
**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
Church**

**2024-2025 Annual Stewardship
Report**



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Pastor's Intro Letter



My Dear St. Francis of Assisi Family,

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”
— St. Mother Teresa

This simple truth captures perfectly what I've witnessed in our parish community this past year. As I review the period from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, I see countless “small things”—acts of service, generous gifts, faithful prayers, welcoming smiles—that have created something truly great. Our ministries have flourished not because of elaborate programs, but because of dedicated people like you who show up, week after week, to serve our community. From outreach programs that touch lives beyond our walls to moments of worship that draw us closer to God, we've created spaces where everyone belongs and faith comes alive.

The financial health reflected in this report tells a story of faithfulness and wise stewardship. Your consistent generosity has given us a strong foundation, allowing us to focus on what matters most: sharing God's love and serving those in need.

As you review these pages, I hope you'll see your fingerprints throughout—in every program supported, every life touched, every prayer answered. This is your parish, and these accomplishments belong to all of us.

Thank you for the privilege of serving alongside you. Together, we continue to be a beacon of hope and compassion, embodying the spirit of St. Francis in our community.

With gratitude and joy,
Rev. Vincent Pineda
Pastor

FAITH FORMATION

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Our Faith Formation programs continue to thrive with its mission of deepening the faith of our families and welcoming those who desire a relationship with Christ.

JOY

Together with their parents, guardians, and grandparents, 66 young children, middle and high schoolers participated in our Jesus, Others, and You (JOY) program. Participation in our JOY program is required for all young children and teens during their first year of preparation for the sacraments. This year's participation numbers are much less than last year's as the teens who are preparing for youth confirmation are no longer participating in JOY during their first year of preparation. First year of preparation for those teens are now done completely through the youth confirmation program.

This year, we brought back our parents' participation in the program. After all, the parents are the primary teachers of faith to their children. We provided the tools that they can use to pass the faith to their children in their daily lives. While the

children gathered with their catechists, the parents were guided by master catechists, Blessie and Ernie LaScola. Blessie and Ernie came to us with a great wealth of knowledge in our Catholic faith and skills in catechesis.

The JOY sessions were all about the Mass. The participants learned about the different parts of the Mass as well as why Mass is important in our lives. Although some families may already attend Mass on a regular basis, this may be the first time that they have been educated on the significance of the Mass and its various parts. Hopefully, through these sessions, the parents, especially, have gained a better understanding and appreciation of this wonderful gift from Jesus that they look forward to bringing their respective families to celebrate the Mass frequently with others in the Body of Christ. What greater experience can we share with other human beings than together hearing God's Word, speaking with God, and dining at God's table?



First Communion

74 of our parish children (not including those in the OCIA process) received Jesus for the first time in May. As they prepared to receive their first Holy Communion, they discovered the gift of grace and mercy offered through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. It remains our hope that they continue to accept Jesus' invitation to receive Him through the Eucharist and understand how much God wants to be with them!

Adult Confirmation

This year, 4 adults prepared to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. They met once a month on a Sunday evening. In the month of June, all 4 of them were presented to Bishop Oscar Cantu to receive their sacrament of Confirmation.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

The Church continues to flourish as individuals seek to become Catholic and



to know about our faith. This year, 11 catechumens were baptized and one young adult was received into full communion during the Easter Vigil.

Six completed their initiation into the Church through the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation in June.

Adult Speaker Series

In many parishes, catechesis ends with confirmation. However, it is important that we provide opportunities for adults to nurture and deepen their own faith life. Doing so is essential to the Church so that it can carry out the commission given to the apostles by Christ. This year, we implemented an Adult Speaker Series.



During Advent, we were graced by the presence of Father Daniel Williamson and Brother Kolbe Immaculata. Both Father Daniel and Brother Kolbe belong to Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, which is based in Oakland, California. Father Daniel and Brother Kolbe moved us with their sharing of their own personal conversion to Christ.



During Lent, Father Saju Joseph, JCL and Ana Collins from the Tribunal guided the participants on a spiritual journey in the desert. We all

walk in the desert at times, but we know that with every footstep, Christ leads us to our oasis.

During the season of Easter, Father Robert Scholla, S.J. a professor at Santa Clara University's Department of Religious Studies, enlightened us on the Eucharist. We are reminded that God desires a relationship with us without our having done anything to attract God's attention or to win that love.



Congratulations and Thank You to our Catechists

This year, our Diocese hosted the Saint Pius X recognition ceremony celebrating catechists for their dedicated service to their parishes. St. Francis of Assisi proudly acknowledged and thanked the following catechists for their commitment to the ministry of faith formation:



5 plus years of service: Antonette Kenny and JB Rivera

10 plus years of service: Darlene LaCotti and Melanie Leano

15 plus years of service: Glenda Baguio and Tam Bui

20 plus years of service: Steve Schwalen and Deepa Palamuttam

50 plus years of service: Patricia Cuadros and Monique Matthews

We always welcome anyone to join our team of catechists who lead others to grow in faith. As you share your faith with others, you also learn and grow in your own faith!

