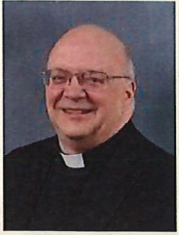


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNUAL REPORT



JULY 1, 2023-

JUNE 30, 2024



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November 7, 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,

As we stand on the threshold of our 125th year as a parish and the 111th year of St. John's School, we have much to celebrate. This milestone is truly a blessing. With renewed hope and optimism, we enter this special year with greater faith in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our parish community is vibrant, reflecting God's grace to those faithful and obedient to His promise: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the age."



While challenges persist, hope remains. Our weekend Mass counts show a steady increase in attendance, the school continues to thrive, and the CCD and youth programs are flourishing.

Though costs are rising, and weekly financial contributions often fall short of our budgetary needs, I am confident that our Lord will somehow provide. I am profoundly grateful for your support of the parish, the school, and the many programs and volunteers who make everything possible. I thank God for you daily and keep you in my prayers, especially as I recite the Divine Office.

May God bless you, your family, your household, and your friends in 2025.

Rev. Alan Wierzba

Pastor

*St. John the Baptist Parish is a growing Catholic faith community whose members seek to live and share a Eucharistic love of Jesus Christ that is centered in prayer, Adoration, Reconciliation, education and community service.*

Pastoral Council members

2023-2024

Finance Council members

David Bielmeier  
Jack Knetter  
Bonnie Nenstiel  
Amy Thuot

Patty Myszka  
Nancy Hackel  
Elizabeth King  
Fr. Alan Wierzba

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Craig Braunel  
Paul Hornung  
Stacy Daniels  
Maria Severson  
Patty Myszka  
David Wagener

Board members

Fr. Alan Wierzba

Michelle Hafferman

David Wagener

St. John's Parish Sacramental from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024

Baptisms: 12

Confirmation: 24

Eucharist: 21

Marriage: 5

Deaths: 10



Dear St. John's Parish Community,

As we conclude this fiscal year, I'm thrilled to share highlights of our many accomplishments, improvements, and memorable events. With the guidance of our new principal, Mrs. Jessica Halvorsen, and several new, dedicated staff members, our school has thrived in numerous ways.

We introduced two important committees this year—the Education Committee which was revamped and the Building and Grounds Committee—to focus on enhancing curriculum and improving facilities. Thanks to these efforts and our dedicated maintenance team, we addressed long-standing upgrades: an updated Catechesis of the Good Shepherd room, electrical enhancements in the school, and a modernized office space. We also conducted a safety assessment to prioritize security.

During the 2023-2024 school year, our community gathered for special events that fostered our shared values and joy. We celebrated Veterans Day, shared a memorable Christmas Program, and engaged in Catholic Schools Week—each bringing together students, families, and staff in meaningful ways.

I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who make these efforts possible—our families, volunteers, local supporters, and community members. Your commitment and support are the foundation of our success, and we are deeply grateful. We look forward to building on this year's achievements in the year to come.

Warm regards,  
Mrs. Jessica Halvorsen, Principal, St. John School

*The mission of Saint John the Baptist Catholic School is to educate God's children and promote Catholic values through academic excellence and service to others.*

St. John's Teaching Staff

2023-2024

Education Committee members

Mrs. Jessica Halvorsen Mrs. Brenda Werner  
Mrs. Jane Bergs Ms. June Wozny  
Mrs. Jean Lemmer Mrs. Kristine Riehle  
Mrs. Lois Wierzba Mrs. Catherine Martinez  
Ms. Janelle Haupt Ms. Baylie Neider  
Mrs. Ashley Michlig Mrs. Jenna Martin  
Fr. Alan Wierzba Mr. Alex Radtke

Tiffany Braunel Nancy Hackel  
Bridget Kaiser Jessica Halvorsen  
Betty Urmanski Brenda Werner  
Fr. Alan Wierzba



## St. John's CCD program, youth and adult activities in 2023-2024

The CCD program welcomed many new catechists in the 2023-24 school year. Their enthusiasm and knowledge of the faith allowed for the program to continue strong.

