

Dear Family,

Faith is a journey in which we are each called to grow closer to God. However, God does not leave us to do this on our own, He remains with us in the Eucharist: His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Indeed, if we seek "to be the presence of Christ in our world" today, we must be opened to Christ residing in our heart and soul, to transform us to be the image and likeness in which we were born. It requires a lot of emptying ourselves, dying so as to live in Christ or as we say in Salesian speak to "Live Jesus." We form this vital and welcoming Catholic community by being nourished by the Word and Eucharist to take what we celebrate and consume to all those we meet during the week. We do this together as a family of faith, respecting our differences and gifts knowing that they enrich the Body of Christ. Our worship, formation, and service assist us in all of this. Our liturgy, educational and formation programs mold us to "be who we are and be that well." This allows us to share with others especially the last, the least, the lost, and the lonely in imitation of Jesus' ministry. It's Salesian humility and gentleness leading to compassion.

Your constant and consistent sharing of time, treasure, and talent humble and inspire me. They make me more aware of God's infinite love and goodness. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can renew your commitment to financially support our parish so we may continue to be the presence of Christ in a world that needs this powerfully. If you are not giving online, perhaps now is the opportunity to do so.

With great respect, admiration, and affection,

*John Fisher, OSFS*

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# To be the Presence of Christ

## Nourished by Word & Eucharist

Christ engaged people through stories, teachings, and parables and in the process challenged them to think about what they believed to be true about life, forgiveness, each other, God, and so much more.

- **OCIA** - Full initiation into the Catholic faith
- **Adult Faith Formation** - Equip people to live as disciples of Jesus
- **Prep** - Grades 1-7 religious education for parishioners not attending OMC school
- **Sunday Story** - Gospel sharing for ages 4-8 at 9 AM Mass
- **Salesian Spirituality** - Disseminated in homilies, Saturday SLAM program, parish mission, and book clubs
- **Reach More Communities** - Small communities of faith sharing

## We Create a Vital Welcoming Catholic Community

Christ's relationship with the Father was deeply rooted in prayer and from this relationship flowed His whole life and ministry.

- **Altar Servers** - Children in grade 4 and older assist with Mass
- **Teen Ministry** - Growing faith, serving others, building community
- **Music Ministries** - Serve God and others in His name through music
- **Lector** - Prepare and proclaim God's Word for assigned liturgies
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Assist priests in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Eucharistic Adoration** - Offered daily in Oblate chapel and First Fridays with Evening Prayer & Benediction
- **Ushers, Sacristans, Linen & Flower Committees** - Adding to fine liturgy

## To Serve the Needs of God's People

Christ renounced power and glory for a life of service - through his healings, miracles, comforting words, and heartfelt compassion, He served people and their deepest needs.

- **Food Pantry** - Food for those in need
- **Caring for Friends** - Meal delivery program
- **Homebound Eucharistic Ministry** - Bring Communion to the sick and homebound
- **Giving Tree** - Christmas time gift tree for families in need in local neighboring communities
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - offering person to person service to those individuals in need
- **Peace & Justice Committee** - Helping organizations and individuals who are in need
- **Laudato Si' Circle** - Highlighting how to care for the Earth, Our Common Home



## Financial Snapshot: 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

### Operating Income

Offertory	\$693,554.50
Ministry & Program Income	\$14,347.00
Other Operating Income	\$278,718.14

**Total** \$986,619.64



### Operating Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$449,898.22
General Operating Expenses	\$188,188.58
Ministry & Program Expenses	\$155,817.74
Facilities Expenses	\$134,381.31

**Total** \$928,285.85

**Net Operating Surplus** \$58,333.79

