

Beloved,

This has been a year of change for us. We said goodbye to Fr. Tim Schumaker as he assumed his new role as parish administrator for St. Joseph Parish in Grafton, and welcomed newly ordained Fr. David Sweeney, one of nine newly ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. While those were dramatic changes, we avoided another one when the archbishop granted me a second six-year term as pastor.

We have also had great success in response to our Missionary Discipleship efforts. We call it "The Way." Many of our parishioners have taken missionary discipleship training which has resulted in numerous small groups that meet regularly to deepen their relationship with Jesus and each other. There is still more to do. Our word for this year and the year ahead is "accompaniment." My wish is that every member will be so comfortable in their faith that they witness that faith to the world. Witnessing doesn't mean selling, it primarily means living a faith-filled life to such regard that others wonder and question the source of your joy. St. John Paul II said it this way, "The Church imposes nothing; she only proposes, she proposes like a lover to the beloved." Our mission at St. Dominic is to grow so deeply in your love of God, that you will share your faith with excitement.

Your generosity has served us in being able to support Catholic school education without a tuition increase again for the majority of our families. We have also been able to provide formation for all ages, fostering our relationship with Jesus. Our facilities needed some major work. We replaced the aging heating and air-conditioning system for our church, as well as completed a variety of other maintenance projects. While we received grant money for security upgrades, as they have for everyone, all our costs have increased, often by double digits.

What every new member notices is that St. Dominic is a warm, comfortable place that feels like home from their very first visit. It is because St. Dominic radiates the love and caring 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.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dennis Saran
Pastor

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2023-2024 *Annual Report*



123

NEW HOUSEHOLDS

2619

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS

↑ 3.6%



319

NEW MEMBERS

8654

TOTAL MEMBERS

↑ 6.9%

The Way

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.

We invite you to discover your unique mission and take the next step on your journey of a lifetime.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Missionary Discipleship Training is for those who want to learn how to give witness to Christ in their daily life and desire to accompany others in their faith journey. We added 40 trained missionary disciples who went through the 12-week training in order to learn how to take their personal relationship with Jesus out into the world. We now have nearly 100 members trained for missionary discipleship. As a result of all of these participants being formed and sent on mission, we had leaders joining our Core Teams for EDGE, Emmaus, and Life Teen, and others taking roles on our parish commissions. Three new small groups were formed, and other participants discerned personal apostolates such as mission trips to Africa and knitting hats for those served through our Giving Tree.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOPS

Offered twice per year, Called & Gifted Workshops assisted adults in learning to discern, develop, and use their spiritual gifts (charisms) in order to experience the joy of living out their unique purpose in God's plan, and His will for their life, through the prompting and power of the Holy Spirit.

SMALL GROUPS

The demand for small groups grew beyond capacity. Small groups accompany one another in their faith journey, coming together for prayer, scripture study, and service, while building relationships that challenge and support one another as they walk with Christ.

The need for more small group leaders necessitated plans to form more people with the confidence and skills to lead a small group while providing ongoing support.

Two existing small groups completed the Missionary Discipleship Training together as a way to take the next step in growing as missionary disciples.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

The Discipleship Commission planned and offered The Way Workshops to help parishioners quickly learn how to pray with others, share God moments easily and effectively, and to understand charisms better.

Evangelical Catholic was invited to present "Go Make Disciples: How to Accompany Others into a Jesus-Led Life," which included practical tools based on the resource, *The 10:10 Challenge*.

Seek

"When I seek you, my God, I seek a blessed life. I shall seek you, so that my soul shall live." ~St. Augustine.

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

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Over 400 guests from around the archdiocese, plus parishioners and our school population, immersed themselves in the displays of the Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church, that have taken place throughout the ages in various countries of the world. Sixty three volunteers welcomed and provided hospitality.

86	Baptisms
88	First Communicants
58	Received Confirmation
11	Marriages
3	Marriage Convalidations
10	Received into the Church
4	Adult Confirmations
65	Funerals



40 HOURS OF ADORATION

We offered 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration as part of the Eucharistic Miracles event. To ensure our Lord was never alone, 83 people signed up as adorers. There were 64 guests from around the archdiocese who signed in, but many did not. A relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis was also displayed during limited times.

