

St. Justin Martyr Church

We follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.

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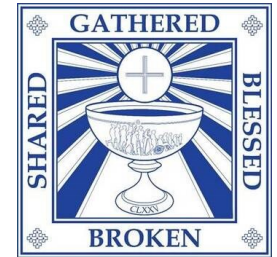
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Parish Finance Report July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you for your faith in God and for coming together as the Body of Christ. In the Eucharist Jesus feeds us with his own Body and Blood, food for our journey through life. He sends us to share this new life with the people we meet each day. Thank you for your generous service and support of the Gospel ministries of our parish.



This report uses many numbers to describe the finances of our community. It also provides details of the good works for others made possible by your generosity. I want to thank you especially for your amazing response to our *We Follow Jesus In Faith, Prayer and Service* stewardship program from last October. The increased offertory support strengthens our parish as we move into the future.

As you know, I will be retiring as pastor of our parish on June 30, 2024. I am grateful for all the people and the blessings of these 30 plus years as pastor of St. Justin Martyr Parish. You have enriched my life in so many ways. Thank you!

On March 22, 2024, Bishop Malesic appointed Fr. Joshua Cochrac as Administrator of St. Justin Martyr beginning on July 1, 2024. Fr. Josh is currently serving as parochial vicar at St Charles Parish in Parma. When there is a pastoral transition, the diocese first appoints the new priest as Administrator. He will have all the authority and responsibility to pastor the parish. After a suitable time he will be appointed as Pastor. Fr. Josh and I are working out an orientation program here as he continues his ministry at St. Charles.



Thank you for persevering in hope as we follow Jesus in faith, prayer and service.

Peace, Fr Kevin

Dear Parishioners,

The mission of the St. Justin Martyr Parish Finance Council is to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for the current and future needs of the Parish. We strive to provide our outreach and support to the St. Justin Martyr community as one of its many ministries. Please allow me to outline how we have tried to meet the challenge.

Over the past few years, we have updated nearly the entire church building. This work was paid for using Church Endowment Funds and other special collections. This was to provide a comfortable space to practice and grow our faith. We also upgraded our communication systems to do a better job of providing these services remotely. This includes upgrading our video and audio system so we can stream our Masses via the internet through many sources.

I would like to thank you for making us one of a handful of parishes in the Cleveland Diocese that has not seen a significant drop in revenue. Through WeShare or our EFT Program we are trying to make it easy for you to continue with your weekly offerings. The use of these services allows us to better budget our cash flow and resources over the course of the year. Please consider our request to maintain or if possible, increase your weekly offering electronically.

God has blessed our parish abundantly in the past year. We look forward to responding to the blessings that await in the year ahead. We depend on each other for regular presence at Sunday Mass, participation in the ministries and generous financial support. May our lives be full of gratitude and may our gratitude bear fruit in the service of each other and all in need.

Jack Malarik, Finance Council Chairman

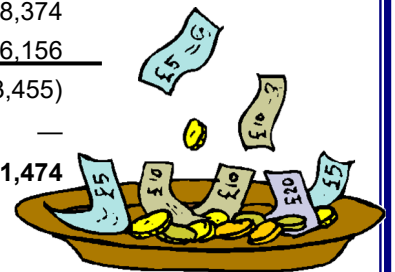
Stewardship Financial Report, 2023

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Diocese of Cleveland fiscal year is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

