

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SAINT IRENAEUS

JULY 1, 2025 to JUNE 30, 2026

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 $48,000 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, St. Vincent Friends Outside Program, St. Irenaeus Parish School Tuition Assistance, and Philippines Disaster Relief.*

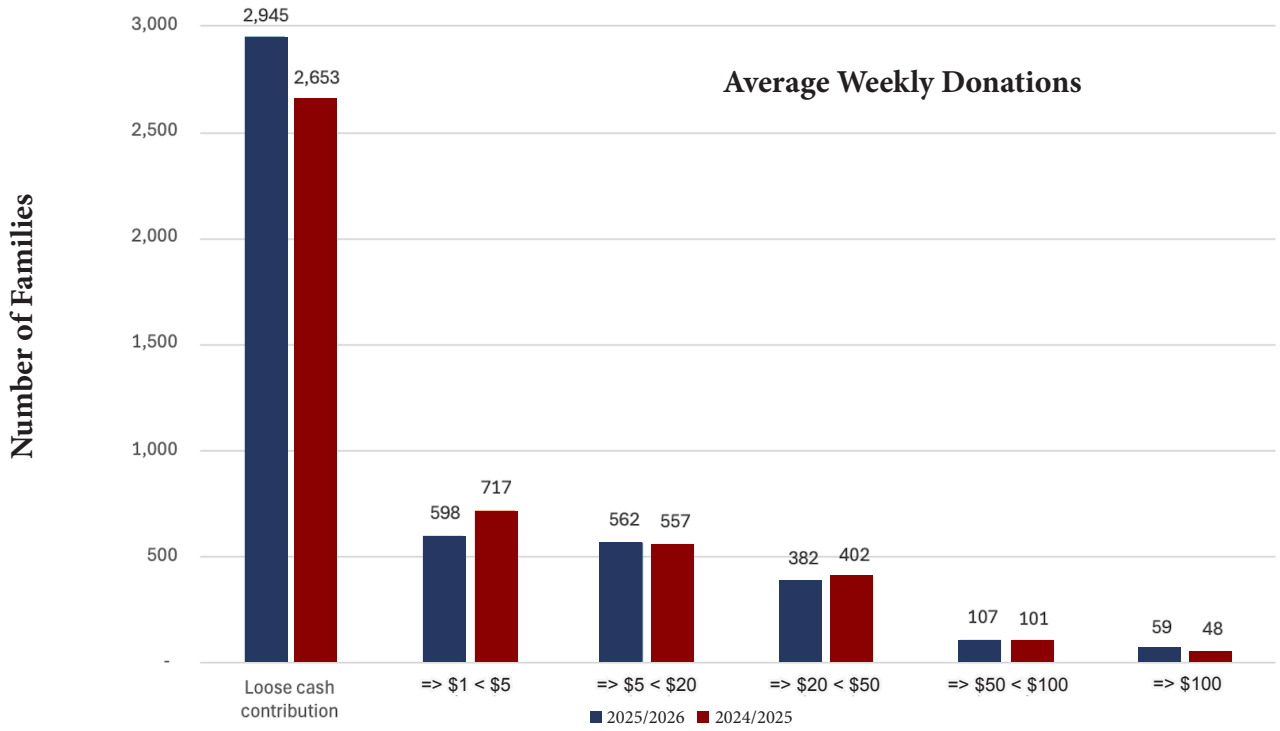
The campaign to purchase and renovate the Parish Life Center building for $2 million was soft-launched in June 2025. We are grateful for the generous donors who have already contributed. The expansion of the campus facilities is needed to provide more space for our many ministries.

From Bible Study to Oktoberfest Committee, from Junior Legion of Mary to Rosary Ministry, Saint Irenaeus organizations are looking for a place to call home. A lucky few have found it at the Parish Life Center. With over fourteen groups currently using the PLC for meetings, rehearsals, food prep, Adoration, and prayer, parishioners are thankful for this second spiritual home where community thrives.

Offertory Report

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, there is a change in the presentation of data, different from previous years.

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Registered Families	4,653	4,570
Households Receiving Envelopes	1,192	1,176
Households Using Electronic Giving	520	481
Average Weekly Collection	$38,431	$32,927





Dear Saint Irenaeus Family,

This year our annual stewardship report falls on a Sunday when we reflect on the Parable of the Talents. After a year of being here at Saint Irenaeus, the recurring question that comes to my mind is, "Have I been a good steward of what was entrusted to my care?

We are pleased to share with you good news as well as opportunities for growth at our parish. Through your support and generosity, we provided for all our formation programs and activities as well as accomplished and/or initiated major needed repairs.

Together with our ministry leaders, we look forward to fulfilling the following major goals:

Continue to help advance the call for evangelization by emphasizing the need for Relational Ministry and Radical Hospitality across all our ministries, catechisms, and formation programs.

Strengthen our support for the advancement of our Youth and Young Adult Ministries by providing them with more opportunities for developing youth ministry leadership and immersion/experience in building a robust Youth and Young Adult community.

Meet the maintenance requirements needed in the church, with particular focus on our electrical and lighting system, as well as addressing security measures for our school.

Complete the payment for our Parish Life Center, so we can continue moving forward in supporting more of our ministries still in need of meeting and gathering spaces.

Our parish community continues to echo the theme of the Diocese's 50th Founding Anniversary: **There's More**. We have much to be thankful for; we are a vibrant community. With our hopes and vision aligned with where our Lord calls us, there's more to our faith life we can pursue, knowing we are all moving together in this journey filled with faith, hope and love.

My prayer is with the help of God's grace, we can all move where the Spirit of the Lord is leading us, continuously glorifying God.

