

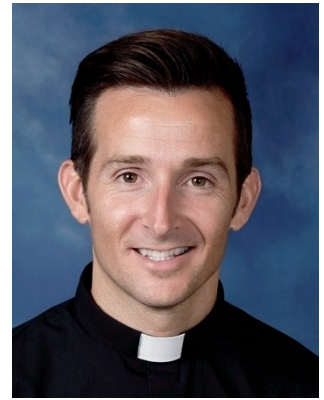
# Saint Mark Catholic Church



**Annual  
Report**  
2023-2024

# From the Pastor

My Dear St. Mark Parishioners,  
It's hard to believe that I'm almost 4 months into my new assignment here at St. Marks and St Matthews as pastor of Parish family # 12 which began on July 1, 2024.



Since my arrival it has been a joy to get to know you and to see and experience the great legacy that is here at St. Marks.

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us; the many priests and parishioners who have labored and sacrificed so much, all for the sake of the gospel and for the needs here at St. Mark parish. Our beautiful church building itself is a testament of this sacrifice.

Now it is our turn! Now it's on us, to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ - to share the love of God and the love of our neighbor here at St Mark parish. In this report, you will see that we have much work to do as we strive to overcome our financial difficulties, deferred maintenance, staffing shortages, and increase our parishioner enrollment and engagement.

I asked you to bring this report to your prayer, and from your prayer to respond courageously and whole heartily to the many needs that we have here at St. Marks as we seek to renew and build up the body of Christ.

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Fr. Ross

## Parish at a glance

<b>Sacraments</b>	
<b>8</b>	Baptisms
<b>22</b>	First Communion
<b>10</b>	Confirmations
<b>22</b>	Funerals
<b>60</b>	Anointings
<b>120</b>	Confessions/Month

<b>Special Liturgies</b>	
	All Souls Requiem Mass
	Thanksgiving Mass
	Confirmation Mass
	Tenebrae
	Tre Ore

# Parish Financial Summary

In the fiscal year ending 6/30/2024, the parish had a net income of \$8K, which was primarily due to a school subsidy less than typical amount. We under-subsidized the school last during the last fiscal year by \$90K (due to the timing of a withdrawal from the school's Endowment Fund.) A typical subsidy would have resulted in a parish budget deficit of about \$82K at the end of the last fiscal year.

Unfortunately, based on current levels of sacrificial giving, we project a deficit of \$137K with this year's parish budget. It will be necessary to fund the deficit from (unrestricted) parish savings of \$215K. Some of the projected deficit is due to expenses allocated for parish website redesign, and social media and outreach strategies. Additional items contributing the projected deficit include local North City evangelization efforts and the hiring of a much-needed Faith Formation Coordinator, both primary goals of Father Ross and our Pastoral Council. This year's budget also includes funds for additional security cameras and for deferred maintenance, including HVAC repairs (boilers) at the Church and for various deferred maintenance items needed at the rectory. The budget does not address funding for other important deferred maintenance items such as:

- Upgrading the social hall kitchen that supports important aspects of our parish life such as parish and school social events, fundraisers for the Knights of Columbus and receptions following funerals.
- Replacing roofs on the school, gym, and the church's pitched roof. The school roof needs urgent replacement. The gym roof and church pitched roof are expected to require replacement within the next five (5) years. The cost to replace the school roof is about \$200K, and we do not yet have estimates for the gym and church roof repairs.

We have also budgeted for a new church sound system, to be installed prior to Christmas. This purchase has been fully funded by a combination of private donations and our Annual Catholic Appeal Rebates. **(continued on next page)**

# Parish Financial Summary continued

The school remains our largest single ministry. The parish invests over 25% of parishioner donations (stewardship giving) as a subsidy to the school, which is considerably higher than most other parishes in the Archdiocese. In addition, parishioner donations to the annual “Lion’s Drive” (school direct fundraiser) over the past 2 fiscal years have averaged \$87K per year.

Despite the generous support of our parish community and the fundraising efforts by the school’s Parents Club, the school has needed to make extraordinary withdrawals totaling \$240K from the school’s Endowment Fund over the last two years to make ends meet. In the previous 7 years, no withdrawals from the Endowment Fund were needed. To make ends meet again this fiscal year, we anticipate the school will need to request another extraordinary withdrawal of \$102K from the endowment. This year, the Finance Council approved a slight increase in the percentage of parish support to the school, with the understanding that the school’s continued viability would be addressed as part Partner’s in the Gospel and that the Endowment Fund would provide additional funding. (Please see financial summary continued).