Sacraments at a Glance



Baptisms –
104
Children
Received

the Sacrament of
Baptism



Confirmations – 35
4 Adult Confirmations



First Eucharist – 74 Individuals
received the Eucharist



Weddings – 14 Couples were
united in Marriage



Funerals – 76 Funerals were
celebrated



OCIA - 11 Adult Catechumens
were baptized and 1 Adult
received Full Initiation
into the church

Home Bound Ministry

Our Homebound ministry serves as the sacred bridge between the church and those unable to attend in person. By delivering Holy Communion to their homes or assisted living facilities, we ensured every member remains spiritually nourished and connected to the Body of Christ.



Alongside this sacrament, we offer companionship and prayers and emotional support. We currently have thirty (30) ministers. We serve three Assisted living facilities and the Sick and Homebound parishioners within the community.

We meet once a month with our Chaplin Fr. Eddie to share our experiences and feedback on our visits. We are always seeking more volunteers to join our ministry to serve others and share God's love.

Music Ministry

“Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may practice in our lives.”



We currently have over 150 adult singers and musicians, and over 50 young ministers ranging from 1st to 12th grade. The Vietnamese Masses have a schedule of multiple choirs that serve throughout the month, as well as our Spanish Mass. Long-time music minister Enrique Rizo joined our parish again and formed our in-parish Spanish choir that serves on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays.

Throughout the year, there has been music in all of our liturgies: daily Mass Monday to Saturday, weekend Masses, holy days of obligation, the annual Feast



Day, Simbang Gabi, Our Lady of Velankanni, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lunar New Year, and more.

There has also been a rise in young musicians stepping up to accompany the choirs.



We have youth as young as 10 years old who are playing piano for Masses, as well as a growing number of youth guitarists, percussionists, and trumpet players. If you are a youth or a parent of a youth who studies music, please encourage them to serve the church. Leslie would be happy to provide training and mentor sessions to support them!

In March, Leslie organized a music ministry day retreat where ministers gathered to learn more about music theory and psalmist training, share their experiences in service, and reflect on how this ministry has impacted their lives. We



hope to have more of these gatherings in the future as a time to grow our music community outside of Mass.



We are also excited to announce that this year Leslie Campos celebrated her 10-year anniversary of working as the music director. Remember, no professional musical training or experience is required to volunteer. There is a choir for all ages, and the more you get involved, the more confident you become, and those natural God-given musical gifts will start to blossom. Music is an essential part of our liturgical experience, and whether you're standing behind the music stands or sitting in the pews, you are a part of the choir! **Make me an instrument of your peace!**



YOUTH MINISTRY & YOUTH CONFIRMATION

This past year fostered much spiritual growth and program growth within our parish's youth groups! Our parish regained two ministries under the guidance of Therese Bao, our youth and young adult minister: I.G.N.I.T.E. High School Ministry and North Star Young Adult Ministry. All of our parish's youth programs are thriving by the grace of God and all thanks to each parishioner's support and trust in our parish's intergenerational leadership model!



ECHO JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY:



Our ECHO Junior High Ministry grew to a total of 67 junior high participants who registered for the entire ministry year. Our leadership team grew in membership, with a total of 64 high school volunteers serving their younger peers. Our parish is so blessed to have so many youth ready and willing to serve. This leadership team was led by our ECHO Coordinators for 2024-2025: Jaslynn Tran, Enzo Galeon, Hope Vu, and Madelyn Kwan. Our ECHO sessions took place every Friday evening from September through May.

This past March (Spring 2025), we held our annual ECHO Retreat at Camp Maymac, a beautiful, prayerful retreat site in the Santa Cruz mountains that has featured many of our junior high ministry retreats since the early 2000s. We were blessed to have 50 youth participants and 60 of our youth leaders in attendance at the retreat this year! The theme of this year's retreat was "Blossoming." This



concept was broken down into five sub-themes: Planting, Watering, Sprouting, Wilting, & Blossoming.

In Planting, the participants reflected on the foundation of their faith and considered planting the rich, supple soil, asking, "What will I do to ensure I am sowing the seeds of a beautiful faith journey?" In Watering, the participants explored how to take care of their faith,



providing it with the nutrients and tools it needs to flourish. In Sprouting, based on the care one gives to one's faith life, the fruit of that labor may start to show. How do we continue to bear more fruit? This session flows into Wilting, where neglecting our faith life can lead to a reminder that we need to bring ourselves closer to the source of life; a return to a God who is always there. In Blossoming, our final session, the retreat reaches a resolution: with a little watering and nurturing from God's love, you have now blossomed into a beautiful plant! Welcome to God's beautiful garden!

At the end of our ministry year, we bid farewell to 11 of our leaders, who are embarking on the next step in their



academic careers! We pray that they keep the faith and that they know St. Francis of Assisi Parish will always be their home.

SAINTS IN THE CITY:

One of our very own youth



leaders was recognized at this year's Saints in the City Banquet held by the Diocese of San Jose at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish. Madelyn Kwan was awarded the St. Francis Award of 2024 for her pastoral leadership through youth ministry.



IGNITE HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY:

Our IGNITE High School ministry returned this year with 11 registered youth and 3 youth leaders. It was a fun year full of bonding moments, mini games, and deep faith discussions about the Church and the world.



We started off the year with ONFiRE Norcal 2024 at Six Flags: a full day of fun at an amusement park with a Vocations festival and talks given by famous Catholic Speakers!