Outside of CCD, the parish continues to offer Children's Liturgy on Sundays to children ages 2-7 years of age. Youth in elementary and high school had the opportunity to attend youth nights twice a month. Jesu Family Night was offered once a month. In addition to the monthly gatherings, youth and their families did bell ringing for the Salvation Army, rollerblading at Melody Gardens, enjoyed a St. John's fish fry and played games at a Friday Family Fish Fry, and the Father Daughter Dance. The youth also assisted in fundraisers for non-profit groups: Wisconsin Right to Life Rose Fundraiser and Pro-Life Wisconsin's Pops for Popcorn Fundraiser. Both youth and adults were blessed to have seminarian Alex Radtke help out with several different events from January-August of 2024.

The parish completed the Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs. The three stage program took over three years to complete. The group has been busy evangelizing through different means such as bringing back the Circle of Joy collection, doing a bake sale for the Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund, and much more!

Five people entered the church at the Easter Vigil Mass on March 30, 2024: Phil Simonsen, Stephanie Stencil, Tim Werner, Emily Lepak, and Greg Streit.

May we keep each other in our daily prayers and daily strive to spend eternity with our Lord.  
Mrs. Nancy Hackel



Catechists and youth leaders for the 2023-24 School Year:

Brenda Werner	Lori Kavajecz	Alisa Kramer	Nancy Hackel	Jody Davis
Mark Hackel	Juan Martinez	Ty Schnelle	Ryan Kraft	Randall Myszka
Patty Myszka	Melissa Lemmer	Rachel Brewster	Fr. Alan Wierzba	Grace Wirkus
Jerry Sinz	Abigail Bargender	Mandy Schnelle	Catherine Martinez	Shawn Schnelle
Gywn Strasser	Brody Burke	<i>Thank you to everyone who helps in so many ways.</i>		

# St. John the Baptist Parish will celebrate 125 years in January of 2025.

Please join the parish for all of the activities listed below:

Sunday, January 19th Mass at 11:00 with Bishop Battersby. A social to follow.

Saturday, February 8th Father Daughter Dance 5:30-7:30 pm at the church dining hall.

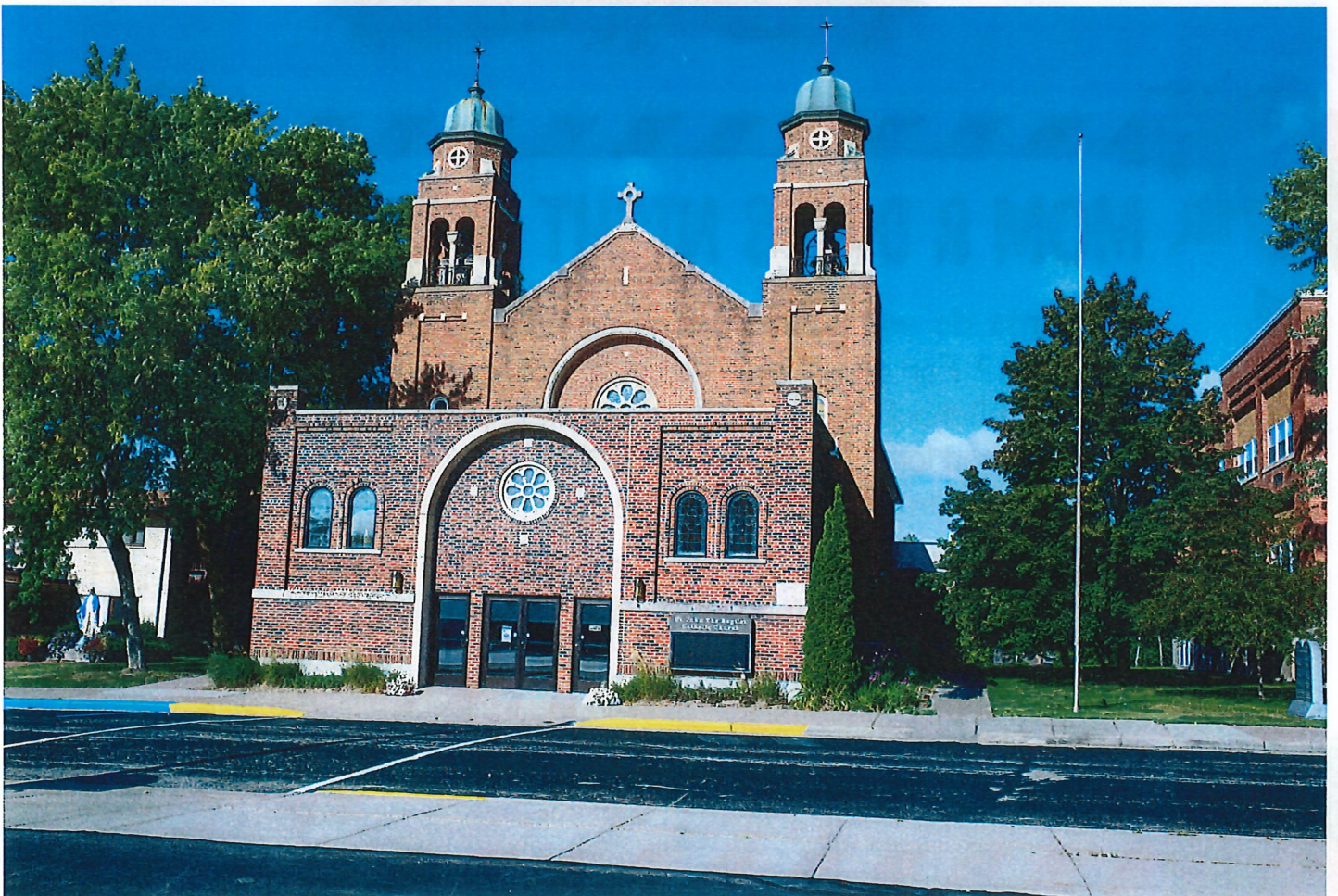
Sunday, February 16th Puzzling contest from 12:00—3:00 pm. A meal served.