## 2023-2024 Highlights

- Partners in the Gospel - Q&A meeting, feedback session & pastor’s farewell
- School Events - Christmas Pageant, live Stations of the Cross, school play, Multi-cultural Dinner, Halloween Carnival, Parents’ Night Out events, Bake Sales
- Faith Sharing meetings - Divine Mercy: The Second Greatest Story Ever Told, Lion’s Den weekly men’s group meetings, Book Study meetings
- Faith Formation - First Reconciliation/First Communion, Confirmation, OCIA
- Ministry Fair - showcasing the various ministry opportunities at St. Mark
- Parish Fellowship Events - Weekly Social Hour, Parish Picnics, High Tea, monthly Crafting Day, Young Adult movie nights & PowerPoint Parties
- Community Service & Outreach - Christmas giving tree, Funeral receptions, Campus gardening work parties

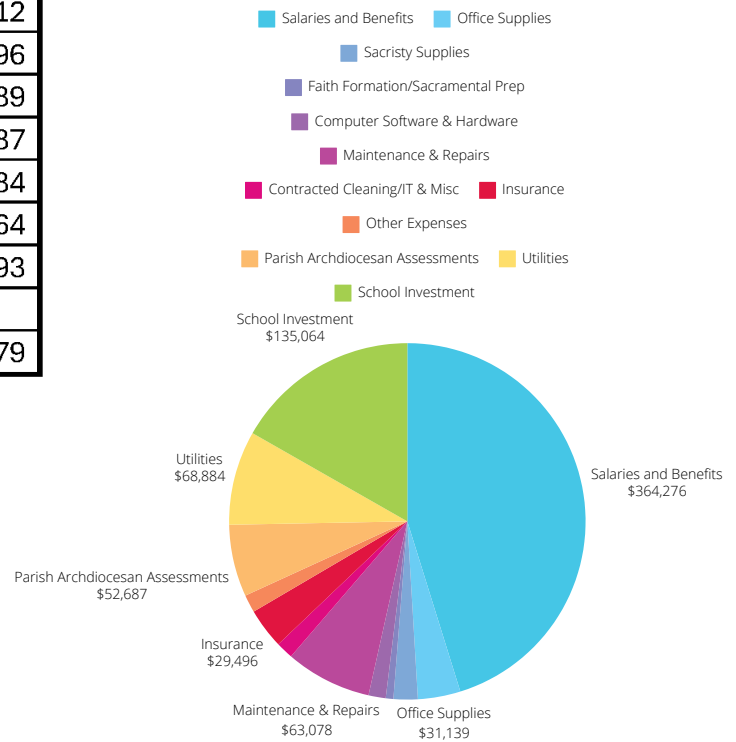
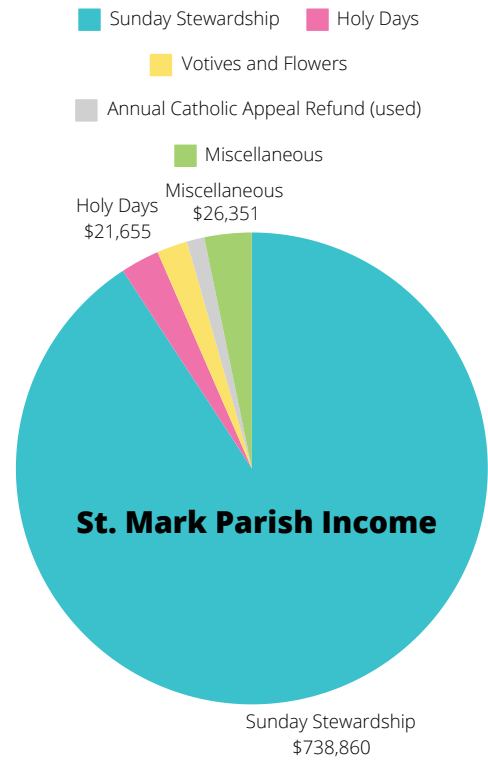
# Parish Financial Report

**Saint Mark parish**  
**Shoreline, Washington**  
**Actuals 7/1/2023-6/30/2024**

Sunday Stewardship	\$738,860
Holy Days	\$21,655
Votives and Flowers	\$17,086
Annual Catholic Appeal Refund (used)	\$9,790
Miscellaneous	\$26,351
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$813,741.72</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries and Benefits	\$364,276
Office Supplies	\$31,139
Sacristy Supplies	\$17,690
Faith Formation/Sacramental Prep	\$5,545
Computer Software & Hardware	\$12,577
Maintenance & Repairs	\$63,078
Contracted Cleaning/IT & Misc	\$12,612
Insurance	\$29,496
Other Expenses	\$12,989
Parish Archdiocesan Assessments	\$52,687
Utilities	\$68,884
School Investment	\$135,064
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$806,035.93</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$7,705.79</b>



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SHORELINE, WA.



