,437	\$ 1,195,443
Excess of Revenues over Expenses****	\$ -29,428	\$ 21,855

**REFUGEE
RESERVE FUND**
APPLICATION TOOK
SEVERAL YEARS

Notes:

- * Resources and subscriptions are pastoral resources which include Sunday Missals, Advent/Lent Material, Formed Subscription, Living with Christ subscription, etc.
- ** 2022 - church screens and installation
2023 - sound desk, fire proof cabinets, rectory freezer
- *** Assessment of Operations, formerly known as Cathedraticum, is mandatory for all parishes to support the ongoing operations of the Archdiocese.
- **** Excess revenue is invested for future repairs and upkeep.

2023/24 Overview

CWL 100th Anniversary

The Council of the Catholic Women's League celebrated its 90th anniversary in at their Spring Tea in June 2023! Since 1933, dedicated women from diverse backgrounds, have been providing physical and spiritual support to individuals and organizations locally, provincially, nationally, and beyond! Although MANY things have changed over the decades, today's members are still called to its mission to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. Their legacy of generosity and prayerfulness remains strong and inspiring!



Knights of Columbus 75th Anniversary

The Knights of Columbus Grande Prairie Council 3241 celebrated their 75th Anniversary as a council on September 15, 2024. Archbishop Pettipas and Fr. Charles presided over the 11 AM mass, which included an honor guard and brother Knights in various ministries. After mass, the Knights hosted a community BBQ, which had excellent parish turnout. The Knights would like to thank the Parish community for their support over the years and look forward to continued service of the parish and priests for many years to come.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an international program developed over 50 years based on the belief that God and the child have a unique relationship with one another and children need their own space to foster the growth of that relationship.

Marie Moreau was encouraged by Archbishop Gerard Pettipas to look into this program for 3 and 4 year old children which starts in our parish on October 10, 2024. It's biggest expense is the training of the adult leaders because the course is 90 hours long and needs at least eighteen participants to host. For now the size of the program is limited to what Marie can facilitate with the help of volunteers but she is sure it will be received enthusiastically and grow.

