

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A Jesuit Parish | Phoenix, Arizona

MINISTRY & FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
JULY 1, 2021 -- JUNE 30, 2022



## September 25, 2022 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear parishioners and friends,

There is life after death. Death is not the end but a door to something more. The gospel we read today shows us that there is one of two eternal destinations beyond that door. Lazarus rests in the 'bosom of Abraham,' while the rich man languishes in torment. Then, seeing where his life has led him, the rich man turns his attention to the living left behind -- they must be told what awaits and live the life to which Jesus calls them. Who then is responsible for delivering this message? We are -- today's followers of Jesus -- the church and, more particularly, the parish. That is our mission from Christ himself.

Because it resides in the heart of its neighborhoods, the parish is uniquely situated to share the Gospel message, according to Pope Francis. That is what we are doing at St. Francis Xavier. We are making a difference in the neighborhoods of central Phoenix and beyond. People's lives are changing because of the work of this parish. I am grateful for the commitment of the parishioners and friends of SFX during this past year. It is the greatest investment we can make as disciples of Jesus. Because of your commitment, 2,000 people come together weekly -- in person and online -- to worship and develop a living relationship with the Lord. Because of your commitment, we offer a firm foundation in faith for our children and youth. Because of your commitment, students and young adults find a purpose in their lives. Because of your commitment, families find support, and the stranger finds a home.

The following report provides a snapshot of your commitment for this past fiscal year. I am grateful. Please take some time to review it. If you have any comments or questions, please get in touch with our Stewardship Director, Robin Margraf, at [robin.margraf@sfxphx.org](mailto:robin.margraf@sfxphx.org).

Sincerely in Christ,

**Rev. Robert A. Fambrini, SJ**  
Pastor



## WHY WE GIVE

To make disciples -- our mission is that simple. But, it is also challenging and mysterious. Every day at St. Francis Xavier, we endeavor to form disciples with God's grace and our gifts.

Vacation Bible School



Ignatian Family Faith Formation  
Celebrating 1st Eucharist & Confirmation



## HOW WE GIVE

The offertory collection is the primary source of funding for parish ministries. Nearly 50% of offertory gifts are received electronically. Electronic giving is good for the parish. It stabilizes cash flow, allows for more accurate forecasting and reduces administrative costs. It's also good for the giver by providing a secure, convenient, and consistent way to support the mission. Create your online account at [osvhub.com/sfxphx/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/sfxphx/giving/funds) or scan the code.

## Pastoral Ministry Review

Over **1,000** Masses were celebrated

**174** liturgies and events were live-streamed to those unable to participate in person

**90** hours were devoted to Eucharistic adoration

**108** children received their first Eucharist

**277** infants and children were baptized

**119** children were sealed with the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation

**124** children were enrolled in our faith formation programs

**645** children were enrolled in our parish school

**63** adults were fully initiated in the Church

**93** couples were united in marriage

**105** individuals were anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick

**69** funeral Masses were celebrated

**800** visits were made to the sick and homebound

Over **300** individuals served in more than **500** ministry roles

# Ministry Highlights

## Journeying Together

More than three hundred parishioners participated in the Synod on Synodality. St. Francis Xavier parish was one of the few communities that offered a bilingual process with in-person listening sessions and online surveys. The synod fostered the gift of listening and dialogue, which our community embraced in the spirit of journeying together. Our parish will reflect, discern and unpack what we heard and continue the synodal process. Read the parish reports at [sfpx.org](http://sfpx.org).

## Nine Days of Renewal

For the second year, we celebrated the Novena of Grace in honor of our patron, St. Francis Xavier. These nine days are a time of prayer, charity, and fellowship, uniquely celebrating our Jesuit Catholic identity. We will celebrate our next Novena on March 4-12, 2023.

## Spiritual Accompaniment

In collaboration with the Crosier Village Ministries of Phoenix, ten parishioners experienced spiritual direction for the first time. The Crozier community forms and equips lay leaders in spiritual direction. There is a great need for bilingual speakers, and the parish is actively identifying and encouraging new directors from within the parish.

## Forming Disciples

Emerging from pandemic restrictions, our formation programs are bursting with energy. Children who began sacramental preparation under these restrictions celebrated their first Eucharist and Confirmation in the spring. In just its second year, vacation bible school quickly reached capacity with 120 children supported by a team of 30-40 volunteers. Adults grew in fellowship as they made their journey to join the church, and with the guidance and support of the parish community, our youth are discovering their purpose as disciples.

## Parish Finance Council

The finance council advises the pastor on matters relating to the stewardship of the parish's financial resources. Members are appointed by the pastor.

