

YEAR IN REVIEW

2024-2025



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Catholic Church

Westfield, Indiana



Year in Review

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

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Greetings and God's blessings to all of you! Are you "fired up?" I am "fired up" for Jesus! So many of you have dedicated yourself to making our parish a place where all can encounter Christ through community, the sacraments, and opportunities to serve. While many of **your sacrifices** are made privately, please know they have a very public impact – allowing more people to encounter Jesus Christ, the source of all holiness. **May God Bless all of us** as we strive to **become the saints** God made us to be!

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Missionary Pastor

Going on Mission as Eucharistic People

No one can deny the division in our world and in our country. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength and **communion**. We believe the solution is to respond to Christ's invitation to unite with Him and all brothers and sisters in Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

- ✚ This past year, there were **12,095 confirmed visits to Eucharistic Adoration**, a 27% increase over the previous year.
- ✚ We hosted **monthly hours of guided Eucharistic Adoration** through our *Encounter Jesus* nights, where parishioners experienced moments of personal encounter with Christ.



✚ We **participated in the first-ever National Eucharistic Pilgrimage**, processing with and hosting pilgrims on the Marian Route which began in Bemidji, MN and ended in Lucas Oil Stadium at the National Eucharistic Congress.

✚ Over 100 parishioners **participated in the 10th National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024, a historic moment for the Catholic Church in the U.S., and the first such Congress in 83 years.



A Place for All Who Seek

We ministered to a record number of people this past year – people who are searching for communion with our Lord and for a deeper meaning in their lives.

- † We welcomed **9,118 total people to our Christmas and Easter Masses**, representing an all-time high and a 21% increase over the previous year.
- † The rate of growth in the number of registered parish families continues to increase, with **over 20 new families registering each month**.
- † We've had 45 adults have **enter into full communion** with the Church through our OCIA process at the Easter Vigil Mass over the past two years; the **most people over a two-year period** since 2013-2014.



- † We are experiencing an increased demand in our school and **growing waitlist**.
- † Our **Holy Name Society men's group** saw a 29% increase in attendance at their weekly Tuesday morning formation gatherings where they seek to grow in faith and virtue along other men of faith.
- † **Attendees** to our Middle and High School **youth groups nights** increased nearly 45% over last year.
- † Average attendance to **Faith and Froth** grew by over 65% and our **Adult Bible Study** attendance grew by more than 25% over the past year.
- † We accompanied 24 people through a 15-week bereavement workshop as part of our new **Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry**.

Improving our Campus for Mission

We recognize the important role our campus plays in allowing us to carry out the mission Christ has given us. As stewards of God's gifts to us, we have focused on properly maintaining our existing facilities and grounds, and making improvements to our campus for the sake of that mission.

† Constructed our new **Frassati Commons** outdoor concession and restroom facility and communal gathering space using Spring Fling Gala funds from 2023-2024.

† Installed **new flooring** in our classrooms, parish kitchen, and Shepherd's Gate Food Pantry using 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal funds.

† Renovated the **school playground** with new mulch, basketball hoops, and basketball court lines using 2025 School Day of Giving funds.

† Enhanced **campus security** through the addition of a new playground fence, additional security cameras, and an integrated security communication platform using both offertory and funds received through a state grant.

† Replaced the original chiller and upgraded controls for our **church HVAC system** using both offertory and 2025 Spring Fling Gala funds.

† Repaved and restriped the **north parking lot** using parish cash reserves.



More than a Number

8,378

Members

2,552

Families

255

New Families

108

BAPTISMS

93

CONFIRMATIONS

118

FIRST
COMMUNIONS

22

WEDDINGS

29

FUNERALS

152

PINTS OF BLOOD
DONATED

168

PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

245

CARED FOR BY ST. FRANCIS
MINISTRY FOR THE SICK

100+

SERVICE ATTENDEES TO
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

1,825

PEOPLE SERVED MONTHLY
BY FOOD PANTRY

2,386

AVERAGE WEEKEND
MASS ATTENDANCE

9,029

DIAPERS & WIPES GIVEN
TO NEW MOMS IN NEED

1,220

MEALS SERVED AT
ITALIAN FESTIVAL

265

SCHEDULED
ADORERS

359

YOUTH MINISTRY
PARTICIPANTS

12,223

SERVICE HOURS PERFORMED
BY SMG SCHOOL FAMILIES

250+

ADULT STUDY
PARTICIPANTS

601

SMG YOUTH SPORTS
PARTICIPANTS

476

SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT

298

PARISH RELIGIOUS ED.
ENROLLMENT

All numbers are for the period July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



Offertory Highlights

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Giving Families
1,465 2023-24  1,521 2024-25

Average Weekly Offertory
\$72,196 2023-24  \$78,819 2024-25

Spending Highlights

(July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Increase in **Direct Ministry** Costs
vs. Prior Year

↑ \$216,238

*Excludes facility and administrative costs.
Represents a 6.3% increase over last year.*

Major Capital
Improvement Project Costs

\$616,556

*Includes Frassati Commons, new flooring, school
playground renovations, and security upgrades.*

Major Capital
Replacement Project Costs

\$533,585

*Includes church chiller and controls, along with north
parking lot repaving and restriping.*



2024-25

Financial Information

OFFERINGS:

Offertory	\$4,160,830
Corporate Matches, Bequests & Other Donations	\$707,417
Fundraisers	\$304,373
Total: \$5,172,620	

HERE'S HOW OUR OFFERINGS WERE USED:

These categories include all costs, such as personnel, facility, & materials, as applicable.

