



Pictured: Our nave in the process of being beautifully renewed with fresh paint, creating a space worthy of worship and prayer.

Impact Report

JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

St. Mary
Catholic Church
Delaware, Ohio

Introduction

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary,

As I begin my first term as pastor of this wonderful parish, I am filled with gratitude to be here with you.

With the **completion of the church painting and plaster restoration**, along with the addition of the **new crucifix**, I am impressed by the beauty of our church. But even more, I am impressed by your faithfulness and commitment to our Catholic faith. Your faith is vibrant, and our many events and activities show how fully you participate in the life of St. Mary Parish.

This annual Impact Report (now our third) is the most thorough I have ever seen in any parish in the diocese. I am so grateful to our parish staff for compiling this report, and to the many ministries and groups who contributed to the statistics it contains.

Praise God for you, the Faithful, whose lives are reflected in these numbers. From Baptism – the beginning of the life of grace – through First Communion, Confirmation, OCIA, and Holy Matrimony, **the Holy Spirit is moving throughout this parish community.**

Our **Parochial School** continues to grow and flourish, and our **Parish School of Religion and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** programs are thriving. Truly, the formation (or the “making of disciples”) is happening right here, right now at St. Mary.

Your stewardship, rooted in your spiritual commitment and life within the parish, shines brightly. Our ministries and groups, our organizations serving those in need, and your financial support all speak of **a parish community that listens to Our Lord, Jesus Christ** and responds with worship and service! You are sharing God's blessings of faith, hope, and love here in our spiritual home, in Delaware, and beyond. I am blessed to be part of this parish community. Thank you for your visible faith, hope, and love reflected in this report. And thanks be to God!

-Fr. Denis S. Kigozi



Our Story So Far

OUR MISSION

As a parish of the Diocese of Columbus, St. Mary Catholic Church exists to lead every soul into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Rooted in prayer, worship, and community, we strive to be faithful stewards of God's many blessings and to share His love in all we do.

This **3rd Annual Impact Report** reflects our ongoing commitment to serve you well and build a vibrant, Christ-centered community. We hope it offers a deeper glimpse into how the Holy Spirit is moving in our parish and how, together, we are answering Christ's call.

OUR PURPOSE

As Catholics, it's easy to stay within the comfort of our familiar circles—where faith feels safe, challenges are few, and the world outside seems distant. We often resist change, avoid discomfort, and hesitate to speak about our beliefs beyond parish walls.

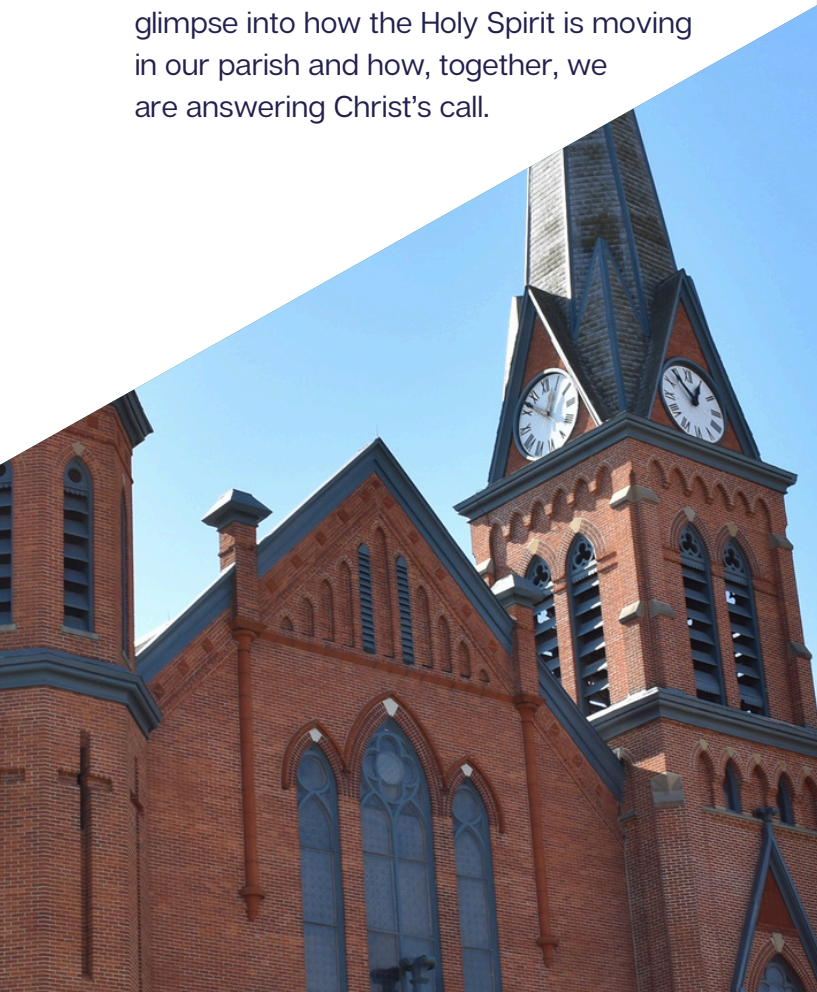
But while it's important to have a spiritual home—a place of refuge and renewal—the true mission of a parish isn't to shelter us from the world, but to prepare us to go back into it as stronger disciples.

