Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church

2025 - 2026 Annual Report



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Dear Parishioners,

Since my arrival at St. Anthony Church, last June 30th, I continue to be impressed by the wonderful spirit of our parishioners. You really love St. Anthony's! I am also thankful for the dedication of our parish staff, and the generosity of our many volunteers. Everything from your spirit of prayer to your "spirit" at bingo, shows your love and care as a worshipping community, and is a great blessing for everyone!

Regarding the church's sound system, we have recently contracted with Cote Acoustical Consulting LLC, to conduct a thorough acoustical evaluation of our worship space. At a minimum, we anticipate the installation of a new speaker system to address the overall sound quality. Additional measures such a sound absorbing acoustical panels are also being considered.

Progress on the elevator continues. We met with Chris Kelly, Archdiocesan Director of Properties and Assets, who has approved the overall project. The bids are almost complete. Soon the Building Committee will meet to go over the plans, and then the project will go to the Finance Council for review. Stay tuned.

The annual report highlights our parish's needs, accomplishments, and goals. None of what we do would be possible without the generous contributions of time, talent, and financial support from all of you. Together, we make our parish a vibrant and welcoming community.

Enclosed in this packet is the financial report, information on the Archbishop's Annual Collection, sacramental statistics, a list of ministries, highlights from the last fiscal year, parish improvements, and our goals for 2026-2027.

As we continue on St. Anthony's mission of sharing the Good News, let us pray for one another. May you find peace and strength in Him, and may the Holy Spirit guide your steps each day. May God bless you!

In Him,

Rev. John Dietrich
Pastor

St. Anthony Church
Volunteer Opportunities

- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Baptismal Preparation
- Bereavement Ministry
- Bingo
- Collection Counters
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Finance Council
- Fundraising Committee
- Funeral Mass/Lazarus Committee
- Gardening
- Hospitality/Baking Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- Ladies Guild
- Light Church Cleaning
- Liturgical Music – Adult Choir
- Parish Giving Tree
- Parish Photographers/Videographers
- Pastoral Council
- Prayer Line
- Pro-Life Society
- Readers
- Rosary Society
- Sacristans
- Seasonal Decorators
- Stewardship Committee
- Ushers and Greeters
- Welcoming Committee/Faith and Friendship
- Youth Faith Formation and Catechists

A Few Highlights from 2025-2026!

The carnival was a success thanks to the **Fundraising Committee** and the dozens of volunteers!

Parish Photographer – We had a beautiful book put together for Fr. Gregory, capturing the 9 plus years that he was our pastor.

Our **videographers** did a beautiful job on a video that ran on our website for several months.

We hear many compliments about new parishioners feeling welcome at St. Anthony Church. Join the **Greeters/Ushers, or Welcoming Committee/Faith and Friendship,** and be one of the smiling faces that greets people.

Bingo – the largest of all groups! This dedicated bunch, works in selling bingo cards, calling numbers, helping with set-up, or working in the kitchen. Bingo is a vital fundraiser for our parish, directly supporting our operating costs. Last fiscal year, Bingo games, sealed tickets, and concessions raised a net of over $185,000.00. Join this group today! No experience is necessary, just a willingness to serve and a spirit of community.

Everyone has a
God given talent!

Share yours today!

Saint Anthony Church
2025-2026 Financial Report

Cash Accounts

Operating Funds	15,061
Ladies Guild	1,601
Special Bingo Account	7,958
Bingo-Sealed Tickets	3,303
Raffle	18,100
Stipend Account	3,045
Savings	495,766
Reserve for Cathedraticum	121,350
CD	105,640
Money Market	219,895
Total Unrestricted Cash	**$ 991,718**

Restricted Funds

Hope Ministry	65,784
Parish Hall Refurbishing/Improvements	98,574
Total Restricted Cash	**$ 164,358**

Total Church Cash **$ 1,156,076**

Parish Statistics

	Jun-26	Jun-25
Adults	2,779	2,671
Children	507	441
Families	1,188	1,274
October Count	566	690

