St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

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50 Years of Building Disciples of Christ through Faith, Service and Community

STEWARDSHIP REPORT



JULY 1, 2025
THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2026

FISCAL YEAR END
2026

FROM *The Pastor*

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a heart full of joy and gratitude that I present to you our annual Stewardship Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. For any vibrant faith community, transparency and accountability are essential ingredients in leadership. This financial summary is not just a ledger of numbers, but our primary way of showing accountability to you and expressing our deepest gratitude for your unwavering generosity and faithful giving.

Looking back over this past fiscal year, I am deeply moved by the many ways your stewardship has come to life. Your financial support, prayers, and active participation have directly enabled us to carry out the broader mission of the Church and fulfill our own unique parish vision here in Sun City. Through your gifts, we have maintained our sacramental life, supported our ministries, ensuring our community remains a welcoming haven of faith, nurtured spiritual growth, and successfully completed the renovation of our church.

Managing these holy resources requires diligent care, and we are blessed with an exceptional team committed to the prudent use of the resources entrusted to us. I want to express my profound gratitude to our Parish Manager, Hank Geerling, whose tireless administration ensures our daily operations run seamlessly, and to our accountant, Dorothy Plett, who keeps a sharp, faithful eye on our financial tracking. Together with the dedicated members of our Finance Council, their financial stewardship guarantees that your sacrificial offerings are handled with the highest level of integrity and care.

I encourage you to look over this Year-End Stewardship Report. If you have any questions, feedback, or require clarification on any part of this summary, please feel welcome to contact the parish office. We will be more than glad to sit down with you and answer your questions.

Thank you again for your love for God and your deep commitment to our parish. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families abundantly for your goodness.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Williams Abba
Pastor



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The celebration of the Eucharist is the center of our parish life. From the Eucharist all aspects of life flow, from catechetical ministry to social outreach activity. It takes many members of our parish family to actively participate as liturgical ministers. The following shows current numbers of liturgical ministers.

NAME OF MINISTRY	NUMBER OF MINISTERS
ALTAR SERVERS	24
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	109
LECTORS	47
MUSIC MINISTERS	44
AV MINISTERS	3
SACRiSTANS	25
FUNERAL LECTORS	9
FUNERAL HOSPITALITY	19
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS	58
MINISTRY OF CARE	47 ministers brought JESUS to the homebound more than 3,100 times



Catechetical Ministries

Because they have given life to their children, parents have a most serious obligation and enjoy the right to educate them. It is therefore primarily the responsibility of Christian parents to ensure the Christian education of their children in accordance with the teachings of the Church." (Canon Law 226.2)

St. Elizabeth Seton assists parents in the faith formation and education of their children, providing opportunities to learn more about what we, as Catholics believe and how we practice our faith, as followers of Jesus Christ. The following number of parishioners participated in Faith Formation this year.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

ELEMENTARY	37	THAT MAN IS YOU	47
JUNIOR HIGH	26	ADULT FORMATION	210
HIGH SCHOOL	6	BIBLE STUDY	110
OCIC	1	OCIA	10

VOLUNTEERS AND CATECHISTS

CATECHISTS	22
VOLUNTEERS	9



Journey Together With Faith



These groups extend the love of Christ beyond our walls and engage with the wider community. They aim to meet both spiritual and physical needs, often through practical service, relationship building, and sharing the gospel. These groups help people deepen their faith and understand their calling to spread God's love and grace in the world.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY	**33**
CURSILLO	**47**
HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP	**30**
SOLO GROUP	**223**
LEGION OF MARY	**4**
EVENING PRAYER GROUP	**8**

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.* And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20



SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Life in Christ: they give birth and increase healing and direction to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life.

BAPTISM	4
FIRST RECONCILIATION	13
FIRST EUCHARIST	8
CONFIRMATION	9
MARRIAGE	2
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	229
RITE OF CHRISTIAN FUNERAL	52

MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY DOLLAR

The financial report is divided into three sections:

- **Charitable dollars collected at the parish and distributed elsewhere.**
- **Parish income collected at the parish for parish operations.**
- **Parish expenses are monies spent to operate our parish including our Diocesan Assessment**

The parish, in its commitment to stewardship, strives to be fiscally responsible, using judicious resolve to cover our operational expenses, while also setting aside income for the future.



