

Beloved,

Last year was a year of change. This year is a year of welcome. We welcomed Rev. David Sweeney as our new associate last June and he has poured himself into our teens and young adults, welcoming an often ignored portion of our parish. His work has helped us be the welcoming parish we profess. We are very grateful for his contribution.

Due to retirements and teachers leaving the profession, we will welcome a number of new teachers to our school this fall and a new principal, Ms. Colleen Rooney, who comes to us with former principal experience, but also as a Director of Formation at another parish. I am sure she will bring both her administrative skills, for which she has an MBA, as well as her faith, which is the most important thing to instill in our children. Please welcome the new faces you will see as the school year begins.

To accommodate new students, we are making modifications to maximize our school space and our maintenance team have once again made our school environment beautiful and ready for the new year.

This year, once again, we registered many new members, and the formation department's team of volunteers engaged with our new members to welcome them in. We also welcomed our greater local community during our festival, and honored fallen Milwaukee Police Officer, Kendall Corder, as the funeral procession passed our grounds.

We continue to support discipleship with what we call "The Way." You may have noticed additional wall displays of our mission, vision, and values that were installed, which remind us who we are and what we want to become. Please take time to read and appreciate the words. They give everyone an opportunity to answer the question from any inquirer, "What's special about St. Dominic Catholic Parish?"

We can be grateful that there were no major construction projects or equipment failures that necessitated unforeseen use of funds. I am grateful for the work of our Finance Council, Trustees, and Parish Council, and all our parish leaders who support missionary discipleship.

While our mission is to strengthen faith, our charism is one of welcome. Many who are new to our parish cite, "feeling at home" as the reason for becoming members. St. Dominic radiates the love and care we have for each other. People enter and they feel that God is present. That is the hallmark of St. Dominic and I am proud as your pastor to serve you and be a part of this great parish.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dennis Saran, Pastor

2024-2025

Annual Report



118

NEW HOUSEHOLDS

2697

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS



3.0%



307

NEW MEMBERS

8867

TOTAL MEMBERS



2.4%



**SAINT DOMINIC
CATHOLIC PARISH**

Mission, Vision, & Values

Acknowledging the need to reinvigorate and champion our Mission, we developed a Vision Statement and Core Values, creating a guiding and unifying picture to drive our culture and priorities, both individually and as a community. Our Mission, Vision, and Values are foundational. They clarify who we are, who we are becoming, and how we live out our unique calling as the body of Christ. They give us direction and motivation as we journey in missionary discipleship.

Our Mission is our reason for existing. It is what we are doing to reach our vision.

OUR MISSION

To seek Christ, know Christ, and become Christ, each one for the sake of all

Our Vision is what we aspire to be. Speaking to the heart, it describes the inspirational long-term desired change resulting from the missional work of the parish.

OUR VISION

To be a spiritual home that radiates the love of God, overflows with the power of the Holy Spirit, and joyfully leads others to Christ.

Our Values show us how to live in a way that serves the success of the mission. They are the way we embody Christ.

OUR VALUES

Pursue Holiness

We surrender ourselves to God's continual conversion of heart, mind, and soul.

Nurture Community

We encourage and accompany one another in our journey to Christ.

Embrace Compassion

We willingly forgive, serve, and sacrifice in love for one another.

Bear Witness

We profess in word and deed the joy of the Gospel.

The Way

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Our Discipleship Commission continues to develop opportunities to support parishioners who want to grow closer to God and are being called out in mission to joyfully lead others to Christ. The Discipleship Commission advanced their work through efforts to grow in accompaniment and accountability in meeting

the tenets of the Way: pray with others, share your faith story, and welcome others.

We also offered My Parish Matters Training on how to share the Gospel with people you care about and how to invite them into your parish community.

Seek

"Seek to imitate Christ in all things, for He is the perfect example of love and holiness." ~Thomas à Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*.

Through prayer and the sacraments we seek the grace of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives for Christ.