**St. Mark Parish Expenses**

# Parish Participation



## Liturgical Ministries

- 32 Altar Servers
- 25 School Altar Servers
- 18 Lectors
- 26 Ushers
- 13 Choir Members
- 4 Cantors
- 8 Sacristans
- 14 Flower Committee Members
- 6 Collection Counters
- 32 Faith Formation volunteers



## Care/Outreach

- Ministers to the Homebound
- Funeral reception Committee
- Lion's Den Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Young Adult Group

## Consultative Bodies

- 3 Finance Council Members
- 7 Pastoral Council Members
- 4 School Commission Members
- 4 Liturgy Commission Members

## Organizations

- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Boy Scouts

## Parish & School Statistics

- 700 Registered Households
- 73 K-8 Parish School Students
- 6 Parish Pre-School Students



# Parish Financial Summary conclusion (and challenge)!

As Fr. Ross noted in his introduction to this report, It is important when looking at our current reality and in stating challenges ahead to also recognize our many strengths. There is not space here to begin to list.

The Catholic values that are taught and reflected throughout all our curriculum simply cannot be compared to what public schools can offer. Some groups recognize this unique value and provide financial support for our school. For instance, a nearby Knights of Columbus Council (Council #676), awarded scholarship grants totaled \$125K to needy families in the school over the last two years. During and post Covid, we received extraordinary donations of upwards of \$20K. The fact that last year our students come from so many different zip codes speak to the fact we have something very special to offer here. This it also true of parishioners.

Our challenge is simply to “get the word out”, evangelize, so to speak. St. Mark parish is located just one mile from the new light rail station on 185th and 7th NE The potential harvest is truly “rich”. Both parishes and schools in our parish family have unique spiritual gifts to share with each other and within the fast-growing communities of North Seattle and Shoreline.

To summarize our parish annual report, it is not just a review of the year passed. We are being challenged, yes, to make financial sacrifices and to “take a step” to giving sacrificially. An example of how to erase our \$137K deficit could be each giving family giving a one-time donation of \$250, and prayerfully considering increasing their current pledging and giving. We also need more parishioners to make a pledge as currently about 42% of parishioners who give to the parish make a pledge. These additional funds will help us to create more vibrant ministries and to provide necessary maintenance for our beautiful church and grounds.

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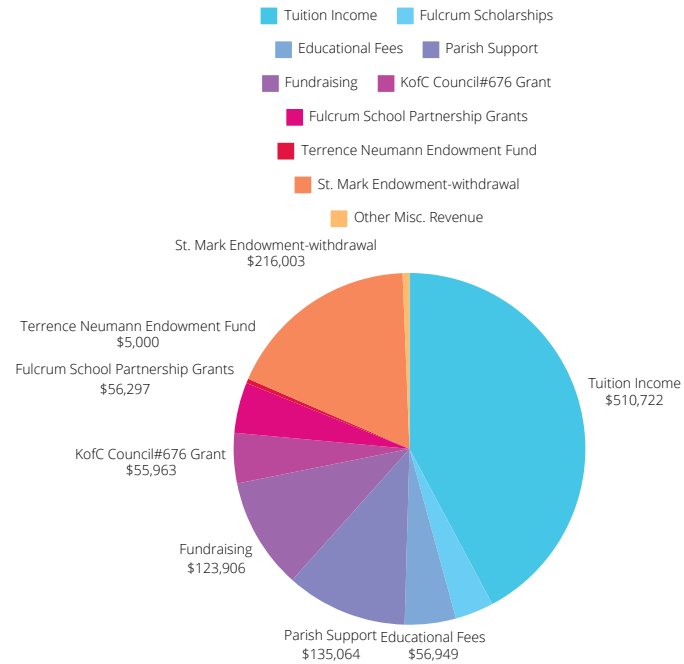


