



Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a new year in the life of our parish, our hearts are filled with gratitude for your continued faith, generosity, and commitment. The first quarter of 2025 has brought encouraging signs—both spiritually and financially—as we continue to grow as a community of worship, service, and stewardship.

First Quarter Financial Overview

We are pleased to share that for the first three months of 2025, our **offertory plate collection totaled \$323,558**, surpassing our budgeted goal by **\$23,558** and reflecting a meaningful increase over the same period last year. We also received **\$13,513 in unbudgeted gifts and bequests**, a generous affirmation of your care for the life and future of our parish.

Thanks to prudent management and ongoing stewardship, **total parish operating expenses came in at \$345,456—\$33,537 below budget**. When combined with slightly higher-than-expected income, the parish realized a **positive swing of \$48,754** in the first quarter. While we had anticipated a deficit of nearly \$18,000, we instead closed the quarter with a surplus of over \$30,000—a hopeful sign as we look ahead to the rest of the year.

While **ministerial fees were considerably below budget**, this shortfall was partially offset by savings across several expense categories, particularly **facilities, liturgy, and administration**. We remain grateful for the efforts of our staff, ministry leaders, and volunteers who continue to operate with great care and efficiency.

A Path Forward

While these results are hopeful, they remind us that sustained participation is essential. Historically, a small number of parishioners contribute the majority of our offertory income. To build a more stable and inclusive foundation, we encourage every adult member of the parish to offer the equivalent of one hour of work per week or a weekly contribution of \$20.00, if not already doing so. Your steady and intentional support—offered in gratitude to God—has a lasting impact on our ability to worship, serve, and thrive as a parish family.

Stewardship is Sacred

Your financial gifts are more than contributions—they are expressions of love, thanksgiving, and faith. Every dollar strengthens our mission, supports our ministries, and helps maintain our sacred spaces. We thank you for the many ways you give—through prayer, service, and sacrificial generosity.

Let us continue to walk forward together, with hearts full of hope and trust in God's providence. May we remain faithful stewards of all we have been given and strive always to serve one another in Christ.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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OPERATING INCOME	Mar 2024 YTD Actuals	Mar 2025 YTD Actuals	Mar 2025 YTD Budget	Difference from 2025 Budget (Unfavorable)
Plate Collection	\$ 262,104.00	\$ 323,558.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 23,558.00
Bequests and Gifts	\$ 12,464.00	\$ 13,513.00	-	\$ 13,513.00
Ministerial Fees	\$ 17,523.00	\$ 15,375.00	\$ 37,806.00	\$ (22,431.00)
Interest Income	\$ 3,715.00	\$ 3,194.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 894.00
Other Income	\$ 5,352.00	\$ 20,683.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ (317.00)
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 301,158.00	\$ 376,324.00	\$ 361,106.00	\$ 15,217.00

OPERATING EXPENSES	Mar 2024 YTD Actuals	Mar 2025 YTD Actuals	Mar 2025 YTD Budget	Difference from 2025 Budget (Unfavorable)
Administration	\$ 93,542.00	\$ 90,468.00	\$ 93,583.00	\$ 3,115.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 48,125.00	\$ 57,221.00	\$ 57,221.00	-
Priest and Rectory	\$ 20,604.00	\$ 23,903.00	\$ 26,678.00	\$ 2,775.00
Liturgy	\$ 41,933.00	\$ 37,353.00	\$ 44,521.00	\$ 7,168.00
Ministries	\$ 69,866.00	\$ 68,298.00	\$ 72,014.00	\$ 3,716.00
Facilities	\$ 97,076.00	\$ 62,110.00	\$ 70,452.00	\$ 8,342.00
Parish School Subsidy	\$ 6,250.00	-	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,375.00
Other Expense	\$ 6,110.00	\$ 6,103.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 2,797.00
Mission Subsidy Expense		-	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 383,506.00	\$ 345,456.00	\$ 378,993.00	\$ 33,537.00

SURPLUS (LOSS)	\$ (82,348.00)	\$ 30,868.00	\$ (17,887.00)	\$ 48,754.00
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