



# Catholic Community of Central Fall River



## FY23 Annual Report

**October 26, 2023**

Dear Friends,

First, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome you have shown to me and Fr. Thiago. We are both very happy and excited to be a part of this great community and to walk with each of you on the journey of faith.

I am also very grateful to Fr. Tom Washburn. He was given a unique assignment 5 years ago and soon after had to lead our three parishes through the turmoil and confusion of the Pandemic. COVID was a great challenge to all in parish ministry and involved a lot of trial and error. I feel very fortunate for the foundation he has built that will allow a great future to be built.

The report does show that we are facing quite a few challenges. However, these challenges are not insurmountable. Looking at parishes throughout the country we do know how to meet these challenges. There is no 'silver bullet', that is, no program or activity that will change things right away. Even though there are financial challenges, fundraising is not the solution. It is in changing the culture within our Catholic Community and each of us living out our identity as Christian disciples.

The first steps we have taken is to partner with Rebuilt Parish, a group out of Maryland that is one of the leaders in parish renewal. Utilizing the tools from Rebuilt, assessing where we are, the great work that Fr. Tom and the three parishes have accomplished these last few years, the Senior Leadership Team has put together a plan for FY24. Much of this plan will be establishing processes and structures to support and encourage the continued growth and vibrancy of our three parishes.

Ultimately our growth is not dependent on what I or the staff does. It is dependent on all of us trusting in the Lord and allowing the Lord to work through us to reach out to others. We are about forming Christian Disciples through Word, Sacrament and Service. We know when we are doing that when we will resemble the first parishes: They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

Peace,

*Fr. David*



**Members of the 2022-2023 Finance Council**

Janine Grinnell

Karen Plichta

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Rebecca Hancock (resigned June 2023)



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**Members of the 2023-2024 Pastoral Council**

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# St. Mary's Cathedral

## of Mary, a Cathedral

### Revenue:

Church Operations	280,463
Diocesan/National Collections	21,105
Other Revenue (Rent/Interest/etc)	368,011
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>669,679</b>

### Expenses:

Administration	246,349
Transfers	32,340
Liturgy	38,406
Rectory	40,482
School Subsidy	5,865
Faith Formation	42,573
Church Maintenance	163,112
Fixed (insurance, assessment)	46,986
Extraordinary Repairs	7,435
School Building	6,111
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>629,659</b>
	+40,020

Debt to Diocese (outstanding insurance, assessment, pension):  
\$22,065.40

Baptisms	54
First Communions	41
Confirmations	15 Youth; 48 Adults
Weddings	10
Funerals	27
Total Households:	601

### Mass Attendance

2005	735
2009	764
2017	617
2022	548



# Good Shepherd

**Revenue:**

Church Operations:	189,758	Baptisms	21
Diocesan/National	16,466	First Communions	7
Other (interest/rent/Fundraising)	133,595	Confirmations	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>339,819</b>	Weddings	2
		Funerals	11
		Households	795

**Expenses:**

Administration	119,777
Transfers	25,056
Liturgy/Church	42,927
Maintenance of Buildings	103,132
Fixed Charges	41,062
<b>Total:</b>	<b>331,954</b>
	+7,865

**Debt to Diocese**

Total: 222,348

(Fr. Tom was working with the Diocese to address the debt. These conversations are continuing)



**Mass Attendance**

2005	1128
2009	1012
2017	540
2022	293

# St. Stanislaus

**Revenue:**

Church Operations	163,220
Diocesan/National Collections	14,310
Other (Rent, interest, fundraising)	51,277
<b>Total:</b>	<b>228,807</b>

Baptisms	1
First Communions	6
Confirmations	10
Weddings	0
Funerals	11
Total Households	217

**Expenses:**

Administration	74,903
Transfers	27,436
Liturgy/Church	57,089
Maintenance of Buildings	62,329
Fixed (insurance, assessment, pension)	30,543
<b>Total:</b>	<b>252,300</b>
	-23,493

**Debt to Diocese:**

Total: 137,590

(Fr. Tom had been working with the Diocese to address the debt. These conversations are continuing.)



**Mass Attendance**

2005	362
2009	344
2017	191
2022	145



We understand there is a lot of work that needs to be done in the three parishes that make up our Catholic Community. However, it is important that we pace ourselves and are intentional in building upon the foundation of our past, particularly the last few years. This means that while there is a lot of good ideas that come our way, and a lot of things that we would like to do, we cannot do them all and will need to focus on a few priorities at a time.

When developing our plan for the year, we look at the Strategic Anchors that are part of the make-up of a vibrant, healthy parish. These anchors are not thoughts about what will work, but are based on proven best practices in those parishes that have and are engaging in successful spiritual renewal and living the vision given to us in the Scriptures (Acts 2:42).

The Leadership team has determined that the priority for FY24 is to strengthen our foundation and build a strong 'infrastructure' that will support future growth of the three parishes.



**Leadership**

- Development of Senior Leadership team
- Formation of Teams
- Quarterly Strategic Plan Review
- Annual Offsite/Strategic Planning

**Create an Exceptional Weekend Experience**

- Homilies: Implementation of Homily Series
- Hospitality: Increase the number of greeters, Establishment of layers of hospitality (parking lot, outside, inside).
- Creation of a Welcome Booth at each Church.



**Grow Deeper**

- Begin the process of building a parish of small groups; CLOW (Children’s Liturgy of the Word), Small Groups for Middle School and High School, College/ Young Adult, Adults

**Grow Wider**

- Creation and development of Fall River Phil
- New Mover Mailings
- Phone App

