



STEWARDSHIP
REPORT

SAINT IGNACE

JULY 1, 2024 to
JUNE 30, 2025

Parish Generosity

Thanks to parishioner generosity we were not only able to cover our operating expenses, but also to improve our campus and continue to make charitable donations on behalf of our parish.

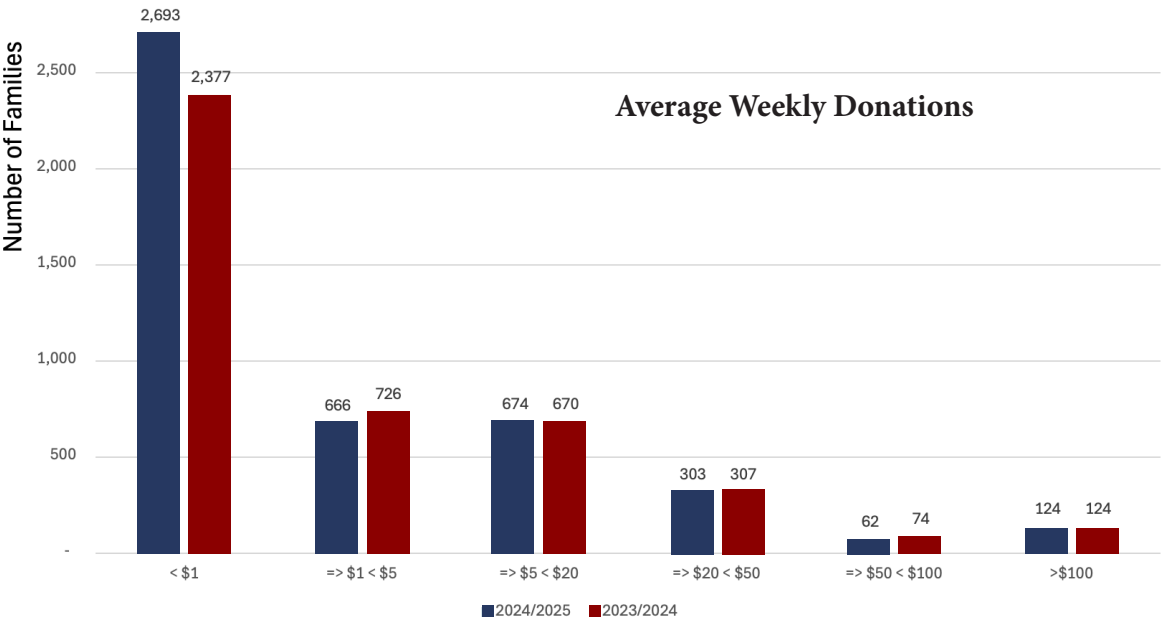
One way our parish puts stewardship into practice is to give some of our treasure to those in need. Last year our Generosity Committee donated \$50,300 on behalf of our parish to various charities including *H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday)*, *Life Center*, *Mary’s Path*, *Orange County Catholic Worker*, *Precious Life Shelter*, *Presentation Learning Center*, and *St. Vincent Friends Outside Program*.

Upon the closing of his assignment here at Saint Irenaeus, Fr. Binh made the important decision to begin the process to purchase the Presentation Sisters’ Convent. This was a pivotal decision for continued parish growth and for a successful start for the new Parochial Administrator, Fr. Mark Cruz.

The campaign to purchase the convent was soft-launched in June and we have received \$270k in donations towards the \$1.5 million purchase price. We are grateful for the generous donors in support of expanding the campus facilities to provide new meeting spaces, a full kitchen, break room, conference rooms, and a beautiful chapel.

