

THE HANDS OF CHRIST...
OPEN TO ALL

St. Joseph Parish
Annual Report
2021-2022



1619 Washington Street
Grafton, Wisconsin 53024



Letter from our Parish Administrator

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of St. Joseph Parish and School, I am proud to present our Annual Report for 2021-2022. This is an opportunity to showcase our efforts from this past year to be the hands of Christ, open to all. We have a lot to be proud of as a parish and much to be grateful for. Without the grace of God and your continued generosity of time, talent, and treasure, none of this would be possible. So, thank you! Thank you for what you do, but especially for who you are, as committed members of our community and followers of Christ.

Since the Annual Report covers the fiscal year, from July 1 of the previous year to June 30 of the current year, the good work that we are showcasing took place under the leadership of those who came before me: Fr. Steve, Fr. Mike, and Brenda Cline. I continue to be grateful for all that they did to guide and form our community and for the support they offered me as I transitioned into my new role as Administrator. I am also grateful to all the staff and volunteers, those visible and those behind the scenes, who worked tirelessly and joyfully over this past year to fulfill the mission of our parish and school.



As we look forward to the year ahead, let us ask for the help of the Holy Spirit to lead us where He wants us to go. May we be receptive to His guidance, that we may remain faithful to all that He has given us in the past and open to all that He wants to give us in the future. Let us invoke as well the powerful intercession of our patron, St. Joseph. May he, who was the faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin, and guardian of the Redeemer, watch over us, protect us, and guide us on our journey. St. Joseph, pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr. Nick Baumgardner
Parish Administrator



Statement of Financial Activity

	<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>			
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Revenue</u>				
Envelopes & Offertory	\$ 1,242,679	\$ 1,195,000	\$ 1,162,813	\$ 1,281,638
School Tuition & Fees	695,868	585,173	569,646	664,935
Christian Formation Tuition & Fees	37,962	37,100	28,058	35,200
School Donations & Fundraising	215,543	175,200	175,479	218,200
Other Parish Donations & Income	279,491	186,860	417,536	191,560
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,471,543</u>	<u>\$ 2,179,333</u>	<u>\$ 2,353,531</u>	<u>\$ 2,391,533</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,606,879	\$ 1,583,619	\$ 1,490,213	\$ 1,700,008
Buildings & Grounds	201,811	170,954	452,536	230,410
Supplies & Other Expenses	411,487	424,760	340,513	461,115
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,220,178</u>	<u>\$ 2,179,333</u>	<u>\$ 2,283,262</u>	<u>\$ 2,391,533</u>
Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ 251,365</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 70,269</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Love One Another (not included above):

<i>Revenue</i>	\$ 180,052	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,264
<i>Expenditures</i>	\$ 31,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,967

Financial Successes:

- Envelopes & Offertory continued to exceed budgeted expectations that were set somewhat conservatively coming out of the pandemic.
- Higher school enrollment boosted Tuition & Fees above budget and prior year.
- Generous bequests and other donations benefitted the parish and school. The new parish endowment fund now stands at \$106,000.
- We received just over \$180,000 in funds from the Love One Another campaign allowing us to start making some much-needed improvements and upgrades.

Financial Challenges:

- Repairs and maintenance expenditures on facilities and equipment exceeded budget as we work to ensure a safe and comfortable environment for learning and worship.
- Inflationary pressures have started to increase costs and will have to be monitored closely.

Letter From Our Trustees

Dear St. Joseph Parish Family,

What a difference a year makes! It is difficult to list all the changes we've seen in the past 12 months, but we'll highlight a few.

- Our church has successfully lifted all restriction and we are free to meet and worship face to face.
- We've wished happiness, peace, and success to our departing leadership team of Fr. Steve, Fr. Mike and Brenda Cline.
- We joyously welcomed Fr. Nick into our parish family.
- Deacon Scott Wiese became our Director of Administration upon the retirement of Jay Frymark.
- Shari Hansen took on several important roles due to the retirement of Ken Stanczyk and the transition from Brenda to Fr. Nick.
- We went on our first Work Camp in 3 years!!

One thing we've learned from science is that change is stressful—and a lot of change is very stressful. We're extremely grateful for the calming leadership of our parish staff and our countless volunteers. They showed us the way to engage in our faith and parish during these tumultuous times.

