

A photograph of a path made of rectangular stepping stones leading through a sun-dappled forest. The path is made of dark, rectangular stones set into a bed of dark mulch. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a bokeh effect of bright, out-of-focus light spots on the path and the surrounding foliage. The trees in the background are lush and green, with some branches visible in the upper left. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

# Jesus, the Way

## 2018 Year at a Glance

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# A Word from Our Pastor

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How do you summarize ANY one year at St. Mikes? In this "Annual Report" you will see only a part of the activity at our parish. With a diverse congregation and a potential 3,000+ families, the offerings have to be many. I am humbled to be pastor of such a vibrant community. In addition to well-established programs/ministries we are constantly learning and experiencing our faith in new ways and finding new avenues to experience Jesus Christ as the Way!

One really important experience through 2018, was the introduction of the "Lakehouse" into the life of our parish. So many ministries are sourced from the Lakehouse: Human Concerns, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Pastoral Care, Parish Community Life, Knights of Columbus, Life Teen and Edge!! And the "Great Room" has lived up to its moniker – it provides a "great" space to just hang out (especially in front of the fireplace during the colder weather).

With this additional resource we can grow ever more in accordance with our Mission Statement – to be the presence of Jesus. And as we close a year that kept reminding us that Jesus is the Way, we continue into the next year seeking to live as a people that knows that He is also the Truth!

*Rev. Daniel O. Brady*

## Our Parish Family



**REGISTERED  
HOUSEHOLDS**  
**2,974**



**INFANT BAPTISM**  
**76**



**FIRST  
COMMUNION**  
**108**



**ADULTS  
& CHILDREN**  
**9925**



**CONFIRMATION**  
**139**



**MARRIAGE**  
**18**

# Serve

## Celebrating Life

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St. Michael Parish serves its people and the community by walking alongside them through all the journeys of life, from birth to eternal rest.



### Columbarium

The Columbarium, a beautiful and prayerful sacred space, provides a final resting place for the deceased. It gives families and friends a peaceful surrounding for reflection and remembrance. A true extension of our parish, the Columbarium is part of our parish's ongoing ministry to serve God's people.



**TOTAL NICHES | 720**

**SOLD NICHES (2018) | 46**

**AVAILABLE NICHES | 319**



### Funeral Meals Ministry

The St. Michael Funeral Meals Ministry creates a beautiful gathering to celebrate a loved one's life and to provide peaceful atmosphere for the grieving families, friends, and extended family and a delicious meal for everyone to share. The receptions are offered without cost to the family.

***You provided so much comfort and peace for our entire family.***



**MINISTRY MEMBERS**  
**150+**



**RECEPTIONS (2018)**  
**28**



**GUESTS SERVED (2018)**  
**3,500**



# Serve

## Volunteer Spotlight

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With its vibrant and active congregation, St. Michael Parish continues to spread the Good News through the dedicated and tireless work of its many volunteers.



**Tim Nelligan**

**Coordinator | Funeral Meals Ministry**

**Served: 2006 - 2018**

*A very positive CRHP Weekend made me very aware again of the Holy Spirit being within me, waiting for me to recognize His presence.*

*It was a wonderful wake-up call.*

It all began one Sunday, when Tim and his wife Helen attended Mass before heading to brunch. Living in Ashland at the time, St. Michael Parish was not the obvious choice, but they found themselves coming back every weekend. They soon became registered members, moved closer, and quickly discovered that they wanted to be more active within the parish.

Tim signed up to participate in a CRHP (Welcome) Weekend, and Helen began serving on the Homebound Ministry. Tim eventually took on a larger role with CRHP and served for many years. During a conversation with Deacon Dave, he was asked to help with the Funeral Meals Ministry.

His unwavering dedication, commitment, and love for the ministry, along with an easy-going and jovial leadership style, were evident at each reception, which every grieving family and their friends needed and appreciated. Tim's generosity of spirit and kindness mirrored that of the many volunteers who make this ministry such a testament to St. Michael Parish's welcoming nature.

***Over the past 10+ years, as the Funeral Meals Ministry has grown, we have gotten better at providing an opportunity for the grieving families and friends a few hours of peace and comfort, along with a full and wonderful reception.***

***Their responses indicate we are successful in achieving our mission.***



# Serve

## Across the Miles

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Along with the yearly pilgrimages to Dos Palais, Haiti, the annual Rummage Sale in September endures as one of Haiti Twinning Ministry's most impactful endeavors, which benefits our sisters and brothers in Haiti and the St. Michael community as a whole.