Offertory Report

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Registered Families	4,478	4,570
Average Mass Attendance	3,440	3,718
Households Receiving Envelopes	1,113	1,176
Households that Financially Support our Parish	1,510	1,829
Households Using Electronic Giving	507	481
Average Weekly Offertory Gift per Giving Household	\$20.00	\$18.00
Average Weekly Collection	\$38,560	\$32,927





To our Beloved Saint Irenaeus Parishioners,

For the first time, I am tasked with presenting to you the Stewardship Report for the Fiscal Year 2024–2025. It comes at a meaningful time, coinciding with the Solemnity of Christ the King and Thanksgiving weekend.

While reviewing our financial standing, our ministry activities, and celebration of the sacraments—all the numbers and statistics before us, a line from a song I recently learned kept echoing in my mind: “There’s so much to be thankful for.” These words stayed with me as I reflected on our stewardship as a community.

Indeed, we live in times marked by economic challenges and uncertainties that can test our ability to remain hopeful and positive. Yet, even amid these realities, gratitude reminds us of how truly blessed we are. It keeps us trusting in God’s providence and in the strength of our supportive community, which reflects the very life of the mystical Body of Christ.

Here at Saint Irenaeus, there is so much to be thankful for. We are blessed with a community that is generous, caring, and deeply committed to the life of the Church. As we look ahead, we have many opportunities to grow together—strengthening our communal spirit and mission. Among these are our capital campaign, which aims to expand space for our ministries through the acquisition of a pastoral center, and our upcoming major repairs.

I hope you find this Stewardship Report informative and encouraging. May it empower, inspire, and challenge us to continue being the kind of community our patron, St. Irenaeus, describes—a community that glorifies God by being fully alive.

Thank you for being part of this parish family, and for sharing your time, talent, and treasure that have sustained our community through the years. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to all who serve—members of our various ministries, the Finance Council, parish and school staff, deacons, priests, and especially our former pastors, whose pastoral leadership and dedication continue to bear fruit among us.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” — 1 Peter 4:10

Fr. Mark Cruz, AM, Parochial Administrator

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58th

annual Fiesta

celebrated for three days in September

400+

pretzels

served at Oktoberfest



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65_{tons}

of food from Second Harvest and about 5 tons donated product from Costco, Olive Garden, and Pizza Hut given out annually at H.O.P.E. twice monthly food distribution days.

125

cards

created by Jr. High Peacemakers
and HS students

(Saint Valentine's Day cards for Care
Center residents and Christmas cards
for the Homebound)



40+

pets blessed

at the annual Saint Francis
Blessing of the Animals

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Over 3,600 total graduates

from Saint Irenaeus Parish School since it opened in 1963. Students have gone on to attend colleges all across the country including Brown University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Long Beach, Loyola Marymount University, Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame, Stanford, USC, UC Berkeley, UCI, UCLA, U.S. Air Force Academy, University of Arizona, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, and Virginia Tech.

Stewardship of Treasure

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Parish Support		
Offertory and Holy Day Collections	1,872,498	1,938,126
Christmas and Easter Collections	115,461	113,873
School Tuition Assistance Donations ¹	27,262	16,323
Other Support and Gifts for the Benefit of the Parish ²	181,854	157,365
Donations Made to H.O.P.E. ³	93,899	78,077
PSA Campaign Rebates	89,135	91,450
Building Fund Donations	81,548	81,447
Diocesan Collections ⁴	86,737	106,321
Extraordinary Income ⁵	-	223,373
Total Support	2,548,394	2,806,355
Parish Expenses		
Wages/Benefits Paid to Staff ⁶	1,013,328	945,730
Assessments to Support Diocesan Administration	207,648	217,590
Donations Made to Charitable Organizations	46,672	50,300
Parish School Financial Support	50,000	50,000
Operating Expenses ⁷	233,202	263,806
Repairs and Maintenance	130,713	121,105
Property Taxes and Insurance	95,657	102,629
Transfers to the Building Fund	170,683	172,897
Pastoral Center Rent/Exp	-	4,193
Ministry Expenses (includes H.O.P.E.) ⁸	237,142	203,642
Diocesan Collections for Designated Uses ⁴	86,737	106,321
Total Expenditures	2,271,782	2,238,213
Surplus (or Deficit)	\$ 276,613	\$ 568,142
Assets		
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Checking/Savings		
Cash Accounts	1,106,334	1,336,919
H.O.P.E. Bank Account	116,783	123,674
Diocese Building Funds	706,675	900,249
Diocese Deposit - Pastoral Center	-	270,254
ERC Funds	-	267,384
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,929,792</u>	<u>2,631,097</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>46,568</u>	<u>40,000</u>
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<i>Fixed Assets</i>		
Land and Land Improvements	692,182	692,182
Buildings and Improvements	4,350,596	4,372,391
Furniture/Equipment	1,317,975	1,338,275
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,160,660)</u>	<u>(3,318,720)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,200,093</u>	<u>\$ 3,084,129</u>
Total Assets	\$ 5,176,454	\$ 5,755,225
Liabilities and Equity		
Total Accounts Payable ⁹	218,182	84,497
Total Other Current Liabilities	127,383	198,864
Total Current Liabilities	<u>345,565</u>	<u>283,361</u>
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FUND BALANCES	<u>4,830,888</u>	<u>5,471,864</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	5,176,454	5,755,225

