

WELCOME TO ST. SWITHIN'S PARISH NIAGARA, ONTARIO

OUR STORY

This *Narrative Budget* tells the story of St. Swithin's Parish and how we are investing our resources of time, talent, and treasure in ministries in our community.

This story answers questions such as . . .

- *How are donations to St. Swithin's Parish used?*
- *How do we support mission and ministry?*
- *What is being accomplished in the parish?*

INVESTING IN OUR MINISTRIES

Our parish has six major areas of ministry:

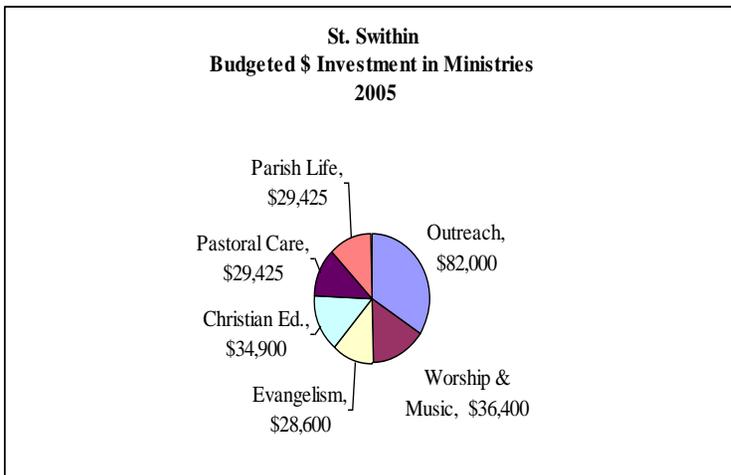
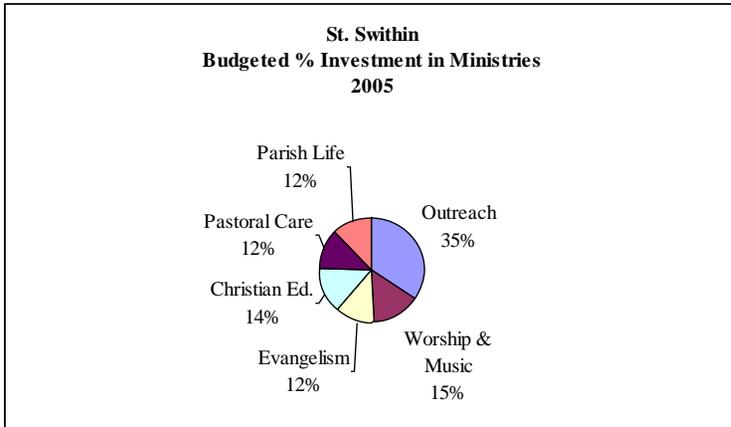
- ✓ Outreach
- ✓ Worship and Music
- ✓ Evangelism
- ✓ Christian Education
- ✓ Pastoral Care
- ✓ Parish Life

Our expenditures include wages and benefits, diocesan maintenance, property costs, etc., but rather than thinking of these as expenditures, we think of them as *investments in ministry*.

When you give to St. Swithin's Parish, your donations affect in a positive way, the lives and hopes of others through one or more areas of these ministries.

Using a spreadsheet, we've carefully allocated all of our "investments" to our six areas of ministry, and calculated our planned ministry investments for 2005.

Here are our investments in ministry expressed as pie charts . . .



PARISH LIFE

John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly".

Parish Life accounts for approximately 12% of our annual dollar investment in ministries or approximately \$28,000 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

- Coffee hour after the Sunday service
- Hospitality after events
- Parish events such as our monthly community dinners
- Garage Sales and other community-building/fundraising events
- The parish newsletter
- Publicity about our services and activities
- Follow-ups and visits to newcomers
- Provision of attractive grounds, lighting and signage
- The ministry of Greeters and Sidespersons
- Staff for hospitality and special events
- Administration of tickets, posters, schedules

Our vision for the future includes:

- more social activities to bring parishioners together
- an expanded new member ministry

Why not invite a neighbour, relative, or friend to join us next Sunday!

PASTORAL CARE

1 Peter 5:2 “Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be”.

Pastoral Care accounts for 12% of our annual dollar investment in ministries or approximately \$28,000 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

Visits to the sick, infirm and bereaved by clergy and lay visitors in hospital, retirement homes or at home
Pastoral counseling by our priest
Regular Holy Communion for sick and shut-in members at home
Spiritual help and guidance
Phone calls to parishioners and others in need
Lunches and social events
Maintenance of an up-to-date parish list
Coordination of Prayers of the People requests
The Residential Schools Settlement Fund

With more funds and time available, we could:

-Set up opportunities and groups to establish deeper friendships, and to learn and experience more about God

Have you considered becoming part of our pastoral care ministry? Training is provided!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Matthew 9:35 “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness”.