Due to the generous contributions of our parishioners, we were able to send 17 of our youth to the annual Diocesan Youth Retreat this year, held in South Lake



Tahoe this past June. This retreat was a record-breaking one at the Diocesan level, with 120+ youth on the waitlist who were unable to attend because we had reached maximum capacity! At this retreat, our youth were given the opportunity to explore God's



Transforming Presence. The overall retreat theme was God's Presence Transforms: Authentic Interactions (GPT:AI). The DYR team encouraged all youth to dive into this retreat and encounter God through the various activities and prayer experiences we had planned. Our previous youth minister, Kevin Bernaga, was Diocesan support for the retreat and Therese once again served as the Director of Liturgical Music.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Our 2025 Vacation Bible School program took place on weekdays from July 14th through the 25th. Our theme was Road Trip and focused on how God is with us through everything: the joys, the struggles, near, and far! We were blessed to have our program grow in registrations for both



participants and leaders. We had a total of 88 registered participants (K-outgoing 6) and an awesome team of 75 volunteer leaders who led our various stations (Theme, Snack, Crafts, Music, & Games) and various small groups. All of our leaders were led fearlessly by our two VBS

Coordinators, Elyssa Mariano & Jerica Calso, who did a fantastic job carrying on our VBS traditions and programming! We hope to continue growing the program next year!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION:

Our Youth Confirmation Program had 35 Confirmandi (2nd Years) who completed all requirements to receive the sacrament! In the 1st Year track of our program, we had 29 youth begin their preparation, giving us a total of 64 Confirmandi in our program for the 2024-2025 year! Each Confirmation session included catechesis, home group discussions, and activities that helped each youth dive deeper into their faith, led by our Confirmation leaders and catechists.



We were blessed to run our own Confirmation Retreat this year at Camp Redwood Glen, a retreat site in the Santa Cruz mountains run by the Salvation Army. The theme of the retreat was “The Good, The Baaaaad, and the Holy,” based on the Parable of the Lost Sheep and this retreat was led by 20 young adult leaders, with 44 Confirmandi in attendance.

NORTH STAR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:

After a few years on hiatus, our North Star Young Adult Ministry experienced a “reboot” this past year! As Young Adult Life in the Diocese continues to be promoted as a part of the Pastoral Plan, we hope to continue growing young adult ministry here at the parish. This past ministry year featured Young Adult events that occurred almost every month on the



fourth Thursday of the month. Events ranged from more prayerful small group settings to Praise and Worship bonfires to social dance events!

Our parish also hosted the second Young Adult Assembly Reunion. Our youth



minister, Therese, as a part of the Young Adult Task Force that put together the addendum to the Pastoral Plan with objectives and achievable goals for spiritual renewal of Young Adult Life in our diocese. This upcoming year, Young Adult Ministry may evolve more to suit the needs of the young adults of our parish, and though we had a great year, we pray that we can continue to find ways to minister to this special community!



OTHER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS:

Feast Day 2024 (October) featured a collaboration between the Youth Ministry and our local Boy Scout Troop. Youth leaders and boy scout troop members



worked together to serve our parish community a pancake breakfast. In November of 2024, A select group of our youth leaders were given the opportunity to attend the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Long Beach, Southern California, run by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). Not only as a great opportunity for them to bond as a core team, but it was also a great opportunity for them to see the young Church on a national scale and reconnect with some youth leadership alumni living in the area!



Our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt run by our youth leadership and volunteers was a great success! With the help of generous donors, we had over 7,000+ eggs hidden for little ones to find, and many families participated this year.



This year our parish was able to nominate a few high school youth to attend Diocesan and Regional leadership development opportunities. In March of 2025, two of our youth representatives, Aiden Guerrero & Gabriel Garcia, attended the first ever Diocesan Youth Assembly.



In mid-July of 2025, our parish's nominee, Lia Nguyen, attended Youth On A Mission (YOAM), a leadership retreat hosted by the Diocese of Sacramento.

Social Justice & Outreach

As we reflect on the past year, the Social Justice Team is grateful for the opportunities we have had to live out the Gospel call to love, justice, and solidarity. Guided by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, our work this year has focused on caring for the most vulnerable in our local and global communities and advocating for the dignity of every person.

We are all called to love our neighbors and to act when we see injustice, and we can show our concern in many ways.

One important tool in addressing social justice issues is your donations to the Francis Fund. This year, parishioners contributed over \$51,000 to the Francis Fund, which is used to fund programs and support our partners.

A significant beneficiary of the Francis Fund was the FIND program, which provides direct assistance to families and individuals in need within the parish boundaries. The program offers assistance with groceries, and other types of emergency assistance, such as help with utility bills.

Parishioners at St. Francis of Assisi generously also donated to many drives and collections throughout the year.

In July, we partnered with the Family Giving Tree, an organization that serves tens of thousands of K-12 students with a

supply-filled backpack each year. Our annual Back to School Drive provided two dozen filled backpacks and many bags of school supplies to help students throughout the Bay Area start the school year prepared.

The annual Thanksgiving Outreach collection in October helped support the holiday food programs at St. Maria Goretti, Most Holy Trinity and Christ the King.

