



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Catholic Church & School

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2024-2025
Financial Report

From the Pastor



Dear Friends of Sacred Heart,

This time of year is especially valuable to reflect on our stewardship and how it measures up to our goals as a parish. Things have certainly been busy, and during my four years at Sacred Heart I have tried to prioritize the most impactful goals in an accomplishable and forward thinking order. With the help of the staff, the pastoral and finance councils, as well as so many of our devoted volunteers, it has been a pleasure to see so many of our efforts come to fruition in the ways we dream of as well as the unexpected ways that the Holy Spirit brings about.

As we heard in the Gospel several weeks ago, "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 12:48) In our goals for the parish, the Holy Spirit charges us to rise to the occasion of providing for the needs of our own time, as well as in future generations. We have done this by expanding our cemetery space by over 11 acres, by doing extensive maintenance and repairs to buildings on campus, and of course by enjoying a strong start to our most ambitious project of all, our school capital campaign.

Rising costs are consistently causing a greater need for funding sources. You all have been more generous than ever in recent months, especially when combining regular tithing with the capital campaign. As I prepare to conclude my time at Sacred Heart, I want to make sure that I leave Fr. Haganey with as many resources as I can to make the transition smooth, just as Fr. Farrar was kind enough to do for me.

To that end, I owe it to you to be frank about our need to increase tithing and optimize our spending. The 2024-2025 fiscal year concluded with a budget-actual deficit of \$53,108. As it stands for the present moment, we are already falling short of our budget by \$11,360 for the current year. To be clear, this is not because giving has decreased, but because the cost of employee benefits, supplies, materials, and maintenance have increased so much. The finance council and Fr. Haganey will be closely monitoring the finances throughout the rest of the coming year and if a deficit persists, will consider budget cuts so as to prevent ongoing deficits in future years.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00 am

CONFESSION

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm

Saturday 3:00-3:50pm

There is not enough space here to list the many day to day things we accomplish at Sacred Heart, and I truly believe the improvements listed above put us in the growth mindset to fulfill the everyday works in the Lord's vineyard. Nonetheless, we cannot forget the need to financially sustain our daily operations if we want to continue all aspects of what we do here. Please know of my continued prayers, and I entrust myself to your own.

With gratitude for your generosity, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

--Fr. Carter

Sacred Heart FY 2024/25

29	Baptisms	
30	First Communions	
39	Confirmations	
2	Marriages	
25	Participated in OCIA	
73	Enrolled at Sacred Heart School	
70	Enrolled in Catholic Youth Formation (CYF)	
19	Newly Registered Families	

WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday & Wednesday: 5:30pm Thursday & Friday: 8:15am	ADORATION Tuesday 8:00am - Wednesday 5:00pm (in adoration chapel)
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2024/25 Revenue*

	2024-2025	24-25 Budget to Actual Difference	2023-2024
General Tithing	\$740,625	\$15,396	\$983,147
Building Fund	\$7,689	\$389	
Other Contributions	\$43,295	\$15,107	
Other Income	\$294,332	\$46,944	
Total Receipts	\$1,085,941	\$77,836**	\$983,147

*This does not include the revenue for the School Capital Campaign.

**The total receipts over budget included insurance proceeds from Parish Hall ice damage and the last of the donations for the cemetery land purchase.

2024/25 Expenses

	2024-2025	24-25 Budget to Actual Difference	2023-2024
Church	\$535,985	\$73,414	\$522,464
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$77,850	-\$15	\$57,860
School Subsidy	\$382,751	\$56,656	\$307,983
Outreach	\$19,216	\$889	\$14,617
Total Expenses	\$1,015,802	\$130,944	\$902,924
Net Operating Surplus	\$70,139	-\$53,108 *	\$80,223

* Church expenses were over budget due to exterior work on the church, numerous A/C repairs, and a new roof on the Parish Hall after ice damage. School subsidy was over budget primarily due to higher costs of benefits. We have accounted for this deficit by pulling funds from savings. As you will see on the next page, total savings decreased by 14% due to these withdrawals.

Savings and Endowments

as of June 30, 2025

Operating Cash*

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Checking Acct.	\$25,326	\$54,307	\$76,374

Savings** (not including capital campaign)

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
General Savings	\$266,677	\$331,512	\$406,174
Building Fund	\$122,063	\$151,369	\$146,922
Cemetery	\$3,587	\$3,482	\$3,380
Ice Pantry	\$101,286	\$108,806	\$113,689
Spielbusch	\$132,780	\$128,890	\$125,103
Total Savings	\$626,393	\$724,059	\$795,268

Endowments***

	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Total Endowed Funds	\$1,954,151	\$1,771,474	\$1,573,059

*Operating Cash is unrestricted cash used for daily operations and is held in a checking account at Emporia State Bank.

**Savings can be used when necessary when applied towards expenses of the designated category. All savings are held with the Archdiocese with interest ~3%. Total savings decreased by 14%.

***An endowment is a restricted fund from which only the interest may be withdrawn. The principal (what goes into the endowment) cannot be withdrawn. All endowments must reside at the Catholic Foundation of Northeast Kansas.

Ways to give

Are you looking to set up your giving? There are multiple ways to do so:

1. Go to shemporia.org/donate and click “give now” and enter your information to set up recurring or one-time giving.
2. Contact the parish office to order envelopes. Though cash is not preferred, the envelope will allow Sacred Heart to track your giving for your tax purposes even if you give cash.
3. If you wish to have an automatic payment made monthly through a means other than our giving page, contact the business manager to provide your information.
4. Stock gifts: if you wish to donate stock, the Archdiocese has some helpful guidelines on how to benefit your parish:

<https://archkck.org/stewardship/parishioner/ways-to-give/stock-gifts/>

5. You can also look into crop donations (commodity gifts)

<https://archkck.org/stewardship/parishioner/ways-to-give/gift-of-grain/>

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



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