

Ascension Parish

Stewardship 2026

Dear Friends,

Each November, shortly before Thanksgiving, we make our Annual Stewardship Appeal. This timing is by design, as one of the most important ways we show gratitude to God is by giving back to Him some of the gifts and blessings He has given to us.

Your giving to our parish is not only an act of worship, it is an investment in the faith of tomorrow.

We limit the number of times we ask parishioners for financial support, as we believe the best use of our time—and yours!—is to focus on the messages and ministries that help us and others to know, love, and follow Jesus.

But the reality is that **the impact of potentially life-changing ministries is determined largely by finances.**

Ascension Parish's sole revenue source is the financial giving of our parishioners. For this reason, I am so grateful to every individual and family who makes our ministry possible with their financial giving.

As in years past, I invite every individual and family to **join me in making a Faith Commitment for 2026.** Faith Commitments are non-binding annual pledges to our parish offertory for the coming year. Our offertory funds our clergy, staff, ministries, and all operating expenses.

Your annual Faith Commitment to our parish **helps you practice greater intentionality with your giving** and **helps us plan and budget ministries** that drive parish life.

If God has blessed you over the past year, I encourage you to increase your giving in the year ahead. If circumstances require you to decrease or maintain your giving this year, please know that the amount you give matters less to us than **your commitment to give sacrificially to your parish home.**

Thank you for your giving to our Ascension Parish family!

In Christ,



Ascension Parish Mass Times

Saturdays - 4PM and 7PM (Portuguese) in Maynard
Sundays - 9AM and 11AM in Sudbury

Upcoming Events

Small Group Celebration
Maynard Holiday Parade
Jumpstart Season 8

November 19
December 7
February 3 - March 24



Parish Life



Your parish runs exclusively on the intentional, prayerful, and sacrificial giving of the individuals and families who worship here.

- ◆ ~700 people attending Weekend Masses
- ◆ Close to 300 adults have completed Jumpstart
- ◆ 150+ parishioners in Small Groups
- ◆ New Thrive for Teens Ministry
- ◆ 258 students in Faith Formation
- ◆ 50+ students preparing for Confirmation
- ◆ 40+ students preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- ◆ Two church campuses, home to our worship and ministries

- ◆ 37 parishioners joined our first Parish Pilgrimage to Rome
- ◆ 175 committed volunteer ministers serving in liturgies, welcome teams, music, Jumpstart, Small Groups, Faith Formation, pastoral visiting, bereavement, and more
- ◆ An energized, mission-driven staff of devoted ministry professionals
- ◆ A clergy team that inspires, challenges, and ministers to us all

Knowing Jesus is the greatest gift anyone can receive, and making Him known is our joy.
Your giving allows Ascension to help people:

Know

Jesus through messages, music, and ministries that reveal His truth

Love

Jesus by being met wherever you are on your unique faith journey

Serve

Jesus through stewardship opportunities that align with your gifts and talents



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be.”

-Matthew 6:21



More Info

**Stewardship Weekend
November 15-16, 2025**

Ascension Parish Profit & Loss

| | <u>Actuals</u> | <u>Year to date as of Jun-2025</u> | <u>Budget 2025</u> | <u>Variance \$</u> | <u>Variance %</u> |
|---|----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Total Collections Contributions, | \$673,175 | \$654,000 | \$19,175 | | 3% |
| Bequests & Grants | \$407,310 | \$248,000 | \$159,310 | | 64% |
| Total Revenue - All Other Sources | \$206,290 | \$160,500 | \$45,790 | | 29% |
| Total Income | \$1,286,775 | \$1,062,500 | \$224,275 | | 21% |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Total Lay Salaries & Benefits | \$542,372 | \$507,545 | \$34,827 | | 7% |
| Total Clergy Stipends & Benefits | \$113,290 | \$72,288 | \$41,002 | | 57% |
| Professional Services | \$11,268 | \$11,007 | \$261 | | 2% |
| Total Program Activities | \$3,239 | \$4,250 | -\$1,011 | | -24% |
| Total Office Expense | \$53,558 | \$53,750 | -\$192 | | 0% |
| Total Insurance Expense | \$53,221 | \$46,204 | \$7,017 | | 15% |
| Total Facility/Maintenance Costs | \$212,049 | \$119,942 | \$92,107 | | 77% |
| Total Utility Expense | \$64,829 | \$58,895 | \$5,934 | | 10% |
| Total Travel Expense | \$1,813 | \$0 | \$1,813 | | 0% |
| Total Household | \$14,067 | \$0 | \$14,067 | | 0% |
| Total Central Ministries (RCAB) Expense | \$55,520 | \$55,520 | \$0 | | 0% |
| Total Pastoral / Liturgical | \$138,177 | \$108,650 | \$29,527 | | 27% |
| Other Expenses | \$22,469 | \$24,358 | -\$1,889 | | -8% |
| Total Expense | \$1,285,871 | \$1,062,408 | \$223,463 | | 21% |
| Net Operating Income | \$904 | \$92 | \$812 | | 0% |
| Non-Operating Income | \$12,527 | \$3,000 | \$9,527 | | 318% |
| Capital Acquisition & Improvement | \$56,989 | \$97,000 | -\$40,011 | | -41% |
| Net Non-Operating Income | -\$44,462 | -\$94,000 | \$49,538 | | -124% |
| Net Income | -\$43,558 | -\$93,908 | \$50,350 | | -54% |