A Catholic parish exists not for itself alone, but to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the community around it. Its purpose is to evangelize—to be a light in its specific corner of the world, bringing hope, truth, and salvation to others.

We are called not just to come in, but to be sent out.

**“Be doers of the word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.”**

James 1:22



Our Parishioners

Parish Demographics (as of June 30)

2,038

Total Registered Households

5,777

Total Registered Souls

74

New Household Registrations

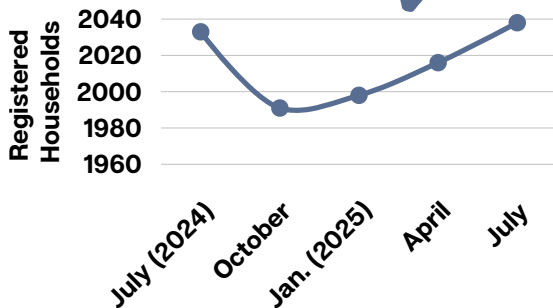
7,596

Social Media Followers

3,055

Newsletter Subscribers

PARISH CENSUS AT WORK:



28% of our households have children



20%

of our parishioners are children



48% Women | 52% Men

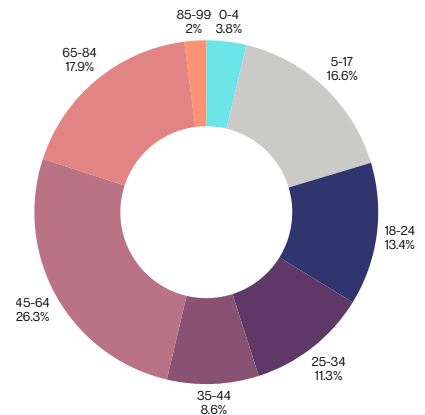
Last summer, we updated our **parish census** to reflect households actively participating at St. Mary. While this caused a temporary dip, by the end of Q4 we had surpassed our previous number of registered households—a wonderful sign of growth in our mission to live and share Christ's love!

2

Parish Office Full-time Staff

6

Parish Office Part-time Staff



Age Range

Our Faith

1244

Average Sunday Mass Attendance

22%

Parishioners Attend Mass on the Weekend

481

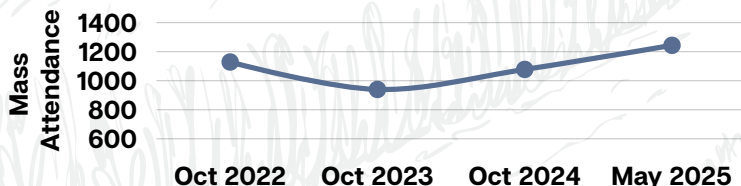
Hours of Adoration

607

Masses Celebrated

1,968

Votive Prayer Candles Burned



168

Hours of Reconciliation

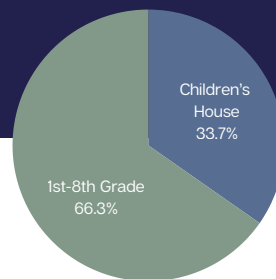
Our School

Demographics



170

Total Students



Our school includes three **Montessori Children's Houses** (or "Classrooms") for Preschool through Kindergarten, as well as a **1st-8th grade** school that is transitioning to a traditional Classical curriculum rooted in Catholicism.