CHARITABLE GIVING IN OUR PARISH

The Catholic Church teaches that offering some form of material support to the Church is obligatory for all Catholic adults who are able to do so although it doesn't specify what percent of one's income should be given. The key to understanding how God wants us to give to the Church is found in 1 Corinthians 16:2, "On the first day of the week [Sunday] each of you should set aside whatever he can afford," and in 2 Corinthians 9:5-8.

> ***So I thought it necessary to encourage the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for your promised gift [donation], so that in this way it might be ready as a bountiful gift and not as an exaction. Consider this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work.***

NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE | $2,204

SPECIAL NEEDS (LATIN AMERICA) | $2,548

PETER'S PENCE | $2,108

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT | $1,551

HOLY LAND | $1,494

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES | $3,328

COMMUNICATIONS | $2,899

GOSPEL OF LIFE | $2,273

MISSION SUNDAY | $2,329

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT | $6,314

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY | $10

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS | $2,144

NATIVE AMERICAN/BLACK MISSIONS | $2,817

GAZA | $2,822

CHURCH IN AFRICA | $2,973

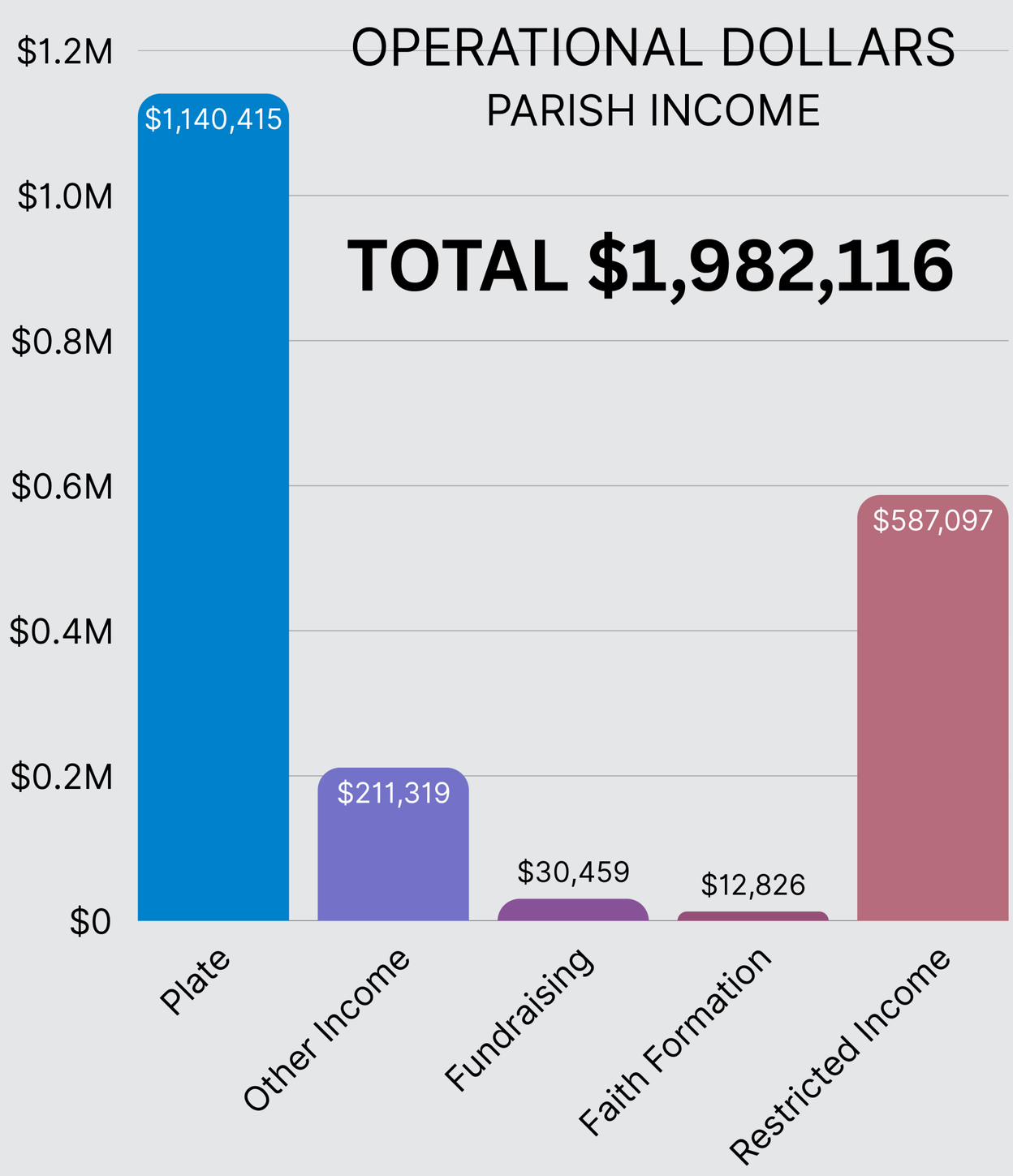
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS | $37,844

