

POWER the Mission

St. Mark's 2024 Annual Fund

Your giving supports all that St. Mark's does to fulfill our mission to
'Go and make disciples who live a deeper life in Christ,
a more holy communion with one another, and a greater love for the world'.
Please support the **2024 Annual Fund**. Your participation **powers the mission**.



Why is St. Mark's so special? **It's the people!**

Three world-class clergy, a renowned Director of Music, and eight exceptionally talented lay staff support and encourage our spiritual growth and enable all the ways in which we connect and serve God, one another, and our neighbors.

TOGETHER we make:

- Inspiring Worship
- Beautiful Music
- Thought-Provoking Education
- Enlivening Fellowship
- Meaningful Outreach
- Loving Pastoral Care

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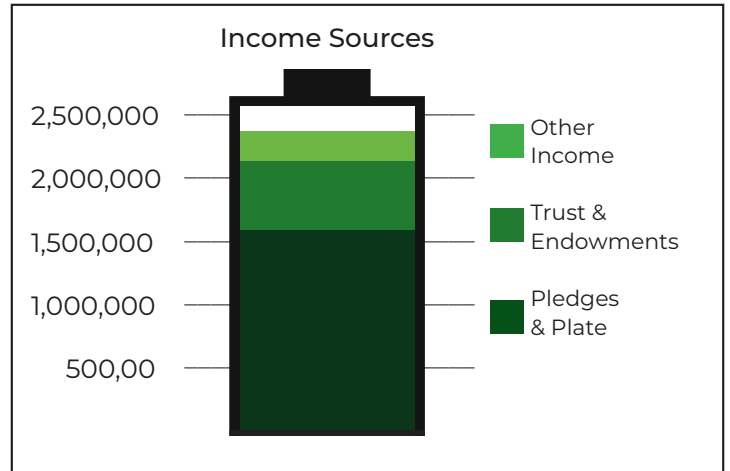
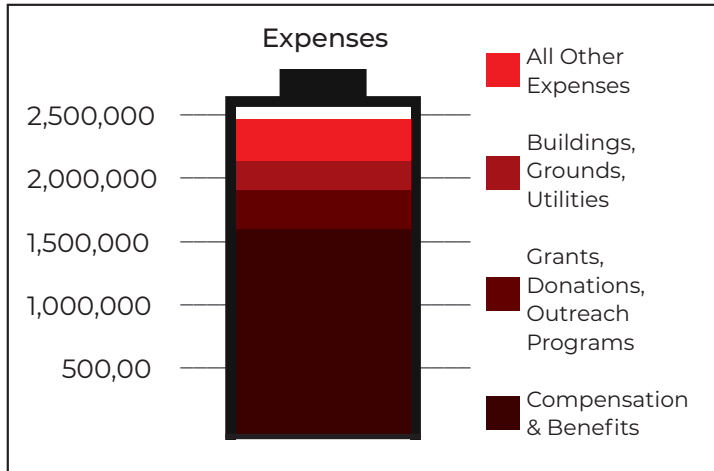
- **1,623** Members
- **600** Households
- **77** Newcomers
- **145** Registered in Church School & Nursery
- **14** Baptisms
- **14** Confirmands
- **3** Marriages
- **24** Funerals



Where does the money go? And why is pledging so important?

Pledging a specific amount early to the Annual Fund is critical for the Vestry to approve the upcoming year's budget and for St. Mark's to continue our meaningful work with confidence.

Operating Budget for 2023: \$2.4 million



2024 Annual Fund Goals:

\$1.7 million in pledges and gifts / An increase to **325** of 600 households pledging support

How much should someone give?

An annual amount of giving appropriate for you can be determined by weighing the value you place on the church's mission together with your ability to participate in funding that mission. No amount is too large or too small if it's the right amount for you. Giving to your church is best discerned prayerfully, as a spiritual practice, and done from a sense of joy.

How to pledge and fulfill your pledge?

- Return a Pledge Card to St. Mark's
- Visit www.stmarksnewcanaan.org/give to pledge, or make one-time or recurring gifts
- Place checks or cash in the Sunday collection plate (weekly envelopes are available)
- Mail or hand deliver checks to the Office
- Speak to your financial advisor about the tax benefits of giving to St. Mark's through your DAF, IRA, RMD or appreciated securities (contact Nancy Walton or Jill Sautkulis for instructions).

Want to know more or have questions? **Come chat!**

Please plan to attend one of five 'Conversations with the Clergy,' small gatherings where you can enjoy the fellowship of other parishioners and friends, and ask questions about stewardship to the clergy, Vestry and Stewardship Team.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Nancy Walton, Director of Stewardship & Development at nwalton@stmarksnewcanaan.org or 203-966-4515 x112.