



SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

*anchored in community and faith*



2023  
Stewardship Report

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

## Fr. Peter Wojcik

Dear friends,

It is with great joy that I present to you our annual report, a testament to the remarkable growth and engagement we have witnessed as a community over the past year.

As we reflect on our journey together, we recognize that our parish is not just a collection of individuals; it is a vibrant tapestry of diversity, woven together by our shared faith and hope. Each one of you has played a vital role in shaping our community, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together.

Our overall purpose as a parish is to grow the Kingdom of God, and I am proud to share that we have made significant strides in fulfilling this mission. Throughout the year, we have had the privilege of engaging over 8,000 individuals in our various programs and initiatives.

One of the key indicators of our growth as a community is the remarkable attendance we have seen in our prayer and worship opportunities. This year, our Masses were attended by nearly 69,000 people and our Sunday numbers are 31% higher than 2022!

At Saint Clement, we have established **five parish anchors** that guide our actions and shape our community. These anchors - **belong, pray, learn, serve, and share** - serve as pillars of our faith and provide a framework for our engagement with one another and the world. They remind us of our shared commitment to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ and to be a source of love, compassion, and support for one another.

Looking ahead, our strategy as a parish is to continue growing and expanding our reach. Over the next three years, our goal is to double the number of engaged parishioners who actively participate in one or more of the five parish anchors. This strategic focus will allow us to deepen our connection with God, strengthen our bonds as a community, and extend our impact in the world around us.

In the midst of our achievements, let us not forget the importance of gratitude. To this end I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible generosity during this fiscal year. Your support has been instrumental in enabling us to close our budget in the black, ensuring the financial stability of our parish. Your selfless contributions have made a significant impact on our ability to continue serving our community and fulfilling our mission.

As we continue on our journey, let us hold on to the flame of faith and hope that burns within us. Together, let us continue to ignite the flame of faith in the hearts of others, spreading love, compassion, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

I invite you to delve into the pages of this annual report, which not only celebrate our accomplishments but also serve as a reminder of the incredible community we are part of. May it fill you with a sense of pride and inspire you to continue contributing to the growth and success of our parish family.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your active participation, and your dedication to Saint Clement. Together, we are creating a community that shines brightly with faith, hope, and love.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Fr. Peter Wojcik, *Pastor*



# A YEAR OF FAITH & IMPACT

## BELONG

**3,873** registered households in June 2022

**4,139** registered households in June 2023

**78% of 543 new members** are between 20–39 years old

**14,525** people participated in formation & social activities such as Wine Down Wednesday or Theology on Tap — *this is a*

**221% increase** from FY22!

## LEARN

**82** students enrolled in 2022–23 Religious Education program

**488** people joined us for Alpha or Following Jesus

**1,645** people joined us for formation programs such as Lydia Institute, Men's Series, or Bible Course

## PRAY

**1,300+** people attend Mass each weekend

**68,767** people attended Masses

**31% increase** in Mass attendance from FY22

## SERVE

**1,332** outreach and hospitality volunteers

**150** liturgical ministers

## SHARE

**303** new recurring givers

**\$444K** given to charity—*details on next page!*

## Celebrating Sacraments

### BAPTISMS

140 Child/Youth  
11 Adult

### FIRST COMMUNION

56 Child/Youth  
25 Adult

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

54 Child/Youth

### CONFIRMATIONS

48 Child/Youth  
31 Adult

### MARRIAGES

61 weddings at Saint Clement Parish  
48+ out of town wedding preps

### FUNERALS

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## PURPOSE

To grow the Kingdom of God.

## MISSION

We are a vibrant, Holy Spirit-led Catholic community that invites all into a life-changing relationship with Jesus to bring love, mercy, and peace to the world.