### Council Members

Reed Mittelstaedt  
Jason Barraza  
Amy Flood  
Jeff Moloznik

Chairperson  
William Brundige  
Marie Masenga  
Stuart Rodie

Synod Listening Session



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Ministry Fair



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:18-20

**Our  
financial  
gifts  
sustain  
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parish,**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>2022 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Offertory	1,965,370	1,888,586	76,784
Maintenance	41,247	22,320	18,927
Christmas, Easter, Holy Days	64,249	99,420	-35,171
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>2,070,865</b>	<b>2,010,326</b>	<b>60,539</b>
Administration	180,450	140,945	39,505
Ministries & Programs	64,076	58,539	5,537
Marian (Gift) Shop	57,875	47,225	10,650
SFXAA (Athletic Association)	439,535	252,597	186,938
Facility Rental	29,152	18,263	10,889
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,841,953</b>	<b>2,527,895</b>	<b>314,058</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration	211,108	205,598	5,510
Clergy	268,175	266,462	1,713
Diocese Assessment & Insurance	353,515	336,764	16,751
Maintenance	377,028	312,335	64,693
Technology	89,571	83,549	6,022
Ministries & Program Support	251,636	176,798	74,838
Marian (Gift) Shop	42,468	31,138	11,330
SFXAA (Athletic Association)	425,722	309,587	116,135
Lay Employee Compensation	1,104,885	936,049	168,836
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,124,109*</b>	<b>2,658,280*</b>	<b>465,829</b>
<b>RESTRICTED SUPPORT</b>			
Diocesan Capital Campaign Proceeds	216,000	62,000	154,000
Dome Maintenance & Restoration	100,756	160,151	-59,395
Music & Liturgy	15,545	10,000	5,545
Youth Ministry	500	4,151	-3,651
<b>OTHER</b>			
Unrealized gains (losses) on Endowment Funds	-49,895	56,373	-106,268
PPP Loan Forgiveness (Grant)	899,804	0	899,804
<b>Net</b>	<b>900,554</b>	<b>162,290</b>	<b>738,264</b>

\*excluded non-cash depreciation expense

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and meet  
the needs  
of others.



## Special Collections

\$27,003 was contributed to national and international needs through various annual collections. Additional collections this year included support for the people of Haiti (\$5,339) and Ukraine (\$14,023), as well as contributions to Rice Bowl in support of Catholic Relief Services (\$2,995).

## St. Vincent De Paul

\$76,000 was donated to support the SFX conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, including Fifth Sunday, Poor Box, and memorial donations. An additional \$24,000 in food donations was collected through the church collection boxes and food drives.

The conference provided the following assistance to local households:

- 1,844 food boxes were delivered, benefitting 1,279 individuals
- 75 families received full or partial rental assistance
- 65 families received full or partial utility assistance
- 61 families received vouchers for furniture or household items.

## Diocesan Capital Campaign - *Together Let us Go Forth*

The *Together Let Us Go Forth* Campaign is a response to the mission of the church to evangelize and make disciples here in the diocese of Phoenix. To date, parishioners of St. Francis Xavier have pledged \$2.109 million to this campaign, with \$1.830 million redeemed. A portion of those gifts is returned to the parish. The parish share received to date totals \$800,000. These funds are allocated as follows:

- Two-thirds for church restoration and maintenance
- The remaining one-third is divided as follows:
  - 2/3 for restoration of the Ignatian Spirituality Center [completed]
  - 1/3 for the parish school endowment fund

The campaign continues through 2023. Learn more at [togethergoforth.org](http://togethergoforth.org)

## Charity & Development Appeal

### 2021 participation increases by 50%

Three hundred thirty-nine (339) households contributed \$243,501 to the 2021 CDA. The annual appeal supports more than seventy charities, ministries, and apostolates throughout the Diocese of Phoenix. The CDA provides us with a way to support the church's mission beyond our walls. Learn more at [dphx.org/cda/](http://dphx.org/cda/)

## Notes & Details

This report reflects parish (non-school) operations only.

Administration line items include stole fees for weddings, and funerals, event income and expense, and general donations to the Kino Border Initiative (\$2,000), and St. Margaret Parish in Tempe (\$1,000)

Capital expenditures this year included:

Church Sound Project	\$134,508
Parking Lot Resurface	\$ 76,000
Plumbing - New Pumps	\$ 57,432
Chiller Improvements	\$ 55,948
SFXAA Field Improvements	\$ 21,630
Prayer Garden	\$ 16,660
Computers	\$ 10,917
Fence Repairs	\$ 4,965

St Francis Xavier Athletic Association (SFXAA) is an all-volunteer organization founded in 1956 where young athletes may grow in respect and concern for others. It is open to all children in the local community. Learn more at [www.sfxaa.com/](http://www.sfxaa.com/)

With the easing of pandemic protocols, the parish is returning to more normal activity. This is reflected in large variances in some categories (e.g. SFXAA)

## Cash on Hand

As of June 30, 2022

Unrestricted	\$721,200
Restricted*	\$654,217

\*includes endowments and funds restricted for parish ministries and capital projects.

## Long Term liabilities

As of June 30, 2022

In 2021, the parish received a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The loan was forgiven in 2022 and is reflected as grant income. At the close of the fiscal year, the parish had no outstanding long term liabilities.



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### Marian Procession

The parish is 'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters.'

--Pope Francis,  
*Evangelii Gaudium*

