



ANNUAL REPORT AND APPEAL 2023-2024



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Jesus is the Anchor of My Soul

We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure and goes through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary.

Hebrews 6:19

Dear Supporters,

As we are well into the 2023-2024 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the theme we've embraced, **"Jesus is the Anchor of My Soul."** This theme reminds us of the unshakable foundation upon which our faith and school community stand. It inspires our teachers and staff to acknowledge and cultivate their unique gifts and talents, all firmly rooted in the belief that Jesus is the anchor of our souls.

As individuals, we all have something special to share with those around us. This gift is a reflection of the love and grace of Jesus, who steadies our souls even in the midst of life's storms. It is through the radiance of our faith that we are called to make a difference in the lives of others. However, we cannot achieve this mission alone; we need your support.

We need you to be the steady anchor in the lives of our youth. Tuition does not fully cover the operating expenses of the school, and we rely on generous annual giving from our school families, parishioners, and community members to continue our mission. As the only Catholic school in Indian River County, St. Helen's mission is to provide a quality education that incorporates faith, academics, service, and leadership, all anchored in the unwavering presence of Jesus as the anchor of our soul.

I invite you to consider making a meaningful investment in our children by contributing to St. Helen Catholic School's Annual Fund. ***Your gift*** will have an immediate impact on the most pressing needs, including the restoration of the playground pavilion, enhanced security through upgraded fencing, and the installation of a new roof for the Parish Center/Gym.

Thank you for being so supportive of St. Helen Catholic School as we continue to anchor our future in Jesus.

Blessings,

Deborah Irish

Debbie Irish, Principal
St. Helen Catholic School



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4 Key Facts you need to know about St. Helen Catholic School

Spiritual Growth

We recognize the importance of instilling a profound sense of spirituality, and our comprehensive approach integrates Catholic education into the curriculum, creating an environment where faith can flourish. Through daily prayer, religious feasts, and participation in the sacraments, our students deepen their Catholic identity, becoming role models who value compassion, empathy, and service to others.

Moral Development

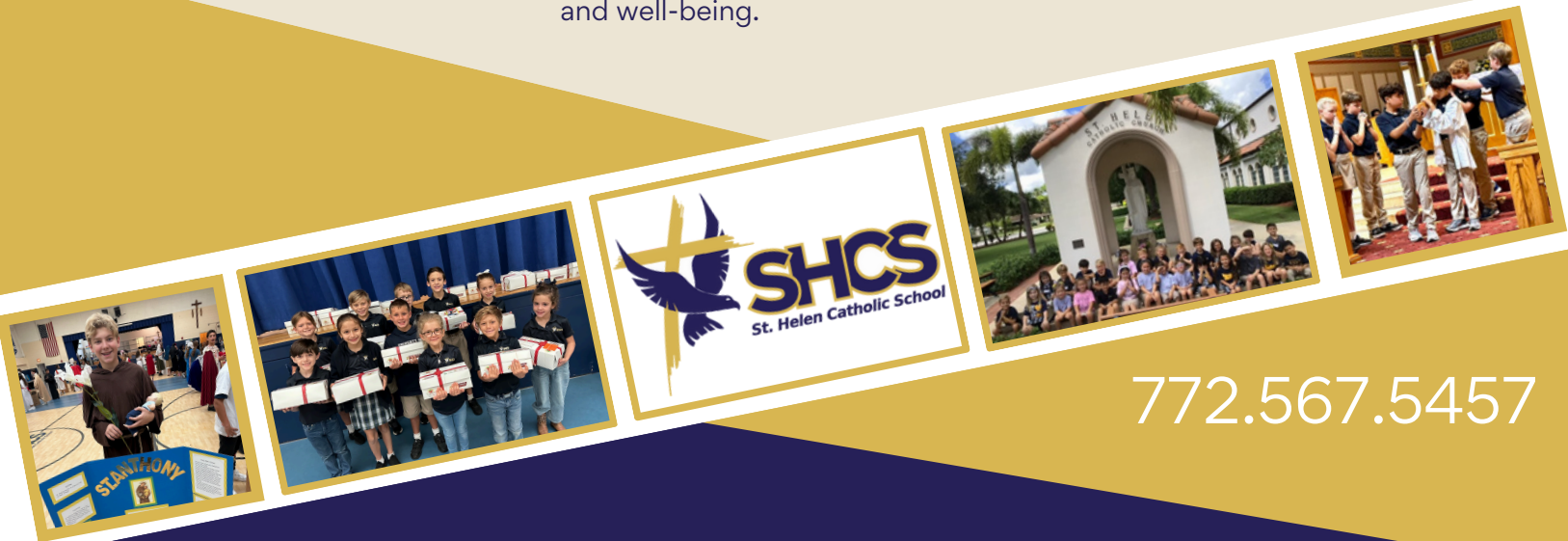
At St. Helen Catholic School, we cultivate a positive climate that promotes self-reflection and awareness of others. We shape students through consistent modeling and explicit instruction in the virtues, equipping them with the knowledge needed to navigate moral dilemmas encountered in life.