Sunday, February 23rd Crocheting from 12:00 pm—3:00 pm. A meal served.

Sunday, March 2nd Cribbage Tournament from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. A meal served.

Sunday, March 9th Rosary making from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm. A meal served.

Saturday, June 28th Mass at the Cathedral for Deacon Matthew Szymanski's ordination



Let's get together for the good of others this year  
AND be an example to your kids of what it means to give to those less fortunate!  
Ring the bells with us to support the Salvation Army!

December 14th  
12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm  
We're ringing at County  
Market in Wausau



REGISTER TO

RING

Call Nancy at our  
Parish Office for more  
info or to sign up  
715-352-3011 opt #2



The best way for your  
kids to learn how to  
give back

IS TO SEE YOU DO IT!

Join us!



There will be Hot Cocoa  
to keep you warm!

ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!



## MOM & DAD'S NIGHT OUT

Parents-do you need an evening out?  
Date Night? For shopping? Or just a break?  
Adults & High School Youth will provide games, crafts,  
and food for your children while YOU  
enjoy an evening to yourselves.

**WHEN: December 11th TIME: 3:30 - 6:30 pm**  
**WHERE: St John's Dining Hall**

\*If your child is coming from school, a permission slip will be  
required. You can find a permission slip on the back page of this flier.

\*If your child has CCD at 6:30 pm, we will help them to CCD.

\*Or please plan to pick up your children by 6:30 pm.

Free Will  
Donations  
Accepted

Call Nancy  
for more info  
or to sign up  
your children.  
715-352-3011

Shhh...  
Surprise visit  
from the  
North Pole!