Cash & Investment Balances as of June 30, 2025

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Parish Operating Account | \$68,256 |
| Parish Savings Account | \$35,753 |
| Restricted RCAB Revolving Loan (RLF) Acc Unrestricted | \$734,041 |
| RCAB RLF Account | \$555,746 |
| Unrestricted RCAB CD Account | \$635,917 |
| Restricted RCAB Common Investment Fund (CIF) Acc. | \$207,679 |
| Due From St. Bridget Cemetery less Pre Paid Exp. | \$5,876 |
| Total Assets | \$2,243,268 |

Capital Projects Over \$10,000

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|--|----------|
| Phone/Network Rewiring Project | \$14,884 |
| Livestream Infrastructure Upgrade | \$11,909 |
| St. Bridget Church HVAC Repairs and Improvements | \$10,260 |

Explanation for Net Variances > \$10,000

- 1. Total Collections:** Weekly offertory revenue slightly outperformed budget through FY2025. Large gifts exceeded expectations, bolstered by increased outreach efforts to major donors. We are grateful for the generosity of our givers who make our ministry possible.
- 2. Total Lay Salaries & Benefits:** Lay salary/benefit expenses exceeded the budget due to the addition of a needed Communications Coordinator and costs associated with employee turnover.
- 3. Total Clergy Salaries & Benefits:** Clergy expenses increased due to the addition of a full-time priest (Father Eduardo) at the beginning of the year.
- 4. Total Office Expense:** We managed expenses well, which allowed us to absorb a major unplanned expense before Christmas when parts of our audio-visual system were impacted by a power surge and needed to be replaced. In addition, we added to our scheduled queue of marketing mailings, made some strategic investments in software subscriptions to enhance our operations, and experienced a mid-year rate increase from our online-giving payment processor.
- 5. Total Facility/Maintenance Costs:** Major increases in this category were largely due to painting projects (Saint Bridget Church, Our Lady of Fatima Church, and the Rectory/Parish Center) that were initially categorized as capital expenses.
- 6. Total Household:** An error in the budget did not account for the expense. The error will be corrected moving forward.
- 7. Total Pastoral/Liturgical:** These expenses increased due to new outreach events for parishioners and a continued investment in programs like Jumpstart for adults and Catholic Heart Workcamp for teens.

St. Bridget Cemetery Balance Sheet

| | June 30, 2025 | Year to date as of Jun-2025 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | | June 30, 2024 | Period Diff | Period % Variance |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | | | | |
| Checking Accounts | \$87,257 | \$52,923 | \$34,334 | 65% |
| Total Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$87,257 | \$52,923 | \$34,334 | 65% |
| Interest & Dividends Receivable | \$27,329 | \$21,019 | \$6,311 | 30% |
| Due From Related Organizations | (\$5,815) | (\$14,723) | (\$8,906) | (60%) |
| Investments | \$219,674 | \$209,431 | \$10,244 | 5% |
| Total Assets | \$328,445 | \$268,650 | \$59,795 | 22% |
| Liabilities and Net Assets | | | | |
| Net Assets | | | | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$268,650 | \$221,103 | \$47,547 | 22% |
| Current Net Income | \$59,795 | \$47,547 | \$12,248 | 26% |
| Total Net Assets | \$328,445 | \$268,650 | \$59,795 | 22% |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$328,445 | \$268,650 | \$59,795 | 22% |

St. Bridget Cemetery Profit & Loss

| | June 30, 2025 | Year to date as of Jun-2025 | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | June 30, 2024 | Period Diff | Period % Variance |
| Net Income (Loss) | | | | |
| Operating Income (Loss) | | | | |
| Revenue and Other Support | | | | |
| Interest and Dividend Income | | | | |
| Dividend Income | \$8,552 | \$9,426 | (\$873) | (9%) |
| Total Interest and Dividend Income | \$8,552 | \$9,426 | (\$873) | (9%) |
| Cemetery Operations | \$78,250 | \$26,885 | \$51,365 | 191% |
| Other Revenue | \$3,524 | 0 | \$3,523 | 100% |
| Total Revenue and Other Support | \$90,326 | \$36,311 | \$54,015 | 149% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | | | | |
| Lay Salaries | \$2,999 | \$9,805 | (\$6,806) | (69%) |
| Lay Benefits | \$234 | \$705 | (\$516) | (69%) |
| Total Salaries & Benefits | \$3,233 | \$10,555 | (\$7,322) | (69%) |
| Professional Services | | | | |
| Contract Services | \$14,159 | \$2,291 | \$11,867 | 518% |
| Total Professional Services | \$14,159 | \$2,291 | \$11,867 | 518% |
| Office Expense | \$183 | \$32 | 152 | 473% |
| Insurance Expense | 0 | \$3,197 | (\$3,197) | (100%) |
| Facility Expense | | | | |
| Facility/Maintenance Costs | \$28,914 | \$13,050 | \$15,865 | 122% |
| Utilities | \$597 | \$3,627 | (\$3,031) | (84%) |
| Total Facility Expense | \$29,511 | \$16,677 | \$12,834 | 77% |
| Total Expenses | \$47,086 | \$32,752 | \$14,334 | 44% |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$43,240 | \$3,559 | \$39,681 | 1,115% |
| Non Operating Income (loss) | | | | |
| Non Operating Income | | | | |
| Non Operating Gain/Loss on Investments | \$16,555 | \$43,988 | (\$27,433) | (62%) |
| Total Non Operating Income | \$16,555 | \$43,988 | (\$27,433) | (62%) |
| Total Non Operating Income (loss) | \$16,555 | \$43,988 | (\$27,433) | (62%) |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$59,795 | \$47,547 | \$12,248 | 26% |