SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLE



2025-2026

YEAR IN REVIEW



"I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge."
1 Corinthians 1:4-5

LOOKING BACK WITH GRATITUDE
JULY 1, 2025-JUNE 30, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you look through this Year in Review, I hope you will not simply see what our parish has accomplished. I hope you will recognize what God has accomplished through your generosity and faithfulness. Every life changed, every prayer offered, every child baptized, every soul welcomed home, and every ministry strengthened is a reminder that God continues to do remarkable things in our parish.

Thank you for believing in the mission of St. Paul the Apostle Parish to call, form, and send disciples of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to building God's Kingdom here in Westerville. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor, and I look forward with great hope to all that the Lord has in store for us in the year ahead. May God continue to bless you and your family.

IN CHRIST,

Fr. Jonathan Wilson

FR. JONATHAN F. WILSON

CALLING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

Meeting people where they are and inviting them into a real encounter with Jesus Christ.

† Our OCIA program is seeing record numbers of people seeking to become Catholic. At the Easter Vigil, we rejoiced in welcoming **68 new members into the Church**, a powerful sign of the Lord's work among us. That growth continues, with **more than 100 people currently preparing to enter the Church in the coming year**.

† Our Come to Me page brings together every opportunity to grow in faith at St. Paul in one place, from Bible studies and marriage enrichment to Adoration, Confession, and parish events. Whether someone is exploring the faith for the first time or has been in the pews for fifty years, there is now one place to answer the Lord's invitation to draw closer to Him.
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† Beauty can open hearts to the faith in ways that words alone cannot. This Advent, we celebrated three **Rorate Caeli Masses, a Marian Mass offered before dawn in a church illuminated only by candlelight.** Parishioners arrived in darkness and watched the morning light fill the church. Families came together, including children who may remember those mornings for years to come.

† **Music brought the community through our doors** this year. The Westerville Symphony performed Handel's Messiah here, drawing neighbors from across the city, and our own choir offered the St. Paul Concert of Sacred Music for Advent and Christmas under Director of Sacred Music Stephen Smith.

FORMING DISCIPLES

Formation is the patient work of walking with a few. Following the pattern Jesus set with the twelve, we accompany people through prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and ordinary friendship until Christ's way of life becomes their own.

† Parish Mission: Over three nights, Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., preached on the greatest threat to holiness today, on prayer and the rebuilding of the family, and on returning to the **Mass as the source of the remedy.**

† Formation for our teens happens week in and week out. Discipleship groups meet weekly, supported by monthly holy hours, fall and spring retreats, and liturgical formation through the Knights of the Holy Temple and the Handmaids of the Eucharist. It is slow, ordinary work, and it is **producing student leaders who are now forming others.**





† Fr. Kevin Girardi led a four-part Lenten series on the teachings of our patron, following the order St. Paul himself lays down: God saves us by his grace, unites us to his church, f**eeds us through the sacraments**, and transforms us into saints. The first night was standing room only, and we moved the rest of the series to the Klinger Center to fit everyone.

† In September we opened the St. Joseph Adoration Chapel on the lower level, where **Christ waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament**. Adoration is now available in the chapel weekday mornings through evening, with Thursday exposition in the church.

† We **expanded our confession schedule** this year to include Sunday mornings before the 10:00 Mass, and before every Sunday Mass during Advent and Lent.

SENDING DISCIPLES

Formation is not the finish line. Disciples are sent into their families, workplaces, and neighborhoods to do for a few others exactly what was done for them, which is how a parish reaches far past its own walls.



- Corpus Christi Procession: We processed with the Blessed Sacrament under the open sky, following Christ together in **public witness to his real presence** among us.
- Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference: We hosted **hundreds of young adults** for a day of eucharistic adoration, keynote talks, and breakout sessions.
- Four men from our parish are currently in **formation for the priesthood**, the most direct sending a parish can offer.
- Westerville Fourth Fridays: Our table on the square put parishioners face to face with neighbors all summer, ready with a **welcome and an invitation**.
- Mary's Meals: St. Paul School students sponsored Chimbalame School in Malawi, giving from their own lunch money so that **children a world away could eat** while they learn.