ADORATION

Radiant, a night of adoration, music, and fellowship was offered in honor of the upcoming canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and to celebrate the Jubilee of Teenagers. During Lent, we offered 40 Hours of Adoration and Friday Lenten Adoration in preparation for Holy Week in addition to our regular Tuesday adoration times.

76	Baptisms
102	First Communicants
46	Received Confirmation
11	Marriages
4	Marriage Convalidations
9	Received into the Church
1	Adult Confirmations
65	Funerals



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

We hosted 12 hours of reconciliation during Lent with priests from throughout Waukesha County and offered extended confession times to meet the needs of a growing demand for this sacrament. Lenten Reflection Nights on the Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph, a Men's Lenten retreat, and Stations of the Cross were offered to deepen our prayer life and grow closer to Christ.

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- Parishioner and school alum, Aaron Siehr, was ordained to the priesthood on May 17.
- Parishioner Scott Zarling was instituted into the Ministry of Acolyte.
- We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Fr. Curt Frederick's Ordination.
- The parish-wide focus on St. Joseph gave individuals and families an opportunity to learn what can happen when you devote your life to loving and serving the Lord.
- Advent Reflection Night offered a unique experience of prayer, contemplation, and adoration through the age-old custom of Shelter Seeking. A women's Morning of Reflection helped women dive into the fullness of what God has for us.
- Marriage enrichment events provided opportunities for couples to connect, share best practices of married life, and learn about the sacramental value of married life today.

I am a relatively new Catholic, having gone through RCIA about ten years ago. After joining St. Dominic in 2016, I was excited and a little overwhelmed by all the opportunities to get involved at such a large parish. Shortly after joining, my husband Jeff and I got involved with the St. Vincent de Paul ministry where we enjoyed helping with service projects, meeting new people, and recognizing friendly faces at Mass. I have been very inspired by the homilies and opportunities to grow in my faith to become closer to Jesus. Now that our daughter attends St. Dominic Catholic School, some of my involvement includes volunteer opportunities in the school. Last year, I received an invitation to discern joining the Discipleship Commission, and I said yes! In the Discipleship Commission, we strive to become more like Jesus by talking about our faith journeys both within and outside of the commission, living our faith, and welcoming others to our faith community. I love that St. Dominic encourages and supports its parishioners' journeys in becoming closer to God. I am so grateful for St. Dominic and I encourage anyone to get more involved in the parish.

~Jenny Dudzik



Know

"I count all this as loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ." ~*Philippians 3:8*

Together, we grow our understanding of and deepen our relationship with Christ, as our intellectual knowledge becomes intimate "heart" knowledge.

ADULT MINISTRY

- Reach More (Missionary Discipleship Training) was offered for those interested in taking their personal relationship with Jesus out into the world.
- Small groups are the heart and soul of a discipleship culture. 27 small groups gathered together this past year. We also launched small groups for school parents: 5 groups for moms and 2 for dads.
- Women of Grace intentionally ministered to the community through speakers, prayer, fellowship, Advent by Candlelight, and Mary's Way of the Cross.
- That Man Is You focused on the theme "Apostles of the New Springtime" helping men encounter the Holy Spirit in their life.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

- Young adult small groups gathered for consistent fellowship and formation.
- An Advent night of reflection and an Easter celebration brought together young adults from around the area for Adoration, sacred music, and socializing.

STUDENT MINISTRY

- Student leaders were prepared to head to college and pursue their faith. Confirmation retreats and a Life Teen high school girl's retreat were offered.
- Dedicated Core Teams served middle and high school students who were inspired to grow in their relationship with Christ.
- 12 teens went on mission and 30 teens went to Summer Camp.