Trends 2021-2026

	Total Offertory	Savings
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026	$ 403,017	$ 991,718
2024-2025	$ 393,003	$ 408,508
2023-2024	391,226	342,564
2022	385,978	284,269
2021	391,508	293,818

Notable Numbers

July 25-Jun 26 Avg. Weekly & Online Offertory	7,201
July 24-Jun 25 Avg. Weekly & Online Offertory	7,067
Mortgage Balance is zero - PAID OFF!	-

2026 - 2027 Goals

To continue our growth in attendance at the celebration of Mass, in our youth formation program, sacraments, in volunteering, and events. We are blessed to continue to be a strong faith community!

AND TO BREAK GROUND FOR AN ELEVATOR!

Saint Anthony Church
2025-2026 Financial Report & 2026-2027 Budget

	2025-2026	2024-2025		2026-2027
Income	**Actual**	**Actual**	**Variable**	**Budget**
Weekly Offertory	262,174	266,125	(3,951)	281,000
Online Regular Collection	112,275	101,364	10,911	115,000
Holy Days	28,568	25,514	3,054	32,000
Interest & Dividends	11,737	18,650	(6,913)	12,000
Cell Tower Rental Income	46,448	45,096	1,352	47,700
Other Rental Income	1,076	1,370	(294)	1,400
Stole Fees (baptisms, weddings & funerals)	11,225	14,135	(2,910)	13,150
Gifts, Donations and Bequests	576,414	23,663	552,751	320,000
Votive Candles	8,924	9,103	(179)	8,500
Seasonal Flowers	4,566	4,353	213	4,600
Church Hall Repairs	0	7,440	(7,440)	-
Improvements and Maintenance	42,356	18,631	23,725	-
Bingo (net profit)	185,295	185,665	(370)	170,000
Program & Events Revenues	58,629	37,799	20,830	28,450
Religious Education Fees	14,269	15,729	(1,460)	11,695
ERCT Credits	0	8,852	(8,852)	-
Bulletin Advertising	0	766	(766)	800
Total Income	**1,363,956**	**$ 784,255**	**579,701**	**$ 1,046,295**
Expenses				
Salaries & Payroll Taxes	290,557	286,910	3,647	296,253
Employee Benefits	92,866	76,483	16,383	107,404
Contracted Labor	52,707	40,995	11,712	52,910
Utilities	70,165	60,147	10,018	71,938
Property & Casualty Insurance	30,556	25,527	5,029	29,100
Maintenance, Repairs, Supplies	23,630	58,375	(34,745)	20,765
Rectory Operating Expense	6,324	5,699	625	7,400
Office & Administrative Expense	14,142	13,149	993	13,854
Interest Expense	1,412	2,683	(1,271)	-
Sacramental & Liturgy	17,312	17,134	178	17,450
Religious Education Program	6,093	7,152	(1,059)	5,125
Charity & Gifts	15,791	6,143	9,648	15,730
Events & Socials	48,809	17,560	31,249	18,300
Professional Fees	8,813	6,598	2,215	8,280
Publications & Memberships	4,904	4,579	325	5,000
Cathedraticum	122,256	34,428	87,828	69,780
Catholic School Assessments	250	250	-	250
Total Expenses	**806,587**	**$ 663,812**	**$ 142,775**	**$ 739,539**
Net Income	**557,369**	**$ 120,443**	**$ 436,926**	**$ 306,756**



2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Saint Anthony Parish in Prospect with a goal of $60,000.00, had 239 families/households pledge $54,007.75 which is an average pledge of $228.48 per family or household. 22% of our families responded to the appeal meeting 91% of our goal.

Sacraments

The official Seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church are rooted in two things:

- The life and ministry of Jesus Christ
- The Tradition of the Catholic Church; the Church's wisdom, teaching, and practice handed down through the ages under the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Sacramental Statistics for St. Anthony Church – 2025

Baptisms – 12
First Holy Communions – 23
Confirmations – 15
Marriages – 6
Deaths– 24