



2025-2026 *Annual Report*



98

NEW HOUSEHOLDS

2695

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS



234

NEW MEMBERS

8822

TOTAL MEMBERS

Beloved,

This year completes my ninth year as pastor of St. Dominic Catholic Parish and it has been a year of grace. I am deeply grateful for the gift St. Dominic has been to me. We have introduced the Habits of Discipleship and offered a path to fulfilling the mission each parishioner has – to be a full disciple of Christ. Many have responded in deepening their relationship with Jesus and becoming active, engaged members of our parish.

I continue to stress that we are not a collection of like-minded individuals, we are family. This is evident by the generosity and vitality of our family. You will see in our annual report, that we are a healthy, growing parish. Our strengths are in the devotion to this parish that I see from the staff and teachers, to the many volunteers who keep our parish thriving, to each person who enters our church. I measure this vitality by one simple measure...people are happy to be here at St. Dominic. When I welcome those walking in the doors to Mass, they are happy. When I saw them at our summer festival, sitting around a table with a cool drink, they are happy. When they come into our parish office for information or help, they are happy.

We have a happy parish, and it is because of the people who welcome the stranger, help those in need, and support what I believe is critical to the future of our Church, our Catholic School. I have stated before that if you wish your child to attend our school, we will make it happen. I can say that because of the generous support we have received to help defray the cost of tuition for those in need.

This annual report cannot express the atmosphere or feeling one gets when they enter our church for the first time. A feeling of welcome. Thank you for being a part of our family, for welcoming the stranger, and offering from the gifts and first-fruits God has given you in support of our St. Dominic family.

Yours in Christ,

Father Dennis Saran

Pastor



THE BIG 10

As a community In 2025-2026, we embraced
10 Habits of Discipleship.

Forming a new habit takes time, dedication, and practice. Together and individually, we built new or stronger habits of discipleship by focusing on one habit each month.



These ten habits of discipleship are ways we grew deeper in our relationship with Jesus and each other, and opened ourselves to His transforming grace; a grace that moves us to seek, know, and become Christ, each one for the sake of all:

Pray Every Day

Pray with Scripture

Repent & Believe

Worship the Lord

Love Your Neighbor

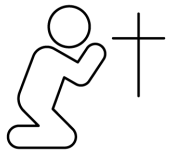
Live in Community

Follow the Shepherd

Befriend Holy Helpers

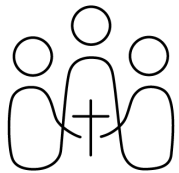
Give Your Life to Jesus

Share Jesus with Others



Opportunities to spend time in community for accountability, support, and encouragement were offered.

- Time-outs invited adults to take time to build their habits through prayer, formation, and community.
- Friday Night Light helped to bring the monthly habit home as a family.
- Habit Workshops were offered to gain insight and feedback from fellow disciples.
- Members were encouraged to join small faith communities of fellow parishioners.
- Website resources at stdominic.net/10habits were offered to enhance the experience of building each monthly habit.



Testimony



"While in church in February 2026, the Habit #6: Live in Community cards were distributed at Mass. My high school aged son wanted his own copy which he never had done before. I didn't understand until later why he chose that card to have as his own. I discovered that he used the content on that card to help him discern his college decision and the type of community he wanted to experience. He said many of the schools he looked at had great business schools, but it was community and how he could best develop that aspect of discipleship in his college selection that was important. This card helped him to be focused." ~Parishioner

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.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

We offered a Women's Morning Retreat, "The Gift Exchange," which invited women through reflection, prayer, and inspiring talks, to offer themselves in simple, everyday ways to bring Christ's love to others. Advent by Candlelight helped women prepare their hearts and minds for Advent with prayer, music, and community.

- 90 Baptisms
- 105 First Communicants
- 54 Received Confirmation
- 10 Marriages
- 3 Marriage Convalidations
- 11 Received into the Church
- 5 Adult Confirmations
- 55 Funerals



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

We offered a Men's Lenten Retreat, "Put on the Armor of God: Chivalry and the Lost Art of Being a Gentleman." We hosted 12 hours of reconciliation with priests from throughout Waukesha County and offered extended confession times to meet the needs of a growing demand for this sacrament. Mary's Way of the Cross provided a chance to experience the stations in a unique way.

