2023 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Saint Paul's Church

The Holy Spirit is moving now at Saint Paul's.

Once again, we have weathered a stormy time during a global pandemic, and a spiritual wind is pushing us toward a vibrant future in Downtown Augusta. We are able to change, take risks of faith, and live fully into the next chapter of our shared story because of our deep-rooted history in this place, and the continued faithful commitment of parishioners like you. Our stewardship campaign this year invites you to find your place in this next chapter.

Pledges (faithful stewardship) come in various amounts, in different percentages of income, and in gifts of time and talent from all over our diverse parish. Over the next few weeks, we look forward to hearing from fellow parishioners about what stewardship means to them.

Soon you'll be receiving a pledge card. We are asking all Saint Paul's households to complete and return a pledge card online or by mail, and to please consider an increase over last year. If pledging has not been your practice, we encourage you to join this year's campaign. This helps the budgeting process and allows the Vestry and Finance Committee to more accurately address the 2023 priorities outlined on the next page.

Please prayerfully consider what your financial stewardship means in the context of your personal spiritual journey and your place in the story of Saint Paul's Church.

~2023 Stewardship Committee:

Bill Ford, Committee Chair; **Cameron Nixon,** Senior Warden; **Catherine Boardman,** Junior Warden; **Fr. LaRue Downing**; **Fr. Eric Biddy,** Rector

Please join us in realizing a legacy of faithful giving!



For me, stewardship is a tangible act and reflection of my heart. It gives me the opportunity to give thanks to the Lord...

- Summer Bell



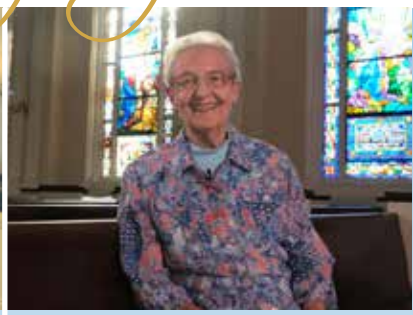
Our regularly pledged financial contribution helps the church meet the needs of its budget...

- John and Laura Robertson



We believe that proper stewardship involves actively budgeting and directing time and resources to Saint Paul's Church. This is essential to the Church's mission of love and support for all people in our community...

- Jack Hayman & John Clemens

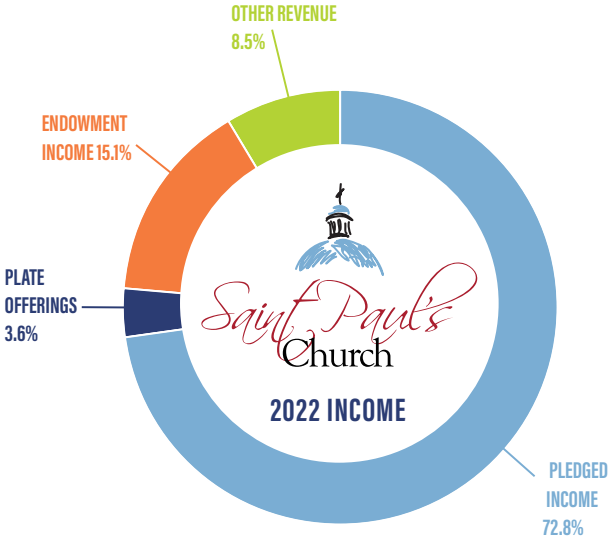


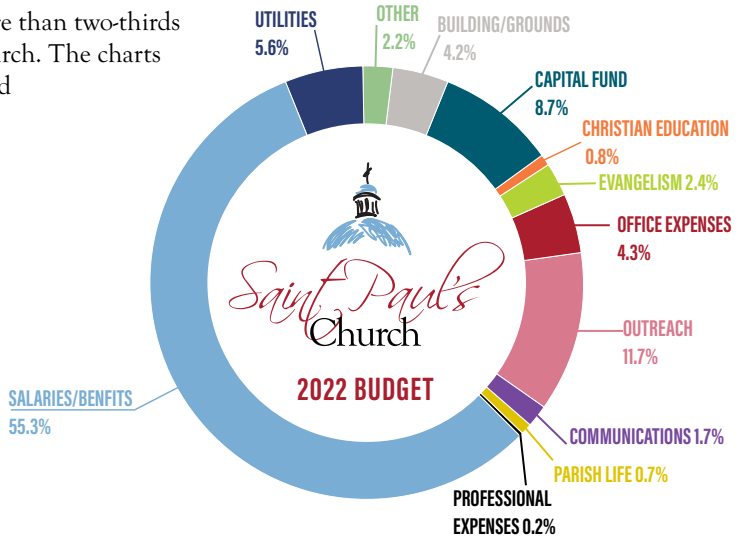
I tithe and contribute to stewardship because we are the stewards of this church, and without our support we will not continue to see the vitality of worship and service...