14

Average 1st-8th
Grade Classroom
Size

5:1

Average 1st-8th
Grade Student to
Faculty Ratio

19

Average
Children's House
Classroom Size

9:1

Average Children's
House Student to
Faculty Ratio

42

Total School
Faculty/Staff

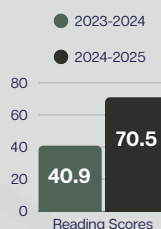
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New Hires

Test Scores

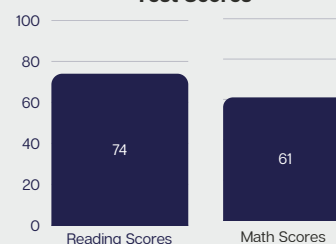
Scores represent percentile ranks
averaged for Q1 and Q2 from
each academic year.

Kindergarten (Children's House) Standardized Median Test Scores (percentile rank average)



Our kindergarteners are
benefitting from the Montessori
curriculum! For many of these
students, this was their second
year in the Children's House,
and **their reading level is
higher than 70.5%** of other
children their age in Ohio.

School-wide Standardized Median Test Scores



Financial Assistance



The **Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund** is a K-12 scholarship granting organization (SGO) of the Diocese of Columbus that capitalizes on a Ohio tax credit where you get to choose where your Ohio tax dollars go!

\$73,189 **41%**

Total Awarded

Students
Received
Assistance

\$1,557

Average
Awarded



Receive a 2025 tax
credit and help our
students!



The **Ohio EdChoice Program**
provides K-12 students scholarship
opportunities based on their
household income level.

82%

Students Received
Assistance

\$4,704

Average
Awarded

Grace Scholarship

The **Grace Scholarship** is managed
by St. Mary Parish through fundraisers
and endowments. It is awarded only
to Preschool and Pre-K Children's
House students.

\$29,550 **\$2,463**

Total Awarded

Average
Awarded

76

Baptisms

59

First Communion
Recipients

49

Confirmed

186

Faith Formation PSR
Students

PSR = Parish School of Religion

15

OCIA
Participants

OCIA = Order of Christian
Initiation of Adults

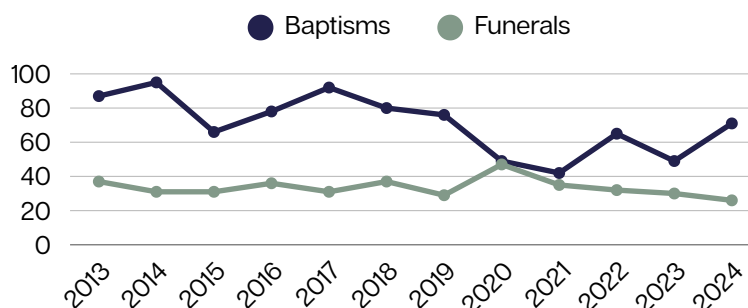
Catechesis

"Catechesis is the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ." (CCC 4)

At St. Mary's, we nurture the whole person, honoring their dignity through holistic education that extends from the classroom to our faith formation programs.

IS OUR PARISH "CRYING OR DYING?"

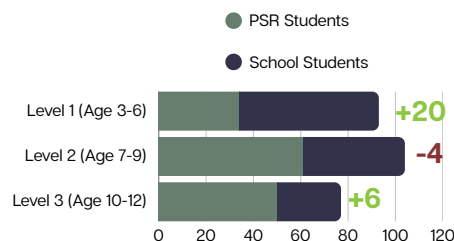
11-Year Baptism vs Funeral Summary



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

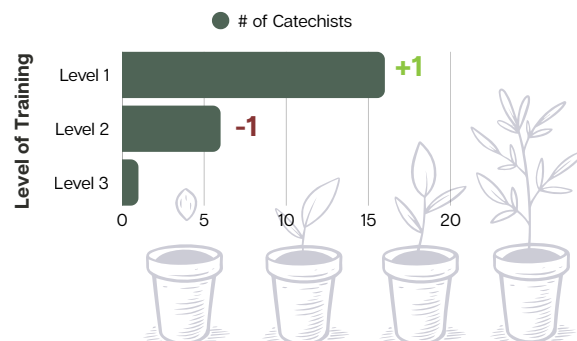
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Catechesis of the Good
Shepherd (CGS) Students



23

Trained CGS Catechists



Training for our CGS Level 1 Catechists requires a minimum of 90 hours with a certified instructor. Each Level requires an additional 90 hours of training.