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- We said farewell to Fr. Tim Schumaker and welcomed newly ordained Fr. David Sweeney as our next associate pastor.
- During Advent, we dug deeply into the lessons Mary has to share about welcoming Jesus into our lives, and in Lent, we transitioned from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross. Various opportunities were offered during these liturgical seasons, including Advent and Lent Gospel groups and Nights of Reflection.
- In April, Fr. Tim led a group of 39 pilgrims on the Camino de Santiago.
- We continue to offer Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays and throughout the year, including adoration time for our school students.

My story has no drama. I was not knocked off my horse. It is more a story about a general pull in the direction of Jesus. Sometimes it was conscious. Sometimes unconscious. Sometimes the pull was intermittent. Sometimes it was direct and strong. I went to parochial school. I went to Catholic high school. That filled me with an understanding of traditions, but not necessarily faith. Marriage and children made me understand that I was part of something beyond myself. Martha and I joined St. Dominic and immersed ourselves in the community. I liked going to Mass. I liked doing acts of service. I was (generally) a rule follower. I was part of a community, but my faith was self-centered. The things I did made me feel good about being good, but Jesus was not always at the center. The part that was missing was the part about "going forth." Participating in a Missionary Discipleship group at St. Dominic helped me understand that discipleship is putting Jesus firmly at the center of life, and then going forth to make more disciples. With the support of this community, my journey continues.

~Mike Klinker



Know

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ."
~John 17:3

As a community, we encourage each other's growth in the habits of discipleship and the deepening of our relationship with Christ.

ADULT MINISTRY

- An Active Adult Group was launched to connect adults through faith and fun.
- Tuesday Time-Outs and our Summer Reading Series helped adults learn about our faith and build their relationship with Jesus.
- After 10 seasons of Women of Grace, over 1,100 different women have engaged in prayer and community through speakers and events.
- The 10th year of That Man Is You focused on the theme "Worthy of the Call," helping men experience the power of transformation.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

- A young adult small group was formed and was quickly over capacity, indicating a desire and need for expanded young adult ministry.

- College Care Packages helped keep our college and trade school students connected to our parish.

STUDENT MINISTRY

- Led by a strong set of high school seniors and adults, about 40 high school students gained a deeper appreciation of what it means to live as disciples of Christ through Life Teen.
- Ten Core Team members served 47 middle school students who were inspired to grow in their relationship with Christ through EDGE and/or Emmaus Small Group.
- Seven middle school students served the local community through the Love Begins Here Mission and ten attended EDGE Summer Camp.

CHILD MINISTRY

- Child Ministry classes served 216 students in K3 through grade 5.
- 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.
- *Stellar* Vacation Bible School helped 99 children learn how to be Christ to others.
- From October to May, families were given resources to pray with and complete to help build knowledge and grow as disciples.
- Family nights were offered to begin and end the formation year, as well as Advent and Lent preparations and prayer focusing on the importance of family as the Domestic Church.



Six years ago, I answered the call to join the Life Teen Core Team. Even though I felt underqualified, stepping out in faith has been the greatest blessing. Our teens' love for Jesus and dedication to their faith, family, and school inspire me daily. I've also been fortunate to contribute to our parish's marketing efforts, which aligns perfectly with my graphic design background. I love collaborating with other passionate parishioners to make a positive impact. Plus, I joined a small group during Lent 3 years ago, and we still meet every other week to discuss the upcoming Gospel reading. I highly recommend getting involved in our parish community – it's a great way to grow in your faith and serve others.

~Stephanie Kern (Middle Row: Left)

Become

"As we grow closer to Jesus and abide in Him, our lives will reflect Him more clearly. We will love the unlovable, forgive the unworthy, do good to those who can't repay us." ~Unknown

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



OUTREACH

Lenten Outreach: More than 350 people served St. Agnes Parish in Butler during four project days. Child Ministry offered their annual Bake Sale in support of our Lenten Outreach.

Homebound Letters and Cards: An outpouring of love was shared with our homebound members through the gift of 400 cards and letters written by parishioners.

Collections: 151 holiday food boxes and 500 items for the food pantry were donated to Capuchin House of Peace. The Knights of Columbus Baby Items Drive, Dismas Jail Ministry Coat Drive, SVdP School Supplies Drive, and other food drives supported those in need served by local charities.