# St. John the Baptist Parish Financial Report

## Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Assets	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance	Difference
<b><u>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</u></b>			
General Checking	\$209,330.97	\$59,321.17	-\$150,009.80
Holy Name Checking	\$17,109.62	\$15,670.48	-\$1,439.14
PCCW Checking	\$4,158.76	\$4,375.92	\$217.16
Works of Charity Checking	\$611.50	\$557.42	-\$54.08
Mass Stipend Checking	\$2,005.89	\$1,820.76	-\$185.13
SCRIP Checking	\$41,663.02	\$34,011.65	-\$7,651.37
PayPal Checking	\$100.94	\$3,211.16	\$3,110.22
Savings General @ St. Ambrose	\$215,456.34	\$172,596.17	-\$42,860.17
<b><u>Accounts Receivable</u></b>			
Holy Family Accounts Receivable	\$4,306.77	\$4,424.77	\$118.00
St. Joseph Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$819.54	\$819.54
Accounts Receivable, School	\$795.60	\$3,372.20	\$2,576.60
Interfunds Transfer	\$0.00	\$749.48	\$749.48
<b><u>Restricted Assets</u></b>			
Inspired by the Spirit Fund @ St. Ambrose	\$22,570.35	\$17,382.20	-\$5,188.15
Assistance Fund @ St. Ambrose	\$23,678.09	\$24,475.40	\$797.31
<b><u>Inventory</u></b>			
SCRIP Inventory	\$20,381.36	\$24,062.23	\$3,680.87
<b><u>Prepaid Expenses</u></b>			
Prepaid Expenses, Deposits, School	\$5,525.00	\$6,613.00	\$1,088.00
<b><u>Land &amp; Buildings</u></b>			
Land Improvements, School	\$22,026.00	\$48,812.00	\$26,786.00
Building Improvements, Parish	\$0.00	\$11,401.21	\$11,401.21
Building Improvements, School	\$25,742.00	\$56,263.20	\$30,521.20
Equipment, Parish	\$31,923.41	\$54,634.40	\$22,710.99
Equipment, School	\$51,220.75	\$74,831.83	\$23,611.08
<b><u>Accumulated Depreciation</u></b>			
Accumulated Depreciation, Parish	-\$532.06	-\$11,543.66	-\$11,011.60
Accumulated Depreciation, School	-\$28,631.00	-\$44,215.00	-\$15,584.00
<b><u>Other Assets</u></b>			
Grants Receivable, School	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$669,443.31</b>	<b>\$583,647.53</b>	<b>-\$85,795.78</b>

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## Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Liabilities	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance	Difference
<b><u>Accounts Payable</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	\$3,036.14	\$2,220.35	-\$815.79
Accounts Payable, School	\$10,881.00	\$0.00	-\$10,881.00
<b><u>Other Short-term Liabilities</u></b>			
Salaries Payable, School	\$47,888.00	\$38,954.00	-\$8,934.00
Accrued Paid Time Off (PTO), School	\$1,239.00	\$1,239.00	\$0.00
FICA/Soc Sec & Medicare Tax Payable, School	\$3,653.00	\$2,969.00	-\$684.00
403(b) Withholding, Parish	\$1,355.00	\$0.00	-\$1,355.00
403(b) Withholding, School	\$0.00	\$867.00	\$867.00
Deferred Revenues, School	\$6,922.80	\$5,200.00	-\$1,722.80
Credit Card	\$2,435.05	\$8,785.00	\$6,349.95
<b><u>Restricted Collections Held for Others</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Short-Term Liabilities	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Misc. Liabilities Held for Others	\$3,120.00	\$0.00	-\$3,120.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$80,529.99</b>	<b>\$61,634.35</b>	<b>-\$18,895.64</b>
<b>Total Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>\$588,913.32</b>	<b>\$522,013.18</b>	<b>-\$66,900.14</b>

The weekly bulletin financials show that we struggle to meet our weekly goal of \$8,500 needed to maintain a balanced budget. While this challenge is not new, hearing about a deficit might be for some. Why are we just hearing about it now? Over the past five years, our parish has been fortunate to receive unexpected funding that covered shortfalls and allowed us to balance the annual budget without needing to alert parish members or withdraw money from our savings account.

Entering the School Choice Program has brought in \$685,629.25 from 2019-2023. We also received \$246,073.24 in government COVID business assistance (Covid Paycheck Protection Program in 2020, and the Covid Employee Retention Credit in 2022). The 2023/2024 budget year was the first to show a deficit, and that was \$67,000.