Youth Deepen Faith and Friendship

Our Youth Group welcomed around **40 students** to social gatherings this year, fostering community and connection. Even more encouraging, **13 of these young people deepened their faith** through consistent participation in small group studies, strengthening their spiritual growth and engagement.

Little Ones, Big Faith



"Through the CGS program at St. Mary, my daughter is encouraged to grow deeper in her spiritual knowledge and to fully understand God's calling on her life. During her time in the Atrium, she uses biblically designed learning materials, reflects on prayer, and broadens her knowledge of The Saints, Church history, and the

Sacraments. I have witnessed the Fruits of her experience at CGS in how it influences her moral decisions toward friendships and helps to guide her in Godly thinking. The "Good Shepard" program has been a cornerstone to her education! I have also been privileged to Aid in a variety of grade - level Atriums and have witnessed first hand students living out what they learn in CGS, truly showing what it means to be The Body of Christ."

- Bethany Majovsky (parent and parishioner)



Baptisms on the Rise

This past year, we experienced a remarkable resurgence in sacramental life, celebrating **more baptisms** than we have in many years—our highest number since before the pandemic. Of these, **69 were children**, a beautiful sign of young families choosing to root their lives in Christ and the Church.

9

Weddings &
Convalidations

34

Funeral Masses &
Services

136

Liturgical
Volunteers

\$227K

Total Charitable
Donations**

**Includes Parish gifts to charity,
Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent
de Paul Society Reports

57

Total Ministry
Fundraisers

Evangelization

"We use the word **evangelization** because its root meaning is 'Gospel' (Good News) and because it calls us, even if it is uncomfortable, to live the faith of our baptism more openly and to share it more freely." (CCC 24)

This year was a powerful testament to what happens when faith becomes action. As a parish, we deepened our commitment to evangelization and answering Christ's call to serve and share His love.

This year, our parish lived out its mission in powerful ways. We hosted 12 more **ministry fundraisers** than last year, creating opportunities for fellowship and strengthening the work of our ministries. Our **liturgical team** grew by 11 new volunteers, enriching the beauty and reverence of our worship.

We also brought back the **9 AM livestream**, connecting homebound parishioners and those afar to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And through **Little Light Ministry**, we expanded outreach to Delaware's First Friday events, with different ministries hosting a St. Mary table each month—shining Christ's light beyond our church walls.

Every milestone reflects our shared call:

to know Christ, love Christ, and bring others to Christ.

St. Mary Ministry Snapshot



\$126K

Raised through
Ministry Fundraisers

St. Mary
Festival

Biggest Annual
Fundraiser

13

Collection
Drives

\$3,600

Average Total
Fundraiser
Funds Raised

Charitable Gifts

\$11,882

Total Sunday
Second
Collection Donations

\$103,408

Parish Financial
Contributions to St.
Vincent de Paul
Society

403

St. Vincent de Paul
Giving Tree Christmas
Gifts for Children



HIGHLIGHTS



More Weddings and New Mentorship

We've seen a joyful rise in weddings at St. Mary since our renovations began. It's a blessing to walk with couples as they embrace the Sacrament of Marriage! This year, we launched a mentorship couple program, pairing married parishioners with the engaged to offer guidance, prayer, and support as they prepare for this sacred commitment.



Growing in Faith and Fellowship

Our parish is alive and growing! From October to May, **Sunday Mass attendance increased by 166 people**, a beautiful sign of renewed engagement. Our Hallowed Hayride returned with pre-COVID numbers, drawing 150–200 attendees, and Parish Council launched **Donut Fellowship Sundays** to strengthen community and hospitality.



Evangelization Works!

This year, **15 adults and children** journeyed through OCIA to be received into the Church—triple the number from last year—each one a powerful witness to the Holy Spirit at work in our parish.



Serving the Hungry and Needy

We hosted **4 food drives**, collecting and donating **over 4,916 pounds of food** to support families experiencing hunger. Through **15 meal trains** for parish families with newborns or recovering from surgery, we provided an average of eight meals per family—a total of 120 meals shared in love and care.