Through the annual Christmas Giving Trees project, parishioners were able to spread joy to children and families in neighboring communities. Over 1200 gifts were generously donated and delivered to our partners at Our Lady of Refuge and Our Lady of Guadalupe. For the first time, we used the Francis Fund to support a Christmas gift card program for families in the Christ the King community through their St. Vincent de Paul chapter.

In addition to participating in the parish-wide drives, the Villages Catholic Community held their own underwear drive to support the showers program at Our Lady of Refuge, and continued their “little house” collection to provide gift cards for families moving out of the Casitas tiny homes.

Volunteering

Parishioners volunteered their time throughout the year to help our brothers and sisters in need.

The team of volunteers in the Farmers Market Ministry collected over 40,000 pounds of food from vendors at the weekly Evergreen Farmers Market in

2024. This food was then delivered to the Family Shelter, where families could enjoy the fresh fruit and vegetables.

Parishioners have been volunteering with the showers program at Our Lady of Refuge, which we also support with donations from the Francis Fund. We also have volunteers working with Cathedral Social Ministries, which provides numerous services for people in need in downtown San Jose. A group from the Villages was recently formed to make sandwiches, and we make monthly donations of razors or other toiletries, which are distributed there.

Blood drives with the Stanford Blood Center returned to the Evergreen area this year, with the hosting alternating between St. Francis of Assisi and the neighboring LDS church. Our volunteers welcomed 55 donors in October, 48 donors in February and 57 donors in June.

We plan to continue offering this opportunity three times each year, as the blood collected at these events is used to save many lives.



Handicapables, the Catholic Charities program for disabled adults, met at St. Francis of Assisi in August, as they have for over 25 years. Our guests and volunteers shared in a prayer service and lunch, followed by entertainment and socializing.

Addressing Justice Issues

This year we've seen our partners experience increased concern within the community, especially among the immigrants and the unhoused. Through our partnership with PACT (People Acting in Community Together), we learned about community issues and advocated for compassionate treatment.



At the Social Justice Team's Lenten soup supper, Marcos Herrera gave a presentation on his travels to Africa with Catholic Relief Service (CRS). CRS is the international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. It has seen its government funding cut drastically this year, leaving many people at risk of starvation. Our parish supported CRS this year through a collection in January and our participation in the annual Lenten Rice Bowls program.

The soup supper was followed by a Stations of the Cross that focused on the care of creation. We also cosponsored a series on the "Gospel of Water", focused on how the



sacred resource is being used and threats to the availability to safe, clean water locally and around the world. In the coming year, we will work to update our parish's commitment to the Laudato Si Action Plan and set goals for taking better care of our common home.

To promote educational opportunities for students in need, we supported scholarships with the Amigos de Guadalupe and Notre Dame High School. The Amigos scholarship recipients were celebrated during a Mass at St. Francis of Assisi in June, where many shared stories about overcoming difficult circumstances and looking forward to new possibilities in college and beyond.



Our hopes for the next year:
We were fortunate to have a couple of new people join the Social Justice team this year, and we would love to welcome new team members. At our monthly meetings, we discuss what we've seen and heard from the community and our partners, the results and needs for our projects, and ensure that the programs have sufficient volunteers and funding.



The team will spend some time this year considering the Diocese of San Jose's pastoral plan, which guides us to "perform life-changing works of ... charity and justice", to "act in solidarity with the poor and vulnerable" and to "care for the Earth as God's sacred creation and our common home." While we often meet this vision, it is important to evaluate our programs and assess how effectively they meet the community's needs.

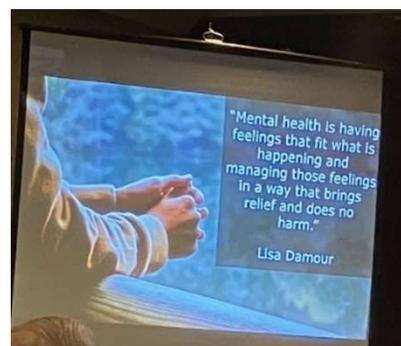
We will focus on improving our communication about the activities and opportunities, so parishioners can get involved and understand both the challenges faced by our brothers and sisters and impact of its donations. We hope to have another Social Justice

Ministry Fair, like we have during the past two years, and invite our partners to share information and potentially recruit more volunteers.

Our partners often express how grateful they are for the generosity of the St. Francis of Assisi parishioners. Whether you're able to offer your prayers, your time, your blood, your voice, your money or something else, please know that together, we are making a difference.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

The 28 active Mental Health Ministers of St. Francis of Assisi Church strove in this past year to live our mission: Be Christ's



Light in the lives of those suffering mental, emotional, and spiritual distress. Our goals are to:

1. Stop Stigma
2. Start Welcoming
3. Step Alongside

In this past year we offered four Liturgical Events to increase Mental Health Awareness:

- ❖ *Bad Days No More*, presented on October 25, 2024, by Fr. Matthias Lambrecht OCD, based upon his

lived experience with mental illness. Weaving in stories of Carmelite saints, Fr. Matthias offered the acronym REST (Recognize, Embrace, Suffer, Transform) to dance with and through mental and emotional distress. About 200 participants filled the chapel and listened intently to Fr. Matthias' counsel and wisdom.