	Actual Year Ending June 30, 2023	Actual Year Ending June 30, 2022	Budget Year Ending June 30, 2024
Parish Receipts			
1. Offertory Collections	\$585,897	\$605,923	\$583,000.00
Donations & bequests	48,532	50,225	40,000.00
2. Net Fundraising Income	46,070	27,310	42,000.00
Income from Parish Programs	11,943	16,837	14,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Receipts	79,842	90,293	70,000.00
Designated Collection	19,663	20,202	20,000.00
Extraordinary Receipts	0	0	—
Subtotal Parish Receipts	791,585	810,790	769,000.00
4. Investments & Endowments	138,897	(143,815)	55,000.00
Total Parish Receipts	\$930,480	\$666,975	\$824,000.00
Parish Disbursements			
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	382,674	383,299	392,000.00
Rectory & Household	1,902	1,636	2,000.00
Parish Office & Administration	33,630	31,556	34,000.00
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	16,250	13,969	16,000.00
Community Outreach	15,038	8,418	12,000.00
Religious Education & Evangelization	14,982	13,267	16,000.00
Utilities	51,123	49,190	53,000.00
Insurance & Property Taxes	35,201	29,518	37,000.00
Maintenance & Plant Operations	49,331	47,402	51,000.00
5. Diocesan Assessments	101,202	104,100	98,000.00
Designated Collections	19,663	20,202	20,000.00
6. Capital Disbursements	76,433	55,599	60,000.00
7. Parish Tuition Grants	10,350	14,630	11,000.00
8. Parish Support for Catholic Education	26,785	28,350	22,000.00
Insurance Repairs	0	4,007.75	
Total Parish Disbursements	834,564	800,987	824,000.00
Total Parish Surplus (Deficit)	95,919	(134,012)	—
Parish Assets & Liabilities as of			
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	
Checking	6,759	4,969	
Savings & Investments	55,999	55,430	
Parish Endowment	824,193	768,374	
School Endowment	382,373	346,156	
9. Accounts Payable	(2,929)	(3,455)	
Loans	—	—	
Fund Balance end of Fiscal Year	\$1,267,394	\$1,171,474	



1. **Offertory Collection**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! The collection is our financial foundation and reflects our commitment to the faith. The offertory collection was \$585,897, a decrease of -\$20,026 from 2022. The average contribution was \$54.87. 172 envelopes on average were received each week. 522 of the 1,386 registered families contributed last year. 67 families are using the **Electronic Funds Transfer**** program to automatically make their contributions. 13 families use the **WeShare On-Line Giving*** on our website.

As good stewards we are called to make a return of our time, talent and treasure to the Lord for His goodness to us. Thank you for answering the call. Please make a prayerful commitment to church support proportionate to your income and expenses.

2. **Net Fundraising Income**

The 2022 Festival on September 18, 2022 and the indoor Garage sale in June were the major sources funds. Remember that since our Festival was in the fall, income and expenses overlap from one fiscal year to the next.

The 2023 Festival on July 30, 2023 is also included in this report.

3. **Miscellaneous Receipts**

The parish portion of your contributions to the Heart of a Shepherd campaign was \$75,338 in 2022-23, raising the total received to \$161,124. We used \$116,517 to pay off the loan for the church renovation, improve parish computers, the church live-stream system and various facility upgrades. The major accomplishment was the installation of the electronic sign. \$44,607 is saved for future projects.

4. **Investments & Endowments**

This line reflects the current market price of the investments, including the unrealized gains and losses in those accounts. As we all know, this can vary widely from year to year.

5. **Diocesan Assessments**

Diocesan Assessments fund the operations of the diocese supporting the parishes and diocesan institutions. We ended the year owing \$1,800 in back assessments due to the pandemic. We are making regular payments to reduce this liability.

6. **Capital Disbursements**

These included the electronic sign and storm sewer work and other parish improvements.

7. **Parish Tuition Grants**

Donations to our Guardian Angel Fund and our School Endowment help to fund these grants. This extra help is necessary for many of our students to be able to benefit from quality Catholic education.

8. **Parish Support for Catholic Education**

The parish now supports parish students at All Saints and Mater Dei schools.

9. **Accounts Payable**

*** WeShare On-Line Giving**

WeShare is an online giving site that is very flexible and allows you to make your church donations from your checking or savings account, or from your credit card. You need no checks, amounts can be variable, There is a link to We-Share on the website, www.stjustin.net, click on the word "Donate" at the top of the page.



**** The Electronic Funds Debit (EFT)**

Do you sometimes forget your envelope on Sunday? Our EFT program lets you automatically have your donation taken out of your checking account once a month. It will take the place of your normal Sunday Offertory donation. You will still receive monthly envelopes for Holy Days and other special collections to use these envelopes with regular cash or check donations. You might want to look into this easy way to make your donations.

Designated Special Collections

These collections support the work of the Church beyond our parish. They are collected on behalf of various ministries of the Diocese of Cleveland, the Catholic Church in the United States and the Global Catholic Church. This past fiscal year, we collected the following amounts and forwarded them to their beneficiaries.