Academics

Our dedicated faculty, inspired by Catholic teachings, strives to create a supportive and intellectually stimulating atmosphere that encourages curiosity and a love for learning. Rigorous academic programs, supportive mentorship, and the teaching of critical thinking skills prepare our students not just to be good students but good people, making a positive impact on the world around them.

Relationships

We believe that choosing a school is a lifelong journey that extends beyond the classroom. From the first day a student enters our doors, they become a part of our family. Our parents and families become partners in our school and parish community. We value each child's individual growth, success, and well-being.



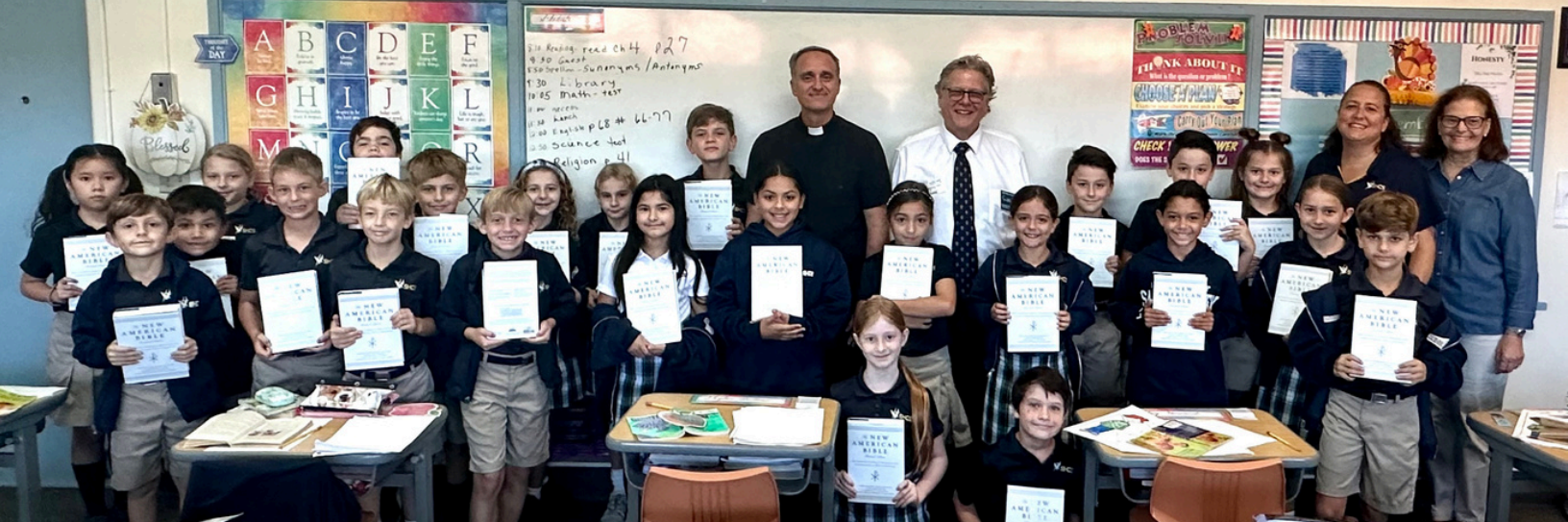
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From the Pastor

