

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Bluffton, Indiana



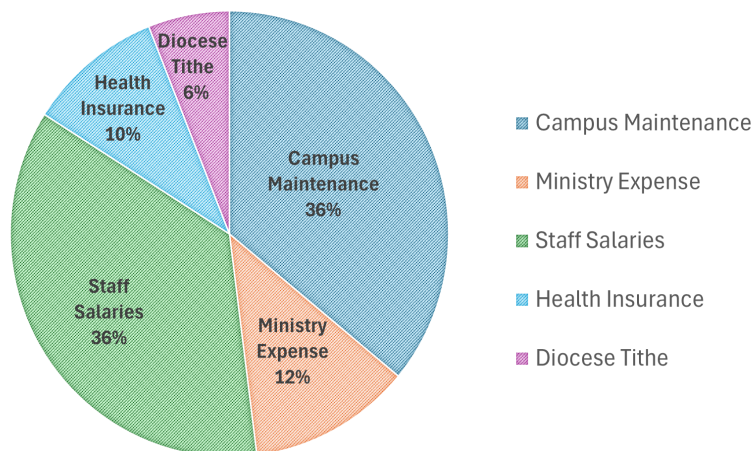
Standing by our parish's commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency, Fr. David, in consultation with our Business Manager and Parish Finance Council, submits the following Year-End Financial Report to our parish family for review.

This report includes information regarding the spiritual and fiscal health of our parish from July '24—June '25

Our annual parish expenses are primarily divided between five categories: **Campus Maintenance**, **Staff Salaries**, **Health Insurance**, **Ministry Expenses**, and **Diocese Tithe**. **Campus Maintenance** is the day-to-day operational costs for our parish buildings and any repairs that might arise. **Staff Salaries** and **Health Insurance** provide for our parish staff, which includes two full-time and seven part-time or hourly positions. These positions include

ANNUAL PARISH EXPENSE REPORT

JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025



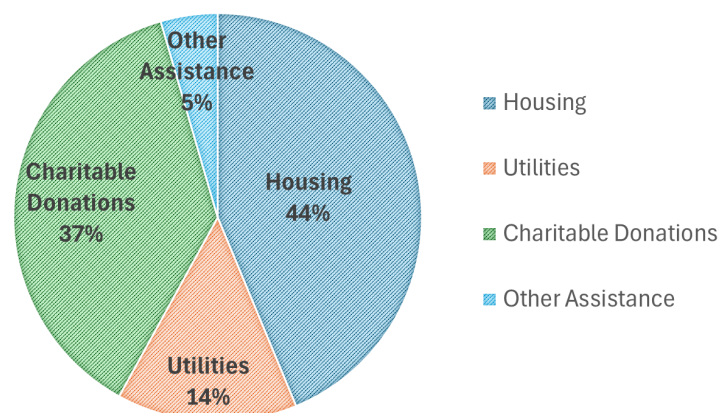
one administrative position, two custodial positions, five ministerial positions, and the pastor. **Ministry Expenses** include various expenses that are incurred throughout the year for our various programs and events, including material for our religious education program. Finally, the **Diocese Tithe** is an annual tithe donated by our parish to the diocese (*in addition to the Annual Bishop's Appeal*) based upon our annual offertory collection.

Thanks to your generosity, our **St. Vincent de Paul Fund** was able to raise **\$24,401.00** from July 2024 - June 2025. Throughout this past year, we were able to provide **\$23,800.62** worth of financial assistance to those who were in need throughout Wells County.

The assistance our **St. Vincent de Paul Fund** provides includes helping with utilities and housing costs, providing support for various medical costs, and supporting other local ministries that St. Joseph often partners with. Thank you for your continued generosity to this fund so that we are always prepared to help those most in need (*Matthew 25:40*).

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The *Annual Bishop's Appeal* supports various ministries offered by the *Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend*. Our parish's annual assigned goal is based on three years of our parish's offertory income and past appeal giving. Donations exceeding the parish goal are returned directly to our parish.

Appeal Goal: \$46,846.36 • Amount Raised: \$49,327.85 • Amount Returned: \$2,481.49

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." St. Augustine of Hippo

Serving as the protector and guardian of the Holy Family, St. Joseph is that *"faithful and prudent servant whom the master has put in charge of his household"* (Matthew 24:45). In him, we are *"blessed with an unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care"* (Pope Leo XIII). And, from the example of St. Joseph, we learn that the true measure of our parish is found in the value which we place upon the spiritual life of our parish family.

Any accounting of our parish would be left incomplete without including an overview of the vibrant ways in which the life of God is being nourished in our souls. For it is here that we are first greeted in Baptism, strengthened by Holy Communion and Confirmation, and lifted up in prayer at the moment of death. In the life of the Faithful, the parish is meant to serve as a place of encounter with Jesus Christ in a real and unique way.

Over the past year, we have been honored to serve our parish families through:



7 Baptisms



2 Catechumens

**3 Coming into
Full Communion**



**15 First Holy
Communions**



3 Weddings



18 Confirmations



4 Funerals

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US