



Annual Report

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Catholic Community of South Baltimore



Celebrating 50 years of marriage! Congratulations to Alex and Mary Kay Wroblewski (above) and Helen and Joe Goetz (right). And congratulations to the thirty-two couples married by CCSB last year!



From celebrating Baptisms, First Communions, and Confirmations, to making memories at Vacation Bible School, CCSB welcomes all ages to join in the rich traditions of our 165-year history in South Baltimore.



Reflections of Gratitude

With change comes opportunity. When I returned here to South Baltimore a few months ago, I was in awe of how much has changed and been built up in the last decade—the new homes, restaurants, and activities that reflect a dynamic city life. Not all can be deemed progress, as people and businesses we fondly enjoy come and go. And yet, there is so much that remains steadfast and resilient amidst the changes and challenges that perpetually swirl around us; the lasting charm of this proud city.

Our parish community is not immune to the seasons of change. We have seen tremendous growth in ministries and outreach; our community has an ever-evolving vitality and renewed energy, thanks largely to the spirit of welcome, inclusion, and engagement with the wider community that has been fostered; and there are even more places and opportunities for encounters with grace to be so wonderfully made manifest, in our churches, our Retreat House (frequently used by communities from across the nation), or even in the local parks and bars.

We have also bid heartfelt and tearful farewell to parishioners, staff, and even beloved clergy. And we continue to face the tensions and uncertainties that come with transition: centuries-old buildings that habitually need significant and costly repair; an Archdiocese reimagining ministry on a broad scale; and the difficult work of bringing some measure of healing to those gravely harmed by members of the Church.

A Church with a rich historical presence, and a storied past. A beautiful and diverse blend of perspectives and peoples, seeking to worship God in unity and harmony. A place where millennia of sacred Tradition and the immutable love of God is constantly at work “making all things new.” We celebrate the blessings that God has revealed in generations of lifelong parishioners, and the promise of hope that dawns with each new Baptism or encounter.

Transition, transformation, and integration are delicate, sometimes perilous, but often rewarding processes. I am grateful for your resolve, tenacity, and recommitment to all that our dynamic God invites us to experience.

The following pages offer a meaningful glance at the abundant blessings of life and ministry here in the Catholic Community of South Baltimore. Thank you for your kind stewardship and generous witness.

In Christ, Fr. Kevin Ewing





Years listed are fiscal year ending June 30; for example, the column 2023 refers to July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

Parish Population	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Households	683	696	704	746	782
Individuals	1702	1746	1772	1528*	1539
Mass Attendance	383	420	201	328	408

*Due to a data migration in FY2022 with new software, many duplicates of "individuals" were successfully combined.

Parish Life	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Baptisms	45	46	40	35	46
First Communions	8	12	29*	10	23
Confirmations	11^	2	14^	6	17^
Weddings	20	17	18	21	32
Funerals	20	22	22	31	30

* Some of these were from the class of 2020 that waited until pandemic restrictions were eased.

^ RCIA and Youth Confirmation were celebrated these years.



Staying Connected	2020	2021	2022	2023
Email subscribers	930	1138	1518	2039
Facebook followers	1340	1827	2260	2468
Instagram followers	-	-	412	567

Faith in Action

Every day, parishioners of CCSB are living out their faith through small groups, service projects, social justice efforts, Sacraments, faith-sharing opportunities, and much more.

The numbers above reflect how much our parish is growing and staying active with a variety of ways to get involved. Come join us!

Financial Statement

A comparison of the past fiscal year to the year before. The following notes explain any large increases or decreases. We appreciate your generous support of our growing parish!

