



THE BASILICA OF ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP & MARTYR

CONVENTUAL FRANCISCAN FRIARS



April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter peace and all good things! As we reflect on the State of the Basilica for the last fiscal year, we have much for which to be grateful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the parish staff as well as our Parish and Finance Councils for their wisdom and dedication to the Basilica. We are truly blessed.

In terms of the life of the parish, 70+ individuals or families have registered in the past year as parishioners. Although many of these new members of the St. Stan's family are grieving the closing of Holy Name Parish, we trust they have found a welcoming home among us. The closing of Holy Name Parish also offered us the opportunity to welcome to our parish staff Deacon Dave Southworth as Director of Faith Formation. Deacon Dave brings a new energy to all our programs and is spearheading, in dialogue with our school, the rebirth of youth outreach at St. Stan's, thanks to a generous grant from Our Lady of the Angels Province of the Conventual Franciscan Friars.

The Our Lady of Czestochowa Festival was a wonderful community celebration of faith and culture. The Parish Bazaar was a great success and netted approximately \$24,000 for the parish. This is one of our signature outreach events to the wider community, and people from all around look forward to the food and fun each October.

The Ministry of Care continues to provide excellent service to our sick and homebound parishioners. Through prayer services, monthly Masses at Chicopee Rehab and McKinley House, and outreach by mail and phone, parishioners not often able to join us in person are reminded they form a vital part of our parish family.

The Basilica of St. Stanislaus saw significant changes this past year with the June 2023 retirement of Sr. Ceil Haier, FSSJ, Sr. Andrea Ciszewski, FSSJ, and Mrs. Karen Shea after decades of faithful service to the school, parish, and the diocese. A comprehensive search process for the school resulted in the hiring of Mrs. Katherine (Katie) Rorrio as the new principal. Katie has brought new energy, new ideas, and has continued to maintain the high quality of our Catholic and Franciscan education. Our gratitude goes out to all the faculty, staff, and students.

St. Stanislaus Cemetery has kept up with societal trends and installed a beautiful cremation garden. The cemetery also underwent a major repaving project to ensure smoother visits to the graves of friends and loved ones. The Wreaths Across America project saw the placement of several hundred Christmas wreaths on the resting places of our veterans. Our cemetery has the largest number of veterans interred of all the Chicopee cemeteries, and the hope is that the number of wreaths donated will continue to grow each year.

The attached annual reports detail the financial activity for the Basilica, the cemetery, and the school for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023. Our parish and school continue to navigate through post-COVID operational and financial challenges: a decline in weekly attendance having a direct effect on offertory revenue; high inflationary pressure on operating expenses; teacher staffing shortages; unbudgeted capital expenditures caused by the continued aging of our buildings.

The Basilica experienced a decline in offertory revenue due to the decline in weekly attendance. Total revenue, however, did not sufficiently cover operating expenses and capital expenditures for the parish and resulted in a net operating loss for the Basilica. The cemetery realized a break-even financial result after expenditures for road paving and the creation of the cremation garden, both of which were covered by restricted savings. Although enrollment at the school decreased from the previous academic year, the revenue lost from lower enrollment was offset by fundraising, donations, and grants. Like the Basilica, school operating expenses increased due to inflationary pressures. Nevertheless, the school was able to realize significant net income from operations.

As we move forward, the challenge will be to continue to build parish leadership in its various ministries, engage more members in adult faith formation and stewardship, rebuild a ministry to our young people, and reach out to those who are not worshipping with us on Sundays. These challenges can seem daunting, but they are challenges common to many parishes, especially in the Northeast.

I am thankful to all of you for your generous support of the Basilica of St. Stanislaus, not only financially, but also through your time and talents. I ask all of us to prayerfully discern what next steps each of us can take to make our faith community even stronger. May the Risen Christ be powerfully present to you and your families in this Easter season!

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Brad A. Milunski, OFM Conv.
Pastor/Rector

THE BASILICA OF ST. STANISLAUS BISHOP AND MARTYR
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - UNAUDITED
FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:		
Offertory	549,170	608,773
Fundraising	36,645	17,810
Donations	56,102	24,287
Bequests/Restricted Gifts	58,205	51,151
Annual Fund	48,285	48,069
Other Income	35,289	40,467
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	783,696	790,557
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Benefits - Lay Employees	326,501	379,756
Salaries and Benefits - Priests and Religious	154,774	158,013
Cathedraticum (Diocesan) Assessment	45,144	43,927
Supplies, Flowers	75,101	77,772
Operating Services, Maintenance	74,380	60,863
Utilities	57,746	54,298
Insurance	45,671	41,982
Miscellaneous Expense	9,386	9,995
Capital Expenditures - Basilica	0	0
Capital Expenditures - School	94,176	163,727
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	882,879	990,333
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(99,183)	(199,776)

ST. STANISLAUS CEMETERY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - UNAUDITED FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:		
Full Ground Burial Rights/Opening - Closing	138,080	153,975
Cremation Burial Rights/Opening-Closing	30,435	39,390
Memorial Products/Vaults/Bequests	15,457	16,125
Perpetual Care	23,310	21,015
Investment Income	21,385	20,685
Savings/Investment Support	306,793	0
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	535,460	251,190
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Benefits - Lay Employees	141,106	144,060
Supplies	8,359	7,714
Operating Services	16,644	19,895
Other Professional Services	15,557	27,580
Maintenance	48,773	25,310
Utilities	3,128	3,466
Insurance	6,331	5,892
Investment Fees/Licenses	5,988	9,927
Capital Expenditures	306,793	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	552,679	243,844
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(17,219)	7,346

ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - UNAUDITED
FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<i>Enrollment Preschool and K-8 Programs</i>	305	333
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:		
Tuition and Fees	1,416,162	1,439,693
Tuition Assistance	79,528	142,649
Fundraising and Donations	194,284	161,410
Bingo Subsidy	202,000	142,000
Grant/Development/ Other Income	426,106	384,698
Solar Farm Income	86,000	88,031
Other Government Grant Income	81,800	77,602
Investment Income	19,840	9,398
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	2,505,720	2,445,481
EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Benefits	1,632,025	1,527,340
Supplies	141,912	184,817
Operating Services, Maintenance	94,198	90,676
Utilities	112,690	104,353
Insurance	32,693	28,056
Miscellaneous Expense	11,170	10,122
Capital Expenditures	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,024,688	1,945,364
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	481,032	500,117