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- We celebrated A Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception for parishioner Scott Zarling who was ordained to the transitional diaconate on April 18, 2026.
- We launched a monthly Glory & Praise Holy Hour offering praise and worship music, communal prayer, and quiet reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.
- On June 6, we joyfully celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for past St. Dominic pastor Fr. David Reith, with a Mass and a reception.
- The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Sacred Heart Icon Display to foster a greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, along with a Holy Hour with Adoration.
- Over the past year, the Welcome Home team offered gatherings for 150 new members/families to meet one another and truly experience a warm community.



As a Teaching Parish of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, we welcomed seminarian John Sparks to our community. John hails from Green Bay. Growing up in a Catholic home and attending Catholic school from kindergarten through high school, John had a weakening of faith during his late high school and college years, but started having a reversion in his late twenties. "As I grew deeper into my faith, I began asking God what he wanted from me and my life. Not long afterward, I began to hear my call to the priesthood."

Before being assigned to St. Dominic, John took part in the Rome Experience program in which he and other seminarians from all over the U.S. spent six weeks in Rome taking classes, seeing sites, and even having an opportunity to meet Pope Leo.

"With the help of God, I hope I am able to have a meaningful and joyful impact on your community."

~ Seminarian John Sparks

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 & FAMILY MINISTRY

- We offered 2 special workshops to help apply the 10 habits to your life.
- We introduced Donuts and Discipleship on the first Sundays of the month which provided formation and fellowship.
- Women of Grace ministered to the community through dynamic speakers, intentional prayer, and fellowship,
- That Man Is You focused on the theme "Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart" offering the vision of man fully alive.
- Mom's Group provided community for moms and kids age 0-5 while enjoying activities.
- Stronger Together marriage enrichment events offered during the year supported married couples and built community.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

- Coed, men's and women's young adult small groups gathered for consistent fellowship and formation.
- We reached out to our college and trade school students with Finals Fun Packs to keep them connected to St. Dominic and support them while studying for finals.

STUDENT MINISTRY

- We launched "Beyond Confirmation" to newly confirmed and recent graduates from high school for opportunities to expand and express their faith while growing in community with peers.
- Dedicated Core Teams served middle and high school students who were inspired to grow in their relationship with Christ.

CHILD MINISTRY

- We introduced Family Faith Formation nights to highlight a discipleship focus for the domestic church.
- Child Ministry classes served students in K4 through grade 5 led by 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.
- At True North Vacation Bible School, kids trekked the Alaskan tundra and discovered how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today, and how to be guided back towards Jesus.



We were blessed to bring on student ministers Claire Stoiber and Sydney Fricke to expand our ability to serve the teens and young adults/young professionals of our parish. Knowing that these life stages are greatly threatened by today's culture to live a life focused in Christ, we needed to provide a spiritual home to foster and support our young people to resist what the world would have them believe.

We began young adult/young professionals ministry for those who recently, and not so recently, graduated from college. This includes opportunities for small groups in single sex and co-ed environments. This vibrant group of individuals meet regularly and are on fire, resulting in our parish, in partnership with St. John Vianney and St. Mary Visitation parishes, have collaborated to form Westside Catholic, as a community space for all young adults/young professionals in Elmbrook and the surrounding area.



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: Over 150 people served St. Martin de Porres Parish in Milwaukee during 3 project days. Child ministry offered their annual Bake Sale in support of the outreach.

Collections: Our monthly collections provided generous support to a variety of organizations serving those in need.

Veteran's Day Observance: We honored our Veterans and Active Military with a special blessing at Mass followed by a breakfast, and a presentation.

Annual Mission Appeal: We responded generously to the appeal by Bishop Angelo Falzon, OFM, to support The Seminario Mayor Cristo Sumo Sacerdote, which is the heart of priestly formation for the Diocese of Comayagua, Honduras.

Teen Mission Trips: Teens served others through Mission of Mercy Service Camp.

PASTORAL CARE

Called to Serve Ministry: This ministry served our elderly and homebound members by providing spring and fall cleanup and other tasks as needed.

Homebound Ministry: Dedicated ministers bring Communion to over 80 people each week offering care and connection to our parish.

GriefShare We provided bereavement support to members who lost their loved ones through 2 Grief Share sessions during the year.

Senior Ministry: We provided community for over 800 seniors throughout the year, including an annual picnic and Christmas party.

Human Trafficking Event: This event brought us together in prayer to help identify and assist victims, gather intelligence, initiate investigations, and recognize signs of trafficking.