The parish has \$172,000 in savings, but this past year we withdrew \$50,000 to pay bills due to a lack of cash flow. With a projected 2024/2025 budget deficit of \$194,000, the savings will be gone if we must continue withdrawals. The pie chart shows our need to raise an additional \$194,000 through a combination of increased giving, fundraisers, and planned-giving, such as estates or unrestricted memorials.



# St. John the Baptist Parish Financial Report

## Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Receipts	
Adult Envelope	\$267,988.82
Offertory Plate	\$41,079.19
Other Church Support	\$45,143.92
Societies - Men & Women	\$2,851.00
Bequests and Memorials	\$33,368.32
Interest Earned	\$9,892.25
School Tuition, Fees, Extended Care & Choice Income	\$179,795.20
Program Income - Religious Education Tuitions & Fees	\$13,398.19
School Donations (Restricted)	\$48,552.50
Hot Lunch Income/Milk	\$18,910.34
Gain/Loss Sale of Assets	-\$850.20
Diocesan Annual Appeal Rebates	\$3,275.00
Gifts for Fund for Works of Charity	\$770.00
Inspired by the Spirit Campaign	\$58,920.83
Mass Stipend Income	\$2,355.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$725,450.36</b>

Fundraisers			
SCRIP	\$7,504.34	School Raffle	\$1,240.00
Benefit Raffle	\$8,920.00	Spring Raffle	\$10,000.00
Book Fair	\$79.20	Steam Show	\$11,764.61
Box Tops	\$237.50	Walk for Virtues	\$1,890.00
Candy	\$9,701.00	Wreath	\$3,665.00
Christmas Benefit	\$10,232.20	Chalk Fest - Youth	-\$10.98
Clothing	\$367.00	Concert in the Park - Youth	\$440.00
Coffee	\$2,433.00	Flower Sales - Youth	\$438.29
CSW Breakfast	\$273.00	Lemonade Stand - Youth	\$91.43
Edgar Carnival	\$9,287.33	Potato Bake - Youth	\$5,127.33
Fish Fries	\$31,151.64	Produce/Bake Sale - Youth	\$348.38
Fish Fry Desserts	\$2,986.46	Religious Article Sale - Youth	\$268.00
Flowers - School	\$5,852.86	Taco Truck - Youth	\$397.03
Food Court	\$4,034.24	Steam Show - Youth	\$547.30
Lent 50/50 Raffle	\$1,077.01	All Others & Combined Fundraiser Expenses	-\$2,710.02
<b>Total Fundraisers</b>			<b>\$128,034.15</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Fundraisers</b>			<b>\$853,484.51</b>

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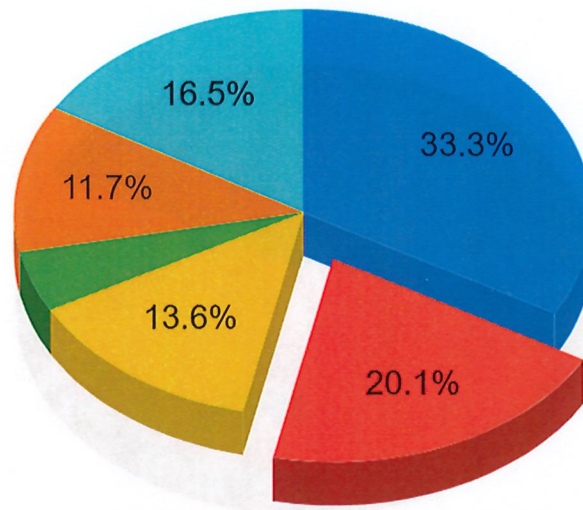
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<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>CCD</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries- Parish Priests	\$18,950.03	\$3,488.74	\$2,438.54	\$24,877.31
Salaries - Other Priests	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Salaries - Lay Teachers	\$0.00	\$300,965.09	\$0.00	\$300,965.09
Salaries - All Others	\$64,414.61	\$156,162.60	\$39,137.35	\$259,714.56
Professional Fees and Services	\$1,677.58	\$23,331.10	\$468.05	\$25,476.73
Payroll Taxes	\$5,489.83	\$37,413.44	\$3,236.91	\$46,140.18
Group Insurance and Retirement	\$9,345.55	\$22,262.05	\$2,335.15	\$33,942.75
Household Expenses - Rectory	\$20.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.95
Office Supplies	\$2,704.17	\$8,854.14	\$2,263.08	\$13,821.39
Utilities	\$3,906.13	\$24,461.22	\$2,859.87	\$31,227.22
Auto and Travel Expenses	\$414.44	\$149.53	\$59.44	\$623.41
Liturgical	\$3,931.14	\$1,573.19	\$1,500.68	\$7,005.01
Media Expense	\$0.00	\$21,180.80	\$14,545.42	\$35,726.22
Maintenance Supplies & Depreciation	\$15,526.98	\$31,496.01	\$1,738.30	\$48,761.29
Property and Liability Insurance	\$3,302.00	\$6,478.00	\$3,302.00	\$13,082.00
Program, Hot Lunch Food, Contract Serv. & Misc.	\$14,711.07	\$32,588.98	\$17,944.51	\$65,244.56
Assessment/DAA/Quota	\$8,239.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,239.00
School Subsidies	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Society Expenditures	\$747.99	\$3,044.91	\$0.00	\$3,792.90
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$153,781.47</b>	<b>\$673,949.80</b>	<b>\$91,829.30</b>	<b>\$919,560.57</b>
<b>Other Disbursements</b>				
Works of Charity	\$824.08			
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>				<b>\$824.08</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>				<b>\$920,384.65</b>
<b>Total Receipts - Disbursements</b>				<b>-\$66,900.14</b>

