



# 2022-2023 Annual Report

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

“A Day in the Light.” That is the theme for this school year at Sacred Heart. This is the first time we are articulating a succinct theme for our school year, but upon reflection, it really summarizes what is going so well here at Sacred Heart from day to day.

As you will see in the statistics of this report, we are growing here at Sacred Heart, not necessarily by leaps and bounds, but each day features another celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, another opportunity for Confessions, another day of academics and activities in the school, another chance for families to grow in their love of Christ in our FIDE program, another opportunity to rest in the Lord in the quiet beauty of our church, another day of basking in the Light of Christ that is always shining all around us. Stopping for a second and recognizing that Light is a great gift and comfort in the midst of our ever-turbulent world.

We have all done the hard work of making sacrifices to pay off the debt that we took on in moving to this beautiful campus and building up these spaces where the Light of Christ shines daily. After the humble dedication of so many, the light at the end of the debt tunnel is shining ever more brightly. With that obligation rapidly coming to a close, we are strategically planning what comes next here on our blessed campus to help that Light of Christ shine ever more brightly from day to day.

Thank you for your daily fidelity to our parish. It is exciting to see so much fruit after a lot of labor. And with the gratitude for so much that has already been achieved, we press on from day to day, continuing to grow, right here at Sacred Heart in the Light of Christ.

With gratitude and prayers for all of our families, we remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**FR. JOHN ECKERT**  
**PASTOR**



**MRS. ERIN BRINKLEY**  
**PRINCIPAL**



Queridos amigos,

¡Alabado sea Jesucristo!

"Un día en la luz". Este es el tema para este año escolar en el Sagrado Corazón. Esta es la primera vez que articulamos un tema para nuestro año escolar, pero después de reflexionar, realmente resume lo que está pasando aquí en el Sagrado Corazón día a día.

Como verán en las estadísticas de este informe, estamos creciendo aquí en la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, no necesariamente a pasos agigantados, pero cada día ofrece otra celebración del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, otra oportunidad para confesarse, otro día de actividades académicas en la escuela, otra oportunidad para que las familias crezcan en su amor a Cristo en nuestro programa FIDE, otra oportunidad para refugiarse en el Señor en la tranquila belleza de nuestra iglesia, otro día para disfrutar de la Luz de Cristo que siempre brilla a nuestro alrededor. Detenernos un segundo y reconocer esa Luz es un gran regalo y consuelo en medio de nuestro mundo siempre turbulento.

Todos hemos hecho el gran esfuerzo de sacrificarnos para pagar la deuda que adquirimos al trasladarnos a este hermoso campus y construir estos espacios donde la Luz de Cristo brilla a diario. Tras la humilde dedicación de tantos, la luz al final del túnel de la deuda brilla cada vez más. Con esa obligación llegando rápidamente a su fin, estamos planificando estratégicamente lo que viene a continuación aquí en nuestro bendecido campus para ayudar a que la Luz de Cristo brille cada vez más día a día.

Gracias por el compromiso diario de fidelidad a nuestra parroquia. Es emocionante ver tanto fruto después de mucho trabajo. Y con la gratitud por tanto que ya se ha logrado, seguimos adelante día a día, continuando creciendo, aquí en el Sagrado Corazón a la Luz de Cristo.

Con gratitud y oraciones por todas nuestras familias, quedamos,

Atentamente en Cristo,

**P. JOHN ECKERT**  
**PÁRROCO**



**SRA. ERIN BRINKLEY**  
**DIRECTORA**





Sacred Heart Catholic Parish is about to celebrate the rewards of its faithful efforts! As we near the finish line of this monumental task, we can begin to embark on a new journey. With every successful journey, a plan needs to be developed to guide us in the right direction. Earlier in the year, some members of the Sacred Heart Parish Finance and School Finance Councils pondered, “What happens after the debt is paid off?”

*“We are entering into an exciting new era here at Sacred Heart. After more than a decade of foresight, sacrifice, devotion and an overall coming together as a community, we are rapidly approaching the final payment on what we owe for our beautiful campus.”*

Father John Eckert, Pastor

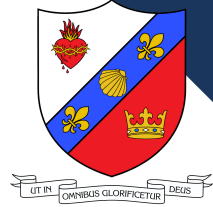
This group realized it was time to develop a long-term plan, keeping in mind the primary desire being to glorify God and strengthen our parish community. The Strategic Planning Committee (“SPC”) was established with its mission to provide advice to the Parish Finance Council and pastor. The SPC is designed to represent the diverse interests of the parish as to future capital needs, capital development, land use, and related forward looking needs in conjunction with the Diocese of Charlotte.