¹ LY three donations totaling \$10K; not received in FY'25

² Funerals decrease \$10K; Fiesta net decrease \$10K

³ Reduced donations; LY were higher with two donations of \$6K

⁴ CY includes disaster collections: LA fires, hurricane Helene, Texas floods totaling \$23,029

⁵ One time rebate of payroll taxes for COVID relief

⁶ No custodian for 50% of year; no BM for 50% of year; paid outside custodial help

⁷ Does not include non-cash depreciation expense of \$205K and \$172, respectively

⁸ H.O.P.E. expenses decrease by \$30K; fundraiser in FY'24 in spring

⁹ CY building fund donations and PSA received were transferred to Building fund before Y/E

SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED

- 81 infants/children baptized
- 176 children celebrated their First Holy Communion
- 181 sick calls/anointings provided
- Ten children and seven adults received their three Sacraments of Initiation
- 84 high school students and 32 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- 16 weddings and 13 convalidations performed

THE PARISH IN ACTION

- Seven charities received monthly support
- 50+ active ministries
- 42 volunteer catechists and aides supported the Youth Faith Formation (YFF) program
- 14 volunteer catechists supported the Confirmation program
- 67 funeral services conducted
- 75 Valentine's Day cards for Care Center residents created by Youth Ministry HS students
- 27 families supported by Tuition Assistance gifts which allowed 35 children to receive a Catholic education
- 35-40 aged-out foster and at-risk community youth served homemade dinner once a month by Bridge of Light Ministry
- 440 bags filled with gifts - thanks to parishioner monetary donations - and later distributed at four Care Centers and to the homebound by Giving Tree volunteers
- An average of 170 families served at H.O.P.E.'s each first and third Saturday of the month food bank distribution
- Approximately 160 families per month visited the Christian Services Office
- 10 special scheduled collections and three disaster relief appeals supported financially by our generous parishioners
- 305 children enrolled in the parish Religious Education program, grades 1 – 8
- 72 teen and 27 adult volunteers made it possible for 135 children to attend the YFF summer Bible Camp
- 306 children enrolled in the parish school (TK - 8th grade)
- 50 Christmas cards for the Homebound created by Jr. High peacemakers



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A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Our vibrant, growing church is blessed with the need for more space for our many ministries. From Health Ministry to Junior Legion of Mary, from Bible Study to Young Adult Ministry, we are bursting at the seams.

Recently, Saint Irenaeus parish was offered the opportunity to secure the Presentation Sisters Convent. This is a chance to have more space for ministries to gather, evangelize, comfort, educate, and grow closer to God.

Projected First Floor Improvements Completion

January 15, 2026

Open House

TBD



MAKE HIM KNOWN