Our outreach extended to the homeless, where parishioners made **over 400 sandwiches** for distribution on New Year's Day. Additionally, **14 parishioners joined Family Promise**, dedicating time and energy to feed and support those experiencing homelessness. Each act of service, whether big or small, reflects our parish's heart for mercy and our shared mission to bring Christ's love to those who hunger and thirst for justice, compassion, and hope.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

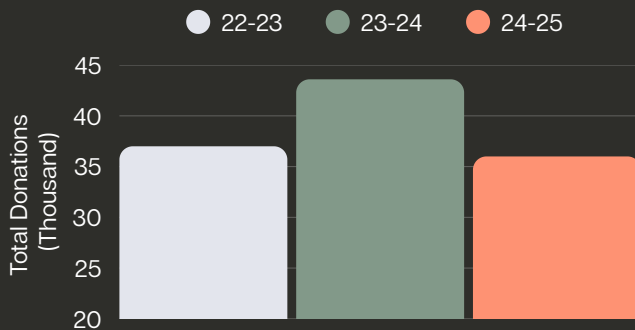
Knights of Columbus Delaware, OH Council 1056 is a proud and faithful men's group promoting Catholic principles within our community and parish for over 100 years. We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

[Learn more](#)



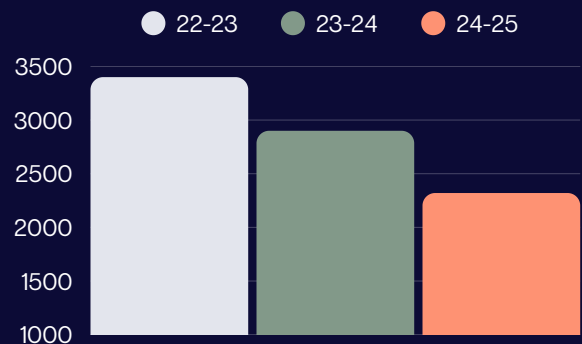
\$ 36K

Total Donations Given



2,320+

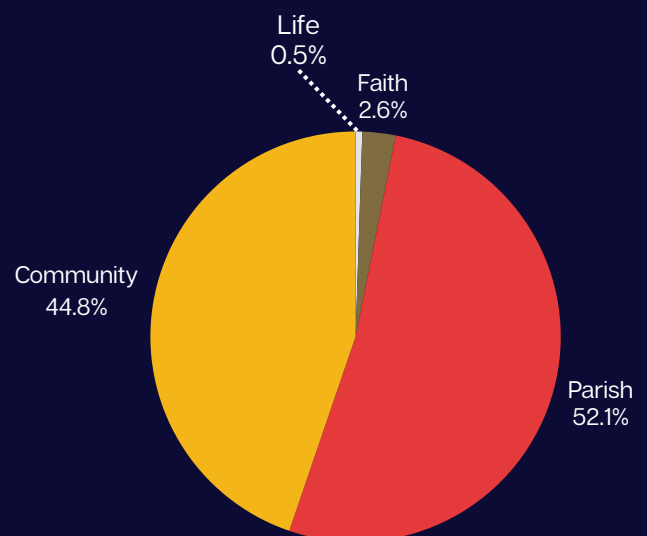
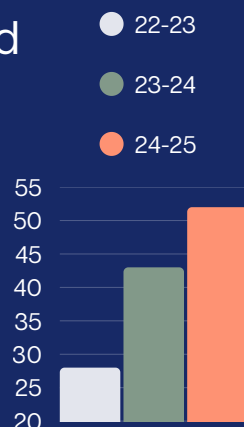
Total Volunteer
Hours



Hosted or Supported

52

Events



Financial Report

July 2024 - June 2025

		Fiscal '24-'25 Actual
PARISH EXPENSES	Clergy Salaries & Benefits	\$78,562
	Parish Salaries & Benefits	\$294,575
	Parish Office Expense	\$100,349
	Liturgical Expense	\$51,894
	Maintenance & Repairs	\$81,755
	Utilities	\$63,217
	Secondary School Support	\$4,530
	Diocesan Assessment	\$127,156
	Rectory Expense	\$7,983
	Depreciation	\$118,301
	Other Parish Expenses	\$12,488
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Religious Education Salaries & Benefits	\$165,286
	Religious Education Expenses	\$60,499
SCHOOL EXPENSES	School Salaries and Benefits	\$1,302,241
	School Office Expense	\$57,002
	School Educational Expense	\$62,531
	School Maintenance & Repair	\$102,607
	Technology Expenses	\$28,512
	Marketing Expenses	\$125
	School Utilities	\$ 75,881

\$2,848,686

Total Expenses

		Fiscal 2024-2025 Actual
PARISH INCOME	Offertory	\$1,469,932
	Bequests	\$270,131
	Parish Activities, Net (Festival + SACC)	\$ 173,965
	Other Parish Income (Specific Ministry Fund Donations)	\$ 50,099
	Appeal 2024 Refund	\$25,666
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME	PSR, Youth Ministry, Adult Education Fees	\$26,840
SCHOOL INCOME	Student Receipts	\$ 743,826
	Net Student Services Activities	\$ 14,368
	Other School Income	\$50,536

\$ 3,133,775

Total Income



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THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS



Receive a
2025 Ohio
tax credit!

