

ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH

October 28, 2023

Dear St. John of God Parishioners and Friends,

We are writing to give you a full picture of the financial challenges the parish currently faces. As we have explained in prior financial reports, the parish's operating income has been in a steady decline for several years. We are currently spending more each month than we receive in offertory donations and other income. The attached financial report tells the story. ***We have been using reserve funds to pay our bills and we are at risk of depleting reserves before the end of this fiscal year in June 2024.*** We need to raise an extra \$30,000 to break even for the current fiscal year.

At the start of the Covid pandemic the chapel was closed and no public Masses were offered for many months; we understandably suffered the loss of regular offertory collections. At the same time, some parishioners died, some moved out of the area or to long-term care facilities and some found other parishes that offered Masses and other activities online. Parishioners who were making regular donations via online giving for the most part maintained their giving and we are grateful for their generous loyalty. In April 2021, we resumed our regular Mass schedule; however, attendance has not come close to matching pre-pandemic levels. Based on current finance information and Mass attendance, ***we estimate that about 50 households are supporting us compared to the hundreds whose support we enjoyed in years past. This is the primary reason for our financial decline and deficit.***

The Finance Committee regularly reviews finances to identify expenses that could be trimmed. Father Kabipi has already voluntarily given up the monthly food stipend that we were paying him to supplement his very low salary as a priest. The ongoing need for sacraments and anointing of sick patients at UCSF and our contractual obligations to UCSF prevent further cuts in hospital staff.

We now face some difficult choices. Do we eliminate one or more of the Masses from our weekly schedule and risk losing the parishioners who attend that Mass? Do we stop paying for the music that is essential for good liturgy and enriches the worship experience for potential new parishioners? Good stewardship principles prevent us from skimping on maintenance of our lovely chapel.

This is dire news. ***But our faith dares us to hope.*** We hope that if we increase our efforts now, we can attract new parishioners and increase the number of supporting parishioners to a more sustainable level. We will launch a year-end fundraising campaign in November and December to narrow our gap for this fiscal year. And we pray that our generous God blesses our efforts. Will you join us in this work?

Some ways to help:

- Think of 10 people you know who might be looking for a congenial Catholic faith community. Each week ***invite one of them to come to Mass with you.*** Surveys show that 82%-96% of unchurched individuals say they would consider attending church if they were invited.
- ***Sign up for regular automatic donations*** on our website (www.sjog.net) so that your support continues even when travel or other commitments prevent you from attending Mass. If you're already signed up, please consider increasing the amount of your regular contribution.
- ***Consider making an extra gift*** during our year-end campaign, to help us close our deficit gap.
- Finally, ***PRAY.*** Pray that God will continue to bless the work of our parish, sustain us and help us grow.

In community,

SJOG Finance Committee: Bill Becker, Susan Fox, David Freitas (Chair), Bob Gajewski, Father Narcis Kabipi

Summary Results for fiscal years 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020				
	FYE 6/30/2023	FYE 6/30/22	FYE 6/30/21	FYE 6/30/20
NET income	\$183,669	\$228,105	\$254,726	\$241,458
NET expense	\$218,315	\$260,237	\$247,272	\$250,728
Net reported LOSS/GAIN	\$34,646	\$32,132	\$7,454	\$9,270
SJOG Bank Account Balances for fiscal years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020				
SJOG CHECKING	\$21,825	\$55,521	\$87,268	\$63,226
SJOG SAVINGS	\$24,097	\$24,095	\$24,092	\$24,090
SJOG Sanctuary (restricted)	\$2,088	\$4,672	\$200	\$2,717
SJOG Renovation Fund (restricted)	\$51,283	\$51,283	\$51,283	\$46,901
SJOG Diocese of Bunda (restricted)	\$16,386	\$16,907	\$3,066	\$14,161
Fundraising and Other Donations				
Year-End Appeal	\$29,385	No Year-end Appeal	\$22,398	\$25,836
Archdiocesan Subsidy			\$25,000	
NOTES				
Sanctuary funds are raised for Immigrant support & advocacy.				
Renovation Donations are bequests to the parish that are restricted for new roof and capital repairs for chapel and the the hall.				
Diocese of Bunda donations are raised by Father's missionary work for his home diocese.				
In FY 2022-2023 offertory donations decreased by \$23,708 compared to prior year.				
In June 2022, the Archdiocese took charge of the contract with UCSF for payment of the Catholic hospital chaplain assigned to UCSF and who lives or works at SJOG. This resulted in an -\$8,940 annual loss of income for the parish.				