# School Financial Report

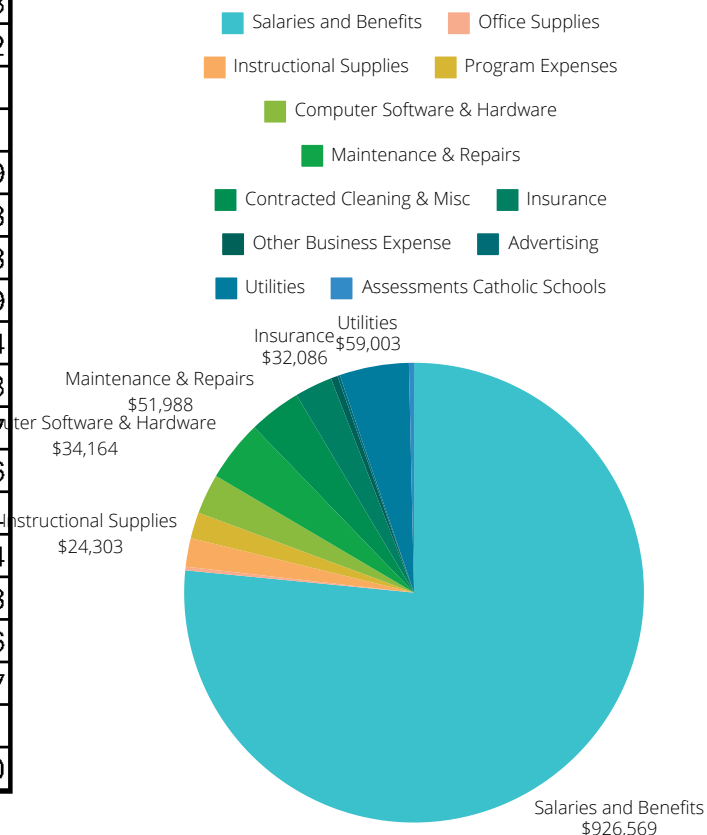
**St. Mark Catholic Classical School**  
**Shoreline, Washington**  
**Actuals 7/1/2023-6/30/2024**

	<b>Actuals FYE 06/2024</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Tuition Income	\$510,722
Fulcrum Scholarships	\$42,900
Educational Fees	\$56,949
Parish Support	\$135,064
Fundraising	\$123,906
KofC Council#676 Grant	\$55,963
Fulcrum School Partnership Grants (offset by computer expenses and part of maintenance expenses)	\$56,297
Terrence Neumann Endowment Fund	\$5,000
St. Mark Endowment-withdrawal	\$216,003
Other Misc. Revenue	\$7,628
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,210,433.12</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries and Benefits	\$926,569
Office Supplies	\$3,083
Instructional Supplies	\$24,303
Program Expenses	\$22,319
Computer Software & Hardware	\$34,164
Maintenance & Repairs	\$51,988
Contracted Cleaning & Misc	\$44,637
Insurance	\$32,086
Other Business Expense	\$5,801
Advertising	\$2,144
Utilities	\$59,003
Assessments Catholic Schools	\$4,336
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,210,433.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## St. Mark School Income



## St. Mark School Expenses







# St. Mark Catholic Classical School

St. Mark Catholic Classical School was formed to be a mission for the parish and support for parents in the raising of Catholic children. Classical education always seeks what is good, true, and beautiful, recognizing that God is truly at the center of everything. We recognize that as humans, we are part of the great story of which God is the author. The curriculum reflects this fact, and the staff joyfully helps to deliver this to the students. The teaching method employed is one that the Church has used and perfected through the ages, all geared toward bringing our students to sainthood.

Our goal is teaching students to see the world through a sacramental lens, through a lens that can see the connection in things, the integration of knowledge, the ultimate meaning, destiny, and purpose of the human person, and how we fit into the big picture. We see the truth, goodness, and beauty in all things and in all subjects.





**Deceased St. Mark Parishioners and Funeral rites celebrated at  
St. Mark Church July 2023 - June 2024:**

*Lucia Deuna  
Erik Sorenson  
James Arthur  
Charlotte Arthur  
Joanne Weller  
Helen Foisy  
Linda Morgan  
Lynn Waterson*

*Ernesto Morga  
Marissa Navarro  
Gail Kriley  
Donna Simard  
Patricia Cook  
Mary Amundsen  
Lou Runtz  
Anita Teodoro  
Stephen Holland*

*Mary Jo Sisley  
Alberto Aranas  
Hugo Draye  
Elenor Schoen  
Nelson Guiao  
Benjamin Gines  
Daniel Bogstie  
Halinka Wodzicki*

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**