\$116,342

2024 Designations
to St. Mary School



The **Emmanuel Road Scholarship Fund** is a scholarship granting organization (SGO) that capitalizes on an Ohio tax credit. **We reached 97% of our 2024 goal of \$120K**, ranking #15th in the Diocese compared to other schools.



The Appeal is an annual campaign supporting diocesan initiatives. Each parish has a goal based on its offertory, and any funds raised beyond that goal are returned to the parish without diocesan fees.



Make your 2025
Appeal Pledge

\$175,942.93

2024 Parish Goal

\$201,549.62

100%

322

Pledges

\$613.61

Average Pledge

\$25,566.69

Returned to the Parish

\$182,627.66

2025 Parish Goal



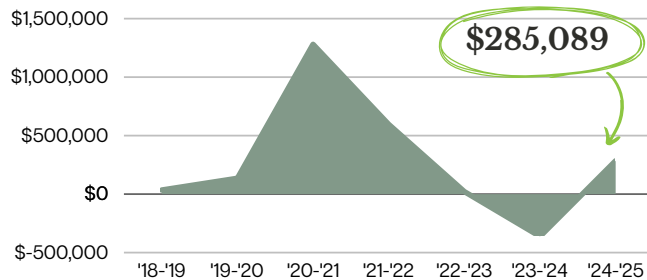
Pledge Goal



Household Participation

We have currently raised **\$170,441** in pledges. Thank you for your generosity!

TOTAL NET INCOME

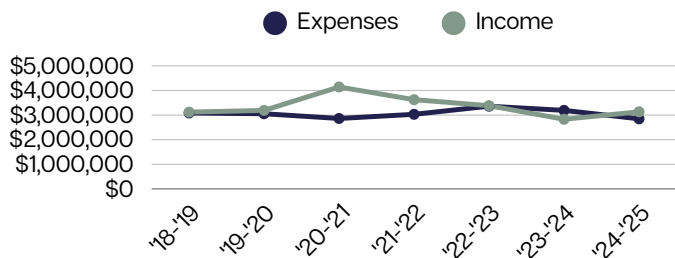


7-Year Financial Summary

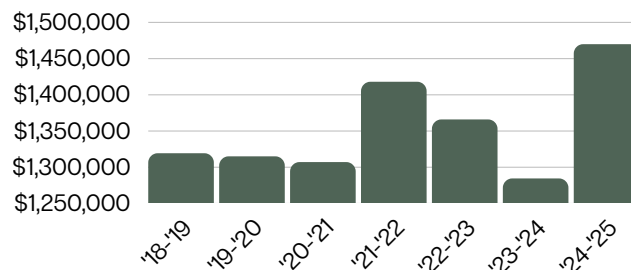
THIS YEAR: we saw our **lowest expenses** in recent history—even lower than during COVID—and our **highest offertory** in over seven years.



TOTAL EXPENSES & INCOME



TOTAL OFFERTORY INCOME



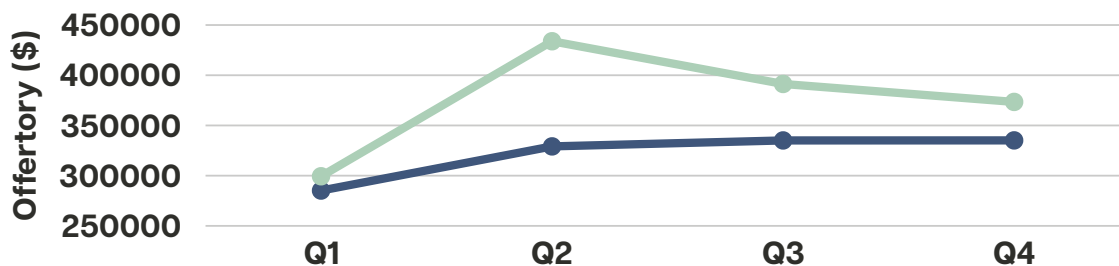
2024-2025 Offertory Increase Goal

Compared to the Offertory in 2023-2024:

- Your offertory was **\$207,242.94** higher than last year,, **doubling our offertory increase goal!**
- 44 more households chose to give.
- The average total household contribution increased by \$50.