**Fr. Norvela Garcon**  
**New Pastor**  
**St. Baptiste Parish | Dos Palais | Haiti**  
with Fr. Dan on his first visit to our parish

*"I did not expect to see so much generosity and hospitality, and I want to say again that we are a very blessed community. I will go back and tell my people that you are so good and to keep praying for us. This is the POWER of LOVE!"*



**MONEY RAISED**  
**(Rummage Sale)**  
**\$32,000**

**VOLUNTEERS**  
**(Rummage Sale)**  
**200+**



**PILGRIMAGES**  
**2**



# Serve

## Friends in Need

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provided financial, spiritual, and emotional support to our friends in need. Event highlights: *Beach Night at the Lake House*, former major league baseball coach Rich Donnelly, and the annual Friends of the Poor Walk.



**Friends Helped**  
**289**



**John C. Fricano**  
**Foundation**  
**Grant**  
**\$12,500**



**Walkers / Runners**  
**140**

**Friends of the Poor**  
**Walk**  
**\$18,577**



**Vincentians**  
**33**



**Beach Night**  
**at the Lake House**  
**\$9,000**



**Attended**  
**Coach Rich Donnelly**  
**Talk**  
**140+**



# Serve

## Lending a Hand

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The Knights are extremely active and always helping in so many ways! As in previous years, 2018 was a generous and busy year for St. Michael's Knights of Columbus! They served our parish and the community with their time, talent, and treasure.

St. Michael Knights of Columbus:  
Serve our community  
Grow their faith  
Protect our families  
Build a brotherhood  
Transform the world



31,000  
HOURS OF  
SERVICE



TOP 10 COUNSELS IN  
THE COMMONWEALTH



60  
SICK VISITS



355  
BEREAVED  
VISITS



333  
CATHOLIC MEN



115  
BLOOD  
DONATIONS



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# Serve

## Improving Lives

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"The spiritual support I received and the friends I made helped and sustained me during this challenging time. I will pay it forward."



### Jobs Assistance Ministry

Job seekers benefited from various services, such as weekly workshops, educational and online job resources, résumé review, one-on-one mentoring, mock interviews, career counseling, accountability and networking groups, professional roundtables, pastoral counseling, and more.



**SPEAKERS**  
400



**WEEKLY EVENTS**  
20



**EMPLOYED**  
1,000+



### Boys to Men

The group's community-based approach gives at-risk boys a safe place to get real and talk about the problems that all teenage boys keep inside and a community where they know they are not alone in their feelings.



**BOYS MENTORED**  
**ANNUALLY**  
100+



**MENTORS**  
40



**GRADUATION**  
**RATE**  
99%



**YEARS AT**  
**ST. MICHAEL**  
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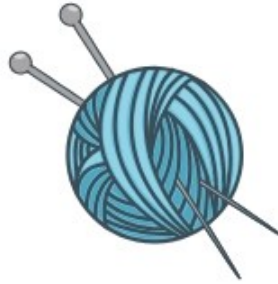
# Serve

## In the Community & Beyond

A few of our parish ministries that serve St. Michael and our neighbors. They provide caring compassion and support to our church and community.



**Meals Ministry**  
Volunteers  
30



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Volunteers | 35  
Shawls Given | 185  
Prayer Squares Given | 295



**Rosary Making Ministry**  
Rosaries Distributed  
3,000



**Our Lady of Hope**  
Masses  
52  
Rosary & Communion  
Services  
50



**Financial Peace University**  
Attended Course  
100



**Coal Pit Learning Center**  
Volunteers | 35  
Lunches Served | 1,375  
Kids Each Week | 25



**Richmond Friends of the Homeless**  
Volunteers | 44  
Lunches Served | 100



# Music

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## Serving Us All

"Music is the international language of mankind." So said Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in the 1800s. The St. Michael Music Ministry can attest to that universal truth in present day, 21st Century Glen Allen VA. The past year brought into sharp focus the truly cosmopolitan make-up of our music-ministry. We continued to grow in numbers (from all over the world) and in faith. We focused on our main purpose of sharing the Good News of the Gospel through song by leading the congregation in worship week after week. We are blessed with a talented group of singers and musicians, and they in turn bless us with their continued commitment to providing musical leadership at St. Mikes."



