



St. Lawrence
— CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 2024 – June 2025 Financial Summary

August 24, 2025

Dear St. Lawrence parish family,

Beginning this weekend our annual parish financial report is available in the gathering space and on our parish website, as well as this year's Stewardship Commitment form. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Deacon Ted Marks, our Director of Parish Operations, for his hard work in preparing this report and our budget for the current fiscal year. I am also very grateful to Bruce Mingus, our Maintenance Supervisor, whose efforts have identified and addressed a number of maintenance needs on our campus. Finally, I am thankful for the insight and support provided by our parish finance and pastoral councils.

Although I encourage you to read the full report, in this letter I want to highlight a few key takeaways. In the last fiscal year (July 2024 – June 2025):

- Two full-time maintenance and custodial staff were hired, with their payroll costs shared equally between St. Lawrence and Notre Dame Academy (NDA). In addition, the parish hired a full-time Director of Parish Operations in June, replacing a part-time bookkeeper.
- We had many unbudgeted expenses for repairs and improvements which were mainly or fully paid out of parish savings. These included the replacement of doors and installation of keyless access systems in the parish hall/gym (with support from the Booster Club), plumbing issues, the removal of dead trees and limbs, and multiple HVAC repairs and replacements (including needing to replace a unit in the gym a few days before the picnic).
- In addition, we saw a 10% drop in parish tithing from the previous year.

For the current fiscal year, which began in July:

- The Child Enrichment Center (CEC) has been transferred to the control of NDA. The effect of this on the parish bottom line is largely neutral, but it simplifies our budget and clarifies the preschool's status.
- One budgeted expense for the coming months includes the sealing and re-stripping of the parking lot. In addition, we recognize the need to address the aging HVAC systems in the school in the very near term.
- The amount that both St. Lawrence and Mary Queen of Peace contribute to support NDA has decreased. At the same time, the amount that NDA pays St. Lawrence has significantly increased to more accurately reflect the actual costs to the parish.
- Even so, in order to sustain our basic operating expenses, our tithing must increase by at least 10%. In addition, this year's budget relies on an increase from last year of approximately \$80,000 in donations and fundraising.

As this summary and the more detailed information enclosed makes clear, St. Lawrence does not exist without you and your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure. After reviewing the full report, I hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can help St. Lawrence to not only maintain but grow this year and into the future as you complete your Stewardship Commitment form.

I am blessed to be a part of the St. Lawrence community and to serve as your pastor. In Christ our hope,

Fr. Steven Reeves