



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
125 MAIN STREET
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS 02743

2023 ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

September 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As your pastor, it is both an honor and a privilege to address you once again in this Annual Appeal letter. It has been a year filled with grace and gratitude, during which I have had the joy of serving this vibrant community, witnessing your unwavering commitment to our faith and the boundless generosity that flows from your hearts. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure have allowed our parish to shine as a beacon of hope, extending our outreach to not only our own parishioners but also to those in need throughout our local community and beyond. It is with immense gratitude that we recognize the blessings God has given us, and I am excited as we continue to serve the Lord and His people together.

Certainly, much has been accomplished in our parish over the last year due to your support:

- We were able to fund our normal operations and ministries, and even had a surplus to add to savings;
- Over \$24,000 in second collections was raised to support charitable works both in the USA and abroad, as well as \$12,500 to build new public toilets for two schools in Rwanda, \$3,400 to purchase new shoes for children in Rwanda, and \$2,500 collected during Lent to feed and educate orphan children in Haiti.
- Our parish building fund raised over \$44,000 in collections, some of which was used to replace deteriorated window frames on the church (\$6,300), repair our sound system (\$1,500), as well as other necessary repairs, with excess available for future projects and repairs.

There is much to be proud of that has been made possible by you. And while I am most grateful for your generosity, your continued support is as important as ever. Our Annual Appeal is vital to operating our parish and solidifying its strong future. As we initiate our 2023-24 appeal, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the on-going mission of your parish, reflecting on how the Lord has blessed you and how we are called to invest some of those blessings in the continued work of His Church. Enclosed you will find:

- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

On the back side of this letter is the report for the financial year 2022-2023 which ended June 30, 2023.

- **ANNUAL APPEAL PLEDGE CARD**

Please give generously to our annual appeal. Through your continued generosity and personal commitment to St. Francis Xavier Parish we will continue to bring Catholic faith, hope, and charity to the people of Acushnet and beyond.

With thanks for your continued support of your parish, and with assurance of my continued prayers and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ryan J. Healy
Pastor



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September 1, 2023

Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River
47 Underwood Street
Fall River, MA 02720

Dear Bishop,

Enclosed please find the annual financial report of St. Francis Xavier Parish which was mailed to parishioners at the beginning of September 2023.

Members of the Finance Council

Helen Dandurand –Accountant
Michael Russo – Business Owner
Colleen Martin – Accountant
Peter Duarte – CPA
Rosa Moniz – Office Manager

2023 Finance Council Meetings

November 7th
January 9th
January 30th
May 17th
July 18th

This annual report was developed collaboratively by the Finance Council and Michelle Paul, St. Francis Xavier parish bookkeeper.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Ryan Healy
Pastor
St. Francis Xavier Parish

Helen Dandurand
Finance Council Chair
St. Francis Xavier Parish

St. Francis Xavier Parish
Financial Summary (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

<u>INCOME</u>	FY 2022-2023	FY 2021-2022
Weekly Collection	\$ 290,072.30	\$ 278,334.19
Annual Appeal Collection	\$ 28,745.00	\$ 31,770.00
Diocesan Assessment Collection	\$ 23,702.03	\$ 22,297.90
Holy Days Collection (SVDP)	\$ 6,974.46	\$ 7,707.99
Religious Education Tuition	\$ 3,595.00	\$ 3,165.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Mass Intentions, Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings)	\$ 32,334.12	\$ 31,375.69
Gifts/Donations/Fundraising	\$ 5,416.71	\$ 6,683.49
All Other Income	\$ 20,186.79	\$ 12,415.78
Total Income	\$ 411,026.41	\$ 393,750.04
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 198,164.04	\$ 198,650.02
Property Insurance and Workers' Compensation	\$ 19,988.58	\$ 19,484.42
Utilities	\$ 27,358.34	\$ 27,618.51
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 28,287.42	\$ 13,495.41
Supplies (Administrative, Custodial, Liturgical)	\$ 21,864.56	\$ 17,868.02
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 33,158.76	\$ 33,158.76
Religious Education/Youth Activities	\$ 9,617.58	\$ 7,199.68
All Other Expenses	\$ 48,733.12	\$ 64,266.55
Total Expenses	\$ 387,172.40	\$ 381,741.37
Surplus	\$ 23,854.01	\$ 12,008.67