- Faith and Values: Appeal for Education \$223
- Catholic Communications Campaign: \$275
- World Mission Sunday: \$1,543
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$463
- Retirement Fund for Religious: \$3,394
- Catholic University of America: \$261
- Latin America & El Salvador Missions: \$2,038
- Collection for Eastern Europe: \$481
- Black & Indian Missions: \$551
- Catholic Relief Services: \$538
- CRS - Rice Bowl Collection: \$1,178
- Holy Land (Good Friday): \$1,383
- Catholic Home Missions: \$553
- Office of Catechetical Services: \$316
- Peter Pence (Holy Father Alms): \$483
- Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$1,754
- Special Hurricane Relief Collection: \$1,084



Grand Total: \$19,663

Thank you and God Bless You!!!



Families: 1,386

Registered
Parishioners:
2,733

During the last year we celebrated:

Baptism: 10
First Eucharist: 14
Confirmation: 5
Marriages: 4
Funerals: 34
RCIA: 2

Catholic Education:

Parish School of Religion:
Grades 1-8: 35

Catholic Elementary Students: 21

Confirmation Prep: 6

Many received the sacraments of
the Anointing of the Sick and
Reconciliation



St. Justin Parish Endowments

In September, 1991, Father Louis Pizmoht established an Endowment Fund. It helps to provide additional support for ongoing operation, capital requirements, maintenance, and continued existence of St. Justin Martyr Parish.

With our Faith & Education Endowment Fund, we continue to help with our parish faith formation programs, including our support for Catholic Elementary School students.

Gifts of stock, as well as gifts of cash are ways of sharing and can be directed to the Parish Office.



Planned Gifts

As faithful followers of Jesus Christ, we are fully aware that our life does not end here on earth. Consider making a planned gift that will benefit others well beyond your lifetime.

Contact your legal/financial advisor for more specific information on charitable remainder trusts, insurance policies, or gift annuities

The ministry of Catholic Education will continue at the schools below:

All Saints School at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28702 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, 44092, 440-943-1395
<http://www.allsaintssjv.org>

Mater Dei Academy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 29840, Wickliffe, 44092, 440-585-0800; www.materdeiacademy.us

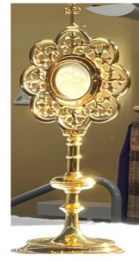
What's Happening Around St. Justin Martyr

This year has been busy as we continue to celebrate together and minister to the parish and community of Eastlake. Fr. Kevin Liebhardt continues as pastor and guides our parish to love one another like Jesus commands. There is always something happening here at the parish!

An Update on

What is Happening around St. Justin Martyr:

- Our church continues in its mission and ministry as "We follow Jesus in faith, in prayer and service."
- Masses are 5:00pm on Saturday and 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday. The office is open 9:00am-4:30pm.
- RCIA, Baptisms, First Penance, First Communions, Confirmation and Weddings were held.
- Confessions are being heard Saturday at 4:00-4:30pm in the Chapel or by appointment and twice yearly Evening of Confessions with St. Mary Magdalene Church.
- Eucharistic Adoration is being held weekdays. Hours 9:00am to 4:00pm. All are welcome.
- Confirmation was held in September with Our Lady of Mount Carmel with Bishop Malesic.
- Charlie Hunt, DRE and Catechists continue to share their faith at PSR which is on Monday, 6:00-7:15pm
- Parish groups and organizations are meeting. Worship Committee continues to plan beautiful liturgies
- Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Ushers, Environment, Counters, continue to come to Church weekly to help enhance our services.
- Human Trafficking workshops for the community at large have been hosted through Beth Rossetti.
- Red Cross Blood Drives continue monthly.
- The Annual Indoor Garage Sale made close to \$9,000 and is funding teens to go the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)!
- With the help of Margie & Tom Drew, we helped those in need in Guatemala with safe drinking water. The Respect Life Committee continues to collect for Birthright of Lake County monthly. The Confirmation class made baskets for the West Side Catholic Center.
- We continue to stream Tuesday evening rosary, Friday evening prayer and Saturday evening Mass, check out Facebook and www.stjustin.net. Per request, we also stream Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.
- Our Just In Fun Trips travelled around Ohio and to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see "Moses."
- Maintenance worked on yard clean up following the storm which took down trees in the front of the property.
- Our one day Parish Festival at the I & A Club was a success! Our next Festival is July 28, 2024.



St. Justin Martyr Parishioners were very generous! Thank You!!

- Over 3,000 Christmas cards were sent to shut-ins and all the Nursing Homes and Rehab centers in Lake County
- The 13th Annual Advent Tea collected a truckload of body wash, body lotion, deodorant, hair brushes, winter gloves and 2,000 pairs of socks (with the help of the School of Innovation) delivered to the Jean Marie House and the Ed Keating Center.