## VISION

To ignite & nurture every Saint Clement community member's faith while doubling the active participation with our Parish Anchors

# Operating Income and Expense Statement

Fiscal year: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

	FY22 Prior Year Fiscal	FY23 Current Year Fiscal	FY23 Current Year Budget
	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2023
<b>CHURCH INCOME</b>			
Collections (1)	\$2,267,873	\$2,171,763	\$2,127,737
Sacramental Income	\$106,641	\$121,605	\$92,500
Fundraising	\$142,681	\$33,381	\$-
Religious Education	\$36,599	\$27,545	\$37,000
Other Income (2)	\$12,097	\$17,982	\$12,000
<b>Total Church Income</b>	<b>\$2,565,891</b>	<b>\$2,372,276</b>	<b>\$2,269,237</b>
<b>SCHOOL INCOME</b>			
Tuition & Fees	\$5,684,902	\$6,239,132	\$5,962,659
Fundraising	\$833,027	\$958,841	\$550,000
Other Income (2)	\$14,886	\$67,481	\$7,400
<b>Total School Income</b>	<b>\$6,532,815</b>	<b>\$7,265,453</b>	<b>\$6,520,059</b>
<b>Total Parish Income</b>	<b>\$9,098,706</b>	<b>\$9,637,730</b>	<b>\$8,789,296</b>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,350,592	\$1,227,119	\$1,180,911
Administrative	\$232,862	\$221,321	\$229,803
Property Operations (4)	\$301,386	\$302,249	\$303,255
Liturgy & Music	\$139,376	\$159,760	\$142,300
Ministry, Outreach & Hospitality (5)	\$204,493	\$150,510	\$113,686
Archdiocese Assessments	\$284,579	\$298,872	\$298,868
Accrual for Capital Expenses	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Total Church Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,513,288</b>	<b>\$2,359,832</b>	<b>\$2,268,823</b>
<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>			
Salary & Benefits (3)	\$4,998,138	\$5,715,563	\$5,440,057
Educational	\$428,512	\$383,131	\$232,900
Administrative	\$242,820	\$295,998	\$290,425
Property Operations (4)	\$603,695	\$481,221	\$490,135
Archdiocese Assessment	\$16,378	\$17,688	\$16,500
Financial Aid-TAP	\$45,871	\$50,000	\$50,000
Covid Expenses	\$86,097	\$-	\$-
Accrual for Capital Expense Repairs	\$-	\$300,000	\$-
<b>Total School Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,421,511</b>	<b>\$7,243,602</b>	<b>\$6,520,017</b>
<b>Total Parish Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,934,799</b>	<b>\$9,603,434</b>	<b>\$8,788,840</b>
Net Parish Operating Income	\$163,907	\$34,296	\$456
Extra Ordinary Income & Expenses			
Cash Capital Income	\$352,763	\$486,155	
PPP Loan Income	\$2,265,774	\$-	
Cash Capital Expenses	\$282,994	\$954,742	

## FOOTNOTES:

(1) Collections are shown net of the 10% donated off the top through Clement Commits. See opposite page for details on Clement Commits.

(2) Other Income includes interest income and miscellaneous income.

(3) The Salary & Benefits line items include salaries/benefits, accrued salaries and bonuses for all full-time and part-time staff: clergy, educational, administrative, music/liturgy, ministry, maintenance, etc.

(4) Property Operations for the parish campus includes Utilities, Maintenance & Property/Casualty Insurance.

(5) Ministry, Outreach & Hospitality includes all ministry costs, including the Child & Family Catechesis (a/k/a Religious Ed) Department.

## CHARITABLE GIVING

In FY 2023 we donated **\$444K** to various charities!

- Clement Commits \$220,000
- To Ukraine through Caritas Lublin \$47,477
- Romero Scholarship \$15,000
- Seminarian Assistance Fund \$3,000
- Annual Catholic Appeal *supporting the charitable work of the Archdiocese* \$158,751
- **Total \$444,228**

# CLEMENT COMMITTS

As a stewardship parish, Saint Clement Parish has made a commitment to **give of our “first fruits”** to needs beyond our parish. We honor this commitment through our Clement Commits program, which donates 10% each fiscal year from our parish collections.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our parish family, in Fiscal Year 2023, **we donated a total of \$220,000 to 33 organizations** serving the common good!