DIOCESAN SUPPORT

CHARITY AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL | $150,800

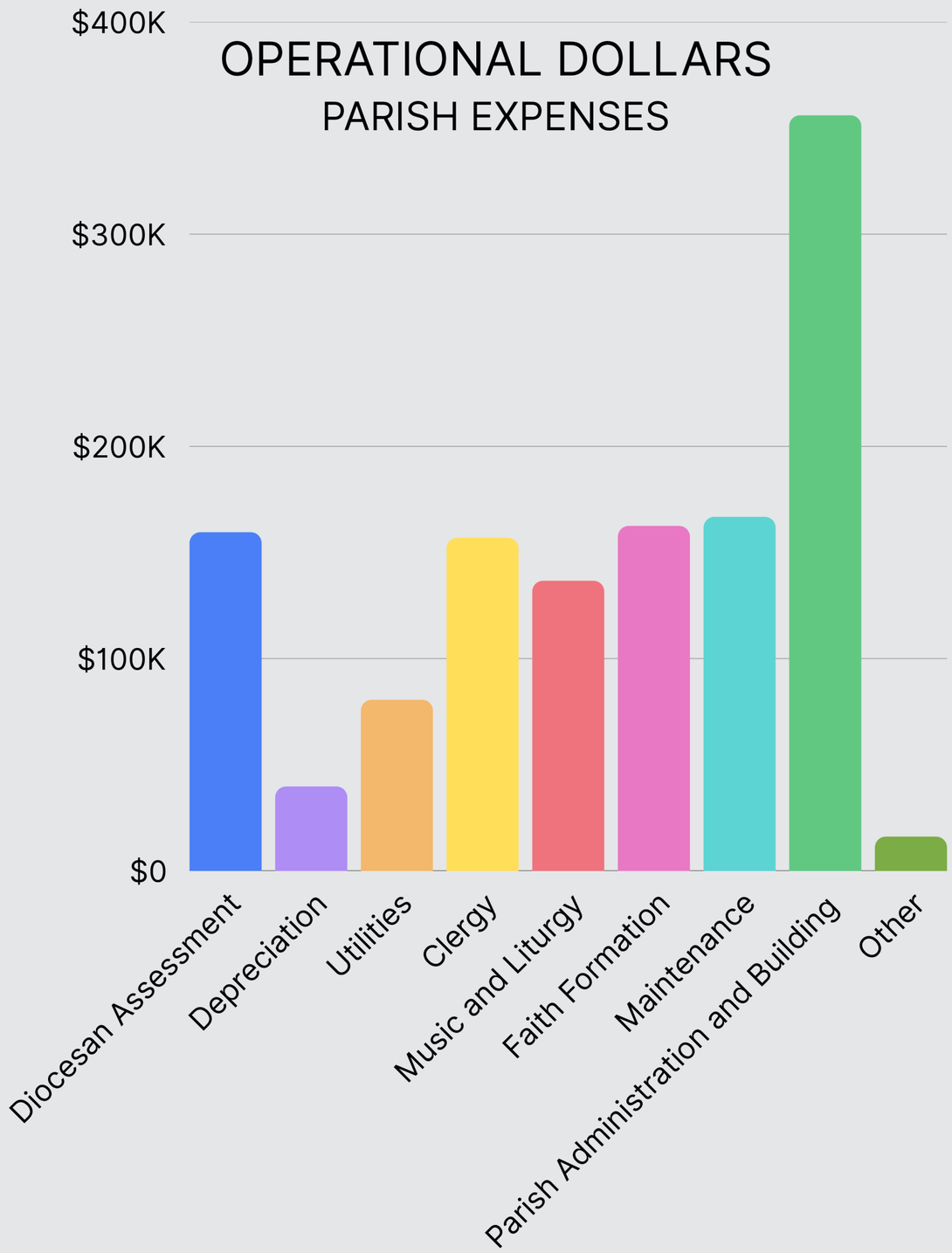
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT | $159,510



There are several ways parishioners can help our community flourish.

- **Weekly plate contributions**
- **Extraordinary contributions**
- **Temporarily restricted funds**
- **Wills, bequests, stock donations and others**

We would be happy to discuss the differences between them with you.



EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Diocesan Assessment	$159,510
Depreciation	$39,703
Utilities	$80,567
Clergy	$156,864
Music and Liturgy	$136,640
Faith Formation	$162,472
Maintenance	$166,766
Parish Administration and Building	$355,969
Other	$16,080

TOTAL $1,274,571

INCOME HIGHLIGHTS

MASS ATTENDANCE ↑ 13.5%

FAMILY REGISTRATION ↑ 6.9%

OVERALL INCOME ↑ $735,380

- PLATE INCOME ↑ $137,663
- INVESTMENT/INTEREST INCOME ↑ $44,374
- CONTRIBUTIONS & RESTRICTED INCOME ↑ $553,343
- EXPENSES ↓ $34,412

EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

OUR PARISH ENDED THE YEAR WITH AN INCOME STATEMENT SURPLUS OF $707,544, OF WHICH $587,096 IS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED.

DUE TO YOUR INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY, THIS LEAVES AN OPERATIONAL SURPLUS OF $120,448 COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S DEFICIT OF $57,824.

IT APPEARS MOST OF OUR MAJOR CHALLENGES WITH THE RENOVATION BUDGET OCCURRED IN THE FIRST 2 MONTHS. CURRENTLY EQUIPMENT, FURNINSHINGS AND LABOR COSTS ARE COMING IN AT OR VERY CLOSE TO BUDGET.

Seton Women's Society



St. Elizabeth Seton Women's Society was started in 1976 by the women of the newly formed parish to help support the needs of the pastor and a growing community. Over the years the organization has served in many different capacities trying to meet the continuing needs of a still growing and ever changing parish family of God.

In the last few years, the Society has been asked to support the parish in fundraising efforts and in supporting the pastor in hosting parish events when needed. Through our fundraising efforts in 2025-2026 the Seton Society was able to successfully bring in over $25,000. We requested that $4000. of those funds go to the permanent placement of the St. Elizabeth Seton statue and relic in the renovation of the church. And that $14,000. of funds raised would go to the purchase of new appliances for the kitchen in the Parish Hall. Beyond our fundraising efforts we have also tried to provide events that bring joy and a sense of family community to our parish. Over the past year we have sponsored the Holiday Bazaar, the "Back to the 70's", 50th Anniversary Dance, the Spring Tea Party, the Lenten Soup Lunches, hosted the Tremble Clefs, Fr. Williams 30th Anniversary Party and several parish receptions and funeral lunches.

We are looking forward to the coming year 2027 as we celebrate the Seton Society 50th Jubilee and we are proud to say that the Society is still going strong. This is due to a strong sisterhood developed through weekly prayer for our priests and our parish and a shared group teamwork that utilizes the gifts, talents, and love of service each woman brings to the Society as we try to live out the words of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, "Our least action done for God is precious to him".

As we continue to pray for you, our parish family, we also give great thanks for the generous support that you have so graciously given to the Seton Society endeavors over the years. We hope for your continued support and invite you to come celebrate with the wonderful women of the Seton Society's 50th Jubilee at the many events we have planned for 2027.

Legion of Mary





The Legion of Mary is a world wide Catholic organization that started on Sept 7, 1921 and has been approved by every pope since is founding and received from the popes their apostolic blessing.

In 1981 apparitions of Our Lady of Kibeho (Kibeho a small village in Rwanda, Africa) the Blessed Mother asked Alphonsine (one of the three visionaries) to join the Legion of Mary. She told the girl that she wanted to be loved by people everywhere so that she could bring lost souls to her Son Jesus.

The Misson Magazine reported that 90% of the Conversions that took place in Africa were through the Legion of Mary.

School For Saints - -Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary, once said that "The Legion makes saints and makes them by the bushel". When we consider that an organization begun in 1921 already has three lay members whose cause for canonization has been introduced, it is truly amazing. Along with many giving their life or ending in prison camps in China

In 1931 Father Joseph P Donovan CM introduced the Legion of Mary to the United States in an article published in the Ecclesiastical Review "Is this Long Looked for Church Society". The first American praesidium started on November 27, 1931 (the feast of the Miraculous Medal) in Raton, New Mexico