St. Helen is a Catholic school steeped in the rich tradition of our faith. We are abundantly blessed with nearly 300 souls to prepare for Heaven. In these shifting times, our needs are great, but none greater than your prayers for our faithfulness always to Christ and His Gospel. May Our Lady bless you for any kindness and support shown to us. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

Fr. Matthew DeGance

2023-2024 School Profile

Pastor: Father Matthew DeGance

Principal: Mrs. Deborah Irish

School Mascot: Falcon

School Colors: Blue and Gold

Accreditation

Florida Catholic Conference

School Overview

Kindergarten through Grade 8

Co-Educational

290 Students

83% Catholic; All Faiths Welcome

53% Step Up for Students & Financial Aid

Faculty and Staff

34 in total: 27 full-time, 7 part-time

20 Faculty 10 Advanced Degrees

1 School Counselor

1 Full-Time School Resource Officer VBPD

Average of 18 years of teaching experience for faculty

4 staff are alum, 22% are parents of students enrolled/alum

Catholic Identity

Religion K-8

Faith Integrated throughout all Curricula

Weekly School Mass

Daily School Prayer

Altar Server Program Grades 3-8

Stations of the Cross

Examination of Conscience

Monthly Confession

Sacramental Preparation

Retreats

Daily Adoration

Academic Program

1:1 iPad Program K-8th Grade

Spanish Language Program K-8th Grade

Reading Intervention Program

Math Enrichment Program

Accelerated Reader Program

Cursive in Primary Grades

Music, Art & Physical Education

Virtue in Education

K-8 Technology Courses

Advanced Middle School Program

High School Level Algebra I,

Algebra Honors & Spanish I

Curriculum Textbooks/Workbooks

Religion: Faith and Life Series by Ignatius

Press Reading: K-3 Open Court, 4-5

Journeys, 6-8 Harcourt Collections

English/Grammar: 1-3 The Write Source,

3-8 Voyages by Loyola Press

Math: K Sadlier, 1 Saxton, 2-5 Sadlier, 6-8

All Things Algebra & Pre-Algebra, 8

Honors Glencoe Algebra 1

Science: 1-5 Elevate by Savvas, 6-8 Florida

Science Courses 1-3 by McGraw Hill

Social Studies: K-5 Kids Discover and

Studies Weekly, 6 Discovering Our Past: A

History of the World, 7 Florida Civics,

Economics, and Geography, 8 Discovering

Our Past: A History of the United States

Early Years by McGraw Hill

Parent Involvement

Service Hour Program

Home & School Association

School Advisory Council

Dad's Club

Clubs and Extra-Curricular

National Junior Honor Society

Wednesday Warriors

Altar Servers

Flag Honor Guard

Student Council

Falcon Guard

Youth Ministry with Parish

Christmas Program

Talent/Variety Show

Study Hall

Lego Club

Art Club

Professional Affiliations

Diocese of Palm Beach

FCC – Florida Catholic Conference

NCEA – National Catholic Educational Association

NAESP – National Association of Elementary School Principals

ASCD – Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

NJHS – National Junior Honor Society

NASC – National Association of Student Councils

Athletics

Co-Ed Soccer

Girls Volleyball

Boys Basketball

Cheerleading

Co-Ed Flag Football

Co-Ed Cross Country

Girls Lacrosse

Standardized Testing

Terra Nova Grades 2 – 8



Financial Report 2023-2024

This financial report is for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. It demonstrates St. Helen Catholic School's commitment to operational vitality to enhance our ability to educate the whole child.