- On December 23 our parish helped host the annual Christmas party at the Community Kitchen, where **292 guests were served** a full holiday meal and sent home with hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets and hand warmers. Children received toys. Every gift came from parishioners through the Jesse Tree Project and the school gift collection, and the toiletries collected that month are still going out in care packages to Community Kitchen guests. Our thanks to everyone who gave, organized, and served.



YOUR GIFTS MATTER

Your generosity makes the mission of St. Paul possible. Here are just a few ways your gifts made an impact this year.

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Our school and parish community contributed **more than $200,000** to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, helping make a Catholic education accessible to more families. Every gift entrusted to St. Paul Parish is an investment in the next generation of disciples.

HELP FOR THOSE IN CRISIS

Your donations to St. Vincent de Paul and WARM enabled them to disburse more than **$220,000 in goods and services** to those in need within our local community.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CAMPUS FACILITIES

We completed the first phase of renovations to the old gym, now known as the **St. Carlo Acutis Discipleship Center.** A major paving project resurfaced or re-sealed the parking lot across the entire parish campus.

SAFETY & SECURITY MEASURES

We now have a **police presence at our weekend Masses.** This proactive step helps provide a **safe environment** for all who come to St. Paul. We are grateful for the partnership and support of the Westerville Police Department.







OFFERTORY HIGHLIGHTS

GIVING FAMILIES

3,107
2024-2025

3,256
2025-2026

AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERTORY

$79,929
2024-2025

$83,154
2025-2026





STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Your generosity makes our mission possible while strengthening St. Paul's future through campus investments, debt reduction, and reserves for future needs.

ADDITION TO RESERVES FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE

$325,000

EXCESS PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS FOR DEBT REDUCTION

$361,140

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENTS

$662,000

MORE THAN A NUMBER

10,710 MEMBERS

4,866 FAMILIES

372 NEW FAMILIES

160
BAPTISMS

24,000
SANDWICHES MADE TO SERVE THE POOR

55
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

3,751
AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

169
FIRST COMMUNIONS

259
PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

918
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT (INCLUDING PRESCHOOL)

408
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION ENROLLMENT

173
CONFIRMATIONS

624
PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

203
WALKING WITH PURPOSE PARTICIPANTS

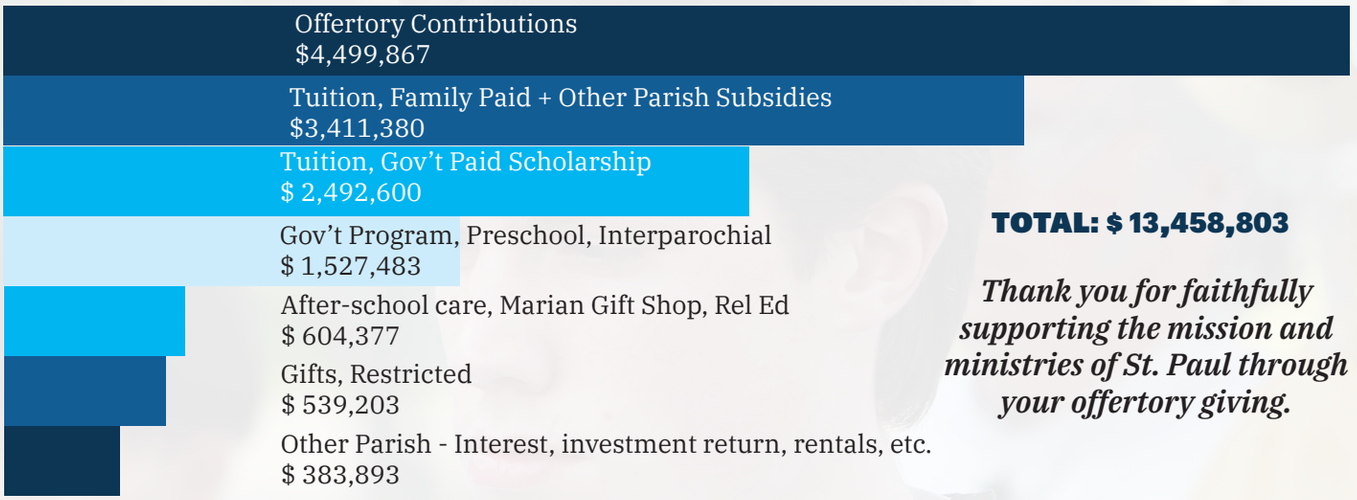
650
ADORERS

28
WEDDINGS

62
FUNERALS

76
YOUNG ADULT PARTICIPANTS

OFFERINGS



TOTAL: $ 13,458,803

Thank you for faithfully supporting the mission and ministries of St. Paul through your offertory giving.