PASTORAL CARE

Called to Serve Ministry: This ministry invited parishioners to serve at local charities and parishioner homes during a Fall Yard Work Blitz. 120 participated.

Communion Visits: 37 home visits and 80 nursing home visits were made per week.

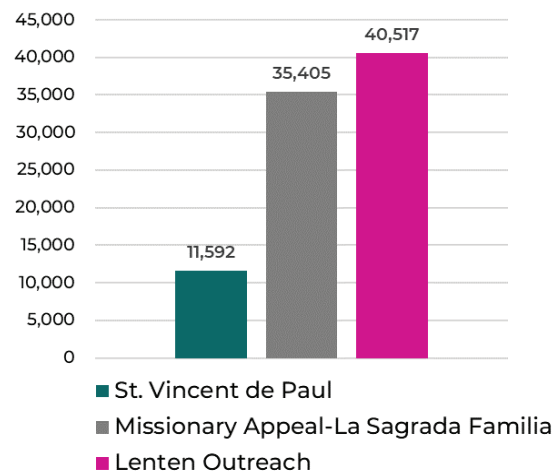
Bereavement: We launched Grief Share, a new 13-week bereavement series based upon Scripture.

End of Life Planning: Three presentations were offered to help parishioners prepare and plan for end of life issues, including the medical power of attorney process. For each of the presentations, 75 members participated.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Through the generosity of our parish family, St. Dominic Catholic Parish continues 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: Completed the abatement of asbestos in the school. Five classrooms received new floors, countertops, and sinks. Two interactive flat panel displays replaced SMART boards.

Church, Bell Tower, and Parking Lot: A hearing assist system was installed in church. Bell tower stones were tuckpointed and the tower painted. Phase II of parking lot paving was completed.

Earth Day: Volunteers completed several landscape projects on our campus.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

St. Dominic began year two of the five year Archdiocesan Love One Another Campaign in spring of 2024. 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 2023 DOMINIC DAYS RESULTS

Raffle Sales—Net	\$ 23,362
Sponsorships	63,515
Beer & Wine	67,196
Food—Net	3,950
Tents, Tables, Chairs, Bar	(21,791)
Entertainment	(21,250)
Rides	14,308
Other costs	(35,058)
Car Show—Net	17,555
Golf Outing—Net	5,512
Kids Games—Net	3,615
Steeplechase Run/Walk—Net	438
Net Proceeds	\$121,353

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Farwell: We said farewell to Mr. Francis Dempsey and announced the hiring of our new principal, Ms. Brita Willis.

Enrollment 2023-2024: We ended the year 423 Knights strong, graduated 39 of our students to be Knights for Christ in the world, and welcomed 47 new students from 35 new families.

Learning Support: A reading specialist was added to our support team.

ITBS and MAP Testing: On average, our students tested 2 1/2 grades above grade level.

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

Knights Move Olympics: This major school fundraiser raised \$30,590.

Athletics: Over 900 children participated in St. Dominic sports teams and programs. Our 8th grade boys volleyball team was the Archdiocesan-wide Seton Tournament Champions. Way to go Knights!

Tuition Assistance: Generosity to this fund will help support 26 students with a St. Dominic Catholic School education, a 50% increase.



For our family, St. Dominic Catholic School's education is more than subjects in a curriculum. It is an extension of our family's teaching; guiding how our kids think, act, and interact with the world around them. We are grateful for the teacher's support in building strong moral and ethical foundations, keeping prayer essential in each day, and reflecting God's love. Fr. Dennis once said that a child is not in a school longer than they are in grade school - 10 years! We are grateful to call St. Dominic home and to feel like family.

~Elissa & Brandon Bowlin (L-R: Elissa, Chloe, Mary, Abigail, Luke, Brandon)

Fiscal Year Financial Report

Year Ending June 30, 2024

FINANCIAL NOTES

FY24 was our first full year using Archdiocese Financial Norms modified Cash Basis Accounting. This means that all income and expenses are recognized as they occur without amortization spanning multiple fiscal years. The Operating Income surplus of \$59,314 reflects the following areas where our income exceeded budgeted expectations:

- Regular contributions and offertory gifts (in part from new parishioners)
 - School tuition and fee income (higher school enrollment than budgeted)
 - Interest income on cash assets and interest on investments
- Because we realized these very strong revenue streams, several Buildings & Grounds projects were recognized as operations expenses rather than tapping into our Long Term Capital Reserves. Finally, as noted last year, our Outreach collections are no longer recognized as St. Dominic income. You will note these funds are reported below the Operating Actuals and are not part of our budget.