Spiritual Guides Ministry



Ministry Team

Gladyce Janky
Beth Lema
Joan Murphy
Virginia Vollmer

Total spiritual guide sessions (three directors) - 84

Other ways the Guides serve the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Morning of Prayer Retreat
Seton Family Newsletter contributors
Seton Trifecta Classic - volunteer
Front Office - volunteer
Lector for weekends
Choir member
St. Vincent de Paul – spiritual advisor
Holy Spirit prayer group – core leader
The Seton Ladies– member
Bible Study group – member

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises

Facilitators: Joan Murphy and Gladyce Janky

Introductory meetings (15 participants, each session) – March 25th and April 30th
Orientation sessions (1:1) – 5

Note: Joan Murphy joined the team in the spring of 2026. Her primary focus is offering the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

Solo Group Ministry

SOLO GROUP

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ALONE

The Solo Spouse Group continues to be very active with our current membership consisting of over 200 members from 9 area parishes and "other/unaffiliated". There are approximately 100 members from St Elizabeth Seton, approximately 50 from Our Lady of Lourdes, 15 from St Clement of Rome, and the rest scattered. We continue to provide a faith - based and safe environment for widows, widowers, divorces, and singles to share their time with others with similar experiences. Many of our members, after years of caregiving, find Solo to be the next step after grief counseling to help rebuild social contacts and become active in society again, frequently recommended for seniors' health. We provide information and encourage participation in Bible Studies and Grief workshops to encourage spiritual growth and healing. Each month we have group meetings where we review the plans for the month which typically include concerts, plays, clean-comedy shows, bingos, meals, games, tours, events at other parishes, and additional activities averaging over 20 events per month, something for everyone. Monthly calendars are emailed to members and are available at the St. Elizabeth Seton Office. See the weekly bulletin for contact information and visit our ministry website for more information. https://www.sescc.org/ministries/solo-group

St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteer Services

Hours volunteered: 14,661(members) + 775 (non-members)
Miles Driven: 39,494(members) + 3,957(non-members)
440 Home Visits
271 Pantry/Other Visits
30 New Families (76 people) helped
163 Previously Seen Families (624 people) helped
Served over 70 meals/week to homeless in Santa Teresita Church Hall
Assembled average of 1,600 coffee set packets every month
Volunteered average of 20 hours/month at SVdP Thrift Store

Amount Spent to Help Provide

Housing/Rent: $134,482
Utilities: $27,121
Food (donated and purchased): $78,678
Goods & Services: $88,867
Furniture & Clothing: $9,235
Transportation: $23,343

Total Monetary Assistance: $368,272

Annual Events

February Thank-You event offered a meal and fun for all parishioners – served 220
July Back-To-School provided school supplies for 80 children in 31 families
November Turkey Tuesday provided Thanksgiving food for 59 families
December Adopt-A-Family provided Christmas gifts for 81 families

Knights of Columbus



The St. Elizabeth Seton Knights of Columbus Council 12144 has provided over $60,000 of financial and material support to charitable organizations in the last two years. Recipients include Sisters of Life, First Way Pregnancy, St Joseph Youth Camp, seminarians, and St Elizabeth Seton Parish. The Council provides all men of St. Elizabeth Seton the opportunity to meet Christ's challenge, "Whatever you did for the least of my people, you did for me." Knights can meet Christ's challenge with only a few minutes of charity, such as:

- **Sign up donors for our blood drives**
- **15 minutes after a weekend Mass to Collect car seats and other donations for Car Seats for Christ**
- **20 minutes after a weekend Mass serving donuts and coffee**
- **20 to 30 minutes after a Sunday weekend Mass to distribute baby bottles to support First Way Pregnancy Center**
- **15 minutes after weekend Mass to serve as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers or Lectors**
- **Help at the K of C Golf Tournament**
- **One hour on a Saturday morning in the Cor men's prayer group**
- **Attend the monthly Council Meetings**

There are a variety of ways the Knights can help men attain their Heavenly goal by serving their fellow parishioners and community members. The time commitment can be minor, but the reward great. Men who are not already members of the Knights of Columbus Council 12144 should pray and seriously consider joining at one of our membership drives or at any time by talking to a member.

Catholic Daughters of America



The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is a national organization of Catholic women dedicated to prayer, service, and unity, promoting spiritual growth and supporting charitable works within the Church and community. All ladies are welcome to join the Court Madonna #2067.

Paulette Nordin	**Regent**
JoAnn Huss	**Vice Regent**
Sandra Honn	**Recording Secretary**
Laurie Boland	**Financial Secretary**
Faith Wysocki	**Treasurer**
District Deputy	**Vee Dietrich**
Chaplain	**Father Williams Abba**