# Annual Report



To form disciples in and beyond Bowie who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ









In August, we were overjoyed to dedicate and open Cafe Pius, Phase 2 of our Led By Love Parish Expansion Project. This space, which enables us to grow our ministry, is a joint project between our Parish and Regional School. Thank you for your generosity in making this beautiful space possible.

















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Dear Parishioner,

It has been a momentous year for the Catholic Church. In January, Cardinal Gregory retired and Cardinal McElroy arrived as our new archbishop. This was followed by the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo, the first American pope. On a personal level, I celebrated my 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. For our parish, this past year saw the dedication of our new Cafe Pius and a steady increase in Mass attendance. We also launched new ministries and mission opportunities. I feel so blessed to be your pastor, and I am deeply grateful to every parishioner whose generosity and commitment to St. Pius make possible all the things that keep our parish vibrant.

This annual report provides an accurate picture of the state of our parish over the past year, including information on our financial position.

With dedicated support from all our registered members, our parish will continue to grow and thrive. If you have not been a regular giver, I encourage you to enroll in electronic giving through ParishSoft Giving. You can sign up through our website <a href="mailto:spxbowie.org/give">spxbowie.org/give</a> or by calling ParishSoft Giving at (866) 930-4774 (our parish ID is MD 712). You can also text "Give" to 301-265-3030 or simply scan the QR code below with your phone's camera.

Let me close by thanking you for taking the time to read this letter and for considering my request.

Together let us continue to joyfully make disciples for Christ's Kingdom in and beyond Bowie, Maryland.





### July 2024 - June 2025

#### **INCOME**

Offertory & ABC (Academics, Buildings & Capital Improvements) Other Collections	648,784.22
Christmas, Easter, Contributions & Donations, Interest Income, Mission Projects	222,446.93
Holy Days, Funerals, Mass Offerings, Miscellaneous Income, Poor Box	
KidMin & MSM Tuition	8,670.75
Sharing Pantry Monetary Donations	6,934.00
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	886,835.90
EXPENSES	
Parish Life & Worship	179,853.46
Liturgies, SLAM, Music Ministry, Friday Night Praise, Socials	
Clergy	116,519.75
salary, benefits, residence, visiting priests	
Faith Formation	177,538.67
Kids & Students - KidMin, Middle School Ministry, Sacramental & Confirmation Prep	
Adults - Small Groups, Becoming Catholic, Bible Study	
Social Concerns & Mission Projects	45,826.41
Sharing Pantry, Gabriel Network, Habitat for Humanity, Youth & Young Adult	
Mission Trips, Honduras Mission Trip, Assumption Church, SOME, Helping Out People	
with Emergencies (HOPE), Families Helping Families, Warm Nights, Giving Tree	
Administration	92,097.83
Rectory salaries, Envelope Sets, Phone & Copier Contracts, Office expenses, Catholic	
Standard newspaper, Archdiocesan payroll system fees	
Plant & Grounds	108,783.01
repair & maintenance, utilities, trash, landscaping, janitorial services,	
property insurance	
Archdiocesan Assessments	109,160.79
15% of Offertory and ABC, as required by Archdiocese of Washington	
School Support	32,439.54
5% of Offertory and ABC, as required by Archdiocese of Washington	
	862,219.46
RESERVES	
Balance 6/30/24	70,638.38
Fiscal Year 2024 Net Income	+24,616.44
2025 Capital Expenses	-27,155.73
Balance 6/30/25	68,099.09

#### Parish Census data as of 6/30/25 New Families this year 61 **Total Registered Families** 1139 Sacraments Celebrated Average Weekly Mass Attendance (count in October 2024) 975 includes in-person, YouTube & SPX Online **Baptism** 30 First Communion 36 First Reconciliation 36 Confirmation 35 Matrimony 5 **Funerals** 9 Adults received into the Church 7 Children received into the Church 6 **Ministries** KidMin (Religious Education, K - 5) weekly enrollment 53 MSM (Middle School Ministry) weekly enrollment 31 Becoming Catholic, Jr. enrollment 6 **Becoming Catholic** 6 **Ongoing Message Groups** 8 **Lenten Message Groups** over 135 adults in Groups Adult Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip (September 2024) 15 Honduras Medical Mission Trip (February 2025) 3 **Communications** over 68,000 views by 14,500 users from 13 countries Website Facebook reached over 32,500 people from 12 countries, 828 followers, 900 content interactions reached over 6,600 people from 7 countries, 483 followers, 65 content interactions Instagram Ebulletin sent to 2,055 people each week YouTube 18,111 views, 5,200 hours watched, 103 new subscribers, 743 total subscribers Podbean 134 downloads, 86 listeners, 3 countries Led by Love Capital Campaign (as of 6/30/25)

#### **CAPITAL EXPENSES**

Monies available for Completion

**Rectory Office & Residence Improvements** 

#### **Shared Capital Expenses with St. Pius X Regional School**

Faith Center Improvements, Shed Improvements, and Church HVAC Replacements

495,458.33

































## WHERE YOUR GIVING GOES

These are just a few examples of how your generosity impacts both our parish and local community throughout the year!