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## 2024/2025 Projected Budget Income

St. John the Baptist Parish/School Income 24/25 Budget  
Total Income to balance budget \$963,846



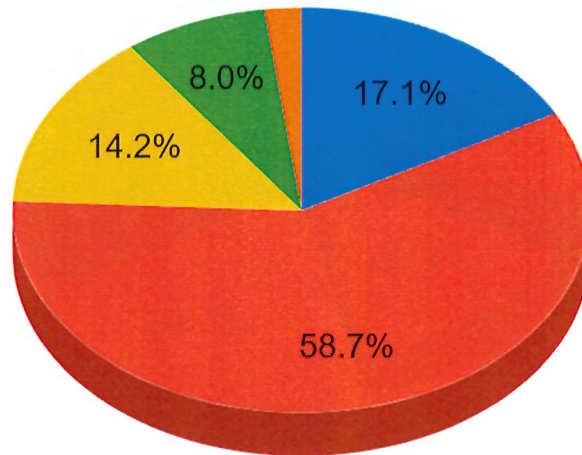
- Plate, Online, Env. Giving
- To Balance Budget???
- Fundraisers
- Program & Misc. Income
- School Income
- School Choice Income

Title	Included Income	
Plate, Online, Env. Giving	Offertory & Plate	\$320,540.77
Fundraisers	All Fundraisers Including SCRIP	\$131,226.47
Program & Misc. Income	Society Income, Contributions, Program Income, Interest	\$46,853.16
School Income	Contributions to School, Tuition, Extended Care, Hot Lunch, Field Trips & Interest Income	\$112,797.99
School Choice Income	Wisconsin School Choice Program Income	\$158,673.50
To Balance Budget???	??	\$193,753.74
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$963,845.63</b>

St. John the Baptist Parish Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

## 2024/2025 Projected Budget Expenses

Parish & School Expense Budget 24/25  
Total Expenses \$963,846



- Parish Salary & Benefits
- School Salary & Benefits
- Other School Expenses
- Other Parish Expenses
- Parish Program Expenses

Title	Included Expenses	
Parish Salary & Benefits	Parish Salary & Benefits	\$164,588.03
School Salary & Benefits	School Salary & Benefits	\$565,394.23
Other School Expenses	Supplies, Maintenance, Utilities, Hot Lunch Food, Home & School	\$136,861.55
Other Parish Expenses	Supplies, Maintenance, Utilities, Liturgical	\$77,033.00
Parish Program Expenses	Catholic Education Programs (Youth, Adult, CCD)	\$19,968.82
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$963,845.63</b>