

February 28, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Along with this letter I am happy to present to you some very important statistical and financial data regarding our Parish. You will find attached to this letter a financial report and Sacramental report for the Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024. It has been no small effort to arrive at this point. Since I first became the pastor of ONE Catholic on March 8, 2023, we have had to travel a long road that has included merging the operations (administrative, spiritual, and Sacramental) of five parishes and seven cemeteries, focusing our parishes on a shared vision of our Mission, the set-up of the Road to Renewal Pillars, creating a financial process for shared services, bring our financial processes into relative harmony, moving through a process for the closure or transfer of Churches, and much, much more. And it is all still a work in progress. In a particular way, getting our financial processes to the point that we can provide these reports to you has been a major task. I want to thank all who have been a part of this process.

Regarding the report for St. Mark's Parish, I want to highlight four things:

1. As we know, St. Mark's and St. Mary's have been linked by so many things over the years. This has included the sharing and payment of many expenses (something which, notably, has become common among all parishes in our Diocese with the Road to Renewal). Further, up until December of 2022-23, the Diocese had the two parishes hold a single, unified operating account, and the actuals of each parish were allocated and recorded on separate ledgers. As a part of the Bankruptcy process, the Diocese asked the parishes to actually separate the operating account. The allocation of funds that was done in December of 2022 and January of 2023 needed correction, and further the proper allocation of numerous individual expenses also needed correction. Namely, many expenses were paid in full by St. Mary's and subsequently were not properly expensed to St. Mark's. We engaged in a challenging and protracted process to make those corrections and this resulted in a corrected reallocation of the expenses for both parishes, and the subsequent reimbursement from St. Mark's to St. Mary's of \$88,717.41.
2. That reallocation took place during this past fiscal year, and so it appears at first glance that St. Mark's had a deficit of (\$43,666.36). However, that large amount of over \$88,000 did not involve current year income and expenses. Thus, St. Mark's Parish total net surplus for 2023-24 is actually \$45,071.05. That number is very good. It is important to also note that that number is about the same as the amount received via the Welch Endowment.
3. St. Mark's does have net assets of \$190,226.30. We have not yet received a date for the merger of St. Mary's and St. Mark's, but our understanding is that when that merger occurs the cash assets of St. Mark's will be essentially frozen (except to pay utilities and reasonable expenses for upkeep) until after the bankruptcy proceedings are concluded. We do anticipate that all parishes in the Diocese will be making a significant contribution to an eventual settlement. My understanding is that only after that settlement would any remaining funds be given to the merged parish community. I want to also note that of the net assets listed we consider the amount of \$51,339.26 to be restricted assets, as those funds are the total amount of remaining uncomingled contributions that were received via the 2014 Capital Campaign and 2016 Upon This Rock Diocesan Campaign.

This report also includes our Sacramental data from 2023-24.

I will also be holding important and special *State of the Parish* Meetings at each parish according to the following schedule:

- Weds., March 12 – St. Mary, Holley at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, March 13 – Holy Family, Albion at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, March 15 – St. Mark, Kendall at 9:00 am
- Tuesday, March 18 – Holy Trinity, Medina at 6:30 pm
- Thursday, March 20 – Our Lady of the Lake, Barker at 6:30 pm

Each of these meetings will have some info about ONE Catholic in general, a special focus on the specific parish location we are at, and then open discussion during which parishioners can ask questions about any parish. So if you cannot make it to the meeting at St. Mark's, please feel free to come to any of the meetings. Further, the annual reports I am providing this weekend at each Parish in ONE Catholic are all available to view at our website, [onecatholic.org](http://onecatholic.org).

As our ONE Catholic Community passes through many changes in these months, I am so deeply hopeful that our community of people – those of us who have long prayed and worshipped together as Catholics in this large portion of the Lord's Vineyard for so many years – can remain united in our faith in Jesus, in whom we have Communion. The changes we have undergone and will continue to pass through are so many. I am so grateful for the blessings of the past. And I am so hopeful about the movement of grace and what lies ahead for our future in the Church. Some people might hear that and think it is just a nice thing to say, or rather wishful. But for me, personally, I have passed through enough in this life with Christ to know that he never leaves his faithful abandoned. I have felt this personally, and I've experienced in so many of the communities I have been so blessed to serve as a priest.

Our ONE Catholic Community, truly, has so many wonderful things to behold with gratitude and be hopeful in. Amid sorrows and hardships, joys and blessings, it is important for us to take heart and not lose our courage. When I think of all the places we have to evangelize, the beautiful Churches that will still be a part of ONE Catholic, the amazing growth we have seen among the Catholic faithful in our Hispanic Community (note that as I draft these letters to parishes, 9 of the 12 Baptisms in our queue of children to be baptized are Hispanic), the history of faith in our communities, the events and ministries we are seeking to build and build upon, our focus on increasing our outreaches to the poor and needy in our community, the coming retreats and experiences we are preparing for this lent and for the rest of 2025, and much, much more ... I feel so blessed to be a part of our Catholic Community.