- ❖ *Blue Christmas* Prayer Service was offered Dec. 9, 2024, in the Chapel to provide consolation to those for whom the season feels sad, lonely, or "blue." About 75 gathered to pray, sing, share stories, and draw comfort in the company of those with faith in the story and power of the Incarnation, God Made Man.



- ❖ *Stations of the Cross for Persons with Mental Illness and Their Families and Friends and Soup Supper*, Mar. 21, 2025. A tender and poignant remembrance of the Suffering, Dying, and Rising of Jesus the

Christ held in the Chapel. Mental Health Ministers Jean Gilette, Louise Connors, MaryAnn Raquida, and Ven Reyes prepared a delicious soup supper for about 100 people to savor before the Stations of the Cross.



- ❖ *Taizé Prayer Service for Mental Health Awareness & Action*, May 30, 2025, in the Chapel. Using the words from *Hope and Healing*, the California Bishops Pastoral Letter on Mental Health, Fr. Vince Pineda presided at the Taizé Prayer Service. The Bishops counsel to meet people where they are, to forgive, and to trust that all things work for the good touched the

hearts of the 75 worshipers present. Some said it was the meditative music, and pastoral words gave them hope about the mental health challenges faced by themselves and for their family members.



In addition to these four Liturgical events, the Mental Health Ministers tabled with information about Mental Health Community resource after Masses in August 2024, October 2024, and May 2025. The tablings were shared with other ministries from Social Justice and representatives from PACT, NAMI Santa



Clara County, Behavioral Health Services, Santa Clara County, and Alum Rock Counseling Services.

The Valley Catholic featured Michael Abdy, a mental health minister for St. Francis of Assisi, in May 2025. Michael also told his

story of mental health at the Catholic Professionals in May 2025. Michael was also selected to video his story for the 2025-2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA).

Each month the parish bulletin features *Mental Health Moments*, an article written by a Mental Health

Minister of St. Francis of Assisi. Some past articles focused on Minorities and Mental Health,



Depression, Anxiety, and Sleep. Mental Health Ministry also provides and stocks the CareNotes display outside Sandersfeld Hall. With a Catholic perspective, The CareNotes cover an extensive range of topics from death of a pet, to bullying, to aging, and contentment.

Four other noteworthy accomplishments of 2024-2025:

- ❖ Mental Health Minister designed and maintains the Mental Health web page on the St. Francis of Assisi Church website.
- ❖ Mental Health Minister Hong Chau Tran designed our logo for Mental Health Ministers that features our charism: Listen with the Ear of the Heart.
- ❖ Mental Health Minister Robert Valentukonis refurbished a splintered bench on the campus of

St. Francis Assisi to be a Green Listening Bench where folks can connect at the heart with conversation and confidences.

- ❖ Mental Health Minister Barbara Zahner with a grant from the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers, scripted and videoed “Listen the Ear of the Heart”, the formation for all Mental Health Ministers in the Diocese of San Jose. “Listen with the Ear of the Heart” is available free on <https://www.catholicmhm.org/listen-with-the-ear-of-the-heart>.



In 2025-2026 Mental Health Ministers will pilot for men a small spiritual group based on Grace Alliance’s workbook *Grace Redefined*. The ministers hope to expand the pilot during FY 25-26. For info: <https://mentalhealthgracealliance.org>. On Aug. 30, Mental Health Ministers will pray and practice Mental Health skills at **Rest Renew & Rejuvenate**, a retreat at Mount St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in San Jose. On Oct. 11-12, to acknowledge the **USCCB Weekend of Mental Health Awareness & Action**, the Mental Health Ministers will offer information on the ministry and community resources. On Oct. 18, Fr. Vince Pineda, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi will preside at a **Mass of Remembrance and Healing for those Bereaved by Suicide**

Facilities Report

Facilities Improvements: Stewarding Our Sacred Spaces

At St. Francis of Assisi, we are deeply committed to ensuring that our parish grounds remain safe, welcoming, and functional for all who gather here in faith and fellowship. Thanks to your continued generosity and support, we have completed several important facilities projects over the past year and have others in progress. These improvements reflect our shared dedication to maintaining the beauty and usability of our parish campus for current and future generations.

Completed Projects:

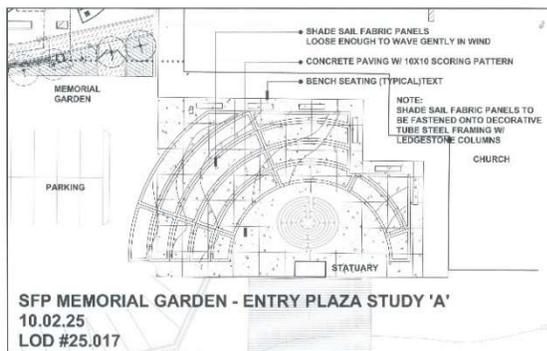
- **New Roof Installation:** A new roof was installed on all parish buildings, ensuring protection from the elements and long-term integrity of our facilities.
- **HVAC Replacement in Parish Office:** The outdated HVAC unit in the parish office was replaced, improving energy efficiency and comfort for staff and visitors.
- **Rectory Backyard Repairs:** We addressed trip hazards and removed aging structures in the rectory backyard, creating a safer and more functional outdoor space.