Christian Education accounts for 14% of our annual dollar investment in ministries, or about \$32,500 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

Support and training for children’s ministry
Quality educational materials
Update of Church School curriculum and supplies
Decoration of church school areas
Maintenance, repair and cleaning of Church School areas
Planning and conducting special children’s events such as the Christmas Pageant and Sunday School Picnic
Baptism, marriage and confirmation preparation
Adult education events and courses
Guest speakers at forums from time to time
Spiritual advice and counseling by our priest
Administrative support for all these activities

With more funds and volunteers available we could offer prayer, exploration, training and development for people in need of spiritual nourishment, refreshment and guidance.

Would you like to join a Christian study group? You can bring a friend along!

OUTREACH

Matthew 25:40 "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me".

Our Outreach Ministry accounts for 35% of our total annual dollar investment in ministries, or about \$78,000 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

Direct help for those less fortunate in the community
Meeting our diocesan allotment for outreach
Support for the work of our Church in the community, the diocese, across Canada and around the world
Meeting space for a variety of community groups
Maintenance of meeting rooms and security
Local outreach projects such as _____
Developing parish brochures and welcome packets
Welcoming new members and families and encouraging their involvement
Opportunities for youth activities
Maintaining our informative web site
Administrative support for all these activities

With more funds and time available, we could assist other local outreach initiatives

Can you help our Outreach Program? You may have just the skills we need!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Psalm 100:2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs".

Worship & Music accounts for 15% of our annual dollar investment in ministries, or about \$34,000 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

Maintenance, repair and cleaning of our main church, offices, sacristy and choir room
Vestments, linens, Eucharistic elements and other worship supplies for the weekly Sunday Eucharist
Production of bulletins and orders of service
Salaries for our Organist, and sexton
New music
Organ maintenance and repair
Flowers and decorations in and around the church
Adequate time for the preparation of meaningful sermons and children's talks
Supply clergy when our priests are absent
Special services at Christmas, Easter and Holy Week, Thanksgiving, Choral Evensongs, and other special occasions
Guest preachers on occasion
Baptisms, weddings, funerals and the Sunday Eucharist
Administrative support for all these activities

If we had more funds and volunteers available we could _____ . Ask about details!

EVANGELISM

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”.

Evangelism accounts for 12% of our annual dollar investment in ministries or approximately \$27,000 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

We support the Bishop’s Five-Year Focus on Evangelism by:

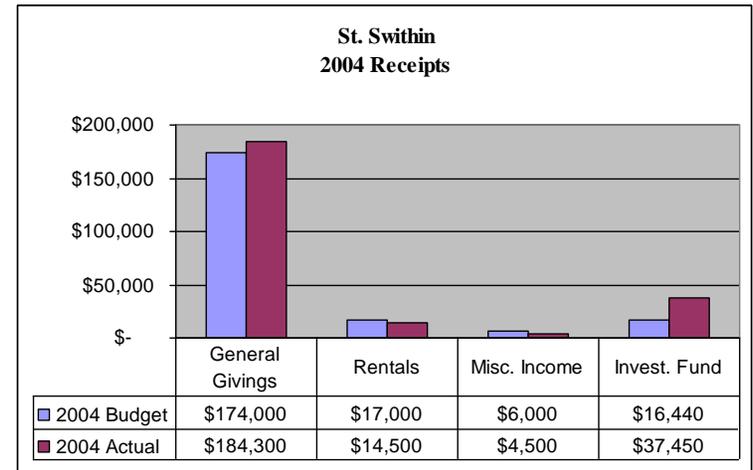
- Understanding ourselves as ministers of the Gospel by virtue of our Christian baptism
- Talking about our faith often and comfortably
- Encouraging parishes, clergy, and laity to respond to the challenge of evangelism
- Being passionate about our own mission as evangelists in the community
- Seeking opportunities to talk about our faith while being respectful of others
- Ensuring that our liturgies are alive, relevant, and transforming
- Empowering ourselves through ongoing Christian education
- Recognizing The Diocesan Resource Centre as a valued partner
- Striving to be a thriving and financially self-sufficient parish
- Our hospitality program
- Administrative support for all these activities

Did you know that just by coming to St. Swithin’s Parish regularly you are providing a wonderful form of evangelism to your friends and neighbours?

Who could you invite to join us next Sunday?

PARISH INCOME

The following chart shows a breakdown of our actual receipts and budgeted receipts in 2004.



Many Anglicans give their time and talent in abundance. But when it comes to escalating heating costs, offering adequate incomes for clergy, and supporting a multitude of ministries, their gifts of treasure often fall short of parish needs. Our General Giving, Rental Income, and Miscellaneous Income had to be supplemented by approximately \$22,500 from our Investment Fund in 2004.

Our average annual gift per envelope was \$923; considerable higher than the Diocesan average annual gift of \$750. It is estimated that Anglicans in Niagara give on average about 1.5% or \$1.50 for every \$100.00 of income. In our parish it is also about 1.5%. We can and should do better!

