



We Are
St. Ann

2023-2024
**FRUITS OF
OUR GIVING**



A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear St. Ann Parish Family,

As we come together for our annual parish reflection, I want to express my deep gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared.

Looking back on the past year, which we dedicated to building our sense of community, we've witnessed a remarkable unity among us. Over 30% of our St. Ann attendees have found belonging in more than 140 vibrant community groups, which is truly inspiring.

Now, as we enter the "Year of Evangelization," based on Matthew 28:19's call to spread the good news, our mission is clear: we aim to empower everyone at St. Ann's to discover and share their unique faith stories. This vision-driven year unfolds in three ways:

First, through the Transcend campaign, we're creating an environment that reflects God's beauty and guides all who come to us toward Christ's radiant presence.

Second, we're investing in the Missionary Institute, equipping young adults, especially those passionate about youth ministry, to inspire the faith of today's youth.

Lastly, we're integrating evangelization into our parish life, fostering a culture that actively spreads the Gospel.

Our annual stewardship weekend's gospel reading from Matthew 22:34-40 reminds us of Christ's teaching to love God and our neighbor. Stewardship rooted in love permeates every aspect of our lives. As we align our priorities with God's will, we become living examples of His teachings, drawing others closer to the Gospel. Stewardship becomes a powerful means of evangelization.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your generosity, your active involvement in our parish family, and, above all, your prayers. Your contributions allow us to continue the vital work for God's kingdom. May God bless you abundantly.

With deep appreciation for your faith and support,

Very Rev. Edwin Leonard, Pastor



OUR VISION STATEMENT

“ST. ANN BRINGS PEOPLE TO JESUS, FORMS DISCIPLES AND SENDS THEM TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD.”

Our dream is to live out the words of Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations! We are committed to helping people encounter Jesus, grow in friendship with Him, and fully realize their mission to the world.

OUR PURPOSE

“ We venture into the deep, casting our nets wide so the hungry, broken, and empty share in the abundant life of Christ.”

While our vision describes what we are about at St. Ann, our purpose reminds us why. At St. Ann, we desire to create a family where all are welcome and know that they belong. We strive to seek out and invite those who long for more so they can experience the overwhelming goodness of our God.





GRACE-FILLED HUMILITY

We are all the hungry, broken, and empty. We minister to each other out of God's mercy to us.



AUTHENTIC VULNERABILITY

We see the human heart beneath the surface. We courageously invite each other into the depths because that is where God moves.

BOUNDLESS MISSION

We believe in extraordinary invitation. We are all made for heaven and will go to great lengths to bring our friends, family, and neighbors with us to the banquet table.



ABUNDANT HOSPITALITY

We believe it is truly better to give than to receive. God is generous with us and we want to be generous with all.

HOLY BOLDNESS

God has huge dreams and we honor Him by asking for things that only He can deliver. We will not settle for small thinking and the status quo.

EMPOWERING LEADERS

For big dreams to happen, we need the creativity and investment of every member of our community. We don't simply recruit volunteers; we raise up leaders who transform the world.



GLORY TO GLORY

In everything we do, we proclaim that our God is alive in us. The joy of the Lord is our strength.

2022 VISION PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Praise God for another fruitful year at St. Ann! The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) continues to work closely with and in prayerful service to our pastor and with the Strategic Leadership Team to create, manage, and measure the St. Ann strategic plan.

In Review

Last year, St. Ann staff identified existing community groups, facilitated new group development, and now actively supports more than 140 adult community groups! These groups help our large parish feel smaller, and more importantly, help people connect with others to walk together in their faith journeys. New groups continue forming, aided by the creation of an online group matching tool revealed this year.

Building community extended to children and youth as well, as our existing ministries focused even more intentionally on providing a place where youth can come together, be loved and accepted, and form relationships with others as they seek Jesus together.

Looking ahead

In the coming fiscal year, our parish focus is evangelization - proclaiming Christ and His gospel by word and testimony of life, as He commanded us. That means learning to share how Jesus is at work in our lives. This year's strategic plan prioritizes our efforts to:

- **Equip parishioners to witness** — invite parishioners to see our Lord's work in their lives and show them how to share those stories with others
- **Create opportunities for parishioners to share testimonies** — leverage community groups, ministries, and individual opportunities to practice sharing
- **Exemplify the call to evangelize as a parish** — include evangelization opportunities in existing parish-wide events (like the prayer tent at the carnival) and look for new opportunities as a parish to share His story with the world around us
- **Utilize the Transcend campaign as an instrument of evangelization** — proclaiming God's beauty and goodness, elevating our hearts and minds through enhancements to our worship space
- **Raise the next generation of evangelizers through the Missionary Institute** — equip young adults interested in youth ministry with practical experience and guidance to prepare them to enter this field for the Lord.