VATICAN II AWARDS RECIPIENT

In June 2026, we received notice that parishioner John Waymel was the recipient of the St. Paul VI Award for Leadership in Peace and Justice. John exemplifies a life of faithful discipleship and generous service to Christ and His Church. His life is a powerful testament to the Gospel in action—marked by humility, compassion, and unwavering trust in God. John Waymel's dedication, leadership, and joyful service have blessed both our parish and the wider Archdiocese, making him a most worthy recipient of this award.



2026 GALA RESULTS

Silent Auction	\$ 69,154
Live Auction	55,575
Raffles & Games	25,640
Reverse Auction - PLAYGROUND	95,186
Reservations	38,680
Sponsorships	33,929
Class Parties	8,150
Buckaroo Pass, Ads, Other	5,060
Dinner/Catering	(28,856)
Wine/Bar	(18,267)
Raffle Prizes/Auction Items	(17,918)
Band/Lights/Music/Sound	(21,473)
Bidding & Credit Card Fees	(11,017)
Other Costs	(10,755)
Net Proceeds	223,088

JULY 2025 DOMINIC DAYS RESULTS

Raffle Sales	\$ 64,982
Raffle Prizes	(25,513)
Sponsorships	74,177
Food, Beer, Wine—Net	52,090
Tents, Tables, Chairs, Bar	(24,846)
Entertainment	(21,900)
Rides	12,216
Other costs	(38,344)
Car Show—Net	13,872
Golf Outing—Net	12,646
Kids Games—Net	4,226
Steeplechase Run/Walk—Net	2,152
Net Proceeds	125,758

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

St. Dominic began year four of the five year Archdiocesan Love One Another Campaign in spring of 2026. Your generous pledges to the Love One Another Campaign continue to be remitted to us on a quarterly basis from the archdiocese. No funds from this campaign were spent in the 2025-2026 budget year, as our roof project of August-September 2026 is part of the 2026-2027 budget year. As always, we are grateful for your financial generosity in support of our parish and our greater archdiocesan family.

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2025-2026 Enrollment: We ended the year 425 Knights strong, graduated 41 of our students to be Knights for Christ in the world, and welcomed 60 new students from 36 new families.

Waukesha County Community Foundation Patrinus Grant: We were awarded a \$5,000 Patrinus grant from this foundation which was used for the purchase of Middle School Chromebooks.

Knights Move: This major school fundraiser raised \$35,403 and included a family worship night with music artist Connor Flanagan.

School Improvements: We created a space for a new K4 classroom. We converted the library into an ELA classroom and smaller library for K3-5th grades. Eight interactive flat panel displays/interactive whiteboards were installed in classrooms as part of phase IV to convert Smart Boards to IFPDs. We completed the final phase of the countertop replacement in the school.

Spring Musical: Under the direction of Music Teacher Tina Sherman, the student cast and crew presented the musical, The Princess and the Pea, Jr.



New Campus Playground

The fun and laughter officially began August 23, 2026, with the blessing of our new playground as hundreds waited to try out the new equipment. Work began with brainstorming sessions, review of proposals, fundraising through the raising of the paddle at the 2026 Gala and generous parishioner gifts netting a total of over \$217,000, and the final selection of equipment, colors, and a partner. And then anticipation and excitement increased as parts arrived and installation occurred.

Our new playground provides a play space for the children of our parish and our neighboring area. More importantly, it builds community and learning opportunities as kids navigate climbing, sliding, swinging, and each other. It is a visible sign, marketing to those who visit and indicates a strong parish and school. The remainder of the project was funded through our long-term capital fund. We know it will bring smiles for many years to come.

Fiscal Year Financial Report

Year Ending June 30, 2026

FINANCIAL NOTES

FY26 was a year full of ambitious campus improvements and extraordinary stewardship. Because of our incredibly generous parishioners, outdoor and school campus projects were funded by regular stewardship, and we did not need to tap into our Long-Term Capital Reserves. THANK YOU!

Our parish is growing, and we are grateful for those who give of their time and talent - ensuring a vibrant, welcoming, and engaging community.

WILLIAM/JEANNE EGAN AND MARIANNE KUHLOW TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

St. Dominic has long offered tuition assistance for parishioner families who desire a St. Dominic Catholic education for their children. In August 2025, we were blessed with a \$1,000,000 memorial gift from the Egan Trust in honor of William and Jeanne Egan. Weeks later, we learned that we were a beneficiary of the Marianne Kuhlow Estate; with a first distribution of \$380,000 being received in November. Both bequests were named as restricted use for Tuition Assistance for families with students enrolled in our day school.