- Ellen Nesbitt

2022 Budget *Highlights*

The pledged regular financial gifts of parishioners make up more than two-thirds of Saint Paul's operating budget that funds the work of the Church. The charts on this page show the breakdown of that budget by category, and the source of the money that funds our budget.





It takes a lot of resources to care for our beautiful historic buildings and grounds, and fund our parish ministries. The salaries and benefits of those who make our parish operate fulfill our collective baptismal covenant. All of these expenses are part of the budget that your gifts make possible.

Over the last few years, our Vestry has hosted listening sessions that have led to the development and adoption of a Strategic Vision Plan. The plan is a roadmap for a church that is ready to move from maintenance mode to a mission driven focus to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our goal to extend our beautiful tradition of music and worship to Downtown Augusta and beyond can only be realized with the faithful financial support of all God's people at Saint Paul's.

2023 *Priorities*

Assistant Rector

Extend pastoral care
Deepen ties to our neighborhood

Director of Youth Ministries

Fully staff the renewal of programs for our young people

Outreach Ministries

Fully fund the ministries and programs to which we are already committed

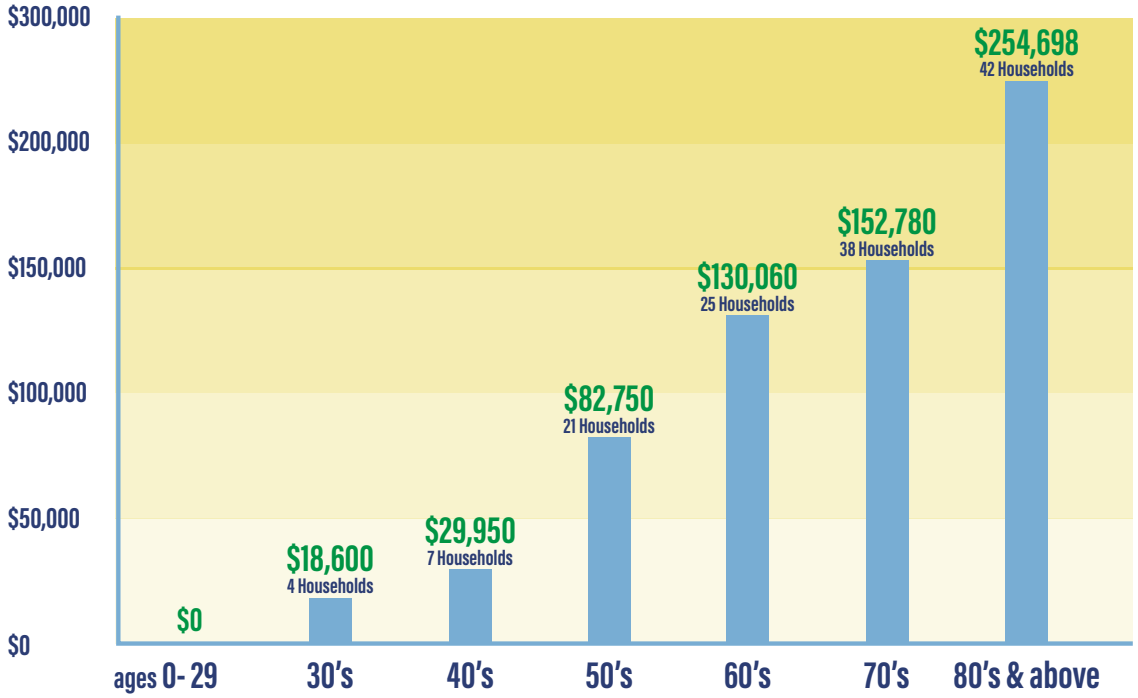
Administrative Staff

Sustain the mission of the Parish Office

Support communications throughout our programs