**2018 CHOIR  
REHEARSALS**

60



**TOTAL MUSICAL  
PRODUCTIONS**

4



**CURRENT  
MEMBERS**

60



**DISTINCT PIECES OF  
MUSIC DURING  
HOLY WEEK**

86



**CD'S RECORDED  
BY CHOIR**

4



**TOTAL  
INSTRUMENTS  
REPRESENTED  
32 AT CHRISTMAS  
AND EASTER**



**NUMBER OF COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED IN CHOIR**

13

Cameroon, France, Germany,  
Hungary, India, Iraq, Nigeria,  
Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico,  
Republic of Congo, Vietnam & USA



# Faith Formation

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## Grow in Faith

Since starting as Director of Faith Formation in July of 2018, I have been witness to the incredible Spirit of joy that permeates from the Mass and into the ministries of Faith Formation at St. Michael. There is never a day that goes by where at least one Faith Formation ministry gathers and proclaims that Jesus is the Truth!



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# Faith Formation

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## Grow in Faith - Preschool and Elementary

"Each one of us, as a disciple of Christ, has a heart that beats in anticipation of knowing Christ with every prayer, small group session, retreat, and gathering. "



We kicked off the year with a Mass Transit challenge. The children were encouraged to have conversations with their families about the Sunday Gospel and then complete Mass Transit cards to share what they learned or noticed at Mass. In October, we hosted a Saint Parade and the kids made shrines about their favorite saints that donned the hallways. Next, they used their creativity and worked hard holding bake sales, holiday pie sales, lemonade/hot chocolate stands, raking leaves, doing extra chores, selling outgrown toys and clothes and more to earn money to purchase mittens, hats and gloves for children in Appalachia. For the 5th year, the children donated over 500 items to our Mitten & Hat Tree Drive.



During Advent, the fifth graders put on our Prayer Service and Play based upon the Huron Indian Tale of Jesus' birth and 50 families joined us for our annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas! In the Spring, families participated in our Family Faith Event and learned about the 7 sacraments of our Church during our open house. Lent was kicked off in our classroom program with an Ash Wednesday prayer service and they participated in another challenge to participate in our "Jesus, our way through Lent" program. This Lenten challenge encouraged the children to make a Lenten sacrifice and use the money saved from that sacrifice to donate alms for our sponsorship of a child through Child Fund and two children through our Haiti Twinning relationship.



The Families finished off the year with three summer family events and the most exciting week at St. Mike, Vacation Bible School which featured a Shipwrecked theme this year (Rescued by Jesus).



### **Listen for the Pitter Patter of Little Feet in the St. Michael Classrooms**

60 Children in Preschool and Kindergarten programs

210 Children in Elementary Classroom Program

100 Children in At Home program

10 Children in RCIA Program



# Faith Formation

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## Grow in Faith - EDGE Youth Ministry

"Whether we dive into a new book on faith or watch a video off the FORMED website, we are investing time and energy into the God that loves us best. Mass will always be the source and summit of all Faith Formation however when we yearn for more, when we desire to come off the summit and try the trails, that is often when we find a new path back to the Source of All Life."  
Sarah Brockwell



This has been a transition year for EDGE as we said farewell to Laura Stapleton and welcomed our new Assoc. Youth Advocate, Peyton Thomasson. Peyton comes to us from the deep south of Mobile, Alabama. As a recent graduate of Auburn University, where she majored in communications, Peyton has felt called by the Lord to pursue a vocation in youth ministry. In college, she spent time as a FOCUS Student Leader, working with small groups of college Catholics, as well as leading bible studies. She also just recently completed a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, which she has described as life-changing, and has attributed to her call and desire to work in ministry. She comes to us with a great fire and hunger for her faith and the desire to pass that faith on to our youth!



Two standout events in 2018 included the EDGE Fall retreat with the theme "Awake O Sleeper." We specifically addressed how God spoke to Joseph of the Old Testament and Joseph of the New Testament through dreams. We were also very excited to receive lots of donations at our Christmas party. There were numerous gift bags decorated and filled with socks, gloves, and scarves for the homeless of Richmond. We gave out over 80 bags at Saint Peter's along with a warm meal. Our EDGE group also continues to collaborate and support other events like the St. Nicholas Breakfast and Give a Parent a Hand Babysitting Night.



113 Youth enrolled in  
EDGE Program

896 Total Pizzas devoured during  
Life Teen and EDGE Nights

170+ Youth on the St. Michael  
campus most every  
Sunday evening

82 youth actively engaged in one  
or more activity or trip over the  
summer months (EDGE and  
Life Teen combined)



# Faith Formation

## Grow in Faith - Life Teen Youth Ministry

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IT'S OFFICIAL!! We moved into our new Home, the Lake House!



The teens love having their own space and are putting it to great use. Here is a recap of our year filled with activity:

In February, we officially moved into the Lake House as both the youth center and youth office finished construction. That very same weekend, our high school and middle school ministries raised a combined \$7,000 to help serve our chosen ministry this year, the Backpack Program in the Appalachian Twinning Ministry. Coupled with high energy events like our participation in the Diocesan Youth Conference and our annual Spring Retreat, our Sunday Life Night series consisted of looking at the Person of Christ and who He truly is, as well as a series on the Paschal Mystery and its importance for the salvation of humankind.



