



2023-2024 Annual Report

St. Benedict Catholic Church is a welcoming and vibrant family of believers located in the Phoenix community of Ahwatukee in Arizona. We are a Catholic faith community that recognizes the presence of God in all through love and service.



Pastor's Address

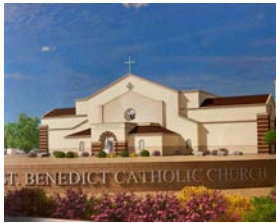


Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to present to you our St. Benedict Parish and St. John Bosco Catholic School Annual Pastoral and Finance Reports for the 2023/24 fiscal year. I first of all thank God for His abundant blessings upon our community throughout the year. I thank you also, for your prayers, commitment, and personal sacrifices that enabled us to make it through the year.



The 2023-2024 fiscal year will be remembered as one of the most historic periods in the history of our community, most especially for the dedication and moving into our permanent worship place on January 20th. We also developed a five-year Pastoral Strategic Plan to meet the anticipated significant parish growth as a result of moving into our new Church, and developed effective plans for the \$4.5m mortgage on our Church building. Another historic milestone met during the year was the signing of the Lease Agreement for the use of our empty lot for the Senior Living Facility on the east side of the Church.



We also witnessed other significant accomplishments during the fiscal year such as a significant increase in our parish membership from 1,600 in the previous year to over 2,400 registered families currently. Similarly, we witnessed an increased enrollment in our St. John Bosco School by over 40 new students. Furthermore, we maintained the vibrancy of all our ministries by adding three new ministries: the Legion of Mary, Porters of St. Joseph, and the Altar Society. These new ministries will help support our Liturgy, programs, and pastoral outreach to those in need in our surrounding communities through the fiscal year.



I thank you all for your financial support that enabled us to complete the Church construction, start the mortgage payment and still maintain a balanced budget. My special thanks for your financial support for my Religious Society, the Via Christi Society. The Society received a total of \$1,720 from our parish community during the fiscal year. These funds were used for the training of our seminarians and 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 those in need within our surrounding community. 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. Our parish is blessed to have St. John Bosco Catholic School in our 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. Augustine, St. John Bosco School community, and the Parish Staff, I thank you so much for your prayers and support for our parish and school community through 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

The Parish At a Glance

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19)



2,487 Families



33 Catechists



47 Baptisms



67 Confirmations



53 First Holy Communions

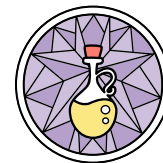


4 Weddings

Pastoral Care in Numbers



76 Healing Mass Anointing



121 Sick-Calls/Anointing



11 Funerals



1,032 Home-Bound Communion

Ministries and Outreach



24 Active Ministries



Over 400 volunteers

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society puts faith into action by feeding, clothing, housing and healing those in need. St. Benedict Catholic Church is fortunate to have an on-site food pantry that served over 2,600 people within our parish boundaries last year. The support of our parish and school community makes their important work possible.

Knights of Columbus

The Fr. Bob Binta Council #12246 is an important part of parish life here at St. Benedict. Year after year, they organize blood drives, fellowship, community and fund-raising events and many more. Their commitment to this parish and school community and our neighbors is beyond measure.

In Numbers:

1,279	Food Bags Distributed
69	Home Visits
1,994	Volunteer Hours
\$51,019	Shelter Provided
\$13,885	Utilities Provided
\$80,017	Total Donations Received

In Numbers:

\$22,000	Total Funds Raised
\$23,500	Total Funds Donated
99	Coats Donated
3	Parish Blood Drives
2	Food Drives
1	CPR Training
1	Family Adopted at Christmas

Recipients of Donations:

\$11,500	St. Vincent de Paul
\$500	Hand of Christ Uganda Mission
\$500	ZANARIA Human Aid Foundation – Nigeria
\$1,250	Via Christi Society
\$587	AZ Rosary Celebration Bus
\$200	Family Promise
\$500	Seminarian Support
\$500	K of C Ultrasound Initiative
\$500	American Wheelchair Mission
\$500	Andre House
\$500	St. Joseph's Youth Camp
\$500	Christ Child Society
\$500	Maggie's Place
\$500	Mana House
\$500	Ryan House
\$500	ASAP AZ K of C Charities
\$500	Awards to Various Youth Activities

Income & Expenses

Operating:

Our income was slightly higher than budgeted and our expenses were lower than anticipated resulting in a positive actual Net Income.

	Actual FY 2023-2024	Budget FY 2023-2024
Total Revenue	\$ 1,293,427.61	\$ 1,261,892.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,174,376.34	\$ 1,299,831.00
Net Income (Deficit)	\$ 119,051.27	(\$ 37,939.00)

Mortgage:

Loan Balance on June 30, 2023 \$4,467,330.48

Loan payments during FY 2023-2024:

Principal	\$32,669.52
Interest	<u>\$160,940.84</u>
Total:	\$193,610.36

Diocesan Appeals and Special Collections:

Charity and Development Appeal (CDA)

	Goal	Actual
Total Raised	\$ 85,000	\$ 128,906
Number of Donors	300	204

Special Collections

Camp for Human Development	\$ 213
Catholic Missions	\$ 308
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 892
Catholic University	\$ 181
Communications	\$ 97
Gospel of Life Collection	\$ 131
Holy Land	\$ 1,156
Mission Sunday	\$ 245
Native Am & Black Mission	\$ 193
Peter's Pence	\$ 413
Retirement Fund Priests/Religious	\$ 960
Via Christi Society Appeal (No special appeal this year)	<u>\$1,720</u>
Total Amount Collected	\$ 6,509

St. John Bosco Catholic School

Principal's Address

The 2023-24 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 and produced impressive results:

- Our enrollment continued to rise throughout the school year and reached 440 in the spring.
- St. John Bosco School was recognized as the “Best Place to Work” in the Best of Ahwatukee (poll by the [Ahwatukee Foothills News](#)).
- St. John Bosco School received a well-deserved Top 3 in the Best of Ahwatukee.
- Our preschool was recognized as the Best Preschool in the Best of Ahwatukee
- We continue to maintain our highest student retention rate.
- Our school continued to thrive with high 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, compared to all other Phoenix Diocese Catholic Schools, St. John Bosco ITBS scores ranked within the top six in grades 1–8, with our 8th-grade ranking #2, underscoring our commitment to academic excellence.

Our school community remained steadfast in preserving the cherished traditions of SJB. Our beautiful outdoor campus grounds became a gathering place for 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 Mother-Son Kickball event, and the all-important Bosco Gala. Our Bosco Gala raised over \$130,000, which allowed us to enhance campus security by updating the fence around the Preschool, Kindergarten, and Administrative offices.

The documented progress of this school year demonstrated continued growth of our school and unwavering support of our faculty, staff, parents, and parish community. As we move forward, we are committed to fostering a nurturing environment where faith, academic excellence, and service are hallmarks of our school mission and continue to thrive.

Jamie Bescak, M.Ed.

Principal

The School in Numbers



70 Pre-school students



365 K-8 Students



289 School Families



50 Faculty & Staff



Voted 1st Place-Best of Ahwatukee
(Ahwatukee Foothills News)

