

# St. James Good News Report: March 2023

## Featuring... Cheerful and Thankful Givers

### 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

**Thank you to all of the cheerful givers at St. James!**

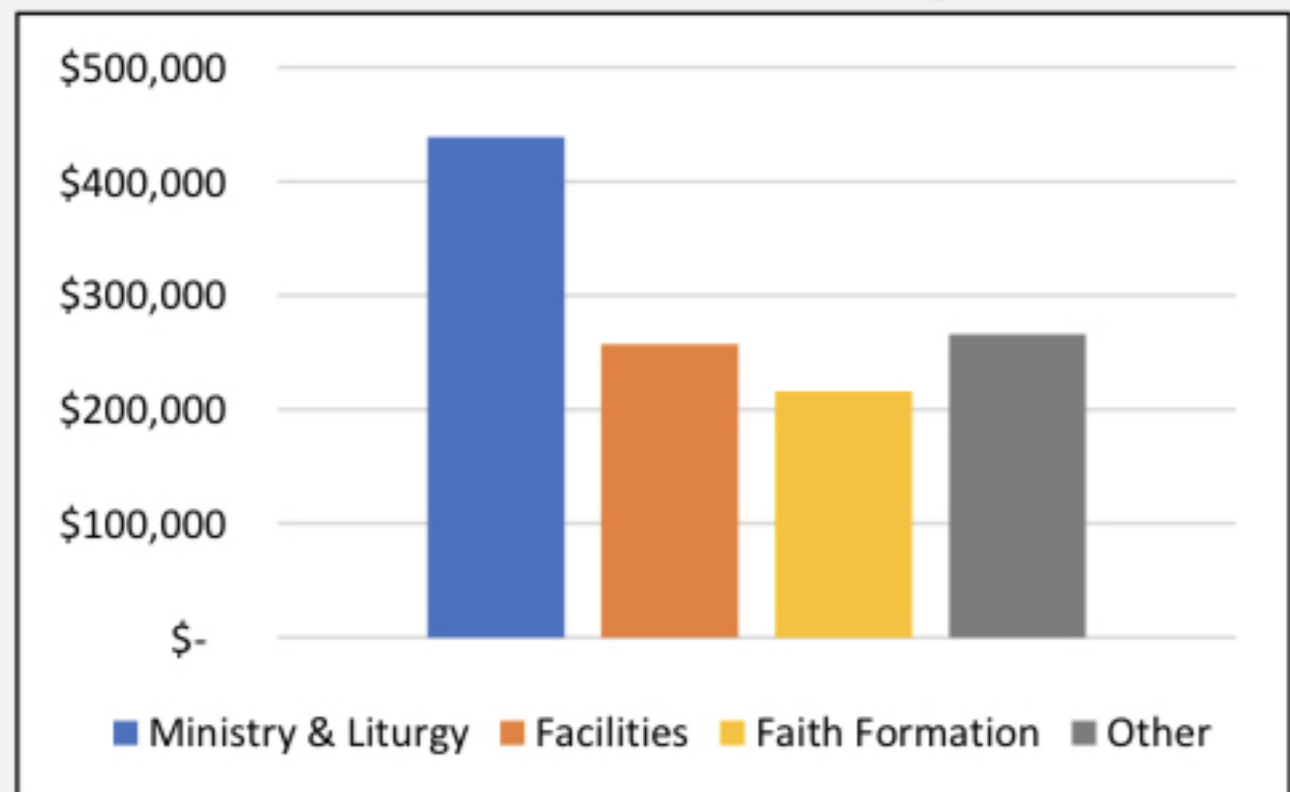
Did you know that our St. James Budget for the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 is .... \$1,178,000?

**YOU** are our only source of funding.

**For those of you who don't give regularly, join us by starting with a minimum donation of ...**

**\$30/week which is \$1,500 per family per year.**

This is where your dollars go...



Ministry and Liturgy has the highest level of spending at 38%, which includes church events, meals for Sunday Breakfasts and Wednesday Night Faith Formation, supplies, security, ministry salaries, priest support, etc.), No surprise here. After all, this is what we do.

Facilities is the next highest at 22%; encompassing 7 buildings that total 61,000 sq ft, on 18 acres of land!! These HVAC, repairs, and maintenance costs are up 21% over last year to date. We do our best to control these rising, inflationary costs. Fr. Tim's favorite words are: "Be sure to turn down the heat and the AC!"

Faith Formation is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest level of spending at 19%, which disciples over 500 children and 150 adults in a classroom setting.

### St. James - 800 Registered Families in 2022

324 Identifiable Families Who Give

476 Other Families

When you give to St. James, your dollars positively impact our community too. In 2022, the following significant beneficiaries received \$51,488:

- American Red Cross
- Backpack Food Program
- Beds for Kids
- Catch Kids
- Catholic Charities
- FAITH Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- NE MS Habitat for Humanity
- Parkgate Pregnancy Clinic
- Salvation Army
- Shepherd's Center
- St. Luke's Food Pantry
- Tree of Life

We rely heavily upon 20 faithful families (who are 50 years and older) to give 38% of all donations.

**We challenge our younger folks to step up and be faithful givers as well, to continue a legacy of giving at St. James.**

*Then Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. Genesis 14:20*

St. James needs all of us.

Be counted and sign up now.

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