2024 ST. DOMINIC GALA

Silent Auction	\$ 84,628
Live Auction	35,701
Raffles & Games	37,370
Reverse Auction STEM	69,250
Reservations	51,375
Sponsorships	37,612
Class Parties	10,375
Growler, Flocking, Advertising, Other	10,360
Dinner/Catering	(30,082)
Wine & Bar	(21,599)
Raffle Prizes & Auction Items Purchased	(20,688)
Lights, Music, Sound	(18,012)
Bidding & Credit Card Fees	(10,919)
Other Costs	(10,838)
Net Proceeds	224,533

OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES by Department	ACTUAL FY2023	ACTUAL FY2024	BUDGET FY2025
Liturgy & Music	27,169	32,128	20,000
Formation (Child/Student/Adult)	54,117	72,322	69,000
School: Tuition & Fees	1,553,375	1,564,110	1,669,625
School: Other (includes Gala)	38,960	93,777	57,500
Extended Care	137,873	202,520	173,750
Lunch Program	127,280	152,069	156,125
Pastoral Ministry	4,066	25,687	25,000
Outreach/Collections for Others	41,404	-	-
Administration: Stewardship & Offertory	2,421,930	2,643,891	2,545,000
Administration: Other	243,631	294,179	352,020
Facilities	93,354	115,766	100,500
Home & School Association	64,242	67,331	75,000
Athletics	109,164	96,775	85,000
Total Revenues	4,916,566	5,360,554	5,328,520
EXPENSES			
Liturgy & Music	144,704	177,075	186,694
Formation (Child/Student/Adult)	384,560	504,488	503,590
School	2,370,305	2,661,769	2,786,535
Extended Care	156,481	131,190	187,698
Lunch Program	145,490	152,910	147,997
Pastoral Ministry	92,685	116,145	124,888
Outreach Expenses to Operations	38,757	-	-
Clergy/Rectory	204,410	223,087	255,700
Administration	548,494	624,024	659,129
Technology	12,171	7,259	17,850
Marketing	85,309	98,529	119,205
Building & Grounds	165,525	426,799	136,842
Facilities	36,665	13,860	41,640
Home & School	29,099	67,331	75,000
Athletics	103,490	96,775	85,000
Total Expenses	\$4,518,145	\$5,301,240	\$5,327,767
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 398,421	\$ 59,314	\$ 753
Outreach/Collections for Others	41,404	40,517	-
Outreach Disbursements/Use	(38,757)	(40,381)	-
Designated Unrestricted Funds			
Home & School and Athletics	40,817	40,494	-
Other Designated Reserves	221,005	307,722	-
Bequests Received	-	-	-
Gala & Festival	121,624	152,029	-
School STEM Designated Funds	-	46,588	-
Total Designated	\$ 383,446	\$ 546,833	-

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Casting our Vision—The Year Ahead

My Parish Matters: On September 21, 2024, we will host this program for those interested in responding to Jesus' invitation to enter into the adventure of an extraordinary life with Him. It provides training on sharing the Gospel with people you care about and inviting them into your parish community.

10:10 Challenge: For those wanting or needing help in accompanying a fellow disciple, the 10:10 Challenge will be offered as a low risk way to enter into missionary discipleship with someone you care about.

Missionary Discipleship Training: We are looking to expand training opportunities to meet the demand for small group leaders and enable more people to learn how to live out their personal relationship with Jesus to transform the world.

Vision and Values: Introduce and promote our parish vision statement and core values to accompany our mission statement, and share how *The Way* integrates into the whole.

Accompaniment: Expand our Welcome Team Ministry (formerly New Member Mentor Program) to include newly-baptized and newly-married families.

School: Implement a STEM Lab funded from Gala Reverse Auction Proceeds.

Facilities and Grounds: Install new LED lighting for all parking lot lights, internal cameras in the school, church, and Marcy Center, and additional fobbed doors from grant funds.

The Prayer Gardens of St. Dominic: Complete the improved drainage project in the area around the Columbarium and the upgraded prayer gardens lighting project.

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 26/27, 2024