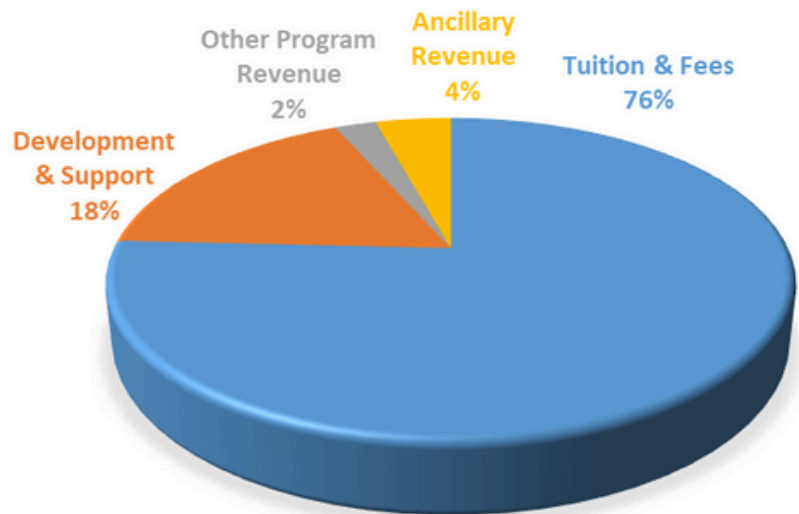
Revenue

Tuition and Fees	\$2,254,850
Development & Support	\$524,000
Other Program Revenue	\$70,000
Ancillary Revenue	\$127,000

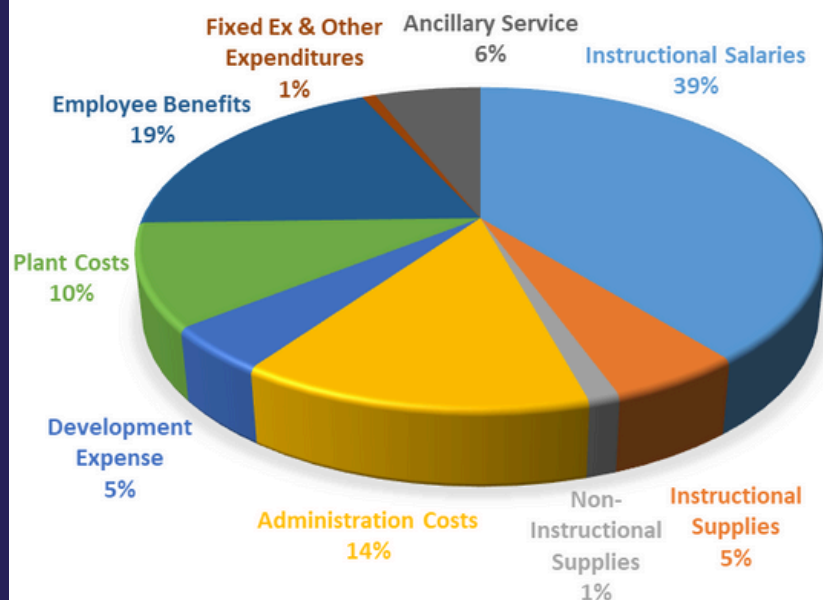
Expenses

Instructional Salaries	\$1,166,376
Instructional Supplies	\$157,470
Non-Instructional Supplies	\$37,550
Administration Costs	\$416,354
Development Expense	\$133,620
Plant Costs	\$307,100
Employee Benefits	\$557,079
Fixed Ex & Other Expenditures	\$22,601
Ancillary Services	\$177,700

Revenue



Expenses





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Mission Statement

The mission of St. Helen Catholic School is to provide a quality Catholic education that incorporates faith, academics, service, and leadership. Students are encouraged to be confident and productive learners who are “making good things happen.”