$150,914 Annual Budget Increase = **16%** Increase In Pledges

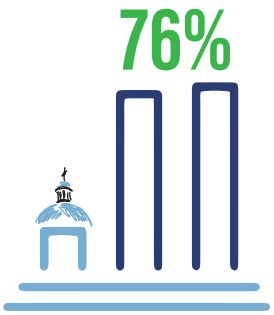
Giving By The Numbers



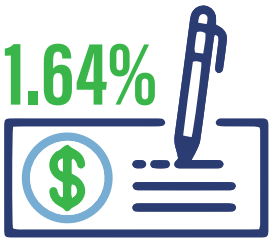
Distribution of Household Giving By Age



Average Income Saint Paul's Church Household*



76% of American Congregations Surveyed Give at a Higher Rate Than We Do at Saint Paul's Church*



Average % of Income Given*

*Holy Cow! 2021 Survey of Saint Paul's Church -- All Income and Giving Figures Self Reported

What these numbers tell us...

is we have a tremendous opportunity to grow in our faithful giving in order to realize the full potential of Saint Paul's Ministries.

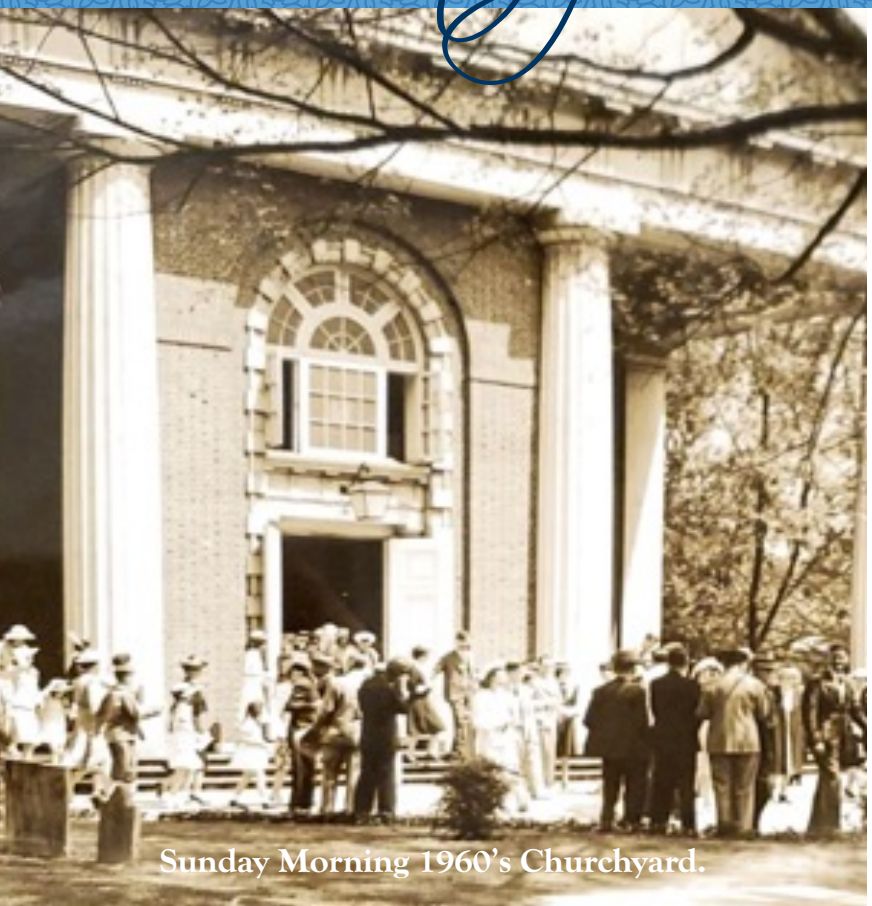
How will You Contribute to Saint Paul's Story?

Saint Paul's Church
Gather by the River

605 Reynolds Street
Augusta, Georgia 30901

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PAID
Augusta, GA
Permit # 346

The *Story* of Saint Paul's Church



Sunday Morning 1960's Churchyard.

For more than *270 years,*

the people of Greater Augusta have made Saint Paul's Church their spiritual home. Countless baptisms, weddings, funerals, Christmas Eves, and Easter Mornings for so many families have happened here, in this place. The story of Saint Paul's Parish can be found in its people. It's a story of individuals and families who have seen their way through fire, flood, war, and pandemic together, and returned to raise their Alleluia to the same risen Christ we serve today.

Where do *You* find your place in the Saint Paul's story?