We know God has more great plans ahead for St. Ann. We pray that as a community and as individuals, we can see God's active presence in our lives, seek Him more fully, and embrace the call to share with others what He has done for us.

We invite anyone who would like more information about PPC or the current strategic plan to contact us at pastoralcouncil@stannparish.org.

St. Ann Parish Pastoral Council



BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS

- Reached over 1.3 million people through our digital platforms
- Hosted over 25,000 individuals at the 30th anniversary of the St. Ann Carnival
- 497 guests attended Alpha throughout the year
- 108 people went through the Christian Initiation process for adults
- 79 people attended to Welcome+



FORM DISCIPLES

- 30+% of St. Ann Parishioners are actively pursuing Christ-centered small groups in 140+ Community Groups
- 1000+ Spanish speakers are attending "Formation Tuesday"
- Over 4,000 people attended the Parish Missions in English and Spanish
- 48 Individuals went through specialized training to be missionary disciples in our community



SEND THEM TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD

- Magi Ministry provided 2,500 gifts to over 800 families
- Gave over 1,300 Thanksgiving Baskets that fed over 800 families
- Sent 60 missionaries from St. Ann to Peru to serve thousands of Peruvians
- CCD Food Ministry served over 4,600 families



LETTER FROM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

2023 ANNUAL FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

What an incredible year it has been! The attendance at Mass continues to grow, and our strategic emphasis on community has brought our parish family closer than ever. We've witnessed the formation of new groups and ministries aimed at drawing more people in. Our Parish has initiated the Transcend Campaign, which aims to bring a Tabernacle into the main church along with other enhancements. The campaign's goal is to create an environment that transcends the ordinary, proclaims God's beauty and goodness, and guides all who enter toward the radiant presence of Christ. We've also opened our doors to host events like the Men's Summit and the Encounter Conference. Looking ahead to the coming year, our focus will shift to Evangelization. We are inspired to share our spiritual journeys and how the Lord continues to work in our lives. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly at work here at St. Ann!

FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE PARISH

Once again, our external auditors found no exceptions with St. Ann's annual accounting reports for the fiscal year 2022-23.

The parish concluded the 22-23 fiscal year with an operating surplus of almost \$200K. Through your generosity, contributions exceeded budget by over 4%. Your support allowed St. Ann to reach more parishioners and those seeking Christ with its expanded programs and services that focus on our strategic goals. Operating expenses came in 2% below budget. The primary reasons for the savings are headcount related. St. Ann, like so many organizations, has struggled to hire employees. This resulted in lower salary and benefit cost versus the budget.

One item that is not included in the Net Operating results is the gain/loss on the funds that St. Ann has invested with The Catholic Foundation. During this fiscal year we experienced a gain of near \$175K, despite the volatility of the stock market and fears of inflation.

A LOOK AHEAD

The budget for fiscal year 23-24 reflects an increase in collections of 4.6%. Your continued generosity to the parish and giving hearts make this a very reasonable target. There is an increase in expenses of just over 12% compared to prior year. A large portion of the increase is a result of filling all open positions. The remainder of the increase reflects investments that will increase productivity and focus on the parish's strategic goals.

The budget deficit is \$300K. The Finance Council and the department Directors will continue to monitor the financial results, adjusting as needed, with a goal of reducing the deficit.

Growth and change are a big part of what make St. Ann the vibrant, welcoming parish it is today. We need your continued support to achieve the goals and success the Lord has in His plans for St. Ann.

You make a difference and we thank you for your generosity.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution to St. Ann:

- If you have given in the past, please consider increasing your support.
- If you have not yet given, please consider pledging this year.