CHILD MINISTRY

- Child Ministry classes served 182 students in K4 through grade 5 led by 31 adult and high school catechists and assistants.
- Led by high school and adult small group leaders, Children's Liturgy of the Word offered kids the opportunity to listen to, understand, and discuss the readings with their peers.
- *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God* and *Anchor* Vacation Bible School helped 84 students age 3-10 grow closer to Jesus through Scripture, prayer, games, and STEM.
- Sacrament preparation materials from Ascension Press were added to our curriculum for all children preparing for reconciliation and Eucharist.



Our family has been blessed to call St. Dominic our spiritual home for the past 28 years. The parish community has been the foundation of the fabric of our family life as a source of holy friendships, worship & the sacraments, and excellent grade school education for our 3 now adult sons. Our faith has been nourished and grown tremendously here! My husband Eric was received into the Catholic Church at St. Dominic in 2002 and our children were grounded in our Catholic faith through regular participation in Sunday Mass and the support of the school and parish community. At this stage of my life, I am enjoying attending daily Mass and Tuesday Adoration more frequently. One of the blessings of growing older is clarity about what is most important in this life! I joined the Discipleship Commission a year ago because I love sharing our beautiful Catholic faith and love our parish. It is a joy to participate.

~Therese von Estorff

Become

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." ~St. Dominic Savio

Entering into the lives of others, we humbly offer ourselves in loving service in imitation of Christ.



OUTREACH

Lenten Outreach: More than 300 people served St. Adalbert's Parish in Milwaukee during 3 project days. Child ministry offered their annual Bake Sale in support of the outreach.

Collections: We collected car loads of essentials to support the work of Human Trafficking organizations, collected 160 food boxes for Capuchin House of Peace, and 1200 gifts were donated for the Giving Tree. The Knights of Columbus Baby Items Drive, Dismas Jail Ministry Coat Drive, SVdP School Supplies Drive, and other food drives supported those in need..

PASTORAL CARE

Called to Serve Ministry: This ministry involves over 60 members who serve our elderly and homebound members. They provided spring and fall cleanup and helped individuals as needed throughout the year.

Homebound Ministry: 21 volunteers bring Communion to over 85 people each week. Letters and cards were collected from parish members as greetings for our homebound. The school provided homemade blankets and decorative bird houses for 80 homebound members.

GriefShare We offered 2 sessions during

the year, providing bereavement to over 20 members who lost their loved ones.

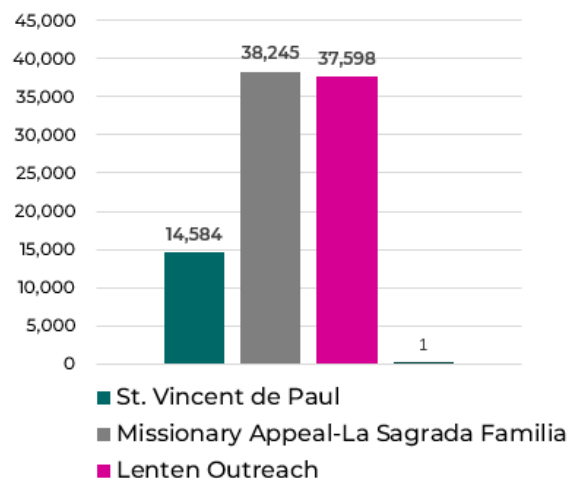
Yellow Ribbon Ministry was revitalized and offered a Veterans Day Observance honoring our veterans and active military.

Senior Ministry: We offer 11 events during the year including an annual picnic and Christmas Party, serving over 800 seniors.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Through the generosity of our parish family, we continue to exceed our goal set by the Archdiocese each year. The appeal serves families, strengthens parishes, supports schools, and helps form priests and parish leaders.

PARISH MEMBER OUTREACH



PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

School: New countertops and sinks were installed and cabinets refinished in middle school classrooms. Six restrooms had floors recoated. 3 interactive flat panel displays were installed.

Exterior: Stone edging was installed along pavement, drainage work was completed near the columbarium and baseball diamonds.

Safety & Security: Additional cameras were installed around campus.

