



ANNUAL REPORT • INFORME ANUAL

September 22, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this time, I present to you the St. Anne Catholic Community 2024-2025 Annual Report. This is a good time to reflect on all that has happened this past year and to envision what we hope to achieve in the future.

This past year was busy, and we expect to be even busier this year. Mass attendance has continued to increase at all Masses. We celebrated 129 infant/children Baptisms and 3 Professions of Faith. 9 children and 38 adults completed the Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA), receiving Baptism (or Profession of Faith), Confirmation, and Eucharist. 80 children received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. 92 youth and adults received Confirmation. 43 Marriages were celebrated. We continue to hold in our hearts the 35 members of our community whose funerals were held here in the last year.

Most notably, we began celebrating our 100-year anniversary in January 2025. Our 100 Years of Grace is an important milestone, and it is important that we highlight this momentous achievement. We began our celebratory year with a Centennial Mass to honor our Basilian Fathers heritage the weekend of January 11-12, 2025. We were honored to have many Basilian Fathers travel to St. Anne to concelebrate Mass with us. Receptions followed all Masses, and we debuted a video (the first in a series) that highlights our parish community. We celebrated the Feast of St. Anne on July 26, with a Mass concelebrated with many Basilian Fathers from near and far, followed by an ice cream social and the debut of the second video in our series. We look forward to continuing to celebrate our centennial anniversary with a Picnic, Vintage Values, Plant Sale, and Raffle in October, followed by Homecoming Masses in November to honor our Ministries and those who have received Sacraments at St. Anne. We hope to see you there!

We are blessed to be an active parish. It is good to see our ministries and volunteers enjoying working together and participating in parish-wide events. The Ministry Fair held last August received an out-pouring of support, and we were excited to welcome new ministries, such as Walking with Purpose, Seasons of Hope, That Man is You, and the Welcoming Ministry. Bingo Loco has also been a big hit and a lot of fun! In December, the Hispanic Ministries held a tamale sale and welcomed volunteers who wanted to learn how to make tamales to help prepare them in our Parish Center kitchen. Towards the end of February, the St. Anne School students and staff arranged a beautiful ceremony for the dedication of the Fr. Jay Prayer Garden, an open-air rosary chapel located between the Basilian Building and the Parish Center. It is a beautiful place to sit and meditate as you recite the rosary. Fr. Jay would be very moved to have this chapel built in his honor. During Lent, the Boy Scouts hosted a Fish Fry, we welcomed the return of the Crawfish Boil, and we held a Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup dinner, with recipes provided by Joan O'Leary and Mark Thomas. Our Hispanic community continues to bring richness and depth to our celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pastorela, Procesión de la Virgen Dolores, and Via Crucis. Our Hispanic community and our non-Hispanic community continue to work together and share involvement throughout our parish activities and events. Our parish is rich in diversity, and it is good to see us come together and strengthen our parish community. We are truly blessed.

St. Anne remained fiscally sound in 2024-2025. Offertory gifts are our number one source of funding. It is this giving that allows St. Anne to fund our liturgical, worship, and pastoral expenses, support our educational, spiritual, sacramental ministries, and maintenance of our campus. We continue to be humble custodians of our finances, and we are grateful for the ongoing support by our parishioners that has sustained our ministries and allows us to care for each other. However, while we are fiscally sound, we again fell short of our revenue goals for the parish. Please prayerfully consider whether you can increase your weekly and annual giving to help us support the needs of our active and growing parish.

While offertory gifts increased 2.3% last year, our operating costs increased by 11.5%. These cost increases are driven by inflation. To offset these increases, it was necessary to reduce other costs, such as parish administration and worship and ministry support. While we have been able to balance our budget and reduce our costs for the past few years, it is becoming difficult to support a return to a robust parish life and increased ministry activities.

St. Anne Catholic Community is blessed in that Mass attendance has increased and we continue to welcome newly registered families and individuals. However, the number of families contributing to our Parish has not followed the same upward track. I ask for a renewed focus on contributing to the Parish to support our worship, ministry, and administrative staff. We have felt the effects of inflation for the past 7 years and have tightened our spending accordingly. Going forward, we need your contributions to manage our budget.

We would like to extend a special thanks to all who have joined in online giving through Faith Direct. If you have not yet enrolled in Faith Direct, please consider doing so. Online giving saves St. Anne money by eliminating expenditures on postage and envelopes. It also allows our business administration to better plan and budget. Please note, Faith Direct will be moving donations over to ParishSoft Online Giving, which is the platform and database our parish already uses. This is expected to be a smooth transition, without you needing to do anything. We will share more information with you about this in the coming weeks.