2022-2023 FINANCES

COLLECTIONS & EXPENSES

	Actual 22-23	Budget 23-24
REVENUE / COLLECTIONS		
Contributions	\$6,339,290	\$6,630,000
Program and Tuition Fees	\$390,147	\$464,332
Liturgical Donations	\$79,652	\$35,300
Social Services	\$154,929	\$183,864
Marketing	\$5,497	\$3,220
Fundraising	\$341,607	\$358,607
Rental Income	\$69,228	\$69,642
Auxiliary Ministries	\$196,065	\$200,000
Total Operating Revenue	\$7,576,415	\$7,944,965
EXPENSES		
Religious Education Programs (CM, YM, AM)	\$2,135,480	\$2,372,386
Liturgical Ministry	\$816,290	\$860,398
Social Services	\$344,336	\$468,664
Facilities	\$1,271,494	1,289,349
Administration	\$1,108,673	\$1,299,859
Marketing	\$323,819	\$373,458
Fundraising	\$410,515	\$433,853
Diocesan Expense	\$775,248	\$950,686
Auxiliary Ministries	\$196,065	\$200,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$7,381,919	\$8,248,653
NET OPERATING	\$194,495	\$(303,688)
Depreciation Expense	\$845,796	\$845,796
Investment Income	\$173,635	\$-
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		
Capital Items	\$212,897	\$464,300
Building Hope Expenditures	\$75,066	\$-
STRATEGIC LONG TERM RESERVES		
Restricted for Future Catholic Ed	\$136,834	\$136,834
Reserved for Ministry Support and Capital Needs	\$6,187,175	\$6,187,175
Building Hope Loan	\$1,749,078	\$1,559,000

Note: The above financial statements are actual for 2022-2023 and do not reflect the ASU 2016-14 reporting changes. The audited financial statements can be found at www.stannparish.org



LOOKING BACK 2022-2023



PARISH OUTREACH



PROCLAIMED JESUS TO 1.3 MILLION INDIVIDUALS THROUGH DIGITAL OUTREACH ACROSS CHANNELS IN 2022-2023



497 WENT THROUGH ALPHA



WELCOMED 60,000 INDIVIDUALS TO OUR CAMPUS

SACRAMENTS



425 BAPTISMS



676 FIRST COMMUNION



50 MARRIAGES



247 CONFIRMATION

SUPPORTED MISSIONS

- Catholic Charities Dallas
- Christian Community Action
- "Be the Church" Outreach (Emergency Assistance)
- Communion to the Sick & Homebound
- Family Gateway
- High School Ministry Laredo Mission Trip
- Hillcrest House
- Hurricane Relief
- John Paul II Catholic High School
- Magi Ministry
- Mary Immaculate Catholic School
- Middle School Ministry Coat Drive
- Ministry of Consolation
- St. Ann Moms' Ministry
- Mt. Carmel Center
- NET Ministries
- North Texas Food Bank
- Peru Mission Trip
- Respect Life
- Santa Clara Catholic Church
- Scholarships for Religious Education Programs
- Spiritual Support for Cancer
- St. Ann Catholic Church in Kaufman
- St. Cecilia Catholic Church
- St. Edward's Catholic Church
- St. Paula's Patron's Widows Ministry
- St. Phillip Catholic Church
- St. James Catholic Church
- Supper Club
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Vacation Bible School
- White Rose Women's Center
- Youth Ministry Mission Possible

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULT



JOEY SCANCELLA
DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH,
AND YOUNG ADULT



Your steadfast support has been instrumental in driving the success of our Children & Youth Ministry programs over the past year, resulting in a profound impact on our young parishioners. Through your generous contributions, we've created an inviting, dynamic, and nurturing environment for encountering God. This support has enabled us to welcome numerous new faces into our Children's, Middle School, and High School ministries, all with a primary focus on sharing the love of Jesus and the richness of the Catholic Church. Across the board, we've witnessed significant growth in the number of participants.

Your consistent contributions have been the cornerstone of our numerous SOLD OUT EVENTS. Our Vacation Bible School programs, conducted in both English and Spanish, reached full capacity. The Spring HSM Retreat became a spiritual oasis, drawing a sold-out crowd of teens eager to encounter God powerfully. In our Middle School Ministry, the Cenacle was consistently filled to the brim, resulting in lives transformed and deepened spiritual growth. Your financial support has ensured that many individuals could attend these events who might not have otherwise had the opportunity.

Our Mission Laredo trip marked its 14th year, and your support made it all possible. Together, we ventured to Laredo, Texas, bringing love, hope, and restoration to its people. Through your generosity, we provided essential resources, care, and the proclamation of the Gospel. Lives were transformed, and hearts were touched, all thanks to individuals like you who believe in making a difference.



LITURGY

In our parish, we hold unwavering devotion to the Eucharist. This year, 1,200 dedicated liturgical volunteers, both in English and Spanish, closely collaborate with our clergy and staff to host over 1,300 liturgical events, including Masses and Confessions.

