

# A Pastor's Perspective

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*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

**Annual Reporting for Finances & Properties:** On Monday evening, July 28, the Finance Council will meet to discuss various items, including but not limited to:

- the operating results for the parish, school, and cemetery for the past year (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025);
- a proposed operating budget for the parish, school, and cemetery for the coming year (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026);
- proposed capital projects for the coming year, including the possibility of putting a soccer field and practice track at the St. Mary campus, replacing windows in the hall at St. John Church, paving the parking lot at St. Joseph Church; and
- possible methods to finance these projects.

Once these items have been reviewed and recommended for approval, we will provide you, our parishioners, with financial statements and budgets, as we do every year.

Both Cathy Taft, our Business Coordinator, and I are grateful to the members of the Finance Council for their wisdom, advice, and support. They truly embrace the spirit of biblical stewardship: they offer their time, talent, and treasure for the well-being of the parish. They recognize that the generosity of our parishioners is a gift from God that is to be managed responsibly to meet both our present obligations (that is, recurring as well as unanticipated expenses) and the need to plan for the future so that our parish's resources (spiritual, human, financial, and material) are properly managed and utilized. They do this so that we can fulfill our mission and provide essential ministries (e.g., preaching/teaching the Gospel to parishioners of all ages, celebrating the Sacraments daily, and providing for those in need).

**Exciting Adult Faith Formation Opportunity:** After much discussion and based upon input received during our parish survey and follow-up conversations, our adult faith formation program will be offering an overview of the Catholic faith in a new 20-session course from Ascension Press entitled Foundations of Faith (10 weekly sessions in the fall and 10 weekly sessions in the spring). As with earlier offerings, the course will be offered twice each week – on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The priests and deacons will take turns facilitating these sessions. Based on the Church's Holy Bible (Sacred Scripture) and 2,000 years of magisterial teachings (Sacred Tradition), it is our hope that participants will:

- renew their understanding of the essential truths of our faith;
- discover deeper insights into how those truths are to be lived and celebrated by us; and
- learn how to articulate our faith more easily and confidently to those around us.

For more information, please keep your eyes on the bulletin for a special insert. The cost of the book we will be using over the 20 sessions is \$40. In case of personal need, partial and full scholarships are available to help parishioners defray this cost. I hope that you will be able to set aside the time to renew the foundations of our beautiful Catholic faith that comes to us from our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Peace and blessings,  
Msgr. Andrew Dubois*