



*Watertown Catholic*

*SACRED HEART / SAINT PATRICK*

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**Sacred Heart Parish**  
**Annual Financial Report**  
**July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, Fiscal Year 2025**

	Actual Fiscal Year '24 <u>7/1/22-6/30/23</u>	Actual Fiscal Year '25 <u>7/1/23-6/30/24</u>	Budget Fiscal Year '26 <u>7/1/24-6/30/25</u>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>			
Offertory Collections	\$157,394	\$157,128	\$161,065
Grand Annual Collection	19,631	20,594	22,000
Catholic Appeal Rebate	2,302	4,091	4,000
Gifts and Bequests	500	0	0
Sacramental Offerings	18,882	26,285	24,860
Flowers, Bazaar and Other	20,406	21,716	21,000
Donations	7,525	12,376	6,000
Interest	-9,897	471	480
Leases/Eminent Domain sale (FY24)	<u>516,703</u>	<u>499,058</u>	<u>530,400</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$733,446</b>	<b>\$741,719</b>	<b>\$769,805</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Compensation/Benefits (including Clergy)	228,543	240,306	247,110
Pastoral, Liturgical(altar supplies, charitable works & hospitality)	25,876	28,011	28,860
Office, Household and General Expenses	410,089	28,277	25,505
Utilities-Church, Rectory and Pastoral Offices	92,196	91,540	95,110
Maintenance-Church, Rectory and Pastoral Offices	66,545	69,748	64,750
Insurance Expense	84,502	87,236	95,009
Central Ministry Tithe	76,541	81,330	86,520
Interest on Loan		11,268	12,000
Capital Projects	<u>10,050</u>	<u>155,485</u>	<u>114,941</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$994,342</b>	<b>\$793,201</b>	<b>\$769,805</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u>(\$260,896)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$51,482)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**Other Financial Information:**

**Parish Savings** – Is comprised mostly from generous bequests, both restricted and unrestricted. These funds are the only source available to the parish to cover deficits or unforeseen capital needs. The balance as of June 30, 2025 was \$54,054.

**Notes:**

In Fiscal Year 2024, the increase in expenses was mostly due to the \$305,000 Real Estate commission for the new 20 year lease for the school building.

In Fiscal Year 2025, the Capital Projects included a new roof on the school building and repairs to the Church bell tower.



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<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>			
Offertory Collections	\$336,175	\$332,238	\$338,032
Grand Annual Collection	60,658	56,257	60,000
Catholic Appeal Rebate	17,011	15,755	15,800
Gifts and Bequests	24,253	22,821	0
Faith Formation	13,528	15,079	15,000
Sacramental Offerings	56,481	52,605	48,880
Flowers and Other	4,217	5,292	5,200
Donations	38,075	42,410	53,300
Interest	1,071	991	960
Lease	<u>148,950</u>	<u>152,495</u>	<u>156,127</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$700,419</b>	<b>\$695,943</b>	<b>\$693,299</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Compensation/Benefits (including Clergy)	\$269,360	\$220,037	\$218,053
Pastoral, Liturgical(altar supplies,charitable works & hospitality)	59,732	79,358	74,480
Office, Household and General Expenses	26,096	26,801	26,090
Utilities-Church, Rectory and Parish Center	94,436	97,903	96,990
Maintenance-Church, Rectory and Parish Center	108,991	103,144	73,750
Insurance Expense	96,750	99,832	108,062
Central Ministry Tithe	53,895	50,443	55,680
Capital Projects	<u>37,537</u>	<u>10,849</u>	<u>39,944</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$746,797</b>	<b>\$688,367</b>	<b>\$693,049</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u>(\$46,378)</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,576</u></b>	<b><u>\$250</u></b>
<b>Non-operating Income (Welcome Circle)</b>	<b>\$85,068</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>
<b>Non-operating Expenses (Welcome Circle)</b>	<b><u>\$27,544</u></b>	<b><u>\$62,851</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,250</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b><u>\$11,146</u></b>	<b><u>(\$55,275)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

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The fund balance as of June 30, 2025 was \$93,635.

**Finance Council Members:**

Chris Carpenter, Chair  
 Fergal Brennock  
 Laura Farry  
 Jack Loughran  
 Marita Terefenko  
 Jason Wilkins