The SPC members include parish employees, parishioners, and our pastor. Parish Director of Operations, Michael Becker, serves as the staff administrator for the SPC. The SPC duties and responsibilities include:

- Gathering and Analyzing Information: The SPC seeks input and feedback from interested parties within the parish to develop the strategic plan. Interested parties generally include all registered parishioners, registered families of the school, parish organizations, and the Diocese of Charlotte.
- Determining Key Priorities and Goals: The SPC will collect, analyze, and prioritize all information received from all parties. All responses will be considered and the SPC will develop a prioritized list of needs and timing of identified strategic planning items to the finance council and pastor for feedback and approval.
- Establishing a Strategic Plan: The SPC will develop a detailed 5-year strategic plan and a record of other potential projects to consider beyond the 5-year plan.

The SPC is not a “one and done” committee. Following the creation of the initial strategic plan, priorities of parish needs will be re-evaluated at least annually by the SPC. This may result in revising the Parish Strategic Plans to reflect the change in parish needs and available resources.

We have been blessed with the time, talent, and treasure of the Sacred Heart Parish Community and are excited to begin this new journey following a faithfully developed plan.



## SHCC PLANNING COMMITTEE SUMMARY TIMELINE



## SHCC PLANNING COMMITTEE DETAILED TIMELINE

- **August 2023**
  - Parish Engagement Determination (~10 groups)
    - (e.g. Target Audience, Groups, Committees, Community, Parish)
- **September 2023**
  - Surveys (Group & Parish) Complete
  - SPC to Meet, Review (Survey & Comms), & Approve
  - Sept. 30th – Fr. John to explain survey
- **October 2023**
  - SPC to Meet, Review Comms to Parish
  - Communications to Parish
  - Survey to Parish
  - Communications to Target Groups
  - Surveys given to Target Groups
  - SPC to Assist as determined by Survey & Comms committees
  - Oct. 1st – Fr. John to explain the survey
  - Oct. 7-8th – Survey available
  - Oct. 7-8th – Comms team to release comms
  - Oct. 11th 3:15-4:15 – SPC Committee Meeting
- **November 2023**
  - Survey Analysis
  - SPC to Review Analysis and assist as needed
  - Nov. 6th – Survey ends
  - Nov. 8th 3:15-4:15 – SPC Committee Meeting
- **\*December 2023**
  - Overflow if needed/Survey Analysis
  - Celebrate the birth of our Lord ☺
  - Dec. 6th 3:15-4:15 – SPC Committee Meeting
- **January 2024**
  - Survey Analysis Complete
  - Land Use List Prepared, SPC to assist as needed
  - SPC to Review and Approve
  - Jan. 10th 3:15-4:15 – SPC Committee Meeting
- **February 2024**
  - 5 Year Plan with Timeline complete, SPC to assist as needed
  - SPC to Review and Approve
  - Feb. 21st 3:15-4:15 – SPC Committee Meeting
- **\*March 2024**
  - Adjustments to 5 Year plan as needed
  - SPC to Review and Approve if needed
- **April 2024**
  - Future Opportunities Plan Complete, SPC to assist as needed
  - SPC to Review and Approve
  - Apr. 17th 3:15-4:15 – SPC Committee Meeting
- **May 2024**
  - Adjustments to any plans as needed
  - SPC to Meet, Review Plans, Review Parish Comms on results
  - \*\*SPC to build marketing “materials” (Poster boards of land use, Timelines, Plans, Handouts, etc.).
- **June 2024**
  - Debt Payoff
  - SPC to Present Plans to Parish (Open house, Land Use Map, Bulletin, Flyers, etc.)
- **Every 6-12 Months** - SPC to continue to meet, review plans, adjustments and recommendations as needed (do surveys continue?)

\* “EXTRA” TIME/MONTH AS NEEDED FOR EXTRA WORK

\*\* DOCUMENTATION TO GO INTO OFFICIAL CHURCH RECORDS



# 95%

The percentage of school family participation in making a donation to The 1882 Fund. Our families are involved in their students' education and work together to promote Catholic Education.