● 2023-2024 ● 2024-2025



\$1,726

Average Total Household Contribution to Offertory

811

Total Households Donated to Offertory

49.1%

Households use Online Giving



2025 Offertory Campaign

We launched an annual **Offertory Drive** in October 2024, asking every parishioner to prayerfully consider how much they give to the Church and to other charities each year. To participate in our 2026 campaign, please scan the QR code or go to: www.delawarestmary.org/offertory.

Make your 2026 Offertory Pledge

\$533,622

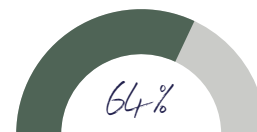
Total 2025 Offertory Pledged

\$3,356

Average 2025 Offertory Pledge by Household

159

Households Pledged










Percentage of Offertory Pledges Paid

Our Buildings

St. Mary Parish includes many historic buildings, all originally built between 1886 and 1948. Our beautiful historic buildings require a lot of attention and care! We have done the following to continue addressing these concerns:

- Received regular guidance and assistance from our dedicated **Building & Maintenance Committee**
- Set aside **10% of offertory** gifts toward deferred maintenance

St. Mary Catholic Church's campus includes the following historic buildings and property:

-  Church (built in 1886)
-  Parish Office (1886)
-  School (1925, 1955, 2005)
-  23 Union/Atrium (1875)
-  Kavanagh Hall (1948)
-  Rectory (1900)
-  Cemetery (1857)



Completed Church Maintenance

COMPONENT	DETAILS	ESTIMATED COST
✓ Church Renovations (Phase 1)	Plaster and Paint Repair in the sanctuary.	\$150,000
✓ Front Doors	Sanded and refinished the wooden doors in the front of the church.	FREE
✓ Concrete Repair	Concrete stairs and guard rails in front of the church and the walkway through the ramp door were repaired.	\$8,841.15
✓ Blower Motor Replacement		\$4,950
✓ Clock & Bells	Regular repairs and maintenance on our clock and the bells in the tower.	\$1,395

In-Progress & Upcoming Church Maintenance

(as of June 30)

- **Nave & Choir Loft Painting and Plaster Repair** (completed August 2025) - \$215,814
- **Stations of the Cross Restoration** (completed August 2025) - \$7,200
- **Crucifix** (completed August 2025) - \$22,400
- **Updated LED lighting** (completed August 2025) - \$4,499
- **New Sound System** (in-progress) - \$15,000
- **HVAC condenser** (in-progress) - estimated \$175,000
- **Foundation Tuck Pointing** (in-progress) - estimated \$26,000
- Floors & Pews Replacement
- Basement Doors
- Roof Replacement
- Water Heaters
- Asphalt Pavement



Completed Cemetery Maintenance

COMPONENT	DETAILS	ESTIMATED COST
✓ Cemetery Landscaping	Landscaping and ground hog hole repair around the central cross monument	\$3,000



Completed School Maintenance

COMPONENT	DETAILS	ESTIMATED COST
✓ Boiler Repair	Repaired the broken boiler.	\$3,085
✓ Alarm Repair	School Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector Repair.	\$678
✓ Alarm Replacement	Replaced a smoke detector.	\$505
✓ Drinking Fountain Repair	Repaired one of the drinking water fountains.	\$514
✓ Paint and Plaster Repair	Volunteers painted & repaired plaster on the 3rd floor classrooms and hallway of the school	FREE

Upcoming School Maintenance

(as of June 30)

- **Gym Bleacher Repair/Replacement**
(completed July 2025) - \$4,094
- HVAC Replacement (2 units)
- Kitchen Pipe Replacement
- Brick tuck-pointing



Completed Kavanagh Hall Maintenance

COMPONENT	DETAILS	ESTIMATED COST
✓ Electric Panel	Replaced the electric panel in the basement.	\$6,200
✓ Porch & Balcony	Reconstructed the porch and balcony with stairs on the backside of the building.	\$10,000
✓ Boiler	Replaced the broken boiler.	\$22,750



Completed Parish Office Maintenance

COMPONENT	DETAILS	ESTIMATED COST
✓ Blower Motor	Replaced the broken motor in the air system blower.	\$2,045
✓ Elevator	Repaired the elevator doors.	\$4,250
✓ Fire Alarm	Replaced the broken alarm panel.	\$3,740

Upcoming Misc. Maintenance

(as of June 30)

- **Parish Office Elevator** (in-progress) - estimated \$9,000
- Parish Office Roof
- Gutter Repair for 23 Union
- HVAC for Rectory and Parish Office

Intentional Stewardship

"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves **a cheerful giver.**" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS A BLESSING FROM GOD.