The summer months engaged us in our annual opportunities to serve the less fortunate at Diocesan Work Camp and to grow deeper in faith at a Steubenville Conference, while allowing plenty of opportunity to build new faith-based friendships at the White Water Rafting Retreat, Teen Discipleship Team Retreat, and annual Life Teen campfire social. Teens also spent time raising awareness of how our youth movement has been such an influence in their lives through our annual Youth 365 fundraiser. Teens had messages to share and pictures to show from their Life Teen experiences throughout that weekend. Through the generosity of our parish, nearly \$25,000 was raised to help 'fill the tank' in keeping our youth ministries and their vital outreach to our youth moving forward.



Fall and winter brought a new group of teens to the fold, while others began to carry the mantle of teen discipleship. Our kickoff at Camp Hanover had us on a 'relentless' search for treasure and we engaged in a series called 'The Fake News' as we sought to separate fact from fiction when it comes to overarching misconceptions about the Catholic faith and Jesus Christ. We even helped welcome a special guest, Fr. Dave Dwyer, to our parish during the fall mission—taking up the call to serve as greeters and ushers to help make the mission run smoothly and effectively.



36 Teen Disciples

65 teens coming before the Blessed Sacrament in a Holy Hour on Fall Retreat



# Faith Formation

## Sharing in our Faith Journey

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely. In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6

### First Mass | Fr. John Baab

"I then heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I, I send me.'"

In June, Fr. John Baab, whose family has been Michaelonians for many years, celebrated his first Mass as a priest at the 11:15 AM Mass, with a celebratory reception in the Parish Hall afterward.

He was ordained into the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart by Bishop Barry Knestout.

*Congratulations, Fr. John!*



### The 177 Project

To kick off our Feast Day celebration in September, The 177 Project came to St. Michael as part of its nationwide effort to bring an evening of music, prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration to all 177 dioceses during the course of the fall season.

The event centered around a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a concert with Taylor Tripodi and Tom Young.



### Damien | One-Man Play

Fr. Dan gave a riveting performance of the 1976 play *Father Damien* by Aldyth Morris. This April performance tells the unforgettable story of Father Damien of Molokai, a glowing example of what true courage looks like.

*Thank you, Fr. Dan,  
for bringing to life this beautiful and inspiring story,  
which celebrates the strength  
of one man's faith and devotion.*





# Faith Formation

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## Parish Mission with Fr. Dave Dwyer

For three nights in October, Fr. Dave invited us to encounter and know Jesus through prayer, reflection, community, and laughter. Each mission night started with Fr. Dave answering questions about our faith and God from the gathered faithful.



**Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP**

**Executive Director**  
Busted Halo Ministries

**Host**  
The Busted Halo Show  
with Fr. Dave Dwyer  
(Catholic Channel SiriusXM 129)



**Each evening  
began with  
a simple question:**

*Who is Jesus?*

*Where is Jesus?*

*Why Jesus?*



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# Faith Formation

## Catholic Content at Your Fingertips

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# Fellowship

## Celebrating Together

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We gathered as a parish family at our annual Parish Feast Day Picnic in September. Nothin' Fancy, The Churchmen, Trinity River Band, Garrett Newton Band, Mill Run with Davis Bradley, and the Damien Muller Band made for another season of amazing world-class bluegrass music.



Entertainment included jewelry making, balloon animals, and face painting for the kids, live music and Jonathan the Juggler for the entire family. Our local police and fire were in attendance.

The Knights of Columbus cooked up another wonderful meal for everyone to enjoy.



St. Michael welcomed six bluegrass bands providing a variety of sound that spanned from traditional to contemporary to Bluesy and even a hometown favorite. We were excited to continue growing this wonderful tradition of bringing talented musicians to St. Michael and entertaining our entire community.



# Fellowship

## Lake House Dedication

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Bishop Barry Knestout presided over the 11:15 AM Mass and blessed our new Lake House in June. The Knights of Columbus prepared a delicious picnic for all. The gathered congregation and guests enjoyed both the indoor and outdoor features of our new community center.





