

# ANNUAL REPORT

JUNE 2023 . ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A VIBRANT AND WELCOMING CATHOLIC FAITH  
COMMUNITY THAT RECOGNIZES GOD'S PRESENCE IN ALL  
THROUGH OUR LOVE AND SERVICE.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I present to you our St. Benedict Catholic Church and St. John Bosco Catholic School Annual Pastoral and Finance Reports for the 2022/23 fiscal year. I thank God for His abundant blessings upon our community throughout the year. I thank you, also, for your prayers, support, and personal sacrifices that enabled us to make it through the year.

The 2022/23 fiscal year has been a blessed year for our community. We witnessed an increase in our parish membership to a total of 1,471 registered families, 81 of whom registered during this fiscal year, as well as a significant increase in enrollment in St. John Bosco Catholic school by over 90 new students. Furthermore, we continue to maintain the vibrancy of our ministries, liturgies, faith formation programs, and pastoral outreach to those in need in our surrounding community throughout the fiscal year.

The 2022/23 fiscal year marks the second year of our Church construction. I thank the members of the Building, Funding, and Finance Committees for their commitment and strategic plans that enabled us to close the funding gap to ensure steady progress toward completion. My special thanks to all our parishioners and friends of St. Benedict Catholic Church for your prayers and support for the Church construction. Despite the current financial challenges from inflation, we raised a total of \$591,581. Through your sacrificial giving during the fiscal year. I am happy to inform you that we hope to move into our permanent worship space soon.

I thank you all for your financial support for my religious order, the Via Christi Society. The Society received a total of \$18,248 from our parish community during the fiscal year. These funds were used for the training of our seminarians and the basic operations of the Society. I especially thank those individuals who gave full tuition to several of our seminarians and those who signed up for recurring online giving. May God continue to bless and provide for you as you support our missionary work.

The Annual Reports include the pastoral reports from parish ministries and organizations, as well as our charity and outreach to our neighbors in need. We continue to meet the needs of our growing community and thrive as a vibrant people of faith through the celebration of sacraments, liturgies, prayer, lifelong formation opportunities, service, and outreach. We now have more than 30 active ministries in the parish.

St. Benedict is blessed to have St. John Bosco Catholic School as part of our parish community to further our mission of the evangelization, education, and faith formation of our children. I thank the parents, students, and staff of our SJB family for their commitment to upholding quality Catholic education in our community.

Once again, on behalf of Fr. Manasseh, the St. John Bosco Catholic School, and the Parish Staff, I thank you so much for your prayers and support for our parish and school community throughout the year. May God continue to bless and provide for you as you support the mission of the Church and all those we serve.

Fr. James Aboyi, V.C.  
Pastor

## LITURGICAL

Liturgical ministers generously give their time to prepare and serve at each Mass and liturgical celebrations throughout the year. It takes over 30 volunteers to make each Liturgy possible. We are always encouraged by the number of parishioners who find meaning, purpose, connection with others and personal satisfaction by participating in Liturgical Ministries. These volunteers make possible the vibrant celebrations and welcoming environment for which our parish is so well known.

35  
5  
15  
69  
45  
4  
60  
16  
33  
27

ALTAR SERVERS  
ART & ENVIRONMENT  
AUDIO/VISUAL TECHS  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS  
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS  
LAUNDRY MINISTERS  
LECTORS  
ADULT CHOIR  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
SACRISTANS

## SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments are special moments in our spiritual lives when we experience the Grace of God. Our Church celebrates Sacraments within our greater faith community, helping us grow closer to God and to one another. Sacraments strengthen the call we received at Baptism to live as disciples of Christ and be witnesses to the Gospel.

143  
22  
44  
45  
45  
1

ANOINTING OF THE SICK  
BAPTISM  
FIRST EUCHARIST  
CONFIRMATION & RCIA  
FIRST RECONCILIATION  
MARRIAGE

## FORMATION

Faith Formation is an on-going process that continues throughout our lives. We are deeply committed to providing engaging, high-quality opportunities that help parishioners of all ages experience God in new ways. Through the strengthening of our own faith, we are then able to share Christ's message with others.