- 12,000 rosaries were made and donated to various places by the St. Joseph Rosary Makers including Cleveland Clinic, Nigeria, the FEST, Belize and to our parishioners, to name just a few.
- Parishioners donated bags of candy for our Easter Eggstravagana.
- PSR collected mounds of non-perishable food for the poor.
- Over 60 Valentine's Day cards were sent to our shut-ins.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Our Helping Hands reached out to the poor. We provide temporary assistance to parishioners and the community of Eastlake in need of food or help with utilities, etc.

We served:

- 5,067 meals were provided for 129 families.
- 62 Children from 22 families received gifts at Christmas.
- 42 families received financial help for a total of \$14,170.
- We continue to assist with food baskets for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas with your generous donations.



HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

St. Justin Martyr Parish joined the **Heart of a Shepherd** campaign for the Diocese of Cleveland and our parish. This campaign sought to better meet and serve the needs of the St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries, current seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy via a renovation to the seminaries, support to clergy pensions, and relief for clergy tuition debt.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Pledges: \$384,944 Paid: \$353,585 Remaining: \$31,359

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the Heart of a Shepherd campaign. We received our eleventh distribution check of **\$17,507**, raising the parish total received to **\$215,542**.

\$215,542: total St. Justin has received.

\$155,840: paid the credit line for the church renovation; improved parish computers and church live-stream system; building repairs; new A/C unit for ATR; the new electronic information sign; extra repairs to the church organ.

\$59,702: balance and future donations are for repainting of the chapel, other capital improvements and adding to our parish endowment funds.

The diocesan Heart of a Shepherd initiative received **\$138,025**. Funds supports the renovations at the seminary, the priest retirement fund and the education fund for seminarians.



Pictured: Heart of a Shepherd Campaign finishes.

Ordination Class of 2023: David Theodore Chojnacki, Dominic Francis Gideon, Ian William Kelly, Jeffrey Stephen Liptak, Christopher Daniel Stein, Duckhyun (Fabian) Han

We Follow Jesus in Faith, Prayer and Service

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent annual stewardship outreach. THANK YOU! I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to St. Justin Martyr Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. St. Justin Martyr Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to St. Justin Martyr Church!

Peace,

Rev. Kevin M. Liebhardt

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Highlights

\$68,922.24

in additional offertory
commitments
(contributions not
yet realized)

\$5,460

committed in
one-time gifts

57%

response rate
from those actively
supporting the parish

19

additional electronic
giving participants

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!

We Invite You To:

Our Mission

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

Our Community

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

Our Witness

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward



ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH

2023 Festival Financial Summary

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Profit (Loss)</u>
Main Raffle	\$ 21,154.00	(8,874.81)	12,279.19
Basket Raffle	5,396.00	(657.65)	4,738.35
Instant Bingo	(1.00)		(1.00)
Food, Pop, Water, Post Festival Sales	7,796.00	(3,968.47)	3,827.53
Beer	3,319.00	(1,121.63)	2,197.37
Games	821.25		821.25
Wheel	258.00		258.00
Car Cruise	292.00		292.00
Bake Sale	378.00		378.00
Festival Sponsors	3,505.00		3,505.00
Side Board	800.00	(155.04)	644.96
Sub-Total	<u>43,718.25</u>	<u>(14,777.60)</u>	<u>28,940.65</u>

OTHER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPENSES

Prize Booth		(366.67)	(366.67)
Bands & Sound		(4,400.00)	(4,400.00)
Truck Rental		(182.13)	(182.13)
Facilities		(3,723.00)	(3,723.00)
Administration & Publicity		(2,067.14)	(2067.14)
Sub-Total	—	<u>(10,738.94)</u>	<u>(10,738.94)</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$43,718.25** **(25,516.54)** **18,201.71**

We would like to thank the entire Festival Committee for their countless hours of hard work throughout the year, and to all the volunteers who helped during the festival weekend.

Respectfully submitted,
 Father Liebhardt, Pastor
 Rick Jablonski, Administrator
 Mike Caranna, Administrator
 Patti Jablonski, Finance Administrator
 Margie Drew, Secretary
 Festival Committee
 Parish Staff



SAVE THE DATE!
 2024 Parish Festival ~ Sunday, July 28
 Italian & American Club in Wickliffe

