

*God's love was revealed
among us in this way:*

*God sent God's only Son into the
world so that we might live
through him.* 1 JOHN 4:9

What Is Being Revealed

Even now, God is revealing the future to us as we search for a new rector to guide the life of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.

This time of discernment is exciting, uncomfortable and full of questions—can we do it?

Yes. In this, as is always so, nearly everything at Holy Spirit is brought to you by you, with God's help.

This year, with hopes to welcome a new rector as early as August 2026, your gifts are more important than ever. Providing a competitive compensation package for a new rector will stretch us, given increasing costs for basic operations. But we know we can do it. We have been stretched before, and, year by year, we rise to the occasion.

Ours is an engaged, involved, get-it-done parish. People at Holy Spirit feel welcome to bring their whole selves to this place – from crafters to weed-pullers, from writers to bakers, from sermon-givers to singers, from the prayerful to the playful, there is room at Holy Spirit for all of our talents, all our gifts.

Annual giving is integral to the well-being of any church. Planning to make a gift of funds over the course of a year is a deeply held spiritual practice – acknowledging that everything comes from God – and also a kind of community “barn raising.” Our promise of annual gifts raises the funds that support not only our clergy and staff salaries, outreach and parish programs, but also utilities, upkeep and repair, office and kitchen supplies. You make it all possible.

For 2025, annual gifts totaled a strong \$410,000. Thank you!

A surplus from this year, when we've had less clergy compensation to provide, offers us a bit of buffer for the larger compensation needs ahead. This fall, we're aiming for \$420,000, which will supply the budget needs of 2026. Somewhat more stretch comes in our 2027 budget, when we'll look to reach \$435,000 in annual gifts.

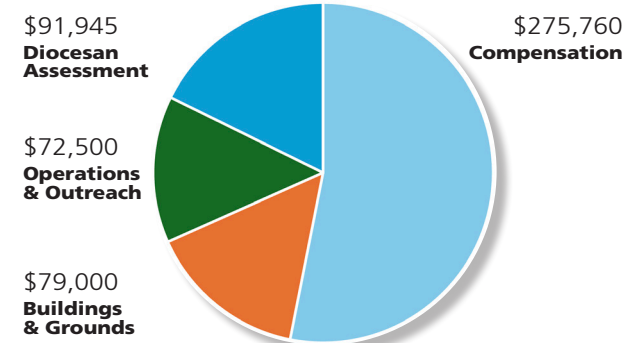
With the Spirit's help, the answer remains: Yes. We can look forward in confidence, because our Holy Spirit Church has been here before. Both stretched and resilient. As a community, we have the ability to meet our needs, and a long history of doing so. Our goal, of course, is providing amply for our buoyant community of faith where love and welcome help us share the hope of God.

Stewardship Sunday is November 2.

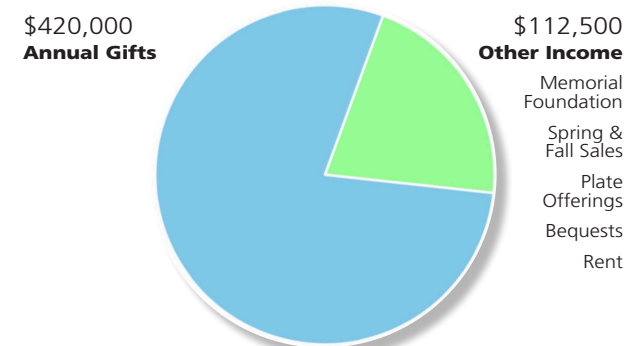
Here are income and expense estimates for 2026, and, looking ahead, for 2027:

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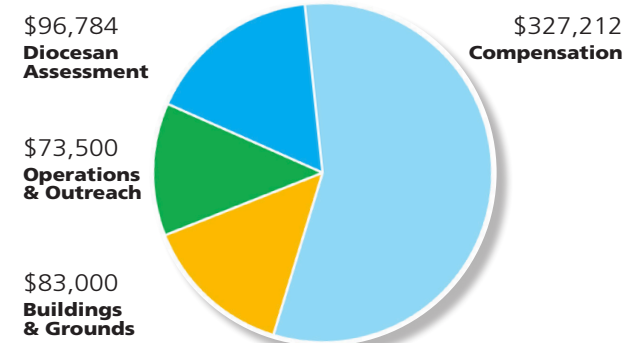
2026 Projected Expenses



2026 Projected Income



2027 Projected Expenses



Questions about how Stewardship works?

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions at:

holyspiritmissoula.org/give/stewardship/