*Learn more about Clement Commits and our donation recipients at [clement.org/ClementCommits](http://clement.org/ClementCommits).*



## SUNDAY SHARING COMMITMENT

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Previously known as our Sunday Giving Commitment, our upcoming **Sunday Sharing Commitment** Campaign will kick off October 10th. We have updated the name in alignment with the name change of one of our core anchors. We hope this will inspire you to share your time, talents, and treasures with your Saint Clement family!

We want to thank all of you who have been so generous in years past. Your financial commitment has helped us become the fastest growing Catholic church in Chicago. We are well on our way to our ambitious goal of doubling our parishioner engagement. Your weekly sharing also supports our unique Clement Commits program, where 10% of our weekly offering is donated to charitable organizations outside our parish.

We pray that you consider increasing your weekly sharing by 10% or start making a first-time donation. Our goal is to increase our weekly sharing by \$20,000 a month to cover our daily operating costs and support our ministries.

How can you SHARE your gifts with Saint Clement today?  
For more information, please visit [clement.org/give](http://clement.org/give).

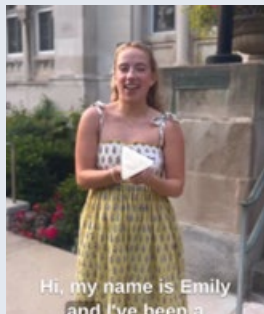
*Please reach out to [Delaney Paul](mailto:Delaney.Paul@stclement.org) with any questions about Sunday Sharing or for help setting up your Pushpay payments.*



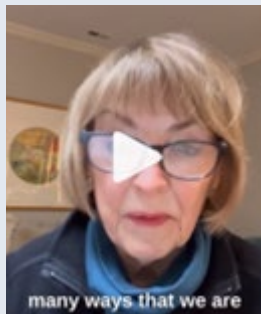
*“In my heart of hearts, I want to make sure that [Saint Clement Parish] is here for somebody else, just like it was here for me.”*

- Nancy Aulis, parishioner since 2010, shares “Why We Give”

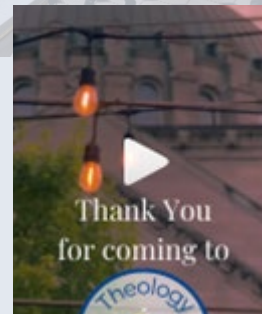
# Together we *grow in* & *share* the gift of our faith



Hi, my name is Emily  
and I've been a



many ways that we are



*"[After my second time participating in Alpha] I actually ended up getting baptized and confirmed as a Catholic here at Saint Clement. So, Alpha definitely started my faith journey."*

- Emily McCoy, parishioner since 2020, shares about the [Alpha program](#)

*"Saint Clement has been a gift in my life. And one of the many gifts is the many ways that we are invited to serve."*

- Kathy Moore, parishioner since 1978, shares about Encountering God through [Service](#)

*"Having that chance to volunteer in the Masses really elevated my own importance of the Mass and my own buy in and attention to the Mass and my relationship has grown that much deeper."*

- Nate Schoenle, parishioner since 2022, shares about Encountering God through [Service](#)

We celebrate the over 120 people who joined us on June 21 for our first Wine Down Wednesday event of the summer! It was such a beautiful evening praising God, celebrating our community and BELONGING.

Over 350 people joined us to reflect on Purpose at the kick-off event for our Theology on Tap summer speaker series for young adults!

## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

Enrollment 2022-23 School Year:

**483 students**

### CELEBRATING OUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

i-Ready Data (standardized assessments)  
Spring 2023 results:

**94%** of students are in Tier 1 (on grade level) for reading

**92%** of students are in Tier 1 (on grade level) for math

**14% increase** from spring '22 to spring '23 in number of students meeting their annual typical growth in math

Learn more about our school at [www.stclementschoool.org](http://www.stclementschoool.org).