- **Kitchen Upgrade:** A new garbage disposal was installed in the kitchen, helping streamline clean-up and support parish events.
- **Restroom Lighting Upgrade:** Lighting in all restrooms was updated, enhancing visibility and creating a more welcoming environment.

Projects in Progress:

- **Memorial Expansion Project:** While we encountered a few unexpected delays, we are pleased to share that construction on the Memorial Expansion is now scheduled to begin by **late November**. We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as we move forward with this important addition to our parish grounds.
- **Hospitality Plaza Area Design:** Progress on the Hospitality Plaza area design has been delayed due to the prioritization of the memorial project. We are continuing to work diligently on this effort and look forward to providing updates as plans develop.



These projects are more than just maintenance—they are a reflection of the

care, dedication, and stewardship of our parish community. Thank you for your continued support as we build and maintain a sacred space where faith can flourish.

Memorial Garden

The Saint Francis of Assisi Memorial Garden is a lovely place to inurn your loved one remains. We have many families that come and visit their loved ones in the peaceful foothills of Evergreen Valley.

We are very blessed to have such beautiful place. Saint Francis sold out of niches last September of 2024. Since then, we have had over 200 inquiries from families who wish to lay to their loved ones to rest in our garden. These families have been placed on a waiting list. Our new Columbarium will have 400 new niches. Each niche is able to hold two bookshelf sized urns.

The Columbarium will be built at the upper parking lot where the wire fencing is currently located.

We hope to break ground late this year. The picture below will give you an idea of how the columbarium will look after completion. We also hope to begin the planning stage for a news section to be built after the completion of the current expansion project.



Financial Data

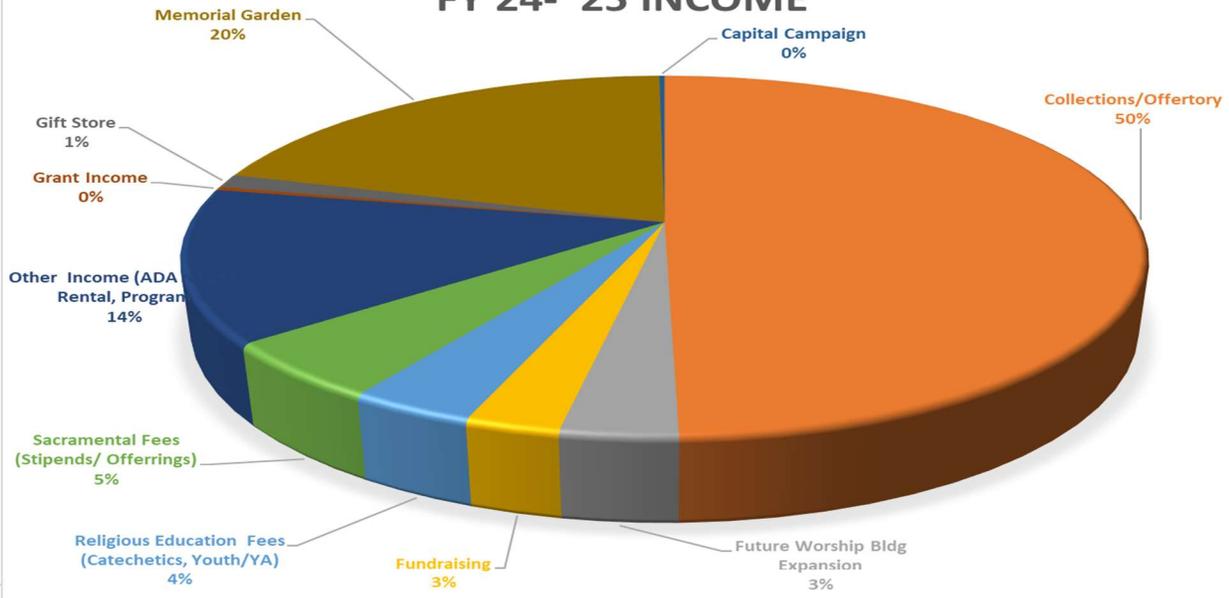
2024-25 Profit & Loss

	<u>FY'24- '25</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY'24- '25</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Collections/Offertory	1,213,398.93	1,214,274.00
Future Worship Bldg Expansion	81,307.96	82,580.00
Fundraising	65,968.64	45,450.00
Religious Education Fees (Catechetics, Youth/YA)	87,350.12	79,230.00
Sacramental Fees (Stipends/ Offerrings)	126,363.99	180,870.00
Other Income (ADA rebate, Rental, Program)	335,776.37	200,848.00
Grant Income	7,534.58	9,203.00
Gift Store	29,862.62	35,899.00
Memorial Garden	493,533.66	1,354,261.00
Capital Campaign	<u>5,100.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>2,446,196.87</u>	<u>3,204,615.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Pastoral and Administrative Salaries & Benefits (does not incl. PS & MG)	975,271.58	1,162,458.88
Facilities & Maintenance	363,402.27	437,575.00
Religious Education	71,740.34	56,000.00
Ministerial/Outreach	60,126.88	44,256.00
Other Expense (Programs, Insurance, Prop Tax..)	274,653.03	334,457.00
Grant Expense	7,509.58	9,203.00
Diocesan Assessment	115,212.00	115,213.00
Gift Store Exp	37,738.32	14,294.00
Memorial Garden Exp	<u>102,909.71</u>	<u>87,028.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,008,563.71</u>	<u>2,260,484.88</u>
Depreciation Expense*	<u>426,082.81</u>	<u>426,369.00</u>
Total Expenses * (incl Depreciation)	<u>2,434,646.52</u>	<u>2,686,853.88</u>
<u>Surplus/Deficit * (incl Depreciation)</u>	<u>11,550.35</u>	<u>517,761.12</u>