50+  
31  
87  
38  
413  
75

ADULT  
CATECHISTS  
PRE-K - 5TH GRADE  
6TH - 12TH GRADE  
STUDENT AT SJB (includes PreK)  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# ORGANIZATIONS

## ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide organization that puts faith into action by feeding, clothing, housing and healing those in need. St. Benedict Catholic Church is fortunate to house an on-site food pantry that served nearly 2604 people within our parish boundaries last year. The generosity of our community helps make their important work possible.



**\$45,194**

IN TOTAL DONATIONS

1321	FOOD BAGS DISTRIBUTED
74	HOME VISITS
2522	VOLUNTEER HOURS
36	TURKEY TUESDAY SERVED
\$41,021	SHELTER PROVIDED
\$8,956	UTILITIES PROVIDED

- \* \$5,080 - 5TH SUNDAY (COVID)
- \* \$5,000 - K OF C
- \* \$0 - TURKEY TUESDAY (COVID)
- \* \$22,929 - FAITH DIRECT
- \* \$31,626 - OTHER

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Fr. Bob Binta Council #12246 is greatly involved in parish life at St. Benedict. The Knights organize regular blood drives, fellowship events, community fund raising and much more. They are a group of hard-working volunteers who help our church and school community run smoothly and provide good role models for our youth.



**\$26,800**

IN TOTAL FUNDRAISING

210	COATS DONATED
1	ADOPTED FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS
4	PARISH BLOOD DRIVES
1	STAINED GLASS WINDOW
2	FOOD DRIVE

- \$10,500 - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
- \$1,000 - HAND OF CHRIST UGANDA MISSION
- \$588 - AZ ROSARY CELEBRATION BUS
- \$500 - SEMINARIAN SUPPORT
- \$500 - K of C ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE
- \$1,606 - ST. BENEDICT BUILDING FUND
- \$500 - AMERICAN WHEEL CHAIR MISSION
- \$500 - ANDRE HOUSE
- \$500 - St. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CAMP
- \$500 - CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY
- \$500 - FURNISHING DIGNITY
- \$500 - MAGGIE'S PLACE
- \$500 - MANA HOUSE
- \$500 - RYAN HOUSE
- \$500 - ASAP AZ KofC CHARITIES
- \$250 - ST. JOHN BOSCO BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ
- \$545 - ST BENEDICT PICNIC
- \$500 - AWARDS TO DIFFERENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

# OUTREACH

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT MINISTRY

The Refugee Resettlement Ministry at St. Benedict Church this fiscal year was comprised of seven parish volunteers certified through Catholic Charities. We assisted a refugee family from Afghanistan from November 2022, through August 2023.

Visits to the family were made once or twice a week for about one to two hours each time. The primary activity was supplementing their English instruction in addition help was given with applications for financial and health assistance, registering a child for school, navigating MVD and insurance issues, getting internet setup, sorting through communications, taking them shopping, taking them to get glasses, and various other needs.

## FAMILY PROMISE

The 2023 hosting commitment was put on hold this year due to the renovation of St. Benedict Church, (facilities were not available to host families.) We hope to resume hosting families in 2024.

During the week of Jan 8-15, 2023, St. Benedict parishioners helped with grocery items and dinner delivery for families staying at the Earll Drive Scottsdale location. There were approximately 15 volunteers who provided groceries/meals and transportation to the Center.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

The St. Benedict Pastoral Care Ministry extends comfort and support for the families of our parish who are experiencing an illness, hospitalization or death of a loved one. Thirteen Ministers of Care are available to visit and bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are sick, homebound, living in a nursing home, an assisted living facility or an Adult Care Home in our area. This is our way of helping families feel God's embrace through the healing presence of our faith community. Pastoral Ministers are visiting Sunrise, Clearwater (aka Generations), and La Estancia along with families in their homes. We visit 50-60 people weekly.

Pastoral Ministers are available to reach out to families experiencing the death of a loved one, through grief support and assistance with the funeral. A yearly Mass of Remembrance is celebrated to remember and honor those who have died. Resources and information on dealing with grief and loss are available along with Bereavement Support Groups available during the year. Each week we list the names of people who are in need of our prayers. We encourage our parishioners to join us for Anointing Masses throughout the year.

# ST. BENEDICT CHURCH INCOME & EXPENSES

2022-2023\*

Actual

<b>Total Income</b> <i>(Offertory, Christmas, Easter, Fundraising, Faith Formation, Restricted Contributions)</i>	<b>\$1,068,246</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b> <i>(Personnel, Building Mgmt, Parish &amp; Formation Expense, Diocesan Assessments)</i>	<b><u>\$781,794</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$286,452</b>

\*Fiscal Year for Twelve Months Ends June 30.