OPERATING INCOME	FY23 (Pre-Audit)	FY22 (Actuals)	% Change
A.1 Offertory Collections (Sundays, monthly electronic)	\$ 611,539	\$ 488,533	25%
A.2 Oktoberfest, Bequests, Sacramental Gifts, Weddings	\$ 65,421	\$ 63,221	3%
A.3 Operating Income from Investments	\$ 25,959	\$ 11,790	120%
A.4 Rental, Cemetery, Poor Box, 2nd Collections, Fundraisers	\$ 631,424	\$ 594,733	6%
A.5 Faith Formation, Evangelization, Retreat House Use	\$ 56,602	\$ 21,006	169%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,390,944	\$ 1,179,283	18%
OPERATING EXPENSES			
B. Facilities: utilities, repairs, insurance	\$ 207,591	\$ 207,872	-1%
C. Administration: internet, tech, office supplies, phone	\$ 49,205	\$ 38,507	28%
D. Worship: flowers, supplies, online tech	\$ 45,117	\$ 35,534	27%
E. Rental, Cemetery, Poor Box, 2nd Collections, Fundraisers	\$ 489,897	\$ 461,379	6%
F. Labor Costs: clergy, admin, maintenance, music	\$ 168,705	\$ 165,377	2%
G. Employee Benefit Costs	\$ 84,736	\$ 61,688	37%
H. Faith Formation, Evangelization, Retreat House Expenses	\$ 52,642	\$ 20,602	156%
I. School and Archdiocesan Support	\$ 133,143	\$ 110,774	20%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,231,035	\$ 1,101,733	12%
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 159,909	\$ 77,550	106%
K. Non-Operating Income: Grants, Endowment, Capital Fundraising	\$ 195,839	\$ 86,148	127%
L. Non-Operating Expenses: Capital Repairs	\$ 44,391	\$ 194,804	-77%
NET INCOME	\$ 311,357	-\$ 31,106	1102%

Endowment Funds

MAPPING THE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUNDS	Value as of 6/30/22	Additions FY23	Reinvested Income	Distri- butions	Mgt Fee	Gain/Loss	Value as of 6/30/23
CCSB Ministry Endowment	\$545,721	\$2,539	\$0	\$0	(\$1,397)	\$19,703	\$566,566
Wolff Family Endowment	\$49,255	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$125)	\$1,767	\$50,897
Sr. C. Cress for Pastoral Ministry	\$152,245	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$388)	\$5,483	\$157,340
Fund for Catholic Education	\$89,041	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$227)	\$3,163	\$91,978
Holy Cross Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$70,054	\$2,231	\$0	\$0	(\$184)	\$2,495	\$74,595
Lamonte Outreach to the Poor	\$39,630	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$101)	\$1,427	\$40,956
Total Endowment Funds	\$945,946	\$4,770	\$0	\$0	(\$2,422)	\$34,038	\$982,332

Financial Notes

Notes on Profit & Loss Changes from FY22 to FY23 (if change is >10%):

A.1 Thank you for your increased offertory support, a generous one-time donation for the music ministry, and monies raised toward the new hymnals.

A.3 The financial markets in FY23 were up compared to the previous year.

A.5 More children enrolled in Religious Ed in FY23; we hosted more family dinner nights; and the South Baltimore Retreat House was fully up and running, grossing nearly \$36,000 in income. Thank you to our many volunteers and Retreat Hosts who run these programs!

C. The office staff has grown, so has the need for supplies and equipment.

D. The parish purchased new hymnals to replace the outdated ones.

G. Lay Employee Benefits rose this year, after a period of stability for several years.

H. More religious education books were purchased for increased enrollment; more food and supplies for the popular family dinner nights; outreach mailings to new neighbors; more participants in annual retreat; and costs associated with running the Retreat House. The parish also contributed to the BUILD organization supporting outreach to the greater community.

I. Every year, as offertory increases, so does Cathedraticum support to the Archdiocese, which includes Catholic school tuition support.

K. The parish saw an increased in unrealized gains in our endowment accounts.

L. Large capital projects such as painting and stained-glass window restoration have been put on hold due to the Seek the City to Come process. The parish continues with regular maintenance and emergency repairs as needed.

Buildings & Maintenance

The three campuses saw their regular share of roof and HVAC repairs, including a new section of flat roof at St. Mary's; a new HVAC system in Holy Cross Hall; and a new gutter and snow rail on the apse at Holy Cross. The parish anticipates a major rehaul of the aging HVAC system at Good Counsel. Epiphany Studios completed the restoration of two more windows at Holy Cross, including the Good Shepherd, pictured below.

In early fall, the Columbarium Garden at Holy Cross Cemetery was completed. A beautiful stone pathway leads to three columbaria under a canopy of holly trees just off Priest Circle. Niches are available for purchase by calling New Cathedral Cemetery at 410-566-7770.