Throughout the year, we celebrated numerous prayerful occasions, from hosting relics to honoring St. Ann's feast day and reimagining Ash Wednesday services. Our vibrant liturgical celebrations, including devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Corpus Christi procession, boldly proclaim Jesus as our Lord.

We have also reintroduced the Precious Blood at special liturgies. Additional thanks to our extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ensuring everyone, whether at Mass or homebound, can receive the Eucharist. We celebrate our achievements with profound gratitude and inspired by the Eucharistic Revival's call to deepen our devotion to this great mystery of our Lord.



**CURTIS STEPHAN,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
AND LITURGY**



ADULT MINISTRY

The past year has brought significant transformation to St. Ann's Adult Ministry. Our main goal has been to eliminate the sense of anonymity in our large community. To achieve this, we've been dedicated to nurturing a culture of small faith and life-sharing community groups, with over 140 groups now thriving. These groups share a common commitment to supporting and challenging one another within the framework of Christ-centered relationships.



JOSH SCHWARTZ
DIRECTOR OF
ADULT MINISTRY

This year, our strategic focus is on evangelization, with the aim of empowering our community members and ministry participants to confidently share their personal testimonies. We recognize the importance of their connections beyond the Church and intend to reach more souls by enabling them to articulate how Christ's transformative power has impacted their lives. Through specialized training and tailored platforms, our vision is for all St. Ann's parishioners to become adept at sharing their testimonies, fostering personal growth, and inspiring others with the remarkable work of God within our community.

Additionally, a notable initiative has been launched within our Hispanic community. Every Tuesday, we invite our Hispanic parishioners to participate in family-friendly ministry nights, designed to cater to all stages of their faith journey. Since its inception in August, this initiative has seen exceptional participation, with over 1000 attendees and overwhelmingly positive feedback.

In terms of departmental changes, we've welcomed new leadership and restructured our team to align with St. Ann's mission of "Bring, Form, and Send." These shifts include the hiring of Josh Schwartz as the Director of Adult Ministry.

Looking forward, our objectives include prioritizing marriage ministry, offering support and enrichment opportunities for couples facing challenges. We're also investing in leadership development, with a focus on growing leaders through quarterly Leadership Huddles led by Debbie Gonzalez and Celeste Howard, our Coordinator of Groups and Events.



DEVELOPMENT

It is an exciting time at St. Ann Parish! We are so thankful to every single person for their support of St. Ann with the gift of their time, talent, and treasure. As we move into this year of Evangelization, we invite every person to reflect on their role as a disciple here at St. Ann. The four characteristics of a St. Ann Parishioner include worship, service, giving, and community. As Disciples of Jesus, we recognize that everything is a gift from God and we live as grateful and generous stewards for the building up of His Kingdom. In reflecting on Personal Stewardship, we reflect on three pillars: (1) (Time) as Prayer in developing a daily prayer life and process. (2) The very essence of our Participation (Talent) falls upon the discernment of our charisms and sharing our faith story. (3) Planning our charitable giving on an annual basis through Generosity (Treasure).

Here are some key areas of support to discern your giving for next year while looking back at 2022.

We Are St. Ann - Annual Stewardship | Supporting the CORE (heart) fund of St. Ann with a pledge in order to bring people to Jesus, form Disciples, and send them out to transform the world.

Transcend Campaign | Supporting our journey in placing a tabernacle at the heart of our sacred space and enhancing it's beauty. We welcome prayers and pledges for those interested in helping us make lead gifts in support this project.

Building Hope | Supporting the St. Ann Center Parish-wide Ministry Spaces: Thank you to those who pledged to the Building Hope Campaign and those who continue to faithfully pay down your pledges. As you will see from our financials, we have a definitive need for additional Building Hope pledges to close the gap of \$1.4 Million.

Missionary Institute | Sponsor a St. Ann Missionary | Training Ground for Tomorrow's Ministry Leaders

Thank you again to everyone who has given or pledged in support of the great work we have started together. Your charitable heart will leave a lasting legacy at St. Ann for generations to come!

To make a pledge or learn about giving opportunities at St. Ann, email ralmanza@stannparish.org, or you can pledge directly online: stannparish.org/give.



REBECCA ALMANZA
**DIRECTOR OF
DEVELOPMENT**





STEWARDSHIP, FUELED BY LOVE,
INFILTRATES EVERY PART OF OUR LIVES.
WHEN WE SYNC OUR PRIORITIES WITH
GOD'S PLAN, WE EMBODY HIS TEACHINGS,
DRAWING OTHERS CLOSER TO THE
GOSPEL.

WAYS TO GIVE



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