HERE'S HOW OUR OFFERINGS WERE USED



TOTAL: $ 13,042,050 **NET INCOME: $ 416,753**

DIOCESAN AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS			
The Appeal	$438,418	Catholic Home Missions	$2,500
Communications	$1,930	Holy Land	$5,475
Religious Retirement	$9,334	Church in Central and Eastern Europe	$3,089
Peter's Pence	$2,326	Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa	$2,695
Black & Indian Mission	$2,938	Fr. Weldit	$40,444
World Mission Sunday	$5,096	J.O.I.N.	$4,191
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	$2,585	W.A.R.M.	$82,914
Diocesan Charities	$5,228	SVDP	$138,366
Jesse Tree	$13,920	Bring a Turkey to Church	$3,290

AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2026-2027

Our mission at St. Paul the Apostle is to call, form, and send disciples of Jesus Christ. In the year ahead, we **will focus on three areas: the Holy Mass, evangelical encounters, and strengthening for mission.** Together, these form the foundation for a clear path of discipleship, helping people encounter Christ and His Church toward deeper conversion, formation, and mission.

THE MASS

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life and the heart of our life as Catholics. **Everything we do flows from our encounter with Christ in the Holy Mass and leads us back to Him**. We want to continue going deeper as a parish community, growing in our understanding of the Mass, celebrating it with reverence, and allowing our encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the way we live.

EVANGELICAL ENCOUNTERS

Every moment, every ministry, and every interaction is an opportunity to help someone to take a step closer toward Christ. Through our ministries, programs, and everyday interactions, **we want everyone we encounter to be seen, welcomed, and invited to grow** in their relationship with Christ and His Church.

STRENGTHENING FOR MISSION

Our mission shapes not only what we do, but how we work together to accomplish it. By strengthening communication and collaboration, equipping our staff and ministry leaders, and stewarding our resources well, we can more fully support the life and mission of our parish. **Our goal is a parish united in purpose and equipped to call, form, and send disciples of Jesus Christ.**

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11–12

A year with our patron

KNOWING PAUL FOLLOWING CHRIST

During this Year of St. Paul we are guided by the Apostle's own conversion and mission, which remind us that every season of life is an opportunity to be formed more fully in Christ. The year has given us occasion after occasion to grow in our relationship with Christ, to build meaningful Christian community, and to put our faith into action.

"Before we can call, form, and send, we must be willing to be called, to be formed, and to be sent."

Fr. Wilson, on the opening of the Year of St. Paul

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION

We opened the year with a packed church and the veneration of first-class relics of our patron, including one of his bones and a fragment of the pillar of his martyrdom.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS

We hosted relics of the Church's first millennial saint. 1,853 people waited in line to venerate him, nearly 450 came to morning Mass, and more than 230 stayed for the Holy Hour. Following the last of Carlo's five steps to holiness, guests brought food and toiletries that filled the shelves at St. James the Less. A teenage saint reminded us that the mission St. Paul embraced belongs to every generation: to know Christ, to live for Him, and to bring others to Him.

FOUR NIGHTS ON ST. PAUL

Fr. Kevin Girardi walked us through the teaching of our patron in the order St. Paul lays it down: grace, the Body of Christ, the sacraments, and the transformation they make possible. All four talks are available at cometome.stpacc.org

OUR PATRONAL FEAST

On the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, our parish birthday, the relics returned for veneration and we were reminded that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church (Matthew 16:18). Gates do not charge anyone. We are the ones sent to charge them.

OUR PATRON

10,000+
miles traveled to preach the gospel

30
years on mission

3
missionary journeys across the Mediterranean world

THE MISSION CONTINUES. WHERE IS CHRIST SENDING YOU?

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COME TO ME

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, there is a next step for you at St. Paul. Our Come to Me page brings together opportunities to pray, learn, grow, and become more deeply involved in the life of our parish.

- † Series and Bible studies
- † Adoration and confession
- † Youth and young adults
- † OCIA and becoming Catholic
- † Men's and women's groups
- † Marriage and family
- † Mass and liturgical schedule
- † FORMED, videos, and books

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Choose one next step and begin.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28