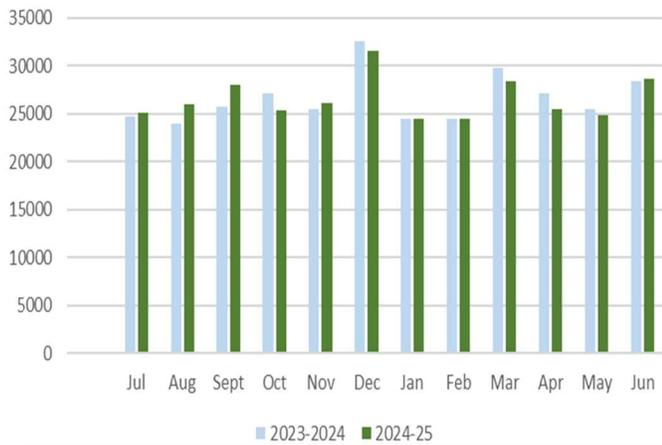
2024-25 Balance Sheet

	Current Fiscal Year 6/30/2025	Prior Fiscal Year 6/30/2024	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	4,084,591.69	4,045,101.19	39,490.50
Accounts Receivable	5,833.98	107,794.72	(101,960.74)
Other Current Assets	<u>16,768.05</u>	<u>75,458.56</u>	<u>(58,690.51)</u>
Total Current Assets	4,107,193.72	4,228,354.47	(121,160.75)
Fixed Assets	3,532,981.81	3,426,146.22	106,835.59
Other Assets	<u>623,071.55</u>	<u>573,524.57</u>	<u>49,546.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	8,263,247.08	8,228,025.26	35,221.82
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	9,578.82	4,227.17	5,351.65
Other Current Liabilities	<u>178,185.88</u>	<u>159,856.64</u>	<u>18,329.24</u>
Total Current Liabilities	187,764.70	164,083.81	23,680.89
Long-Term Liabilities	=	=	=
Total Liabilities	187,764.70	164,083.81	23,680.89
Equity	<u>8,075,482.38</u>	<u>8,063,941.45</u>	<u>11,540.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	8,263,247.08	8,228,025.26	35,221.82