Generous givers experience the spiritual benefits of generosity in their own lives - a deepened trust in God, a reordering of personal priorities and the experience of God’s abundance providing for their own needs.

PROPORTIONAL GIVING

So how much is enough? We ask you to please consider giving at least 2% of your income or an amount equivalent to 1 hour’s pay per week.

Some parishioners give 3%, 5%, or more of their income. If you are working toward the goal of giving 10%, please consider increasing your current pledge by an additional one or two percent.

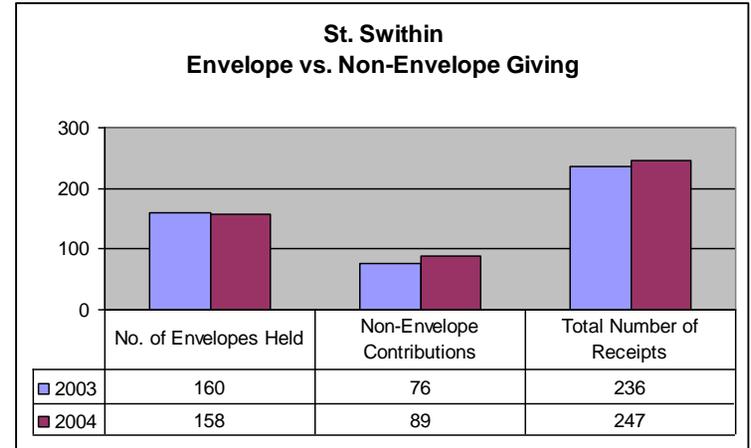
Annual Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$10,000	\$200	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200
\$20,000	\$400	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400
\$30,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600
\$40,000	\$800	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000

ENVELOPE GIVING AND PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS (PAP)

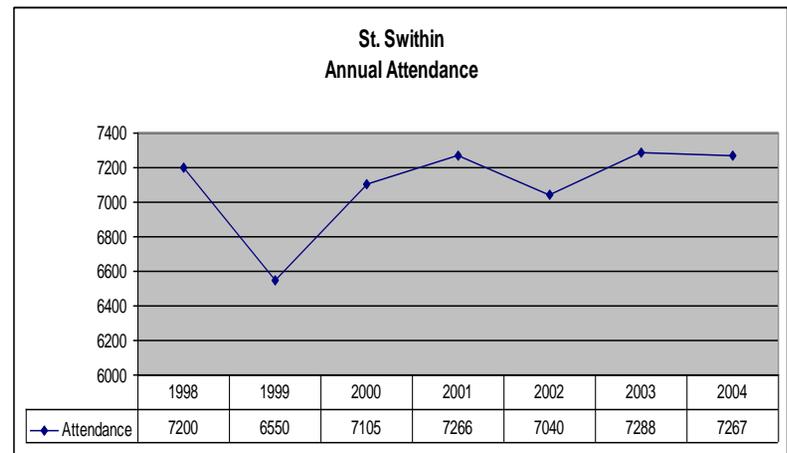
Note in the following chart that Envelope giving has remained all but constant in the past 2 years. It is our hope that the number of regular givers will continue to grow along with the number of parishioners who give through Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP). Currently there are only 22 PAP givers.

PAP donations are convenient, regular, and can be easily arranged through our Envelope Secretary. Or parishioners may subscribe directly to the service via the Diocesan Web site at:

www.niagara.anglican.ca



ANNUAL ATTENDANCE



PLANNED GIVING

HAVE YOU MADE A PLANNED GIFT? For most of their lives Anglicans give regularly from their income and cash flow through weekly offerings and special appeals. We know that what we give through the church is a gift back to the Creator who is the source of life for each of us.

We also have a Christian responsibility to be good stewards of our assets. A Planned Gift is a way of contributing to the mission and ministry of the church from your accumulated assets. It is a deferred gift – you decide now how you would like your assets to be used later.

The simplest form of Planned Giving is to *remember the Church in your will* e.g. St. Swithin's Parish, the Diocese of Niagara, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, etc.

There are other ways to plan your response to God's generosity in your life. Some Planned Gifts may provide tax benefits today, others can give you a guaranteed income for life, and some enable you to give a significant future gift at a modest present cost. Decisions on these matters are a very personal and important part of your financial planning.

As a good steward you will want to make sure any gift is well protected, well managed, and used for things you support. Endowment and Trust funds are ways of meeting these goals.

For more information contact our rector, our Parish Planned Giving Representative or the Stewardship and Financial Development Office at the Diocesan Resource Centre.



St. Swithin's is a beautiful, century-old Anglican Church located in the historic region of Niagara.

Join us for worship on Sundays
At 8:30am and 10:30am
You will be welcome!

Our location

123 Main St,
Niagara, Ontario L4K 7G3

How to Get Here

Exit the Queen Elizabeth Highway at Niagara Road South.
Follow the signs for 3 kilometers

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