We are each made in the image of God. **Stewardship is an invitation** to develop our relationship with Him and with each other. Today, we humbly open our hearts and begin to build a life we were made for.

God is calling us to be intentional stewards through:

1 Prayer

Begin each day with a prayer of gratitude.

2 Participation

Engage more joyfully in the life of the Church.

3 Generosity

Use this giving guide on the right to help reveal how God is calling you to share your treasure.



BEST PRACTICES

- Create and maintain a household budget
- Prayerfully plan your giving annually
- Use our parish's online giving system. You can make a donation or update your weekly gift by scanning this QR code with your smartphone:



If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

YOUR PERSONALIZED GIVING GUIDE

Monthly Giving to St. Mary's

Yearly Income	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%
\$20,000	\$16	\$50	\$83	\$116	\$166
\$30,000	\$25	\$75	\$125	\$175	\$250
\$40,000	\$33	\$100	\$167	\$233	\$333
\$50,000	\$42	\$125	\$208	\$291	\$416
\$60,000	\$51	\$150	\$250	\$349	\$499
\$70,000	\$60	\$175	\$292	\$407	\$582
\$80,000	\$69	\$200	\$334	\$465	\$665
\$90,000	\$78	\$225	\$376	\$523	\$748
\$100,000	\$87	\$250	\$418	\$581	\$831

Gratitude and Growth

Help Us Strengthen Our Parish

Please prayerfully consider an increased gift and help us keep our parish strong in faith and service.

Your generosity has brought us this far—and it is making a difference every day in the life of our parish. To continue caring for our parish home, meeting essential needs, and serving others as Christ calls us to do, we need to increase our offertory by **\$73,000 this year.**

Every gift matters. Please **prayerfully consider an increase in your regular giving** so that together, we can keep St. Mary strong for generations to come.

+6000

+5000

+4000

+3000

+2000

+1000

+0

+\$100 per month
from 20 families

+\$50 per month
from 40 families

+\$25 per month
from 80 families

Increased Monthly
Offertory

2025-2026 Offertory Goal

*Commit to an
increased
gift*



Acknowledgements

Fr. Denis Kigozi and the entire parish staff would like to acknowledge and thank the people who worked tirelessly over the past year to support our parish community.

While we cannot name everyone who has made our parish mission possible, we would like to mention a few specific souls who helped make our renovation efforts possible:

- **Fr. Pat Toner**, who wholeheartedly led our parish as our administrator over the past year
- **Our Building & Maintenance Committee Members:** Rita Brumley (chair), Keith Adams, Kyle Adams, Joe Boggioni, Andy Kastle, Joe Miller, Anne Reames, Brayden Steller, Kristin Story, Steve Thieken, Scott Lewis
- **Joe Miller**, who sanded and refinished the front doors of our church
- **Doug Galuzny, Jason Murray, and Erick Stockman**, who volunteered their expertise and time to install new electric and audio throughout the church alongside our MENTorship program
- **Adam Bergstedt**, for his dedication leading the St. Mary Festival efforts
- **Conroy Coatings and Restoration**, for their generosity aiding our restoration efforts
- **Matt Dehn**, who volunteered much of his time toward landscaping and construction needs across our campus
- **Melinda Jones**, who helped retouch and paint many of our statues
- **School Renovation Volunteers:** Keith Adams, Dan Bouhall, and Randy Wangner
- **Pat Getha**, who assisted with refinishing the Stations of the Cross
- **Joe Boggioni**, who gently dismantled our confessional for safekeeping
- **All who assisted in the organ removal**

We would also like to thank **every parishioner who donated to our Offertory Fund** in 2024-2025. Your contributions make all of our work possible thanks to your ongoing, critical support.

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If you have any questions regarding this Impact Report, please reach out to our Director of Communications & Development, Kristin Story, at kstory@delawarestmary.org.



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