# 445

The number of community service hours completed by students during the 2022-2023 school year. Our students learn and practice their virtues through acts of service for their community.

# \$122,927

The total raised for The 1882 Fund during the 2022-2023 school year. The 1882 Fund contributes to Catholic education through Virtuous Leadership, staff retention, technology, athletics, fine arts, and more.

# 386

The number of times prayed together as an entire student body for the 2022-2023 school year.

# 411

The collective number of years of teaching experience among our 21 certified teachers.

# 18%

The percentage of increase in enrollment over the last 3 years.





75

Baptisms

77

Confirmations

19

Marriages

54

First Holy Communions

29

Funerals

1204

The number of registered families at Sacred Heart.

43%

The percentage of increase in parishioners over the last 3 years.

JUNE 3, 2023

Seminarian from Sacred Heart, Matthew Harrison, was ordained a Deacon on June 3, 2023.

Parishioner Michael Herman joined St. Joseph College Seminary.

MAY 1, 2024

The date our debt is scheduled to be paid off.



Dear Sacred Heart Family,

On the eve of our final debt payment, your Parish Finance Council is humbled by your dutiful financial commitment to our parish. No matter the size of investment, we are confident that all are giving according to their means, and we say "Thank you!" as it bears out in our financial results.

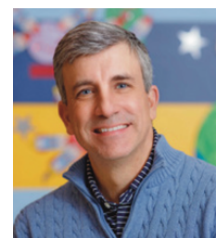
As you will read in more detail elsewhere in this annual report, the finance council has established a Strategic Planning Committee to consider current and future capital needs that have either been deferred or identified. Your prayerful and thoughtful responses to the parish survey will serve as a guide map for our land use and capital needs well into the future. Immediately identified through our committee process is the construction of an on-campus rectory, which is in the planning stages now.

The school also continues to perform above plan, with currently 195 students, resulting in excellent financial results. In addition, with the recent passage of the expanded NC Opportunity Scholarship Program, we will be able to enhance our ability in removing financial barriers for all students that desire a high-quality Catholic education. Also, the school and church administration and volunteer teams have made significant investments in time and treasure to enhance our safety procedures and physical facility for the protection of all.

The Parish Finance Council team believes the parish is well positioned for another excellent year with our key focus being transparency and conservative financial management. We thank you for your continued trust, support, and prayers.

**Volunteers:** Seamus Donaldson / Rick Hajda / Ray Paradowski / JR Roach / Brennan Morgan / Mark Mauldin / Wendy Roueche

**Staff:** Father John Eckert / Principal Erin Brinkley / Camile Denhard / Cheryl Eckert / Michael Becker



**SEAMUS DONALDSON**  
Chairman of the Sacred  
Heart Finance Council



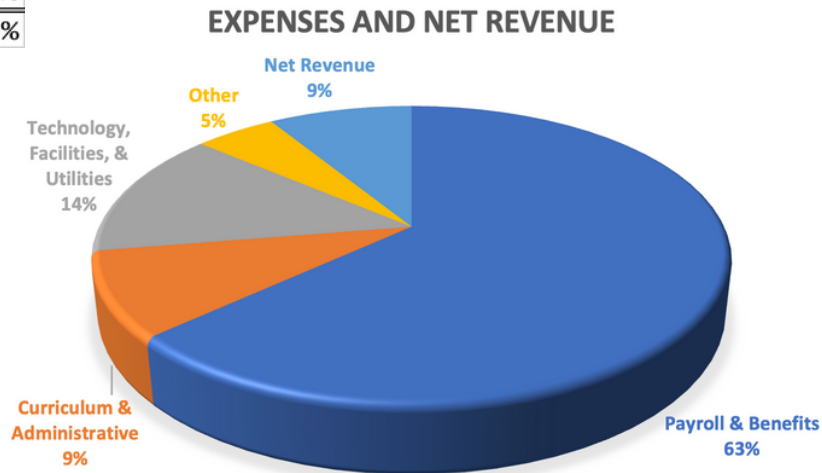
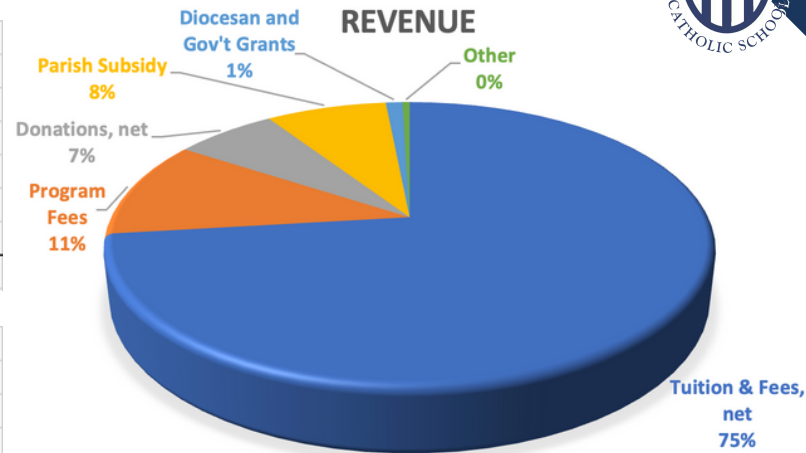
## Statement of Activities