HVAC: Both the church and school received maintenance, system, and software upgrades.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

St. Dominic began year three of the five year Archdiocesan Love One Another Campaign in spring of 2025. Your generous pledges to the Love One Another Campaign continue to be remitted to us on a quarterly basis from the archdiocese. HVAC, parking lot, and school projects are ongoing. Detailed updates will be provided in our bulletin as they become available. As always, we are grateful for your financial generosity in support of our parish and our greater archdiocesan family.

JULY 2024 DOMINIC DAYS RESULTS

Raffle Sales—Net	\$ 25,294
Sponsorships	61,140
Beer & Wine	55,236
Food—Net	439
Tents, Tables, Chairs, Bar	(23,577)
Entertainment	(21,450)
Rides	12,856
Other costs	(41,909)
Car Show—Net	11,176
Golf Outing—Net	7,210
Kids Games—Net	2,419
Steeplechase Run/Walk—Net	1,132
Net Proceeds	89,966

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2024-2025 Enrollment: We ended the year 437 Knights strong, graduated 40 of our students to be Knights for Christ in the world, and welcomed 56 new students from 43 new families.

Campus Ministry had 99 middle school students participating in lunchtime Bible studies and helping plan liturgical and formation events.

Student Council led successful service initiatives, including collecting over 500 cereal boxes and organizing a pop tab drive to benefit local causes.

Knights Move Olympics: This major school fundraiser raised \$36,670.

The 8th grade class gave back in a powerful way, completing over 3,500 service hours together over their three years in middle school.

Spring Musical: Under the direction of Music Teacher Christine White, the student cast and crew presented the musical, Disney's Frozen, Jr.

Athletics: Over 900 children participated in St. Dominic sports teams and programs.

Eucharistic Adoration was experienced in a new way, through praise and worship music, deepening their understanding of worship and prayer.



Five years ago, we joined St. Dominic seeking a faith family, thriving school, and active community to help our family grow together in faith. We took a leap and became involved in various ministries within the parish and school. Serving as hospitality ministers, Confirmation team members, a marriage sponsor couple, coach, and serving on the School Advisory Board has been a blessing. Through each role, we have witnessed the beauty of faith in action supporting parish events with purpose, walking with engaged couples, and helping guide the future of our parish and school. These opportunities have deepened our love for our faith community and allowed us to give back in meaningful ways. It's a joy and privilege to serve, and we are grateful to be part of such a beautiful parish family. May St. Dominic and the Holy Spirit guide you to answer a call to serve. God Bless.

~Katie & Travis Gardner

(pictured left to right: Katie, Emelia, Elizabeth, and Travis)

Fiscal Year Financial Report

Year Ending June 30, 2025

FINANCIAL NOTES

FY25 was another strong year financially for St. Dominic. Investment income and the mortgage loan pay off in July of 2025 (2010 church renovation, Parish Athletic Facility construction, and Parish Arts & Activities Center creation) have contributed to long-term stability. Income surplus of \$16,283 reflects the areas below where our income exceeded budgeted expenses:

- Regular contributions and offertory gifts (in part from new parishioners)
- School tuition and fee income (higher enrollment than budgeted)

WEISBROT BEQUEST

Sabina Weisbrot immigrated from Poland in 1971, settled in Brookfield, and had been attending Mass at St. Dominic for quite some time before becoming a parishioner. During the COVID pandemic she relocated to Hewlett, NY, where she found eternal peace January 16, 2024.

In December 2024, St. Dominic Congregation became one of several beneficiaries of the Sabina Weisbrot Estate, including a Catholic parish in Poland. Her legacy gift to St. Dominic was just over two million dollars and is held as a Designated Fund named the "Weisbrot Bequest."

Fr. Dennis Saran, our Trustees, the Finance Council, and the Weisbrot Bequest Committee have approved long-term investment of the Fund aligned with the Finance Council investment policy. Interest income supports annual St. Dominic operations costs.