# Financials

## Generosity

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"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

**\$4,925**

Gift cards for Backpacks  
for ATM

**\$6,031**

Souper Bowl of Caring  
Donation to ATM

**\$15,770**

Giving Tree Collection

**\$23,649**

365 Envelope  
Collection for Youth

**\$32,129**

Rummage Sale Collection

**\$313,092**

Outreach Funds  
Distributed

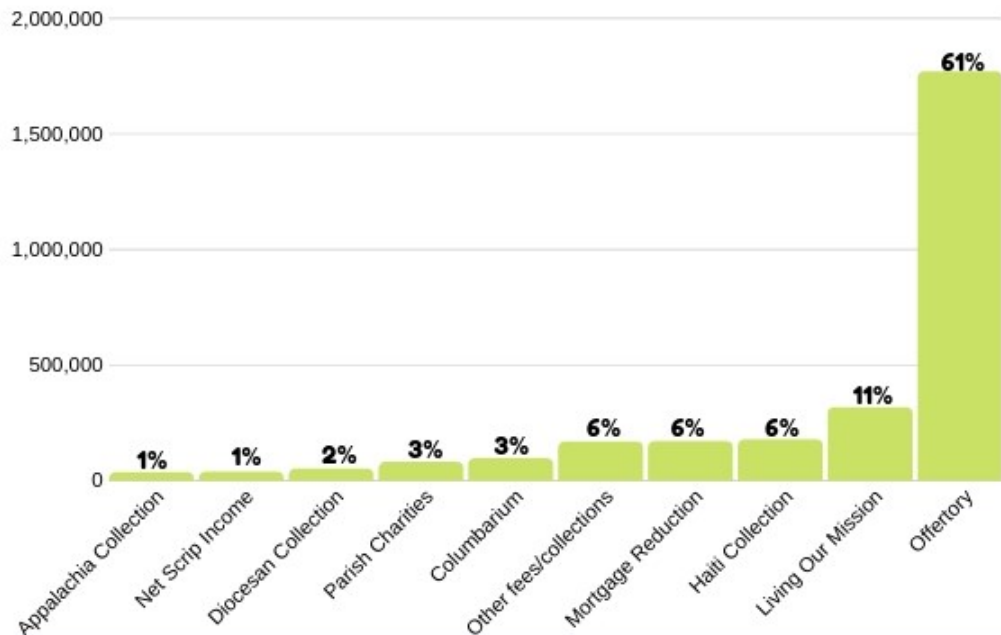
**843**

Total Families Giving More  
Than \$500 Annually



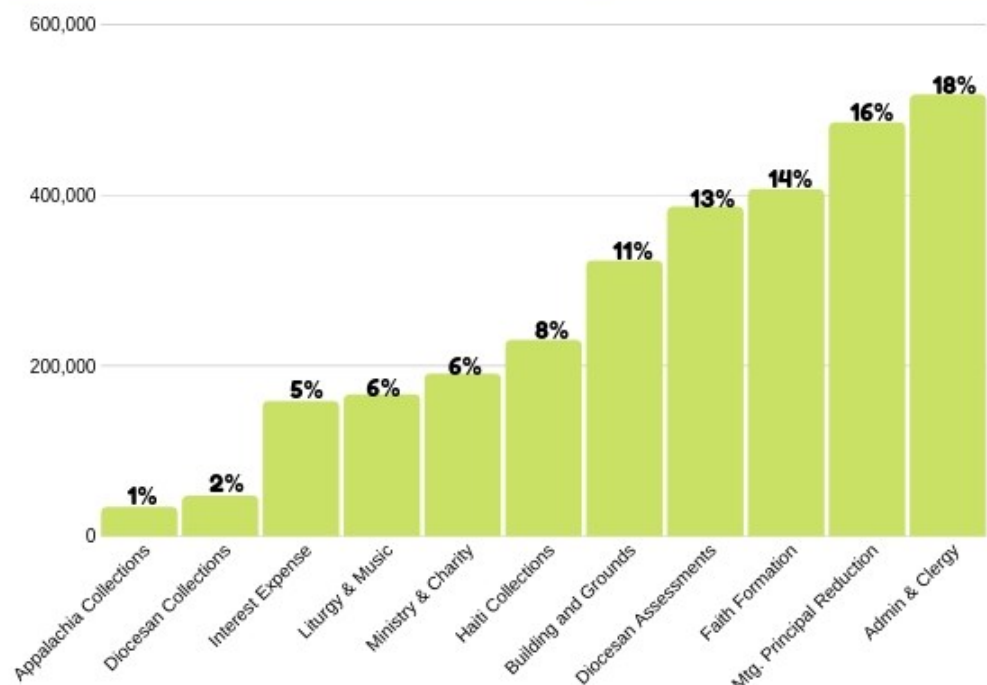
Total Sources

**\$2,886,000**



Total Uses

**\$2,944,000**



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