School (excluding facility costs)	\$2,362,186
Major Facility Upgrades & Renovation	\$762,662*
Facilities & Grounds	\$575,172
Worship & Sacraments	\$464,358
Evangelization, Discipleship & Formation	\$453,846
Administrative	\$446,224
Missions & Outreach (see details below)	\$355,469
Total: \$5,419,917	

**Excludes the amount spent this year on the construction of Frassati Commons, which was funded by offerings from previous years.*

Use of Reserves: (\$247,297)

SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

MISSIONS & OUTREACH GIVING			
Families in Need (through HELP Committee)	\$263,282	Christians in the Holy Land	\$4,327
Hurricane Helene Relief	\$12,070	Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$4,079
Religious Retirement Fund	\$11,970	Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$3,655
St. Albert the Great Seminary in Nigeria	\$10,814	Catholic Relief Services	\$3,260
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$9,232	Guerin H.S. Paige Schemanske Scholarship Fund	\$1,616
Aid for Los Angeles Fires	\$8,251	Birthright of Cicero	\$701
Propagation of the Faith	\$7,071	Miracle Place	\$575
Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	\$6,918	Water for the Sudan	\$567
World Mission Sunday	\$6,541	Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People	\$541
Total Gifts			\$355,469



Your Gifts Matter

Every prayer offered up, every financial gift given, and every minute volunteered is multiplied by Christ. You have enabled:

✚ Deepening Discipleship

We're investing in our commitment to forming disciples at every age and stage of life through a variety of practical and accessible opportunities and resources that help parishioners grow in faith—both within the parish and at home. One key effort is our *Prayerful Home* initiative - smgonline.org/prayerfulhome - which places free faith-building tools into the hands of families to encourage spiritual growth throughout the week.

✚ Enhanced Safety & Security

We are making significant investments to ensure a safer environment for our school and parish community:

- ✚ **Upgraded Facilities:** We will further improve our campus infrastructure, allowing us to better secure all entrances to the church and school buildings. This will bring our total investment in security upgrades since 2020 to over \$175,000.
- ✚ **Expanded Safety Team:** We're increasing the presence of safety staff and volunteers at Masses to help ensure a calm, watchful, and welcoming environment.
- ✚ **Professional Support:** We are adding paid law enforcement officers to provide an additional layer of protection during school Masses.

"I will indeed bless you and multiply you."
Hebrews 6:14

Priorities in 2025-26

This year, we invite every family and household in our parish to embrace the call to holiness through the theme *"Let's Be Saints."* Through engaging saint stories, meaningful feast-day celebrations, simple family devotions, and conversation starters, we aim to bring faith alive beyond the walls of the church—into your homes and daily routines.

Raising up a new generation of Saints

These tools are designed to support families in nurturing a vibrant spiritual life where discipleship is not just Sunday's focus but a joyful, ongoing journey. We grow our personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, the sacraments, and His Church. By living the call to be saints in everyday moments, we cultivate a stronger, more faithful community united in love, hope, and witness. Become the saint you were born to be!

We recognize that parents are the first and most important catechists in their children's faith journeys. We are deepening our commitment to supporting parents as the primary faith leaders in their homes. We aim to equip parents with the confidence, knowledge, and spiritual tools they need to nurture their children's faith every day. By empowering parents to lead with love and witness, we strengthen the foundation of faith within our families and the wider parish community.

Supporting Parents as the Domestic Church

Let's build a culture where faith is shared, questions are welcomed, and discipleship is a family way of life. Our goal is to help parents grow not only in their children's spiritual formation but in their own ongoing relationship with Christ—so that they can guide their families with wisdom, grace, and joy.

"We can, if we will, become a saint, for God will never refuse to help us to do so."

St. John Vianney

2025-26 Budget Highlights

Weekly Offertory Budget

\$82,000

Increase of 4% over 2024-25 offertory.

Increase in School & Parish Faith Formation Costs

↑\$379,000

*Includes School, Adult & Child Faith Formation,
Youth Ministry, & Sacramental Prep costs.*

Increase in Staff & Teacher Wages

↑\$190,000

We have increased wages & benefits.

Increased Utility Costs

↑\$18,000

*Primarily due to an increase in electricity
and natural gas costs.*

Next Stage of Campus Security & Safety Upgrades

\$35,000

*Door upgrades to assist in preventing
unwanted access in our buildings.*

*Over the next 6 years, we
anticipate major capital
replacement costs will
exceed \$825,000.*

Capital Replacement Reserves

\$410,000

As of June 30, 2025

Projects to be Funded by Capital Replacement Reserves

\$50,000

Between July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Planned Contributions to Capital Replacement Reserves

\$194,000

*Amount of Weekly Offertory from July 1,
2025 - June 30, 2026 set aside for major
future capital replacement projects.*

*"Like good stewards of the
manifold grace of God, serve
one another with whatever gift
each of you has received."*

1 Peter 4:10

THANK YOU
for your continued generosity!



St. Maria Goretti
PRAY FOR US!

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