The library at Good Counsel was remodeled and has hosted many celebrations and meetings! Aurelia Smolen's Eagle Scout service project gathered 34 volunteers who spent 224 hours painting, re-flooring, installing a wet bar and coffee station, and organizing a storage closet. The room is used at least four days a week by religious education classes, AA and NA meetings, music classes, and community parties. Aurelia exceeded her fundraising goal by almost 100%, which allowed the parish to replace the 1950's bathroom fixtures and paint the exterior trim. Thank you for all the support for the project!



Seek the City Retreat House

The Seek the City Team sat down with our pastor, parish leaders, and parishioners to learn about our dynamic and unique parish. The journey continues this year with more discernment sessions as the Archdiocese and our parishioners commit to creatively reimagine our Church in the City. We look forward to sharing future events with you, and ask for your engagement and prayerful discussion during this important time.

The South Baltimore Retreat House celebrated one year of spiritual retreats and celebrations! The house can now sleep up to 32 in beds, and the parish hosted 35 organizations, including eleven repeat groups, along with our regularly scheduled parish groups and events. We hope to broaden this ministry by offering welcome meals and retreat programming. If you're interested in becoming a Retreat Host or serve in another capacity, please contact ccsbretreats@gmail.com

Hail and Farewell

Rev. Sampson Onwumere spent his final year of seminary with CCSB, and celebrated his ordination to priesthood on June 24 at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. Fr. Sampson now serves at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Essex.

Rev. Joshua Laws took a leave of absence in June, but his legacy of faith sharing and service lasts: starting numerous small groups, outdoor masses, and hosting the Grief Ministry Pantry have all become an important part of our parish life.

Deacon Mark Cohagan served CCSB families for over five years as pre Cana sponsor, religious education teacher, and officiant for baptisms and marriages. He took a new assignment at St. Joseph Monastery, and we wish him well!

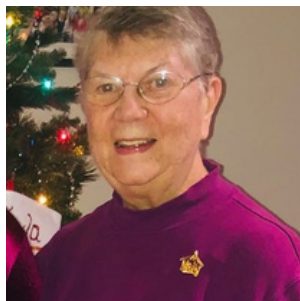
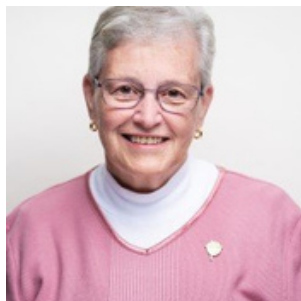


Ashley Powers joined CCSB last fall as Music Director. Since then, Ashley has grown the choirs, added instrumentalists, and involved the parish children in singing on Christmas Eve. She also ran a successful campaign to purchase new hymnals.

S. Angela Case, SSJ celebrated her Golden Jubilee: 50 years as a Sister of St. Joseph! We are so grateful to have her in our community.

S. Jeanne Barnard, SSJ retired to the Villa in November. Her faith, service, and punny sense of humor are missed daily by the staff!

Finally, we mourn the loss of S. Joan Blair, SSJ who passed away in May after a brave battle with cancer. She served her community from the St. Mary's Convent for over 40 years.



Get Involved

The CCSB Community has a place for everyone, no matter your age, available time, or interests. Learn more at www.southbaltcatholic.org.

- Serve as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, usher, greeter, musician, sacristan, or altar server
- Volunteer at Taste of Spring or Oktoberfest
- Drive the church van so seniors can attend Mass and events
- Share your culinary talents for a family or Lenten dinner
- Kids: serve at our monthly Youth Mass!
- Serve the greater community at Baltimore Station, through our Advent Giving Tree, or in the Grief Ministry Pantry
- Support couples preparing for marriage or baptism as a Sponsor couple
- Check out a small group: Bible study, Women's or Men's Groups, Young Families, Amazing Grays, and more
- Set up for Donut Sunday once a month
- Create engaging experiences for our youth through Children's Liturgy of the Word, Religious Education, or Vacation Bible School
- Join a CCSB Volo softball or volleyball team!



Support our Ministries

There are many ways to support our good work. In addition to volunteering, please consider a gift to make this work possible:

- By check payable to Catholic Community of South Baltimore
 - Mail to 110 E. West St., Baltimore MD 21230
- By credit card or through EFT - visit our website to learn more
- By Venmo @CCSB9



Mass times:

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross
Sunday at 11:00 a.m. - Good Counsel
Sunday at 5:00 p.m. - Holy Cross

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