SJOG FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY: FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

For the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, SJOG had a net operating loss of -\$34,646. This operating loss (deficit) was paid from the SJOG general checking account.

For the prior fiscal year, ending June 30, 2022, SJOG had a net operating loss of -\$32,132. The operating loss (deficit) was paid from the SJOG general checking account.

For the prior fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, SJOG had net operating income of \$7,454. That year, SJOG held a Christmas 2020 fundraiser that raised \$22,398 and received in May 2021 a \$25,000 subsidy from the Archdiocese. Without the Christmas fundraiser and the Archdiocesan gift, SJOG would have had an operating loss of approx. \$40,000 for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Three years ago, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 SJOG had an operating loss of -\$9,270. SJOG held a Christmas 2019 fundraiser that netted \$25,836. In March 2020, *the Covid pandemic* temporarily closed SJOG. During May & June 2020 we installed a new roof over the main section of the CHAPEL. The price including scaffolding and permits and extra work was \$58,500. This work paid from the Renovations Donations account.

Summary Results for fiscal years 2023, and 2022, 2021 and 2020:

FISCAL YEAR ending	June 30, 2023,	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021,	June 30, 2020
NET operating income =	\$183,669	\$ 228,105	\$254,726	\$241,458
NET operating expense =	\$ 218,315	\$ 260,237	\$247,272	\$250,728
Net reported LOSS =	\$ 34,646	\$ 32,132	Gain \$ 7,454	LOSS \$ 9,270

SJOG Bank Account Balances as of June 30, 2023 as of June 30, 2022 as of June 30, 2021 as of June 30, 2020:

SJOG CHECKING Account	\$21,825	\$ 55,521	\$ 87,268	\$ 63,226
SJOG SAVINGS Account	\$24,097	\$ 24,095	\$ 24,092	\$ 24,090
SJOG Sanctuary Account* (CAR use only)	\$ 2,088	\$ \$4,672	\$ 200	\$ 2,717
SJOG Renovation Donations (restricted)	\$51,283	\$ 51,283	\$ 51,283	\$ 46,901
SJOG Diocese of Bunda (fundraising)	\$16,386	\$ 16,907	\$ 3,066	\$ 14,161

*Sanctuary help & immigrant justice

On June 30, 2023, the balance in the general checking account was \$21,825. On Aug. 16, 2023 after payment of monthly invoices and payroll, the balance was only \$1,047. On Aug. 25, 2023 we transferred \$10,000 from the SJOG savings account to the general checking account; the balance in the general checking account on Sept. 1, 2023, was \$19,780 and the savings account balance was \$14,097.

The 2023 Fiscal Year was a challenging year for the parish. In Dec. 2022 we held a fundraising appeal that raised \$29,385 for the parish. However, offertory donations (mail, mass and Vanco on-line) **DECREASED by -\$23,708 compared with the prior fiscal year.**

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal [AAA] The 2023 AAA assessment for SJOG is \$23,963. To date, zero paid by SJOG on the 2023 AAA. The Archdiocese expects SJOG to pay the AAA balance by Dec. 31, 2023. SJOG also owes \$7,680 to Archdiocese as the balance for the premium on the policy ending July 1, 2023.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. However for this current fiscal year, the parish needs an additional \$30,000 of donations to break even. This Nov. and Dec. we will hold a fundraising appeal.

Many of you make offertory and other donations to SJOG electronically via Vanco. **Vanco** is an easy way to donate to the parish without having to write checks. You can go to the SJOG website at www.sjog.net and get parish news and find out about Vanco. We have a QR code you can use to donate via Vanco.

For SJOG to successfully continue as a parish, we need to increase the number of people who actively participate at SJOG. Please invite friends to join SJOG.

Please contact Dave Freitas, the Finance Committee Chairperson at (415) 661-2536, if you have any questions about the parish finances or this report. Report date 10-15-2023.