Year End  
06/30/2023

Revenue		
Tuition & Fees, net	\$ 1,358,181	73%
Program Fees	\$ 206,462	11%
Donations, net	\$ 121,099	7%
Parish Subsidy	\$ 143,520	8%
Diocesan and Gov't Grants	\$ 19,778	1%
Other	\$ 8,590	0%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,630</b>	<b>100%</b>

Expenses		
Payroll & Benefits	\$ 1,173,265	63%
Curriculum & Administrative	\$ 171,937	9%
Technology, Facilities, & Utilities	\$ 256,989	14%
Other	\$ 92,490	5%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,681</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 162,949</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Total Expenses and Net</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,630</b>	<b>100%</b>

Cost per Student	Year End 6/30/2023
Total Students	180
Tuition and Fees per Student	\$ 7,545
Cost per Student	\$ 9,415
Net Deficit per Student	\$ (1,869)
Program Fees	\$ 1,147
Donations	\$ 673
Parish Subsidy	\$ 797
Grants	\$ 110
Other	\$ 48
Net Revenue per Student	\$ 905

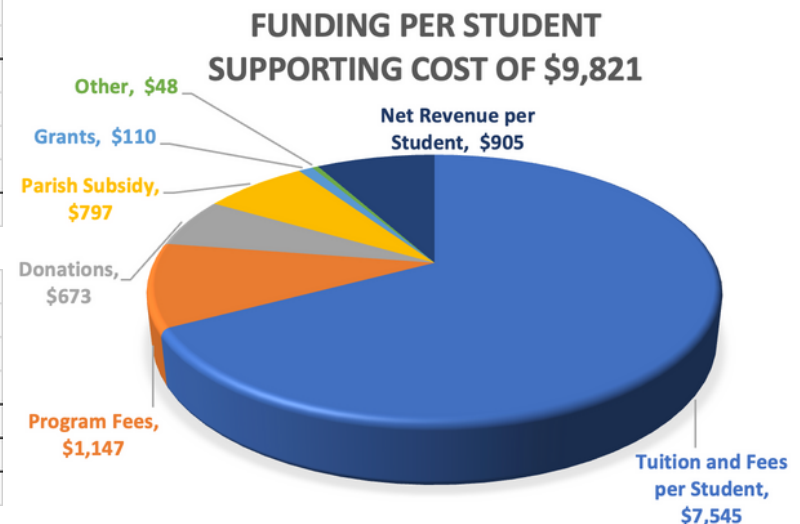


## Balance Sheet

Year End  
06/30/2023

Assets		
Cash, unrestricted	\$ 476,663	
Cash, restricted	\$ 42,159	
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 518,822</b>	<b>17%</b>
Endowments	\$ 85,161	3%
Receivables	\$ 1,191,327	39%
Property & Equipment	\$ 1,282,269	42%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,077,579</b>	<b>100%</b>

Liabilities		
Payables	\$ 5,073	0%
Custodial Obligations	\$ 1,226,197	40%
Unearned Income	\$ (662)	0.0%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,230,608</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 1,846,971</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,077,579</b>	<b>100%</b>