65 +

Kids served by SLAM on average each weekend

#### **SHARING PANTRY**

supports those with food insecurity

**GIVING TREE** 

Pack N Play cribs to Assumption

Church & Bowie Interfaith Food

**Car Seats Pantry** 

3,966 diapers

Strollers

16,080 wipes

1() Crocheted blankets

**GIVE** 

180+

people who enjoyed **GIVE** and supported the Giving Tree

volunteers who served at GIVE doing set-up, clean-up, in the living Nativity scenes and at during the actual event

**FAMILIES** HELPING **FAMILIES** 

to Assumption Church & the **Bowie Interfaith** Food Pantry

160+

turkeys

**120**+

**Thanksgiving Baskets from SPX Church & School** 

**GABRIEL NETWORK** 

supports women in crisis pregnancies

2024 FALL KICK-OFF PANCAKE SUPPER

420+ people attended

Kona Ices served

60+volunteers served:

850+ balloons

245+ people attended

1400+pancakes flipped

Middle school 35+ students, parents, & MSM small group leaders served

S.O.M.E.

donated to So Others May Eat along with our monthly sandwich ministry

WARM NIGHTS \$6.7K : HOPE

thank you for your generos

# Stories of Faith THE IMPACT OF SPX

#### DIONNE MENDOZA

During our medical brigades in Honduras, my role was to check in every patient and take their vital signs. At first, it felt like a routine task—recording numbers, making sure the flow was smooth—but it quickly became something deeper. Each person who sat in front of me carried a story, and often, a quiet strength that humbled me. Even in difficult circumstances, their gratitude and trust reminded me of God's presence in unexpected places.

There were moments when the line seemed endless, and I was frustrated with the language barrier. That's when I learned to lean on prayer, asking God for patience and compassion with every interaction. I realized that faith isn't just built in big, dramatic moments—it grows in the small acts of service, in listening, in offering a smile, and in treating each patient as someone deeply loved by God.



Taking vital signs became more than a medical step; it was an opportunity to connect, to show care, and to reflect Christ's love in a tangible way. Through this experience, I understood that serving others is a form of worship, and that stepping out of my comfort zone allowed my faith to deepen in ways I never imagined.



#### JIM COLITON

In 2024, after having attended non-denominational Protestant church for about 36 years, I started looking for a new church family. I had had very positive experiences but still was feeling somewhat "cold" in the worship times. After a discussion with my wife, I decided to go back to the Catholic Church and see if I could find what I needed. I came to St. Pius around Thanksgiving of 2024 to check out the service.

The welcoming experience started outside the doors as I walked up on my first Sunday. There was an authenticity to the welcoming team that was clearly not "puton." My whole experience at SPX has been one of feeling welcomed, appreciated, and able to offer my unique experience to the parish family. I feel that I have a lot to offer and have been able to explore some options to share my faith journey.

I have been leading a small group since the beginning of Lent 2025.

Since joining the staff as Weekend Coordinator in August 2025, I am often asked how I am liking it, and I always tell how great the staff are to work with and the family of SPX is so welcoming. There is a passion here at SPX that I feel blessed to be able to be a part of. I am able to celebrate with passion among other passionate believers.























# Staff



Fr. Mike Jones

**Pastor** 



Fr. Kevin Kennedy

Weekend Assistant



Jen Buter

Kids & Students Coordinator



Jim Coliton

Weekend Coordinator



**Dale Gray** 

Sunday Music Ministry Coordinator



Suzanne Fanning

**Funeral Coordinator** 



Jen Mayer

Adult Discipleship Coordinator



**Kaila Nowlin** 

Bookkeeper



**Kelsey Parks** 

**SLAM Coordinator** 



Jena Parks

Church & School Accountant



Bea Quiroz

ChildCare Coordinator



John Schwartz

Church & School Facilities Manager



**Sue Sheeley** 

**Financial Assistant** 



**Katie Skerpon** 

Communications Coordiator



Patrick Skerpon

**Technology Coordinator** 



**Matthew Williams** 

**Tech Assistant** 

### .. Finance Council ...



**Jose Boluda** Chair



Madonna Chernesky



Blesilda Lim



Martin Mendoza

## ... Pastoral Council ...



Guylene Desir-Gaston



**David DeSio** 



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**Seantice Karimian** 



Michael Knight



Kelsey Mauldin



Winnie Mutunga



Lee-Ann Pinkard



Peggy Reid



Mike Shieh



Gemini Singh



**Sonia Waldorf** 



# Giving at SPX

#### **PLANNED**

Our giving should not be spare change that we happen to have on hand. And we shouldn't be giving out of guilt. Instead, we want our giving to be part of our budget, set aside from the beginning.

It should be an intentional choice to give that part of your income.



Our giving should come first in our budgeting process. **Before you do anything else with your money, you should decide on your giving.** 

#### **PERCENTAGE**

When the Bible talks about giving it uses the standard of a 'tithe' or 10%. But the percentage is more important than the 10 part.

We want you to pick a percentage and start giving to the church using a percentage, any percentage.

#### **PROGRESSIVE**

If our giving is a percentage, then we should continue raising it each year as our income grows - if we get a raise or cost of living adjustment we pass that on in our offering to God.

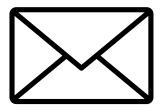
You should also evaluate regularly if you're able to give a higher percentage.



Give securely online at **spxbowie.org/give** 



Text2Give by texting "give" to **301.265.3030** 



Use your **offertory envelopes** at Mass each weekend



Use your camera app to **scan** this **QR Code** to set-up online giving



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