We are pleased to have touched Sabina's life in a way which impacted her years living in Brookfield and are humbled by her gift. We are blessed by the impact her Bequest will have in supporting our Mission. May perpetual light shine upon her.

OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES by Department	ACTUAL FY2024	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026
Liturgy & Music	32,128	44,220	21,500
Formation (Child/Student/Adult)	72,322	88,076	47,000
School: Tuition & Fees	1,564,110	1,682,074	1,974,750
School: Other (no Gala in 2025)	93,777	27,270	83,000
Extended Care	202,520	211,431	173,750
Lunch Program	152,069	144,352	169,000
Pastoral Ministry	25,687	20,475	25,000
Administration: Stewardship & Offertory	2,643,891	2,670,256	2,745,000
Administration: Other	294,179	253,161	412,770
Facilities	115,766	113,796	95,500
Home & School Association	67,331	74,560	35,000
Athletic Programs	96,775	88,918	85,000
Total Revenues	5,360,554	5,418,587	5,867,270
EXPENSES			
Liturgy & Music	177,075	172,313	201,107
Formation (Child/Student/Adult)	504,488	533,330	550,394
School	2,661,769	2,783,679	3,103,271
Extended Care	131,190	169,964	196,196
Lunch Program	152,910	167,256	158,165
Pastoral Ministry	116,145	119,028	128,304
Clergy/Rectory	223,087	218,307	264,180
Administration	624,024	624,091	807,444
Technology	7,259	41,721	28,650
Marketing	98,529	106,618	120,140
Building & Grounds	426,799	282,156	176,503
Facilities	13,860	20,364	12,000
Home & School	67,331	74,560	35,000
Athletic Programs	96,775	88,918	85,000
Total Expenses	\$5,301,240	\$5,402,304	\$5,866,353
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 59,314	\$ 16,283	\$ 917
Outreach/Collections for Others	40,517	37,598	-
Outreach Disbursements/Use	(40,381)	(37,279)	-
Designated Unrestricted Funds			
Home & School and Athletics	40,494	47,006	-
Other Designated Reserves	307,722	405,400	-
Weisbrot Bequest Designated Fund	-	2,034,000	-
Gala & Festival	152,029	151,918	-
STEM Designated Funds (reverse auction)	46,588	42,101	-
Total Designated	\$ 546,833	\$ 2,680,425	-

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Casting our Vision—The Year Ahead

10 Habits of Discipleship: For the formation year ahead, we are invited to focus on 10 habits of a disciple as key ways to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ and to open ourselves to His transforming grace. Each month a new habit will be offered.

Annulment Sessions: Formation evenings and support for couples seeking annulment from previous marriages will be offered..

Nurture Community: Two bus trips, to Sheboygan and Chicago, are planned to help build community and grow in faith.

School Enhancements: A new K4 classroom will be added for the 2025-2026 school year, allowing us to welcome more families and build stronger classroom communities by keeping students with their homeroom teachers all day. Offering two classrooms helps meet parent needs for smaller class sizes for our full-day students and provides continuity with one teacher. This also supports the long-term sustainability of our school by increasing student enrollment in both K3 and K4.

The former Kindergarten Connection will become the K3 Discovery Room, allowing our 3-year-old students to remain in their own dedicated space throughout the day, offering a more developmentally appropriate and focused experience.

Other school enhancements will include a larger and brighter art room, a dedicated K3-5th grade library, a middle school ELA classroom lab, and Spanish will move to a newly remodeled classroom.

Student Ministry: New vocations events for high school girls are planned.

Being a member of St. Dominic Catholic Parish means giving of ourselves without counting the cost. It means responding to needs in proportion to what we possess.

Materials are coming soon for your opportunity to commit to Christ and our mission at St. Dominic Catholic Parish: *to seek Christ, know Christ and become Christ, each one for the sake of all.*

*Annual
Stewardship
Commitment
Weekend*

October 25/26, 2025

