

Dear Parish Family of St. Margaret of Scotland,

What an honor it is to serve as the Pastor of this historic and vibrant parish! I am grateful to God and to all of you for the wonderful ways our parish family comes together to worship on Sundays, celebrate the Sacraments, educate and form our children and young people, build our community, serve the poor and those in need, advocate for justice, and evangelize our neighborhood and community. Yes, here at St. Margaret, we love God and one another!

Now I am asking you to prayerfully consider how you can respond to the call to live and share God's love by making a renewed commitment to financially support our parish through our *Grateful & Generous* increased offertory campaign. With your help, we will continue to support the mission of Christ and the Church by loving and serving as Missionary Disciples.

In *Evangelii Gaudium*, (*The Joy of the Gospel*), Pope Francis reminds us that "No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted. All of these encircle our world like a vital force" (279). Friends, every small act of kindness, every prayer offered, every dollar contributed will take root and bring about a great harvest for God and our community.

Thank you for making an increased offertory pledge and for all you do for St. Margaret of Scotland!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. John Vien
Rev. John Rogers Vien
Pastor

& Axel 

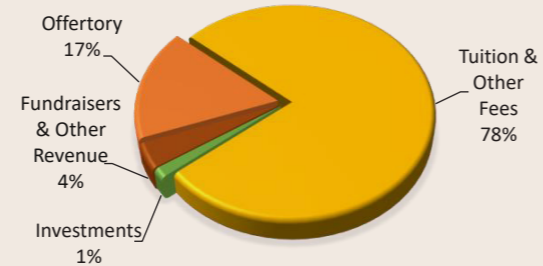


FY 2023/2024 Budget Snapshot:

Operating Revenue

Offertory	\$649,336.00
Tuition & Other Fees	\$3,013,035.00
Investments	\$56,000.00
Fundraisers & Other Revenue	\$147,045.00

Total Operating Revenue **\$3,865,416.00**

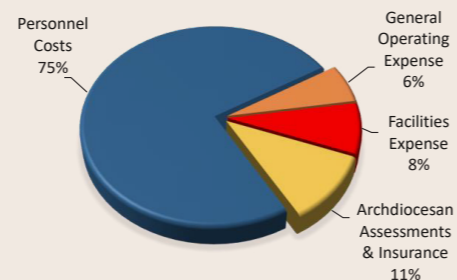


Operating Expenses

Personnel Costs	\$3,046,181.00
General Operating Expense	\$255,166.00
Facilities Expense	\$333,730.00
Archdiocesan Assessments & Insurance	\$448,237.00

Total Operating Expense **\$4,083,314.00**

Net Operating Deficit **(\$217,898.00)**



Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update your current online gift amount at www.stmargaretstl.org/donate.



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged charitable gifts** such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at (314) 776-0363.




GRATEFUL & GENEROUS
SAINT MARGARET of SCOTLAND STEWARDSHIP



Living Our Faith

Reaching Out to Our Youth

Through friendships, service opportunities, prayer, choir, and attending Mass, Molly Schiltz has been able to remain connected to her faith even after leaving St. Margaret of Scotland School. Now in high school, Molly enjoys participating in the SMOS Youth Ministry program.

“Saint Margaret of Scotland has changed me in many ways. From spending nine years with my friends and classmates in school, to the companionship and community I feel singing in the choir, to the connection and laughter I find in youth group. I know that I will always be welcomed and supported in the SMOS parish.”
- Molly Schiltz

Living Just Lives and Working for a More Just Society

Part of our Parish Mission is to utilize the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching as an essential guide to living the Gospel message in real time. The goal is an awareness of what it means to live just lives, and to encourage every parish individual and organization – personally and collectively – to work towards a more just society to benefit the parish, our city, and the greater community.

“Scripture tells us that from the first moment of our being, each of us is created in the image and likeness of God. Catholic Social Teaching is the beacon that guides us in how to live justly. The community of St. Margaret of Scotland parish inspires, empowers, and sustains my every choice to make ‘justice flow like a river’ (Amos 5:24).” - Juliann DePalma Hesed

The Church’s mission is to proclaim the **Good News of Jesus Christ, leading others to encounter and grow in His love.** Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, we are journeying on the path of missionary discipleship.

Our Mission

753

families in our parish

35

Baptisms

47

First Holy Communions

34

Confirmations

12

funerals

447

children in our parish school

15

children in religious education

3

RCIA candidates and catechumens

Our Community

488

Masses celebrated in our church each year

400

hours spent in Eucharistic adoration

53

altar servers

178

parishioners serving in liturgical ministries

60

choir members and musicians

Our Witness

The Lord sends us forth to share His love with all. Through our many ministries and our service and social outreach programs, we serve those most in need, **sharing His love in action.**

\$67,520

raised for the Annual Catholic Appeal

\$31,778

donated to our Winter Outreach Drive

132

home visits made by the St. Vincent de Paul Society

1,150

calls for assistance received through St. Vincent de Paul

80

volunteers spruced up the parish at the SMOS Day of Service

6

teens attended a week-long service trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp

Follow Us on Social Media!



SMOSstl



@smosstl



smosparishstl



smosstl

www.stmargaretstl.org



Subscribe to receive text/email notifications by texting SMOSSTL to 84576.