For the second year in a row, we closed the books with a surplus of revenues over expenses. This is possible only with careful management of expenses, strong student enrollment in the school, and the generosity of our parishioners. Everyone participates in the financial stability of our parish. This year we started an endowment fund. The fund is a financial repository for gifts and memorials that are not designated for other purposes. As the fund grows it will produce a steady stream of income to the parish and its missions.

We are pleased to announce that the Love One Another capital campaign pledge drive has concluded. The number of SJP families that participated was exceptional. Overall pledges totaled over \$1.2 million dollars, of which \$720,000 will come back to St. Joe's. We've begun receiving our portion of your pledges from the Archdiocese. The projects we identified at the beginning of the campaign are now being financed.

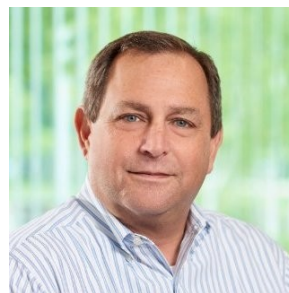
If the health of the parish can be predicted by the health of our school, then the parish is in great shape. School enrollment continues to grow. Our Extended Care and Pre-K are almost at capacity. School fundraisers continue to receive wide support. In looking ahead, we're excited at the prospect of in-person Lenten fish fries and increased opportunities for fellowship.

We close this letter by offering a huge thank you to our parishioners. None of the above accomplishments can be possible without you. We see you living our mission as the 'hands of Christ' every day. We notice your generosity of time, talent, and treasure. We feel your love and friendship at Mass and in the community. We will have challenges and changes next year. We're certain our faith and friendship will carry us through.

Peace,



Chuck Boehm
Trustee Treasurer



Ron Putzer
Trustee Secretary

Every Ending Has a New Beginning



Fr. Pat Wendt

Last School Mass June 7, 2022



Fr. Steve Lampe

Years at St. Joseph 2005-2022



Fr. Mike Barrett

Interim Pastor 2022



Through the Years...



Brenda Cline Parish Director

Years at St. Joseph 2000-2021



Fr. Nick Baumgardner

Parish Administrator

2022



Celebrations



Deacon Al Lazaga

30th Anniversary as a deacon at St. Joseph

Blue Sapphire
Anniversary



Kathy and Ted Salkowski

65th Anniversary



Deacon Al Lazaga

Ordination Class June 12, 1992

Diamond Jubilee
Anniversary



Marge and Rich Josten

60th Anniversary

Golden Jubilee
Anniversary



Anita and Bob Weber

50th Anniversary

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.
Psalms 118 : 24

Parish Grounds



Jesus opened the book of nature before me, and I saw that every flower He has created has a beauty of its own.
St. Therese of Lisieux



St. Joseph School Cross
1922



Vision Statement

United in faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we at Saint Joseph Parish are a faith community rooted in Christ that strives to live our baptismal call through proclaiming God's word, celebrating Christ's presence among us, and reaching out to God's people in lives of stewardship and service.

Our faith journey is guided by prayer, liturgy, education, and social outreach.

Ministries

Marian Garden



Praying Twice



Farmers Market



We Remember



Joy



Families United



Ministries

Hospitality



1205 Families

3043 Members

50 Plus

Minister of Care



Prayer Shawl



85 Volunteer Opportunities

Ministries

VBS

51 Campers



246 Christian Formation Students



K4-12 Grade



Ministries

Lifelong Formation



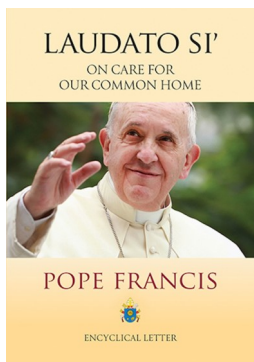
Scripture Study Weekly Meetings 21 Participants



Ministers of Care 39 Volunteers

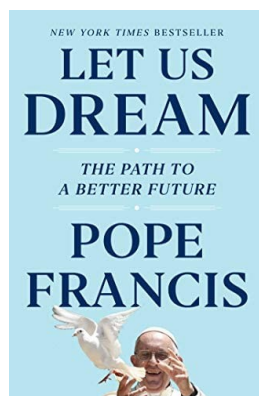
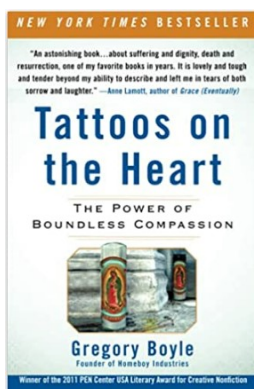


Loving Beyond the Limit 5 Session Series



Book Study Clubs

Professor Lowell Barrington from Marquette University



History of Russia and Ukraine Talk

Outreach

Los Toros Mission



Dominican
Republic



Working together with our sister parish, we build relationships and solidarity with the residents of this small, impoverished rural village by developing and implementing projects to improve quality of life.



Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

Great acts are made up of small deeds.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Parishioners from St. Joseph Parish and five other area parishes form the St. Vincent de Paul Conference that identifies and serves clients in need of assistance with food, rent, utilities, medications, budgeting and/or transportation in the area. They also maintain a food pantry at St. Joseph Parish and operate the thrift store in Port Washington.



Outreach



Human Concerns

Rev. Jim West

Repairers of the Breach Ministry Talk

St. Ben's St. Joseph Parish prepares and donates the meal on the first Friday of the month. The meal is delivered and served at St. Ben's in Milwaukee.

Work Camp
Erie, PA



Capuchin Community Services Talk



15 Youths-8 Adults

Sacraments



33 Baptisms



34 First Eucharists



42 Confirmations

2 Adult Confirmations



Bishop Haines
Confirmation



Sacraments

2 RCIA



44 Funerals

5 Marriages



Parish School

K3-8th Grade

Early Childhood

Elementary

Middle School



Faith & Virtues



Our curriculum includes education in Religion, daily prayer, & weekly masses or prayer services.

The SJPS promise to our students is to pass on the Catholic faith, seek Christ in our daily lives & help students fulfill their God-given potential.



We inspire minds through a values-based curriculum



Parish School

Enriched Curriculum

In addition to the standard curriculum, SJPS continues to offer valuable instruction that many schools have eliminated due to budget constraints. Our students not only learn math, reading, science, social studies, and religion, but also music, handwriting/cursive, technology, art, physical education, and Spanish as part of the weekly curriculum. Students enjoy our large library, piano lessons, and field trips. We continue to offer STEM, athletics, band, choir, and our annual musical in grades 5th-8th. Additionally, we provide 1:1 technology of iPads or Chromebooks and advanced math and language arts opportunities.



Exceptional Students

SJPS educated 147 students from grades K3-8 during the 2021-2022 school year. The students grew in faith, knowledge, leadership, service and discipline. Testing through the NWEA MAPS in 2021 of K5-8th graders gave these impressive results:

- 66% of SJPS students demonstrated High or High Average level of achievements in Mathematics.
- 67% of SJPS students demonstrated High or High Average level of achievement in Reading.



Parish School

Strong Moral Values and Daily Exposure to the Catholic Faith

As part of our mission, St. Joseph Parish School gives back to the community, nation, and world through monthly service projects. In 2021-22 we filled 14 Thanksgiving Baskets for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to share with our neighbors in need. We also created handmade bags of Valentines to share with nursing homes and elderly neighbors in Grafton to brighten their days! Our students also collected donations of hygiene products, household necessities and small gifts for mothers and fathers for Los Toros, our Sister Parish in the Dominican Republic.

In addition, our Middle School Students conducted over 400 hours of community service including helping at the Kapco Christmas Toy Drive, delivering food to food pantries, making sandwiches for St. Bens, and helping neighbors with yard work or other duties.



Devoted Teachers and Staff



Parish School

Highlights 2021-2022

Musical Concerts-families enjoyed our K3-8th grade Christmas and Spring Concerts live in our worship space.

Annual Musical Production-students in grades 5th-8th grade performed Frozen Jr. in the Spring.

Grandparents Day-we welcomed back our grandparents and special friends in celebration of our loved ones.

Special Interest Day-all students participated in a variety of fun activities led by parents, teachers, and community members.

Field Trips-students visited the Catholic Ecology Center, First Stage Theater, Milwaukee Public Zoo, American Family Field, Mequon Nature Center, Pioneer Village, Ozaukee Human Society, Milwaukee Public Museum, The Schauer Arts Center, and the Pumpkin Farm.

Accreditation

SJPS received renewed accreditation from The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. WRISA accredits schools that meet rigorous standards of excellence and demonstrate continuous school improvements.

SJPS was recognized for:

- A focus on differentiation to meet individual learning needs, especially regarding advanced math opportunities.
- Excellent collaboration with our Parish.
- Strong curriculum review process and school-developed documentation.
- Clear evidence staff devotes time to improve student learning and develop new initiatives.
- Students see the faculty as role models of *Faith*.



Teaching, Learning, Leading, and Serving as the hands of Christ.