My deepest gratitude for your generous support and love for our faith community.
Fr. Mark Cruz, AM, Parochial Administrator



Great Room Before Reno



Great Room During Reno



Great Room After Reno

KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN



PLC GREAT ROOM



59th
annual Fiesta
celebrated for three days in September

2,300
tamales
made and sold by Hispanic Ministry during the Our Lady of Guadalupe fundraiser



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Over 3,635 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.

382

pieces of baked fish

cooked at the Parish Life Center during the five Fridays of the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry with an estimated total of over 1,500 meals served, plus 27 gallons of clam chowder





1 **long-awaited**

roof repair

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about 90 tons

of food from Second Harvest and about 25 tons donated product from Costco, Olive Garden, and Pizza Hut given out annually at H.O.P.E.'s twice monthly food distribution days with

180 **families** on average served

Stewardship of Treasure

For Fiscal Year 2025-2026, there is a change in the presentation of data, different from previous years. The changes in the data presentation reflect more our actual net income, distinct from non-operating transactions and funds.

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Parish Support		
Offertory and Holy Day Collections[1]	1,998,421	1,938,126
Christmas and Easter Collections	114,371	113,873
School Tuition Assistance Donations	65,350	61,600
Other Support and Gifts for the Benefit of the Parish[2]	189,961	157,365
Donations Made to H.O.P.E.[3]	110,149	78,077
PSA Campaign Rebates	56,019	91,450
Building Fund Donations	81,548	81,447
Diocesan Collections[4]	135,374	106,321
Total Support	***2,751,195***	***2,628,258***
Parish Expenses		
Wages/Benefits Paid to Staff[5]	1,091,381	1,030,657
Assessments[6]	235,740	217,590
Donations Made to Charitable Organizations	47,908	50,300
Depreciation Expense[7]	178,807	204,768
Parish School Support	50,000	50,000
Operating Expenses[8]	249,842	265,605
Pastoral Center Rent/Expenses[11]	127,504	4,193
Repairs and Maintenance[9]	142,480	160,661
Property Taxes and Insurance[10]	91,856	102,629
Transfers	221,359	241,388
Ministry Expenses	50,272	47,528
H.O.P.E. Expenses	91,708	71,186
Diocesan Collections for Designated Uses[4]	135,374	106,321
Total Expenditures	***2,714,230***	***2,552,826***
Surplus (or Deficit)	***$36,965***	***$75,432***
Assets		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Cash Accounts	1,226,877	1,069,536
H.O.P.E. Bank Account	142,806	123,674
Diocese Building Funds	959,338	900,249
Diocese Deposit - Pastoral Center	420,095	270,254
ERC Funds	274,693	267,384
Total Checking/Savings	3,023,809	2,631,097
Total Other Current Assets	15,514	40,000
Total Current Assets	***$3,039,322***	***$2,671,097***
Fixed Assets		
Land and Land Improvements	692,182	692,182
Buildings and Improvements	4,372,391	4,372,391
Furniture/Equipment	1,348,790	1,338,275
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,407,931)	(3,318,720)
Total Fixed Assets	***3,005,432***	***3,084,129***
Total Assets	***$ 6,044,754***	***$5,755,225***
Liabilities and Equity		
Total Accounts Payable	22,251	84,497
Total Other Current Liabilities	244,208	198,864
Total Current Liabilities	266,460	283,362
Total Liabilities	266,460	283,362
FUND BALANCES	5,778,295	5,471,864
Total Liabilities and Equity	***$ 6,044,754***	***$ 5,755,225***

[1] Increase in contributions
[2] Increases in funeral income $11K; votives $6K; interest $8K and weddings and novenas $4K
[3] Increase in contributions
[4] Added three special collections
[5] Staffing needs continue to increase from prior year; hired Business Manager in 3/2025, 3% wage increases; added P/T facility employee
[6] Increase in Diocese Assessment based on prior year revenues
[7] Some current year assets were fully depreciated
[8] Household expenses decreased $10K and miscellaneous other
[9] Reduction in cleaning expenses
[10] Reduced premiums from Diocese
[11] Renovation of property for ministry uses

Sacraments Celebrated

- 74 infants/children baptized
- 122 children celebrated their First Holy Communion
- 187 sick calls and 900+ anointings provided
- Nine children and nine adults received the three Sacraments of Initiation
- 110 high school students and 27 adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- 12 weddings and 11 convalidations in celebration of sacramental matrimony

The Parish in Action

- Eight charities received monthly support of $2,000 each
- 40+ active ministries and organizations
- 43 volunteer catechists and aides supported the Youth Faith Formation (YFF) program
- Six volunteer catechists supported the Confirmation program
- 98 souls received funeral services
- 26 families supported by Tuition Assistance gifts which allowed 37 children to receive a Catholic education
- 40+/- aged-out foster and at-risk community youth served homemade dinner once a month by Bridge of Light Ministry
- 400+ 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 180 families served at H.O.P.E.'s twice monthly food bank distribution
- Approximately 100 families (200 individuals) per month visited the Christian Services Office
- 10 scheduled special collections and three disaster relief appeals supported financially by our generous parishioners
- 220 children enrolled in the parish Religious Education program, grades 1 – 8
- 97 teen and 31 adult volunteers helped make it possible for 156 children to attend the YFF summer Bible Camp
- 306 children enrolled in the parish school (TK - 8th grade)



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of Initiation at Easter Vigil

KNOW JESUS

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Come on in and find a spot,
on a chair, pew, or bench,
by a statue, tree, or friend.

At a meeting, Mass, or Adoration,
with your family or the neighbors.

Near or far, old or new,
past or present and future too.

Among life's chaos and the joy,
at Saint Irenaeus there's room for you.

MAKE HIM KNOWN