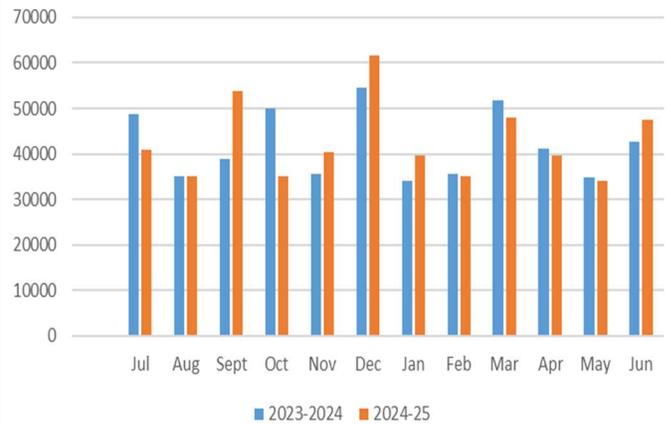
FY'24- '25 INCOME



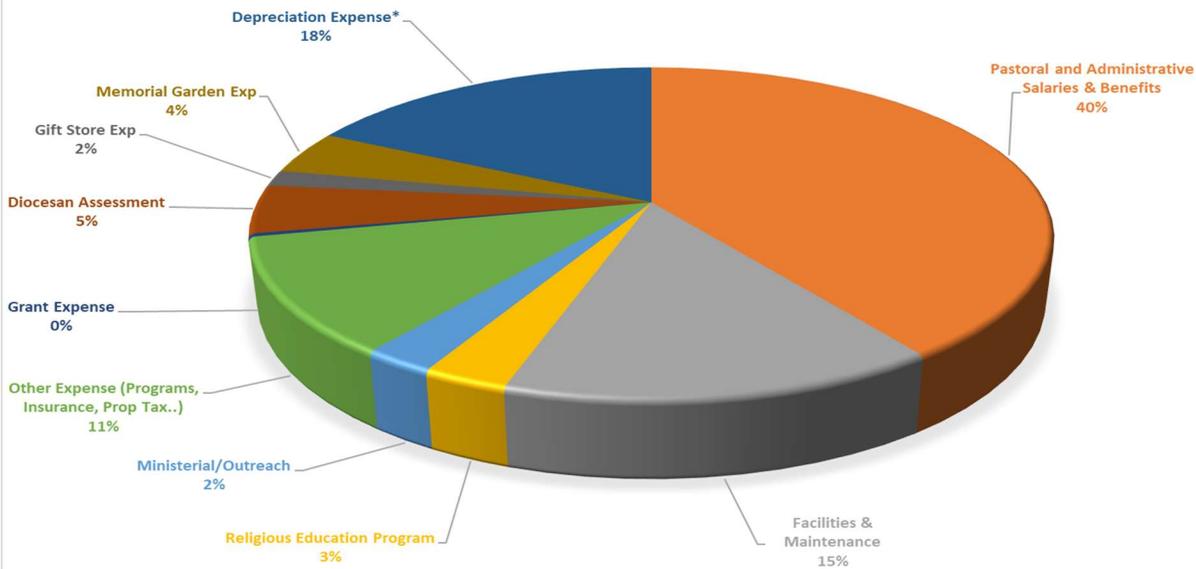
Monthly Online Contribution Comparison



Monthly Envelope Contribution Comparison



FY'24-'25 EXPENSES





Living Stewardship: The Heart of Parish and Home

A Reflection on Our Shared Mission

As we look back on this year, we give thanks to God for the many ways our parish has been alive with faith, generosity, and service. The parish is where the Church lives—a sacred place where we come together for worship, receive the sacraments, support one another, and grow in faith. But none of this happens without you, the stewards who make our mission possible.

Each ministry, event, and outreach effort this year was made possible by your time, talent, and treasure. Stewards are truly the lifeblood of a vibrant parish—serving quietly behind the scenes, joyfully leading ministries, and generously supporting our financial needs.

As we prepare for a new liturgical and calendar year, we pause to reflect not just on what we've done,



but also on how we are called to grow—as a parish and as disciples of Christ.

Stewardship: A Call to Serve and Be Served

Fall is a natural time of reflection, a season to consider how God is calling each of us to participate in the life of the parish in the coming year. Stewardship isn't just about giving—it's also about being nourished in return. It's a mutual exchange of grace.



Where do your gifts fit in?

- Are you passionate about hospitality, and ready to help welcome newcomers?
- Do you feel called to liturgical ministry—perhaps as a lector, Eucharistic minister, or musician?
- Do you carry a special compassion for the homebound, the grieving, or the hungry?
- Or maybe you're ready to strengthen the parish's long-term mission by serving on a committee or sharing your professional skills?

Our parish website or parish staff can guide you toward ministries in need. Maybe you'll find a new home in a ministry you've never considered before.

Or maybe you'll help us create something new.

Stewardship Begins at Home: Strengthening the Domestic Church

While the parish is a spiritual home for many, the first church is the family—the “domestic Church.” The early Church fathers, echoed by the Second Vatican Council, remind us that the home is the primary place where faith is passed on.

Yet today's family life is often filled with distractions and obligations that pull us apart. Sports schedules, screen time, and packed calendars can leave little room for prayer or quality connection. So how can we be better stewards of our family life?

- Reclaim the family meal—perhaps with a Sunday brunch after Mass where everyone helps and everyone's voice is heard.
- Make time for prayer together—before bedtime, on the drive to school, or by reflecting on Scripture as a family.
- Let your children witness your commitment to faith and family, knowing that when they see these values lived out at home, they take deeper root.

As Saint John Paul II said, “Prayer makes the Son of God present among us.” Let us strive to make Christ present—in our homes, our hearts, and our parish.

The following service opportunities are always available within our community:

Liturgical:

- Greeters
- Lectors
- Choir
- Acolytes
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Flower Arrangement

Pastoral:

- Homebound Ministry
- Bereavement Ministry
- Youth/ Young Adult Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Sunday Hospitality
- Prayer Groups
- Legion of Mary
- Funeral Ministry



Faith Formation

Faith Formation:

- Catechist
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- OCIA

Outreach:

- Food Collection and Distribution
- Community Rental/ Utilities Assistance
- Mental Health Awareness
- Social Justice Advocacy
- Environmental Stewardship

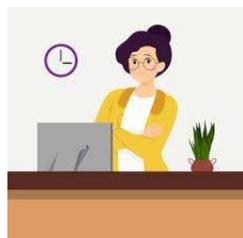


- General Maintenance
- Plumbing
- Event Set-up

Each of these ministries are possible because of you, our parishioners our parishioners who faithfully share their Time and Talent.

Administrative:

- Office/ Clerical
- Gift Shop
- Fundraising



If you would like to participate in any of these ministries or if you would like additional information



on what it is like to participate, feel free to ask one of the active participants you see after mass, a staff member or contact our parish office. All volunteers are required to undergo a safe environment screening process.

Buildings and Grounds:

- Landscape Beautification



As you review this year's financial and ministry highlights, know that every number and every accomplishment reflects faith in action—your action. Whether through offertory giving, volunteering, or simply showing up with love, you have helped build up the Body of Christ in this place. Looking ahead, we invite you to:

- Continue your financial stewardship, knowing your gifts sustain the mission.
- Renew your commitment to ministry, or explore a new one.
- Deepen your role as a domestic steward, shaping your family as a living witness of the Church. Together, we are creating a parish community where Christ is known, loved, and share

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Celebrations of the Eucharist

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM -5:30 PM Vietnamese

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 8:15 AM (Villages Residential Community)

Sunday Mass: 2:00 PM - Spanish

Sunday Mass: 4:00 PM - Vietnamese

Sunday Mass: 6:00 PM Youth & Young Adult

Confessions: Saturday 11:00 AM

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