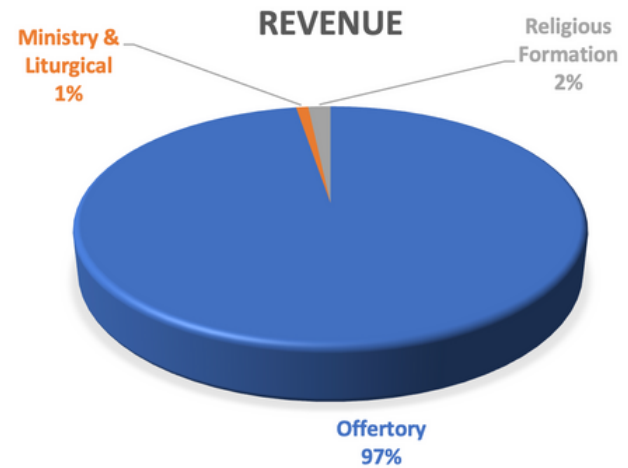




## Statement of Activities Year End 06/30/2023

<b>Revenue</b>		
Offertory	\$ 973,858	89%
Ministry & Liturgical	\$ 9,167	1%
Religious Formation	\$ 16,929	2%
Other Parish Programs	\$ 99,875	9%
	<b>\$ 1,099,829</b>	<b>100%</b>

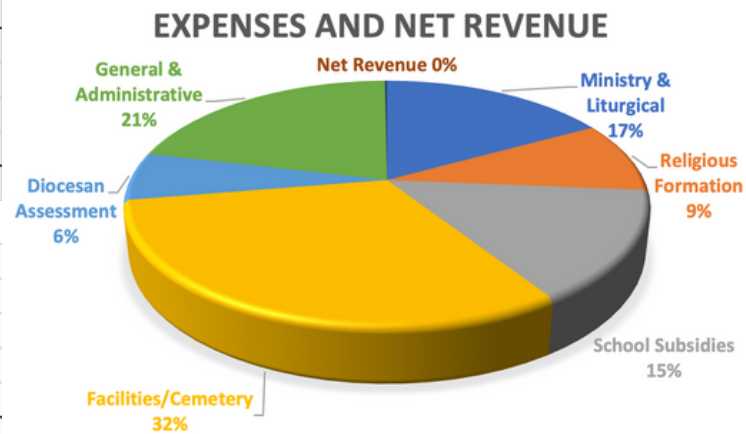
<b>Expenses</b>		
Ministry & Liturgical	\$ 187,028	17%
Religious Formation	\$ 103,488	9%
School Subsidies	\$ 160,894	15%
Facilities/Cemetery	\$ 347,101	32%
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 69,994	6%
General & Administrative	\$ 233,108	21%
Total Expenses	<b>\$ 1,101,613</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ (1,784)</b>	<b>0%</b>
Total Expenses and Net	<b>\$ 1,099,829</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Balance Sheet Year End 06/30/2023

<b>Assets</b>		
Cash, unrestricted	\$ 553,458	
Cash, restricted	\$ 549,002	
Total Cash	\$ 1,102,460	9%
Endowments	\$ 447,331	4%
Receivables	\$ 4,882	0%
Property & Equipment	\$ 10,392,725	87%
Total Assets	<b>\$ 11,947,398</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payables	\$ 5,803	0.0%
Custodial Obligations	\$ 23,272	0.2%
Unearned Income	\$ 439,851	4%
Notes Payable	\$ 346,309	3%
Total Liabilities	\$ 815,235	7%
<b>Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 11,132,163</b>	<b>93%</b>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<b>\$ 11,947,398</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Capital Activity

Year End 06/30/2023

<b>Directed Contributions and Revenue</b>		
Debt Reduction Pledge Payments	\$ 480,432	87%
Development Fund Donations	\$ 59,711	11%
Forward Faith Hope and Love (FFHL) Rebate	\$ 4,179	1%
Savings Account Interest Income	\$ 7,508	1%
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	<b>\$ 551,830</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Directed Payments</b>		
Mortgage Principal Payments	\$ 515,265	93%
Line of Credit Principal Payments	\$ -	0%
Loan Interest Paid	\$ 26,193	5%
Capital Campaign Expenses	\$ 660	0.1%
<b>Total Directed Payments</b>	<b>\$ 542,118</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Net Capital Activity</b>	<b>\$ 9,712</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Directed Payments and Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 551,830</b>	<b>100%</b>

## DIRECTED PAYMENTS AND NET ACTIVITY