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AS OF JUNE 2023

<b>Total Estimate Cost:</b>	<b>\$8,400,000</b>
<b>Total Expenses To Date:</b>	<b>\$5,945,701</b>
<b>Total Amount Available: (Cash &amp; Line of Credit)</b>	<b>\$2,057,760</b>



## CHARITY & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL (CDA)

Goal	\$85,000
Number of Donor Goal	300
Number of Donor	202
Amount Received	\$103,222

## VIA CHRISTI SOCIETY

Amount Received	\$18,248
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## SECOND COLLECTIONS

2021-2022* - Actual	● Campaign for Human Development	\$460
	● Catholic Home Missions	\$278
	● Catholic Relief Services	\$110
	● The Catholic University	\$210
	● Gospel of Life Appeal	\$417
	● Holy Land	\$1,098
	● Mission Sunday	\$145
	● Native American & Black Missions	\$85
	● Peter's Pence	\$130
	● Priest & Religious Retirement Fund	\$810
	● Special Needs	\$182
Total Collections	\$4,342	

## TOGETHER LET US GO FORTH CAMPAIGN

Amount Received (July 1 2022 through June 30, 2023)	\$22,000
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# ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The 2022-23 School Year Annual Report showcases the remarkable achievements and steadfast commitment of St. John Bosco Catholic School. Throughout the year, our institution remained dedicated to its mission, resulting in impressive accomplishments:

- Our enrollment continued to rise throughout the school year and reached 394 in the Spring.
- St. John Bosco School was recognized as the Best Private Elementary School in the Best of Ahwatukee (poll by the Ahwatukee Foothills News).
- Our preschool received a well-deserved Top 3 in the Best of Ahwatukee.
- We celebrated our highest student retention rate.
- Our school continued to thrive with the retention of our dedicated and talented faculty and staff.
- Our students excelled on the ITBS scores, consistently performing at least two grade levels above the national average.
- In a broader context, when compared to all other Phoenix Diocese Catholic Schools, St. John Bosco ITBS scores ranked within the top five positions in grades 1-8, underscoring our commitment to academic excellence.

Our school community was unwavering in preserving the cherished traditions of SJB. Our beautiful outdoor campus grounds served as a gathering place, bringing our community together through events such as the Back-to-School BBQ, Harvest Fest/Trunk or Treat, Running with Rosco, the Christmas Program held "under the stars," Catholic Schools Week festivities, the Father-Daughter Dance, a 5K Fun Run, a Mother-Son Kickball event, and the pivotal Bosco Gala. The Bosco Gala raised over \$170,000, fueling the enhancement of our ELA (English Language Arts) curriculum and technological infrastructure.

This year was a testament to the growth of our school and the unwavering support from our faculty, staff, parents, and parish community. As we move forward, we remain committed to fostering a nurturing environment where faith, academic excellence, and service continue to flourish.

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.

Principal



# ST. JOHN BOSCO INCOME & EXPENSES

2022-2023

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,367,051</b>
<i>(Tuition, Fees, Aid, Scrip, Fundraising, Activities)</i>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,898,364</b>
<i>(Admin., Building Maintenance, Class Activities, Instructional Programs, Scrip, Fundraising)</i>	
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$468,687</b>

## DISCIPLESHIP

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Each of us, by virtue of our baptism is called to be a living disciple of Christ and share the Good News with others through our actions and words. We embrace this call to serve by sharing our blessings and gifts of time, talent, and treasure with those most in need as we work together to care for and strengthen the Kingdom of God.

Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for him through kindness and generosity in our everyday lives. We are grateful to have an incredible parish community that does just that. Many parishioners commit a certain number of hours each week to prayer and charitable activities. This past year, St. Benedict parishioners impacted the lives of hundreds of individuals and families in need through various ministry outreach opportunities and parish events, including:

Refugee Resettlement Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul on-site food pantry, serving meals to the homeless, Family Promise, Feed My Starving Children, Maggie's Place, crocheting blankets for comfort, visiting the sick and elderly, Bereavement Support Group, and bringing Holy Communion to the homebound.