

## END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Dear St. Matthew Parish Family,

Peace and all grace to you. As we celebrate this Jubilee year of hope, I would like to present our End of Year Financial Statement (July 2024- June 2025) in the context of hope. St. Paul reminds us that hope does not disappoint for the love of God has been poured into our hearts (Rom 5:5). Our goal is to be very transparent with you in presenting this financial report. Over the years, the Lord has given us many opportunities to hope for a better future. We started small and with God's blessings have grown into an amazing parish. With such great gifts and blessings also come financial responsibilities. Thank you for accepting both.

As you look at the financial statement you will notice some areas of substantial difference from last year. The main difference is with facilities. With the acquisition of the school building, not only did our utilities double, but we also had a great expenditure on repair and maintenance. As part of closing, we received \$105k from the archdiocese for any outstanding repairs and maintenance. The archdiocese is aware of the challenge of managing both facilities. Our interest payments on the building have been put on hold until October 2026. As you know, we received a generous gift from Mr & Mrs. Plack of blessed memory. With the Plack bequest we were able to pay off our Church mortgage. We also made a substantial downpayment on the school building (as you can see in the financial statement). However, we still owe \$2.5 million.

Over the last fiscal year, I have come to realize we need your help. It is our Christian responsibility to support our parish family just as we support our various families. If all hands could come on deck, this burden will be light for us all. Thank you for supporting our parish family. I prayerfully ask for you to increase your support of Saint Matthew. This will benefit us all. We will be able to continue all the ministries that use this building: the SVDP Food Pantry, Walking with Purpose, children's theatre group, Sacred Heart Home School, young adults, and various young and adult faith formation programs, to name a few. I found a scripture that best describes our current challenge: ***"To put new wine into new wine skins" (Mk 2:22)***. A big thank you to all those who have made a determined amount to support the parish weekly/monthly. Thank you ahead to all those considering to make or renew their commitments this year. We look forward in hope to a better year.

Gratefully yours,



Fr. Valery

Pastor