These extraordinary gifts have been wisely invested, and provide long-term tuition assistance funding which will benefit hundreds of students for years to come. Because of the Egan/Kuhlow Fund we have awarded over \$107,000 in tuition awards supporting a total of 45 students for the 2026-2027 school year.

Forming the souls and educating the minds of young parishioners is core to our mission as a Catholic parish. We are grateful to the Egan Family and to Marianne Kuhlow whose commitment to Catholic education is evident by their gifts.

If you, or someone you know, wants a Catholic elementary education for their child(ren) - please never let finances be a barrier. Call the school office to schedule a tour!

OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

REVENUES by Department	ACTUAL FY2025	ACTUAL FY2026	BUDGET FY2027
Liturgy & Music	44,220	42,186	30,000
Formation (Child/Student/Adult)	88,076	87,301	74,250
School: Tuition & Fees	1,682,074	1,743,389	1,730,125
School: Other (no Gala in 2025)	27,270	43,185	8,000
Extended Care	211,431	234,881	183,750
Lunch Program	144,352	169,157	162,000
Pastoral Ministry	20,475	28,641	22,000
Administration: Stewardship & Offertory	2,670,256	2,839,464	3,150,000
Administration: Other	253,161	370,475	676,425
Technology	-	45,750	43,750
Facilities	113,796	112,045	93,000
Home & School Association	74,560	55,071	35,000
Athletic Programs	88,918	109,817	85,000
Total Revenues	5,418,587	5,881,363	6,293,300
EXPENSES			
Liturgy & Music	172,313	182,760	212,012
Formation (Child/Student/Adult)	533,330	515,459	588,413
School	2,783,679	3,103,282	3,493,168
Extended Care	169,964	137,170	100,960
Lunch Program	167,256	156,797	176,381
Pastoral Ministry	119,028	129,133	150,097
Clergy/Rectory	218,307	232,326	285,546
Administration	624,091	725,527	816,799
Technology	41,721	34,071	27,900
Marketing	106,618	95,887	125,215
Building & Grounds	282,156	346,292	212,008
Facilities	20,364	5,563	11,800
Home & School	74,560	55,071	35,000
Athletic Programs	88,918	109,817	85,000
Total Expenses	\$5,402,304	\$5,829,154	\$6,293,299
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 16,283	\$ 52,208	\$ 1
Outreach/Collections for Others	37,598	51,454	-
Outreach Disbursements/Use	(37,279)	(51,454)	
Designated Unrestricted Funds			
Home & School and Athletics	47,006	61,168	
Other Designated Reserves	282,863	205,452	
Tuition Assistance Restricted Fund	122,537	1,493,729	
Weisbrot & Long Term Capital Fund	2,034,000	3,333,127	
Gala & Festival	151,918	216,784	
STEM Designated Funds (reverse auction)	42,101	39,081	
Total Designated	\$ 2,680,425	\$ 5,349,341	

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Casting our Vision—The Year Ahead

Be Still and Know that I am God: For the formation year ahead, as we move forward in our growth and practices of discipleship, an emphasis will be placed on being still and knowing that God is in control.

Speed Bumps: Adult Formation will introduce “Speed Bumps” - opportunities to slow down and step away in order to connect or re-connect with God in the busyness of our lives. Book discussions, mini-retreats, guest speakers, movie nights, and presentations are planned.

Church Roof: Through the generous gifts of parishioners to the Archdiocesan Love One Another Campaign, we will use remaining funds to tackle much needed repairs to our copper church roof. This project is planned

School: We are excited for the 2026-2027 school year with Mrs. Gloria Schumacher leading the Knights and the spark that our teachers and students will bring to our school community as we inspire minds, build character, and seek Christ.

Student Ministry: St. Dominic will be hosting a teen suicide prevention event featuring a talk by Franki Moscato, a singer/songwriter, actress, and national speaker. A passionate advocate for those struggling with mental health, Franki has used her platform to raise awareness for adolescent suicide prevention.

Nurture Community: Two bus trips are planned to help build community and grow in faith. Our fall bus trip to Chicago will include Anne Frank, the Exhibition.

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*

November 7/8