To conclude, I am humbled by all that has happened this past fiscal year. We are fiscally sound, yet we are still below where we should be, with offertory having just barely surpassed where we were before the COVID-19 pandemic. I am thankful to our administration and staff for their dedication, hard work and flexibility. I am grateful to the Pastoral and Finance Councils for their knowledgeable, steadfast guidance, to the Steering Committee, as well as our ministry leaders and many dedicated volunteers. I thank our parishioners, whose support allows us to fulfill our mission *to follow the example of Christ and witness His living presence as we welcome in love and respect all who walk on our journey of faith.*

Yours in Christ,

Rev. David J. Zapalac, CSB

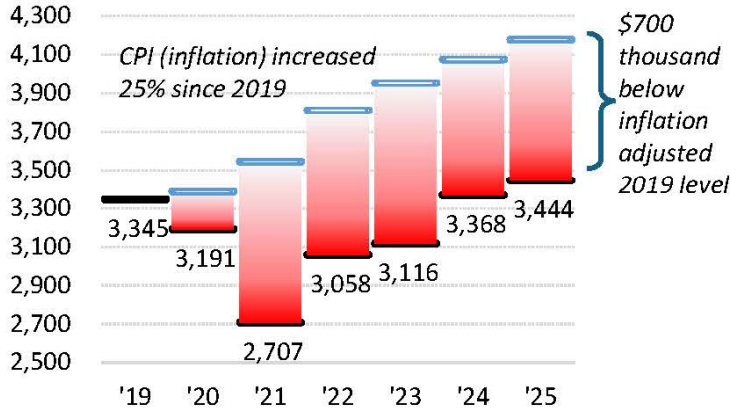


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*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10*

ANNUAL GIVING HISTORY (2019-current)

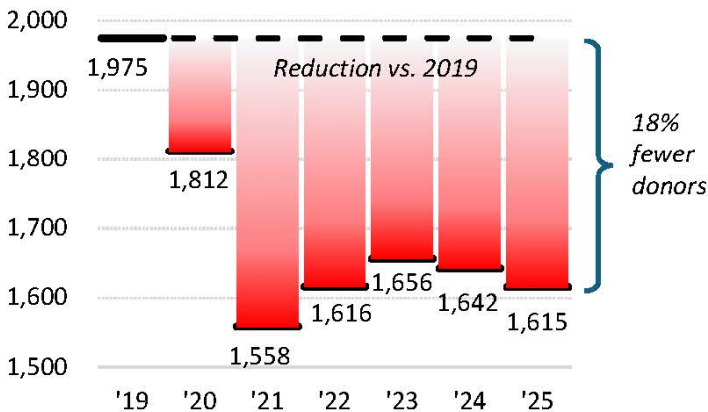
Offertory (\$000)



Parish Offertory at a Glance

- **Offertory = 93% of parish funding** in 2025
- After COVID: the offertory fell **\$640,000**
- Today: the offertory is only **3% above 2019**, but **inflation is up 25%**
- That leaves a **\$700,000 gap** between actual and inflation-adjusted giving
- Parish staff already cut **\$660,000 in expenses** (see table below)
- However, without growth, **further cuts to parish programs may be necessary to maintain a balanced budget**

Number of donors giving \$100+/year



The Opportunity

- **Mass attendance is growing**, but **fewer are giving** than before COVID.
- Nevertheless, if everyone increased giving by just **\$5 per week**, we could increase the annual offertory by **\$400,000**
- Additional giving could be used to:
 - offset COVID staffing cuts
 - increase security
 - maintain/increase support for ministries

Together, even a small increase in giving can strengthen our parish, protect our ministries, and ensure a vibrant future for our community.

TWO-YEAR COMPARISON (\$ THOUSANDS) – most recent year vs 2019 adjusted for inflation

	Jun-25	Jun-19 <i>CPI adjusted</i>	Change	% Change
Sources				
Offertory	3,444	4,176	(732)	-18%
Other (interest, religious ed, etc.)	384	312	72	23%
Total	3,828	4,488	(660)	-15%
Uses				
Operations & maintenance expenses	1,238	1,312	(74)	-6%
Worship & ministry support	1,167	1,380	(213)	-15%
Parish administration	726	928	(202)	-22%
Reserve contributions	408	438	(30)	-7%
Diocesan contributions	289	430	(141)	-33%
Total	3,828	4,488	(660)	-15%

Please prayerfully consider increasing your contributions to the offertory so that our parish may continue to thrive.