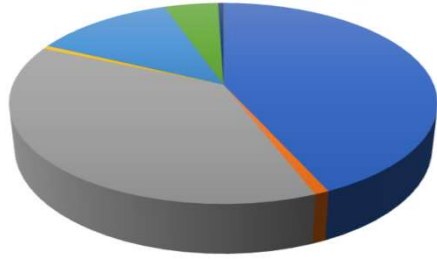
Friends, in all that lies before us we have a wonderful opportunity to move together in a unified manner. Our Parishes of St. Mary's and St. Mark's have a beautiful shared history. They have been bound from the beginning of the Catholic Community in Eastern Orleans County in 1865. And as we soon merge our Parishes we have a wonderful opportunity to come together and move forward with hope and goodness. Let us then join ourselves anew in the Communion with the Most Holy Trinity and under the love and care of our Mother, Mary Most Holy.

God bless you,

Fr. Mark Noonan

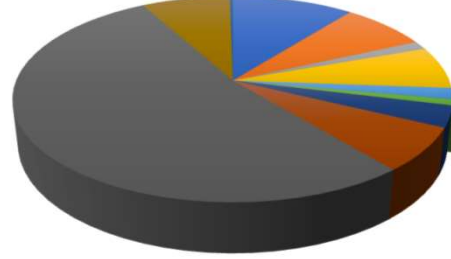
St. Mark Parish

Parish Income 2023-2024



- Collections
- Other Receipts & Donations
- Endowment
- Votive Candles
- Interest & Investment Income
- Other Fundraisers
- Other Income
- Faith Formation

Parish Expenses 2023-2024



- Clergy (Parish & Vicariate)
- Salaries
- Payroll Taxes
- Benefits (Clergy & Laity)
- Supplies
- Printing
- Utilities
- Diocesan Assessment
- 2021-2023 Allocation correction to St. Mary
- Other Exp.
- Religious Education

**Parish Income**

Collections	\$ 53,498.91	43.20%
Other Receipts & Donations	\$ 1,155.00	0.93%
Endowment	\$ 46,338.78	37.42%
Votive Candles	\$ 696.00	0.56%
Interest & Investment Income	\$ 15,514.14	12.53%
Other Fundraisers	\$ 6,034.03	4.87%
Other Income	\$ 570.00	0.46%
Faith Formation	\$ 30.00	0.02%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 123,836.86</b>	

**Parish Expenses**

Clergy (Parish & Vicariate)	\$ 17,813.93	10.63%
Salaries	\$ 12,653.19	7.55%
Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,222.39	1.33%
Benefits (Clergy & Laity)	\$ 11,156.13	6.66%
Supplies	\$ 2,954.13	1.76%
Printing	\$ 1,545.58	0.92%
Utilities	\$ 5,600.61	3.34%
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 11,415.00	6.81%
2021-2023 Allocation correction to St. Mary	\$ 88,737.41	52.98%
Other Exp.	\$ 12,948.42	7.73%
Religious Education	\$ 456.43	0.27%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 167,503.22</b>	

**Other Expenses:**

Property Insurance	\$ 5,436.06
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 1,133.97
Snowplowing	\$ 1,000.00
Copier Expense	\$ 1,138.46
PDS	\$ 1,092.25
General Goodwill	\$ 486.30
Liturgy	\$ 111.33
Evangelization	\$ 451.49
Legal Fees	\$ 2,000.00
Misc. Expenses	\$ 98.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,948.42</b>

<b>2023-24 Total Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (43,666.36)</b>
Allocation of \$88,737.41 is not a current year operational expense	
<b>2023-24 Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$45,071.05</b>

<b>Organizational Assets</b>	
Total Assets as of 8/31/24	\$ 224,272.27
Lay Pension Liability	\$ (34,045.97)
<b>Total Net Parish Assets</b>	<b>\$ 190,226.30</b>

**St. Mark Parish Statistical Data****2023/2024 2022/2023**

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Average Weekly Mass Attendance	25	29
Infant/Child Baptisms	0	0
Youth/Adult Baptisms and Received into the Church	0	0
First Reconciliations – Children	0	1
First Reconciliations – Adults	0	0
Total First Reconciliations	0	1
First Holy Communions	0	1
Confirmations	1	1
Marriages	0	0
Anointing of the Sick (approx.)	20	12
Deaths	0	1
Newly Registered Families	0	0

